

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Original Dedication
April 1999

This set of copies of Smoke and Blazes is donated to the Rutland Historical Society in memory of my parents, Mary and Craigie Perkins and my aunt, Vera Perkins. They conceived the idea for a Killington Section newsletter in 1948 and served as editors and publishers for the first several years of its existence, cutting stencils, and running mimeograph copies in our living room. They continued as frequent contributors to the publication and as active members of the Club for over a half century. Fortunately, Dad had a packrat proclivity which I seem to have inherited. By combining his collection of Smoke & Blazes with mine, I have been able to put together this complete run of the publication.

Bob Perkins
Rutland, VT

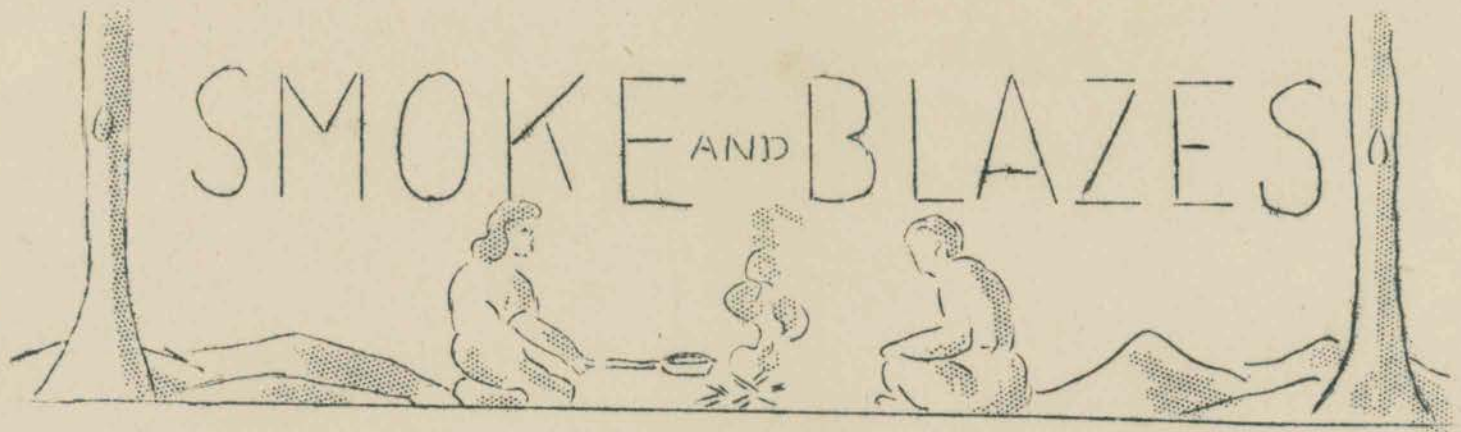
Follow-up
May 2016

Since 1999 the Rutland Historical Society has continued to collect and save every issue of Smoke & Blazes. In 2015 and 2016 Society members Clifford Giffin and Doreen McCullough scanned the entire collection and prepared it for electronic archival. Smoke & Blazes is now published in electronic as well as paper format. The society plans to periodically update the archived collection.

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Binder #1	1948 - 1954
Binder #2	1955 - 1962
Binder #3	1963 - 1975
Binder #4	1976 - 1983
Binder #5	1984 - 1991
Binder #6	1992 - 2001
Binder #7	2002 - Date



SOMEBODY HAD AN IDEA.

You know how it is on hikes when everyone sits around after dinner and after the third cup of coffee the talk turns to trails, shelters, and future outings. There is always wishful thinking of things we hope to do some day. One of these ideas has been that we have a monthly news sheet for the Killington section. This might give some information on activities of members which would fill in between issues of The Long Trail News and supply Killington section members with news of interest to them which would often not be of interest to the main club.

We decided to do something about this idea. This sheet you are now reading is what we did.

At present it is in the experimental stage. The plan is to send out a news sheet each month between now and the annual meeting. You get Sept. through Jan. for free! The question of continuing the Project after Jan. will be presented at the annual meeting. If enough of you have liked it well enough to pay a small subscription price, just enough to cover expenses, it will be continued. Remember this is our first attempt. Reserve judgement until you have seen all five issues! Meanwhile suggestions and material from you will be welcome.

INTERSECTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS.

The annual Intersectional outing was held Sunday, Aug. 22 at the Monroe Farm at the foot of Camel's Hump. The crowd started to collect on Saturday afternoon with 14 spending the night in camp. By dinner time Sunday 45 were there, exchanging news and partaking of the famous G. M. C. coffee.

As the weather was hot, only a few of the hardier members made the hike to the top of the mountain.

When Worcester's Louis Bigelow arrived at camp, Proxy Goddard and his corps of Engineers pitched him a tent - but wrong side up - so Louis wouldn't have to sleep on the ground.

Imagine Craigie Perkins' surprise when he found that three and one half foot turtle in the back seat of his car.

While George Conlin and Ray Catozzi were at Camel's Hump a young man from New York came in over the Bolton Trail. He gave in no uncertain terms his opinion of the condition of the trail, the lack of tedeness of the huts and the slackness of the club in general. Finally Ray pointed to the sign in the hut stating that it was maintained by the New York section. Sudden quiet.

Ten members from the Killington section attended this hike. Five of our haroy ones climbed to the top.

In Aug. Churchill Scott's Trails and Shelters Committee held a sign raising on the Wallingford Gulf Road. Those attending were Gale Spaulding, Dud Bump, Ray Catozzi, Harold Valiquette, Craigie Perkins and Churchill Scott. The Green Mountain Avning Co. provided the necessary truck.

The sign was one of the big highway signs like that put up at East Clarendon last year. As the post was 10 inches through and 12 feet high, a post hole was badly needed. After considerable discussion, the boys decided to dig for one and only four feet below the surface they found one.

So the new sign was raised under the approving eyes of Mr. and Mrs. Stork who had so kindly given permission to have it placed in their yard.

Gale Spaulding and Mr. Stork have gained the consent of the owners of the land south of the highway to have the Trail cross The Gulf Road and continue directly south instead of jogging to the east as at present. Gale will build steps of his own design to help hikers get over the two fences "new style."

During the last month three Trail Clearing parties have worked from a half mile north of the Clement Shelter to the Clarendon Shelter. They found no bleached bones of hikers who had become lost and starved to death, but there were a few confusing spots on the trail. However all is now well in this area with the exception of the points where the trail enters and leaves The Lower Road. New arrows are needed here.

Clement Shelter is in fine shape. Roy Plumley fixed the table so it can no longer be used for a tester-tottrt.

Clarendon Shelter is in good condition with the exception of the paper on the outside walls which should be replaced.

The best piece of news to come from the Parent Club in a long time is that the Long Trail Patrol has been active this summer.

Under the personal leadership of Prof. R. O. Buchanan of Burlington four men have cleared the Club's Section of trail from Johnson to Hazens Notch and have built new camps at Hazens Notch and at Montcalair Glen. They have also given a quick once-over to the Appalachian Trail from the Long Trail Lodge toward Barnard. Prof. John Vondell of Amherst, Mass. assisted in this work.

The building of these two new camps leaves the Carmel location as the only open link in the chain of 51 camps and shelters on the Trail. Perhaps next year the Patrol will see fit to give us a new building at this site.

ON AND OFF THE TRAIL

Have you visited any of our State Parks lately? Branbury State Park is one you shouldn't miss. It is located on the eastern shore of Lake Dunmore about halfway between Middlebury and Brandon. It covers 23 acres which includes a thousand feet of sandy beach.

A service and maintenance fee of 25 cents per automobile of five persons or less is charged here. If you wish to swim, a basket and locker may be had for 10 cents per person.

This is an ideal spot for a summer or early fall picnic and hike. There are tables and fireplaces with plenty of cut wood ready for you to use.

The bathing will delight those who like to walk out into the water and know what the depth is. There is a roped off crib for young children and a float and diving board out where the water is deeper.

Summer Outings

The Spruce Knob hike ran into hard luck as usual. Last year it was "rained and flooded out!" This year, misinformed as to date by a Herald error in the write-up, the Fire Warden was at the tower all day Friday to welcome the G.M.C. hikers. However when the crowd(?) arrived on Saturday he was busy with road work so the fire tower was not open. This was a slight disadvantage when a shower came up about supper time. Nevertheless, the hiking party were all three able to take shelter on the stairway under the platform.

This was the first hike for a new member, Barbara Dee, Physical Therapist at the Rutland Hospital. Barbara is a member of, and has hiked extensively with, the Appalachian Club. Apparently she was not discouraged by her introduction into G.M.C. as she has been a regular hiker with us all summer. The other hikers on this trip were Cutting Ch. Ray Catozzi and Sec.- Treas. Eleanor Walker. On the trip back to Rutland our new member was given some interesting glimpses of Vermont back roads. Apparently the adage, "It's quality not quantity which counts," held true and a fine time was had by all. This hike has a stiff but short climb and the view is well worth it.

Vacation trips, jobs etc., certainly cut into the Cutting Program this season. Even the popular Spring Lake hike had a small attendance. It was a good trip but the absence of such regulars as Pearle Nichols, Eleanor Walker, The Jennings, The Valiquettes, The Perkins and The Fields was surely felt, as was that of some less regular hikers who are often on hand for this trip. We had hoped to see some of them as Jean and Jim Hayward with Carol, Ed and Ruth, and "Corkie" Wilber Baker and family.

The Outing at Bradder's Camp on Tinnmouth Channel was especially appropriate for the hot July Sunday on which it was held. There was a breeze there all day and the Bradder's ground level, stone-walled kitchen was a cool place to eat. The afternoon was spent in wading, exploring the Channel in the Bradder's canoe, and just sitting.

Ruth LaDrake and Janie Sabourin had more ambition than most. Ruth did some successful fishing and Janie snared a gorgeous turtle which she took home for a pet. We understand it disappeared from a pail in her backyard the same evening and has never been seen since. Could this have any relation to the one C. Perkins found?

The camp is in a pleasant and interesting spot and Mr. and Mrs. Bradder are perfect hosts. We recommend that you all be around for the next Tinnmouth Channel Outing. (We're hoping we will be invited again!)

Little Rocky Pond was perfect as always. Not many made it for overnight but those who did reported a fine night for camping. One of the highlights of this trip for those who came in for the day was seeing a white fringed orchid. We would have missed this but for the kindness of a Long Trail enthusiast from Pennsylvania who was camping at Little Rocky and pointed it out to us.

Incidentally he was one of those interesting people one often meets on the Trail. Born in Switzerland, he came to U.S.A. as a young man. He learned to speak English, worked at various types of jobs as he studied and is now working in the library at the University of Pennsylvania.

A good ending for a good day was the drive home, continuing on over the mountain to Landgrove and via Londonderry and Weston to Rutland.

The trail to Greenwall offers somewhat different hiking than other parts of the Trail hereabouts. It is less woodsy and goes in part through somewhat open fields and pastures. There are several fine views in route as well as the excellent one from the height of land above the shelter. At one point for a short distance the Trail follows an old road which would be interesting to explore.

Lake Pleiad and Texas Falls! This is always a big swimming day and a nicely varied outing. The trip starts with a pleasant drive up Route 7 to the Forestdale road, back of Lake Dunmore to Ripton, on past Breadloaf to where the Long Trail crosses the road at the top of the mountain. Here we leave the cars and after a short hike through the woods reach Lake Pleiad, a beautiful little woodland lake. It comes as somewhat of a surprise lying as it does seemingly almost on top of the mountain.

This year, as in other years dinner was cooked and eaten on the big rocks above the Lake. As always there was time for a swim while waiting for the coffee to boil.

With us on this trip, after a six weeks absence touring and camping throughout the U.S. were, Mary, Craigie and Peter Perkins. It was good to have them back.

After dinner came the usual trek to Texas Falls. A nice State Picnic area on the Hancock side of the mountain it offers a chance for some exciting swimming. Then on down the mountain to Hancock and home via Route 100.

RUMMAGE SALE

Last winter we cleared about \$75 on the Rummage Sale. We want to make as much or more this year, so start looking through your attics and clothes closets for contributions.

We found that dishes and decorative nic-nacs sold very well. We also had a larger market than we could supply for men's and children's clothing and women's clothing in sizes 36 to 40, so we are hoping for a larger supply of these this year.

No date has yet been set but it will be sometime this fall as we hope to avoid a 20° below zero day such as we had last year. We'll tell you when.

OUR MASTHEAD

The attractive masthead and finis for "Smoke and Blazes" were designed and original drawings made by Janet Perkins. Besides being one of our best hikers Janet is well known to many of us for her hand-carved, wooden G.M.C. pins.

SMOKE and BLAZES Vol. I No. I
September 1948

Send your:

Criticisms to
Craigie S. Perkins.

Suggestions to
Mary Perkins.

Favorable Comments to
Vera A. Perkins.

This first issue was concocted by a self-appointed committee with the approval of President Fred Field.



Hillington Section



VOL-1 No 2

Oct. 1948

THIS and THAT

It is interesting to note that in many Outing Clubs as The Prairie Club of Chicago and the New York Section of G.M.C. it is necessary for prospective members to be recommended by at least two members; to be taken into membership for a trial period at first; and often even to wait for a vacancy in the membership. Membership in the Killington Section of G.M.C. is open immediately to anyone interested. Seems as though in a city of 18,000 more than 90 would be interested. Could it be it's too easy to get in?

There must be many people who hike the Trail in their own groups yet never think of joining G.M.C. Perhaps they feel they could seldom hike with us, or prefer planning and organizing their own hikes. We wonder if these people fully realize that G.M.C. is not just another social group. It was originally organized to make The Long Trail. It exists now primarily for the purpose of maintaining that Trail and it's shelters for the use of all hikers. Much enjoyable hiking would be impossible or less enjoyable without the work done by G.M.C. Why not pass this idea along? It might bring in some supporting memberships.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Helen Field, Photography Chairman, has announced that two prizes will be awarded at our Annual Meeting in January. One will be given for the best black and white print, and one for the best colored print or slide submitted. More details later but in the meantime come out on the Club's hikes and get some good shots.

G.M.C. TRUSTEE

John H. Vondell of Amherst, Mass. was a winner in Class D, animals and pets, photography contest sponsored by the N.Y. Herald Tribune.

Mr. Vondell is a trustee of G.M.C. and chairman of publicity. He has collected and prepared a group of Kodachrome slides of The Long Trail which are available for club and public use.

His winning picture, a laughing duck, will be entered in the Newspaper National Snapshot Awards with a chance for top award of \$1000. Best of luck John!

We extend our sympathy to Pearl Nichols on the recent death of her father.

KILLINGTON WORK PARTY.

Well, Churchill Scott's boys have finally got Cooper Lodge all tucked in for the winter.

This year's damage to the windows amounted to four lights of glass and two sash. The glass has been replaced and the last two usable spare sash put in place. Next year we will have to do something different.

The big job was the application of new roofing paper over the entire roof. Seven sixty-five pound rolls of paper were back-packed up the mountain.

The work party consisted of Fred Field, Churchill Scott, Robert Perkins, Dud Bump, Gale Spaulding, Ray Catozzi, Craig Perkins, Janet Perkins, and George Conlon.

On the week-end of Sept. 25 and 26 the deed was done. And right away there were difficulties! It was found that due to faulty construction, water had seeped between the old paper and the roof and had badly rotted away some of the roof boards. It was necessary to use a metal panel from the old "Tin Shelter" over one of the worst spots. Ray spent most of one day at the top of a ladder installing the missing flashings.

The work progressed and the roof is now "better than new" though we are still worried about those rotted roof boards.

The workers also accomplished the laying of bright new linoleum on the table and shelf - a big improvement.

Special citation should be awarded to the "Kitchen Patrol" who provided swell meals at the right times.

This work party was one of our largest and best in recent years and "a good time was had by all".

(Editor's note)

There must have been some strong backs on this work party. 455 lbs of paper - whow ! !

"DART" NOLAN REPORTS FROM CHICAGO

"Dart" Noyes, a loyal G.M.C. member currently located in Chicago, was in town for a few days early in Sept. She gave an interesting account of some of the activities of the Prairie Club of Chicago. This is a large Outing Club with a variety of activities scheduled each weekend. The club owns a 55 acre estate on the southern end of Lake Michigan offering swimming and boating as well as hiking. Club members and their guests may spend weekends or enjoy single day outings there. As "Dart" described the general set-up it appeared to be similar, tho on a larger scale, to G.M.C. New York Section's Thondara.

Another interesting activity of the Prairie Club is the organizing of a vacation trip each year. A different type of vacation spot is visited each year, usually at some distance from Chicago. Many members take their vacation annually with the Club group.

"Dart" has also been invited to attend the first fall meeting of the Chicago Mountain Club, which goes in specifically for mountain climbing.

"Dart" surely knows how to connect with Outing Clubs. She had been on duty as the Metropolitan nurse in Rutland only a short time when she came to a G.M.C. outing, joined up and became one of our most regular and enthusiastic hikers. She was transferred to Chicago this June and had been there just five days when she connected with the Prairie Club.

She said she found this club like our own G.M.C. including people of all ages. She also said, "They are grand people, like all Outing Club people."

(Thanks "Dart"!)

BIDDIE'S KNOB

It is a crisp, bright day with the leaves gay in their fall colors and we are off for Biddie's Knob! This is one of "the knobs" in the ridge of hills between Florence and Hubbardton. We drive to Florence and there take the Whipple Hollow road. Soon we branch onto a real back-road which winds along up hill and down, mostly up, toward the foot of the mountains. We leave our cars at an abandoned farm and start hiking. There is no trail here, so taking bearings from "the knob" we are aiming for, we strike out on a real cross-country hike. As we begin the actual ascent the fallen leaves make a colorful carpet but add to the hazards of the climb by concealing the rocks which abound in this area. Several times we think we are at the top only to hear from the advance guard, just as we are panting up what we think - and hope - is the last 100 yards, "Oh, here is the top over here"! Finally we do arrive on an open grassy summit from which there is a view of the valley and mountains in three directions. The climb is a bit rugged in spots but it is not long and the view is ample reward. We would like to try it from the Hubbardton side next time.

Incidentally where did the name Biddie's Knob originate, or is it really Biddle's Knob as we were once informed? Does anyone know?

(This isn't a \$65 question but we'd be glad to print any information we receive on this in our next issue.)

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Catozzi on the birth of their son, Jimmy.

Jimmy is the youngest member of Killington Section G.A.C.

LONDON OVERNIGHT

Seventeen hikers enjoyed the week-end of Oct. 2nd and 3rd at the Perkins' Camp in London. Twelve of the group stayed over night. Everyone took a turn at kitchen work and this made the preparation and serving of meals a minor task and left plenty of time for hiking.

Saturday night one group walked up the road. Sunday morning another group climbed Blue Ridge. In the afternoon a party of six walked up the road and after some discussion decided to continue to Pittsfield. Two members hiked back to camp, commandeered a car and drove around to Pittsfield to pick up the hikers. The hikers reported seeing some interesting Beaver Dam work.

TRUNKAGE SALE

Place - Neighborhood Rooms

Time - Thursday, October 21

9:30 A.M. to ?

(open as long as we have customers and anything to sell)

Do you have some clothing that lacks the "new look"? We can use it. Or how about those "white elephants" you are tired of dusting? Somebody else might like 'em.

If you have friends who might have something, even though they aren't G.A.C. members, pass the word along. They might be glad of a chance to dispose of a few things and the proceeds would help buy a few nails or something to repair a shelter. Almost anything goes so bring whatever you can find to the Neighborhood Rooms, Wednesday, October 20th. We will be on hand to receive things from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. If you have things but can't get them to us call Craig Perkins - 907-1 - before Wednesday and arrange with him to pick them up for you.

WHAT ABOUT THE ICE CAVE? (by Leone Smith)

A trip to the Ice Cave in Pittsford is just about what most anyone could ask for in the way of enjoying the great outdoors. The road commissioner of the town hasn't modernized the road to it, and so to start off, one gets the feel of getting well back in the country. Getting out of your car and climbing over the bar-way gives you the feel of a way-back farm.

Once over the fence it is a short, stiff climb through a pasture to the start of the narrow gulch which separates East Peak from Bald Peak. The trip up through this slippery path on a hodge-podge of rocks, nearly covered with bushes gives a hiker all the fun he wants to stay on his feet.

Coming to the mouth of the cave, one has hard work to find it unless he has the "Know". It doesn't take too long to decide to sit on the log across the open hole and "hitch" yourself along out to the ladder in the center. No one climbs out on this log but the feeling comes over him, "What's in that black hole below and can I make it?"

At the foot of the ladder is utter blackness. But a well organized party makes sure that the first fellow down has candles and matches. To each little rock projecting out, he puts a lighted candle. These are far ahead of flashlights, for when the rest of the party descend they see below them a great lighted cathedral. It is one of the prettiest sights you can imagine.

As for good fun, on the trip to the bottom, nothing beats the trip through the "lemon squeezer" and no one can avoid it. We have never measured the size of this "squeezer" but we warn you to go easy on your waist measure the week before.

Once having been "Squeeze" by the "Squeezer" the visitor is at the bottom of this big room. It is a wonderful construction by nature and a great place for a curiosity "hound".

If the trip wasn't in Nov. we would suggest you bring ice cream mix and a small freezer for we always make ice cream down there. This time of year is apt to be the only time there is no ice, but you will have seen one of the seven wonders of Rutland County when you've been there.

(Be on hand for this hike Sat. Nov. 6)

EQUINOX

We haven't had Equinox on the schedule since 1941. Perhaps it has taken us all this time to get up our courage to try it again! It is a fact that for seven years those who made this trip have been saying condescendingly at every opportunity, "Oh, you weren't on the Equinox trip were you? That was a climb!"

On Sunday, Oct. 24, 1948 we are going to try it again. If you didn't make it before, come along and see if it has been over-rated. If you were on that other trip, remember what a good time we had, so let's do it again.

Of course there is an auto road now to the top if you feel you must ride. The entrance fee is \$3.00 per car, no charge for passengers. See you on top!

SMOKE and BLAZES

Vol. 1 No.2

OCTOBER 1948

KILLINGTON SECTION

G.M.C.

SMOKE AND BLAZES



Vol 1 No. 3

KILLINGTON SECTION G.M.C.

November 1948.

THIS and THAT

We are proud to say that we have 43 Junior members in the Killington Section of the G.M.C. Some of them are away at college, others are high school and grade school students while others aren't old enough to be hikers yet.

Junior members are important members in our club. In a few years they will be the leaders. Now is the time for them to learn about the trails and the mountains so that when their turn for leadership comes they will be ready.

Why do we have so few active Junior members? It is surprising that in a community the size of Rutland more boys and girls are not clamoring to get out on our mountain trails.

A day on Killington, a hike to a mountain lake, or a ski or snowshoe hike over mountain trails is an event worthwhile and enjoyable.

Come on boys and girls, get your gang together. Come out on our scheduled trips and have some fun. Let us hear what you would like in the way of a Junior program.

Fred and Helen Field have been busy all summer working on their new home. We are glad to see them back with us again this Fall.

COLLEGE CAPERS (by "Jan" Perkins)

Just thought the folks back home might like to know what some of their "inactive" members are doing away at College.

Since we can't hike with the Killington Section we are hiking with the U.V.M. Outing Club and occasionally with the Burlington Section G.M.C.

The O.C. is very active, having an Outing nearly every week. On the first hike of the year, to Camel's Hump, we had 67 people! (We were surprised too!). The weather was fine and the sun shone brightly on the "Hump" which towered above us when we started. We stopped for lunch at Montclair Glenn shelter and then were off for the top. The last part of the trip is pretty steep but all 67 made it!

Since then we have had one over-night at Mansfield which turned out to be a rather rough bout with the weather - wind, rain, sleet and later snow. However that doesn't discourage us - we have another trip on Mansfield planned for this week.

Last weekend we joined the Burlington Section G.M.C. and went over to N. Y. State and climbed "Po-ko-moonshine", a mountain in the Adirondacks near Lake Champlain.

Tho we are "inactive" with the Killington Section, we are still "active".

A TRIP TO LITTLE ROCK POND (by William Allard Jr.)

As many hikers do, Don Peer and I take a trip each summer on parts of the trail which are new to us. Last August we decided to cover the piece south from the Wallingford Gulf Road to Rocky Pond.

Starting early in the morning, we hitch-hiked to the place where the trail crosses the road. We got to Greenwall Shelter for lunch at noon and then continued over White Rocks and down to the pond. We slept well that night and rose early in the morning. After breakfast we put a sail on the rowboat and spent the morning cruising up and down the lake. That afternoon two more fellows came into camp and that night we played cards until midnight. We left the next morning by the South Wallingford Pond Road.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

This issue is dedicated to our Junior members. We like to have them with us and when they are away, we think of them.

Junior members away at school are:

Daniel Jennings, St. Michael's
Charles Sabourin, College of
Pharmacy, Boston.

James White and
Robert Rogers, Phillips Academy
Andover, Mass.

Marjory Allard, University of Vt.
Barbara Spaulding " " "
Janet Perkins " " "
Robert Perkins " " "

PICO SHOWER

The hot hiker can no longer refresh himself at the cold shower at Pico Shelter. It is a luxury of the past. Perhaps our Trails and Shelters Committee may build it up again. We hope so. Did you ever try a cold shower from a mountain spring?

ON and OFF the TRAIL

Two of your editors (Vera and Mary Perkins) took a camping trip to Groton State Park in September. They camped for two days and two nights at the Stillwater area on Lake Groton.

This State Park is located about 15 miles northeast of Montpelier, just off Route U.S. 2 at Marshfield.

The campers were equipped with tent, sleeping bags, air mattresses, plenty of good food and a jug of water in case the water had been shut off. After setting up their tent on a tent platform, they took a tour of the Park (by car) to see what they could see.

The Park is so big, 15,300 acres, that they couldn't possibly see everything in a two day trip so they intend to go back at some future date. There are six bodies of water in the area. The largest, Lake Groton, is three miles long. There are picnic areas at Ricker Pond, Stillwater, and Osmore Pond. There are 30 miles of foot trails and 12 leantos in the woods.

Abandoning the car for a while, the campers took to the trails and climbed Mt. Owl's Head. This was a short climb. The view from the top was superb. It gave a grand impression of the vast wilderness beauty of the area. Three of the lakes were visible from this point. The foliage was starting to display a little color with a hint of what to expect in a week or two.

When the campers left, they both agreed, "What a wonderful spot for a vacation!"

We are all sorry that Mary Jennings has had to make such a long sojourn at the Mary Fletcher Hospital. We shall be glad to welcome her back and hope it will be soon.

Vera Perkins has just returned from North Carolina.

by

Donald Peer

On Saturday, January 22nd, Harold Valiquette organized a work party of Club members and friends with the aid of Craigie Perkins.

The long put-off job of moving the Blue Triangle shelter to Spring Lake was the task that brought Ray Catozzi, Tom Pease, Don Peer, Michael Jennings, Joe Valiquette, Tony Fusco, and Bill Allard out into the snow to tear the camp to pieces. Besides the hammer and crowbar boys, were the spoon and coffee pot wielders. These were Vera Perkins and Eleanor Walker.

Arriving at the camp later than expected, the crew broke the partially dissected shelter up into sections and waited quite a while for the truck to come to haul the load to Spring Lake.

Following this, a generous supply of hot frankfurters and beans was done away with.

Nail yanking was the feature just before the truck pulled in toward early afternoon. Everybody pitched in to load the walls and lumber onto the big platform truck and then followed it through Cuttingsville in their cars.

The steep hill was just barely climbed by the cars and the truck wasn't much luckier, but finally the south shore of the ice-covered lake was reached and the "Blue Triangle" swiftly unloaded. The snow was too deep to slide it across the ice, so the parts were just piled up. This concluded the work that could be done, and the party returned to Rutland.

The snow wasn't as deep as expected and the day was mild, making the trip satisfying and enjoyable.

Who made all those V shaped groups of tracks winding and looping around through the winter woods? If the tracks are very large, it was a "snow shoe rabbit". If the tracks are small, it may have been either a small snow shoe rabbit or a "cotton tail". Maybe some can tell the difference but it is hard to prove.

The "snow shoe rabbit" is the Varying Hare of the story books. His color changes from white to brown in the spring and back to white again in November. This is a valuable protective device against the predatory birds like the owl and the hawk, but he is quite helpless against the weasel, the fox and the bob cat.

To add to his troubles, disease periodically wipes out large numbers in limited areas. However since a mamma rabbit will raise from six to ten little ones each summer, the tribe continues to hold its place in society.

Living in wooded country the "snowshoe rabbit" eats bark, buds of treeshoots, berry bushes, and in fact, any growing thing he can reach. He feeds at night and is seldom seen by day.

He has no permanent home but sits in a spruce thicket or other light shelter through the coldest weather and wildest storms. When all is again calm, he comes forth and proceeds to make tracks - lots of them.

The "cottontail" is smaller and greyish in color with less marked change from summer to winter coat.

This fellow uses abandoned burrows of other animals occasionally but usually the only nest is a hollow on the surface of the ground concealed by leaves and lined with fur.

MEMBERSHIP LIST
FOR 1949

So far this year we have received dues from the following members:

Martha Adams
Barbara Allard
Marjorie Allard
William Allard
Lucy Bishop
Maude Canty
Helma Erickson
Fred Field
Helen Field
Ruth Fostman
Tony Fusco
Lorraine Gorski
Sarah Hodges
Mary Jennings
Daniel Jennings
Michael Jennings
Ruth LaBrake
Bernard LaFond
Bryce Lundell
Louise Newton
Pearl Nichols
Janet Perkins
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Marjory Perkins
Peter Perkins
Vera Perkins
Charles Sabourin Jr.
Jane Sabourin
Bradley Sanborn Jr.
Jerry Sanborn
Leone Smith
Robert Spaulding Jr.
Harold Valiquette
Joseph Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
Eleanor Walker
Richard Walsh
Dorothy Wolstenholm

Each month as Eleanor Walker, Treasurer, receives additional dues, names will be added to this list.

We hope the list will start growing right away.

The enclosed slip is for your convenience. If your dues have not been paid, fill out the slip and mail with dues to Eleanor Walker, Treasurer.

4

WINTER HIKING

A walk on a trail, through the woods and fields or on an abandoned road in any season is an enjoyable experience. In winter it is more than that. It is invigorating, soul satisfying, beautiful and inspiring.

After a fresh fall of snow, when the ground is carpeted thick and soft, there is a hushed stillness in the air. The evergreens look like marble statues. The air is clear and cold. The sky is so blue against the white! It is the time to be getting your lungs full of fresh air and seeing the woods in all their winter glory.

The flies will not be out to bother you. Heat will not oppress you. There will be interesting sights all along the way such as tracks here and there to speculate on. You will have time to think as you walk along. Problems will seem easier to solve, cares will feel lighter and you will wonder why you don't get out for a winter hike more often.

SPRING LAKE WORK PARTY

On Sunday, Feb. 13, the following ten men put in a big day of hard work at Spring Lake: Harold Valiquette, Fred Field, Ray Catozzi, Craigie Perkins, Lee Wilson, John Clark, Jerry McGloughlin, Joe Valiquette, Micheal Jennings, and Bill Allard.

Six trips were made across the lake with toboggans loaded with sections and loose boards for the new Spring Lake Camp. A small amount of material was moved to the top of the hill where the new camp will be located.

At 4:30 the men called it a day, built a fire and had a spaghetti supper along with the mince pies Maud Canty so generously contributed.

New schedules will be mailed with the next issue of "Smoke and Blazes".



Vol. 2 No. 3

Killington Section G.M.C.

March 1949

ADDITIONS TO THE 1949 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Helen Bailey
Diana Conlon
George Conlon
Barbara Dee
Helen Frink
Martha Hakin
Mrs. A. C. Mason
Mr. A. C. Mason
Barbara Mellow
Shirley Morris
Robert Perkins
Ellen Russell
Bernice Tuttle
Skipper Field (associate)
Bongo Field "

Up to and including this issue the 1948 mailing list has been used in sending out copies of "Smoke and Blazes." All future mailings will be made from the 1949 Membership List.

Last year we had a membership of 94. This year, to date, we have only 54 members. This is most likely due to an oversight on the part of 40 of our old members. Attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Even if you can't be actively engaged in the program of The Green Mountain Club, the loyal support of your continued membership is necessary if the Club is to continue to operate.

Send dues to Miss Eleanor Walker, 87 Baxter Street, Rutland, Vermont.

ANOTHER SPRING LAKE WORK PARTY

At the latest Spring Lake Work Party held February 20th, Harold Valiquette, Craigie Perkins, Bill Allard, Joe Valiquette and Jerry McLaughlin and Michael Jennings put in another day of good hard work.

In spite of the fog that hung over the area all day, the work of carrying rafters and boards up to the camp site went along smoothly.

The next party should be a big one for the wall sections still remain to be carried up.

It is encouraging to see so much accomplished in such a short time. The committee and workers deserve commendation from the rest of us. Keep up the good work boys, and before long Spring Lake Camp will be a reality.

A TRIP TO KILLINGTON

Ray Catozzi and George Conlon spent a recent weekend on Killington. They drove into the lumber camp and from there on found the going tough. There wasn't enough snow for snowshoes and the trail was so icy it made the trek up tedious. When they reached Cooper Lodge and tried to build a fire in the stove, the THING didn't work too well. The ventilation inside the camp was more than they wanted. The new windows will improve that situation sometime in the future.

MR. WHITEFOOT

Just sit quietly for a few minutes in almost any GMC camp and you will hear the rustle and scurry of our star boarder, the deer mouse. Now don't confuse him with the common household pest. He is quite different in appearance and manners.

Brownish grey on top and pure white underneath, his white legs give him the name, "Whitefoot". Approach him slowly and he will let you come within a few feet. Lacking the guilty conscience of his city cousin, he is friendly, and can be induced to take food from your fingers after an hour or so of patient tempting. It is said that in captivity he can be handled after a weeks time.

The nest is built of grass and leaves under a log, in a hollow tree, or sometimes in an abandoned bird's nest. The deer-mouse doesn't travel more than a few yards from home, and if taken to a distance will return from as far as a mile.

During daylight he remains quiet, but at night is very active. His food is composed of all kinds of seeds, nuts, and berries, plus an assortment of insects. Since he doesn't hibernate in the winter he must store up food and these caches are found in such unusual places as cupboards, and pockets of clothing left hanging in a camp.

A pair of deer mice might, in a years time, have over a thousand descendents, if their number were not controlled by the foxes, bobcats, weasels, skunks, owls, hawks, and blue-jays.

Even if we wouldn't care to live with these fellows all the time, they are interesting to watch and good company in camp.

SLIDES ENJOYED

Pres. Fred Field showed the G.M.C. slides at the Colony House Friday evening, March 11th.

TUCKER LODGE ON WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY by Diana Conlon

Our winter trip into Tucker Lodge turned out to be a hiking party although it did have skiing possibilities. We were surprised to see about a foot of snow in the wood. The hard crust however, made it ideal for hiking. We just skimmed along the top! In fact, hiking was so good that many of us took additional side-trail excursions from the lodge.

Early bird, Craigie Perkins, was on hand to greet the morning hikers. At this point may I mention Craigie's prowess at wood chopping.

The lodge was cozy and warm with a good fire blazing merrily away by the time the first hikers appeared. Some arrived in time for luncheon, while others hiked in during the afternoon for supper. Needless to say the coffee pot worked overtime!

We had a grand day and by mid-afternoon we numbered seventeen jolly souls. And there's something about a winter hike that makes the GMC coffee taste so good -- it's wonderful!

Snow was softly falling most of the day, just to remind us that it still was winter, but there was a definite Spring feeling and mildness in the air. We know of one hiker who had Spring Fever - Maude Canty! Maude suggested a Spring house-cleaning and window polishing bee at Tucker for the girls. It's an idea. See you at Tucker come Spring!

WHO WANTS TO HELP?

The windows for Cooper Lodge must be painted. Come, and bring a small brush, if possible, to Perkins' cellar Monday evening, March 21st, and every Monday after that until the job is done.

WINTER WEEK-END

It really was a winter week-end, much to everyone's amazement! Hats off to Outing Chairman Billy Allard for arranging such a perfect and timely snow-storm. According to Billy, he put his order in with Mr. Kirk three days in advance. (Mr. Kirk is an official weather observer and lives next door to Billy. We knew he was a friend of CMC, but hadn't realized just how good a friend!)

The first arrivals Saturday P.M. found camp open and warm, with Host Craigie Perkins already in residence. After having tea to refresh us from the hike in to camp, the party started off on an impromptu Scavenger Hunt. Articles hunted were those often easily found easily in the woods, but the covering of snow provided a challenge to the searchers. The woods were so beautiful with their fresh, white frosting, that many of us were too busy admiring, to hunt very diligently. Some of the groups, however, turned in a very good performance. They brought back such difficult to find items as; a blade of green grass, a bird's nest, and an animal track. The winning group was rewarded with candy bars by Chairman Allard.

After an excellent supper, Bernice Braislin showed pictures and told us of some of the highlights of her Youth Hostel travels in Europe last summer. A few of the more ambitious went out for some moonlight skiing, but most of us were too comfortable around the crackling wood fires to move. Everyone was on hand later for some sugar-on-snow. (Our thanks to Bernice B. for providing this treat.)

Sunday was spent in snowshoe and ski hikes to various points. Each one was free to choose his own objective and method of transportation. Some

of our Jr. members had a fine time tobogganing. Everyone took time off from out-door activities at 1 P.M. Twenty-two were on hand then to enjoy another of the excellent meals planned by Pearle Nichols, Laude Canty, and Loraine Gorski.

The party broke up in the late afternoon, after what everyone agreed was one of the best of many grand CMC winter week-ends. (We challenge anyone to tell us of another place where one can get such a week-end, complete with meals and lodging, for \$1.00)

COMING EVENTS

TIME - Sunday, Mar. 20th - II A.M.
PLACE - Clarendon Shelter.

This will be a combined Outing and Work Party. General cleaning up around the shelter will be done, to get it in readiness for the hiking season. There may be a chance for some Trail work if ground conditions permit. This is a short hike so there will be plenty of time too for exploring the Trail and searching for early signs of spring. The usual CMC coffee will be provided for all.

Let's get the spring hiking season off to a good start. So, bring your lunch and a cup, and meet us at the Meldon School at II A.M.

TIME - Saturday, April 2nd.
PLACE - ????????

Plans are not entirely completed at this time for the Maple Sugar Party. It will be an evening party, starting about 6:30 P.M. We can give you this definite information now; (1) it will be held April 2nd; (2) there will be sugar-on-snow, pickles, doughnuts, and coffee; (3) it will be fun! So save the date, and watch the Herald for a later announcement, [unclear] [unclear].

4

AN OLDTIMER REPORTS

by
Clyde Spaulding

Trying to recall what happened nearly forty years ago, should be attempted by one with a better memory than mine.

I could remember the big barge, the four horses, but could only recall the names of three others. I was sure we didn't need a barge and four horses to take us to Killington, but George Harmon came to my rescue with his scrap book.

A picture taken at Brewer's before we left the Notch road, shows the barge with the name stencilled on the side, "The Marble City Queen."

There was plenty of straw to keep our feet warm and numberless buffalo robes to keep everyone comfortable except the unfortunate victims who were thrown "overboard" into the snow - robes and all. Trying to untangle oneself from a blanket in a soft drift seemed to generate a little more heat than was required, judging by the language issuing from the "Buffalo."

The scrap book shows several pictures along the trail, with the snow on the trees like a fairy land. I do recall that the ones who were breaking trail did not seem to appreciate the beauty as did the ones following.

Another picture taken beside the old hotel, shows twenty-two frost-rimmed individuals facing the camera and trying to look cheerful. But it does help us to identify Claude Place, Charlie Cheney, Lockerby, Collins, Bob Davis, Robert Hoag, and Dr. Herb Yarrington.

The pictures prove there was plenty of snow. While some of the crowd were building a fire from the old tumbled down barn, others located the spring. After considerable work with a piece of board, we got down to the water. Then I was held by the feet and lowered into the hole to dip up water. Somehow this remains one

of the most vivid remembrance of the trip.

Everyone wore snowshoes on this trip but a year or two later, one daring individual made it on skis. We made considerable sport of him going up, especially on the steeper grades, but coming back it was different. In comparison, he was a streamliner and we a slow freight.

There is something about a trip of this nature that brings out the best in everyone. Even a party to Killington when the snow is deep and the thermometer down around zero, is something of an adventure. When standing on the top bracing against the wind, comes a feeling of self-reliance that no Emerson could describe.

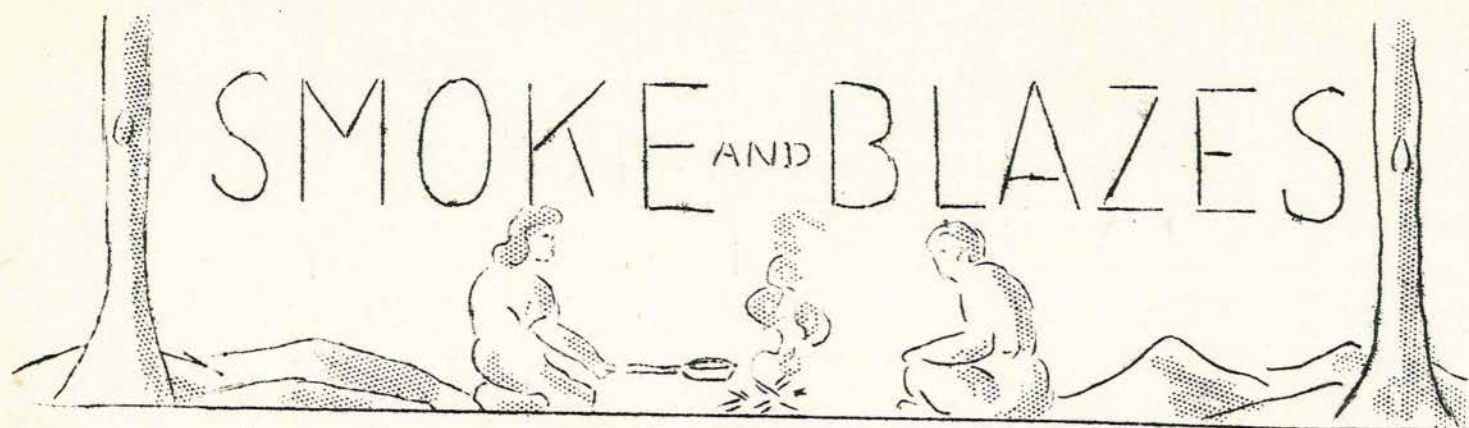
The trip home is rather quiet. Too tired to even sing, we are filled with a quiet content that can only be experienced after a day in the out-of-doors.

There will be a meeting of the trustees of the G.M.C. (parent club) April 9th, at the Rutland Library.

Helen E. Frink, a Randolph member of our Section wrote in and said, "I enjoy reading "Smoke and Blazes" very much. Hope to get over to take part in a hike some day." (We hope so too, Helen.)

Ellen Russell of Providence, R. I., formerly of Rutland is a loyal supporter of our Section. Though far away, she is still a member. A few years ago Ellen was one of our most active members.

Pearl Nichols and Vera Perkins are in Boston and will attend the Flower Show there.



Vol.2 No.4

Killington Section G.M.C.

April 1949

WANTED !

12 strong, able-bodied men; good workers; for Sunday, April 24th, to get the Spring Lake Camp sections to the camp-site.

The work party will leave Meldon School at 10 A.M. Dinner will be provided for workers, so call Craigue Perkins a few days before the 24th if you will be on hand.

This new camp has a fine location. Let's get out and help make it a reality in the near future. You'll enjoy it more if you help build it!

REPORT OF SUGAR PARTY, APRIL 2nd by Lorraine Gorski

Imagine a sugar-on-snow party featuring "Operation Sugar-house". Leone Smith was "boiling" during the prolonged arrival of The Green Mountaineers, at his Camp Sangamon in Pittsford, for their annual festival.

Imagine walking into the aromatic kitchen where Mrs. Smith was merrily readying the syrup for the snow. She graciously opened her cupboards from which the tables were attractively set. And then the waiting and waiting until "S" moment when the syrup was just right. Remember the very first taste....and the pickles, doughnuts, and coffee! Thirty-six forks or spoons scooped up taffy or whipped butter.

Then to the fireside for square dancing to the calls of

Getty Page, a treat not to be resisted.

Imagine waiting a whole year for the next festival.

GREEN MOUNTAIN JUNIOR COLLEGE OUTING CLUB

On Wednesday evening April 6th, the Outing Club of Green Mountain Junior College met at Moses Hall and heard Fred Field, Harold Valiquette, and Craigue Perkins discuss hiking equipment and foods to take on the trail.

Thirty girls were on hand to see Fred's colored movies and watch him produce a complete set of cooking pots and pans from a pail ten inches in diameter and ten inches high. It's a good trick if you can do it and Fred can.

Harold Valiquette demonstrated a double sleeping bag and spoke of first-aid precautions on the trail.

Craigue Perkins displayed the Club's collection of photographs and described several near-by shelters. There was a discussion of possible menus for trail trips.

The Outing Club is planning a series of hikes on the trail, starting with an afternoon trip on April 16th to Tucker Lodge.

Congratulations to President Field for promoting this Development. Every school in Vermont should have an Outing Club to help the young people enjoy and appreciate the State. What school is to be next?

REMEMBER APRIL 24th!

THIS IS A HOT ONE.

Perhaps the most satisfying thing about hiking and camping is the fire. No matter how tired or wet you are, get a fire going and pretty soon everything seems all right.

There is only one right kind of fire. That's the kind that meets the particular purpose at hand. A high blazing fire is best for drying wet clothing, boiling water quickly, or baking by reflection. A bed of live coals is best for frying or broiling. Use an older bed of coals and hot ashes to cook cereal, pudding, vegetables etc. Sometimes all three can be had at one fireplace by raking a few embers to one side.

Don't build too big a fire. It wastes fuel and you can't get near enough to cook carefully.

Don't start your fire until a reasonable supply of fuel has been provided. And therein lies the secret of a good fire---the fuel.

Wood on the ground is generally damp and slow to burn. Get it from standing dead trees or limbs. If this wood is wet on the outside, split it. It is always dry on the inside. You need an axe for this. A hatchet is slower and more dangerous to use if you aren't an expert. Break or cut your fuel and sort it

into piles of several sizes, from chunks two inches through down to shavings made with your jackknife. The surest tinder is birch bark.

Spruce and pine light most easily. They give a quick hot fire and are then gone. Maple or beach give a steady fire and long lasting coals.

If by chance you are at a GMC camp with a stove, take time to cut your fuel smaller, not over a foot long. The new "Valliquette Specials" at Buffam and Clement will burn practically any kind of fuel.

That Thing at Killington demands extra patience. After much cussing and discussing we have arrived at the following approximate formula: Keep the back half of the Thing full of ashes. Use only dry wood split very thin. Keep all your fire at the very front. Leave the dampers wide open 'till the Thing is full of burning wood. Then shut the pipe damper and cook.

(All right then do it your own way.)

Just remember you can't cook a good meal over a poor fire.

THE SPRING LAKE PROJECT.

By
Fred Field

Ever hear of Shrewsbury Pond? That's Guide Book language. In Killington Section it is fondly known as Spring Lake. A working party (Harold Valiquette, Bob Rogers, Churchill Scott, Craigie Perkins, Gale Spaulding, Dud Bump and Fred Field) slogged it's way through rain and mud Sunday, March 27th, up the winding road past Sarka's Ranch to put it's back to the task of trucking parts of the shelter up to its new location.

After a fine dinner of spaghetti, salad, bread and butter, coffee, doughnuts and oranges cooked by our special cooks, Mary and Vera Perkins, we commenced toting each section of the cabin up the hill.

The method was simple, the execution complicated. Three poles were put under a section so six men could carry it - three to a side. Even though a path had been cut some of us had to climb over trees, bushes, rocks and down into holes. This way five sections were put in position ready for erection. But in spite of all difficulties and words a good time was had by all. Another Spring Lake Work Party is coming soon. Join us!

MEPHRITIS

Noah Webster says "mephitis" means "stench". So when a mammalogist says "Mephitis mephitis" of course he means a skunk. Perhaps this is the origin of that well known phrase, "You can say that again!"

There are no less than fifteen varieties of skunks in North America but from a distance of a half mile there is little difference.

The skunk thrives on civilization. He will often forsake his home in a burrow or stone heap and move into town under someone's barn or chicken house.

His favorite foods include grasshoppers, grubs dug from sod, beetles, wasps, mice, fruit and berries. He occasionally robs a beehive or chicken coop and no doubt destroys many eggs of ground nesting birds. Though he hunts mostly at night he is frequently seen in the early evening busily engaged in minding his own business.

Sometimes Mama Skunk leads a single-file procession of half a dozen little ones. And do they hurry? They do not. They have little fear of man or beast. If unthreatened they will pass within a few feet of an observer giving no offence and asking only that their dignity be respected.

The skunk carries no odor with him. If attacked or frightened he ejects three drops of volatile musk-like fluid which puts to flight the intruder, while the skunk himself remains unpoluted.

In the Fall when the temperature drops to about 15degrees F, the skunk retires to his burrow. He does not really hibernate but comes out with every warm spell.

In the Spring four to ten young are born and the family stays together for almost a year.

This little animal is attractive and interesting. We should cultivate his acquaintance -- in a formal way of course.

COMING EVENTS

DATE - Sunday, April 17th
TIME - 1:30 at Meldon School
Place - Buffum Shelter

With nature starting new life all about us at this time of year, a few hours on the trail might be a good way to complete the observance of Easter Sunday.

This trip has less than a mile of easy hiking, mostly on an old wood road. Buffum Shelter is on the Trail north of Wallingford Gulf road.

Besides being a chance to enjoy the out-doors at one of the most interesting times of year, this trip will provide an opportunity to check up on the condition of the shelter and put it in readiness for the summer hiking season.

DATE - Saturday, April 30th &
Sunday, May 1st
PLACE- LITTLE ROCK POND

A fine over-night trip has been planned to usher in the trout fishing season. Come for the day if you can't make it for longer.

To reach Little Rock Pond we drive from Danby along the Mt. Tabor road to where the road meets the Long Trail. This drive in itself is a trip worth taking.

Two miles of good trail, most of it beside a small brook, brings us to Little Rock Pond. There is a log shelter, built by the U.S. Forest Service, on a small island at the N.W. end of the Pond. A picturesque foot-bridge leads to the island. It is a lovely spot to visit and spend some time.

So let the fishermen try their luck. For the rest there are interesting trips in a wood full of treasure. Last summer we experienced the thrill of seeing a delicate, white-fringed orchis there. Let's go and see what surprise may be waiting this year.

COOPER LODGE WINDOWS.

Well the windows for Cooper Lodge on Killington are all painted. The following members deserve the credit for a good job well done: Ray Catozzi, Gale Spaulding, Francis Rice, Churchill Scott, Craigie Perkins, Louise Newton, Loraine Gorski, Mary Perkins, Helen Bailey, Barbara Mellow and Vera Perkins.

First metal brackets were fastened to the corners of the windows to strengthen them and then two coats of red paint applied. The paint was donated by William Metzger and Fred Field.

There are sixteen sash weighing fourteen pounds each to be eased up the mountain as soon as the snow has gone. Also there will be a small bundle of lumber necessary for altering the frames of the new, thicker window sash. Nobody seems to be worrying too much about the transportation problem though. If cooperation continues to be as good as it has been so far this year, there just won't be any problem.

ADDITIONS TO THE 1949 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Bill Battles
Anna E. Berg
Walter Johnson
Theresa Quinn
Francis Rice
Robert Rogers
Mary Ruthkowski
Lindley Squires
Marilyn Trop
Lula M. Tye

Seven of the above are new members. We are glad to welcome them into Killington Section of G.M.C. We hope they will enjoy our outings and come with us often.

Hats off to Harold Valiquette who is responsible for this increase in membership!!

Robert Rogers has returned to Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. where he is a student. We were glad to see him on the hikes during his vacation

CLARENDON SHELTER WORK PARTY

By
Francis Rice

We had a work party at Clarendon Shelter on March 20th and were very lucky in having a nice warm day.

On arriving at the shelter, we found it to be in good condition. The stove, an old kitchen range, was persuaded to burn after a rather smoky session of figuring out the drafts.

There was some wood in the shelter and C. S. Perkins and some of the others cut down a dead tree that was endangering the shelter in the rear. Thus we left a good supply of wood.

After dinner we cleaned out and repaired the bunks. Mary Perkins and Clarence Smith proved that the Work Party pays when they each found a quarter while cleaning one of the bunks. During the afternoon we also put tar paper on one side of the shelter.

Those present on the hike included Eleanor Walker, Maude Canty, Ruth Postman, Vera Perkins, Francis Rice, Craigie Perkins, Mary Perkins, Churchill Scott, Walter Scott, Pearl Nichols, Louise Newton, and William Allard. An old friend of the Section, Clarence Smith of Brandon, who shows up every so often appeared on the hike to every ones surprise.

At the meeting of the trustees of the G.M.C. held April 9th in Rutland, it was decided to have the Killington Section act as host for the Intersectional Hike to be held the last week-end in August.

It will be up to the Killington Section to decide on the place to hold this get-together.

Craigie and Bob Perkins went into Tucker this week and cleaned it up. They also improved the steps a little.

SMOKE AND BLAZES



Vol.2 No.5

Killington Section G.M.C.

May 1949

COMING EVENTS

DATE - Saturday and Sunday,
June 11th and 12th
PLACE- Clarendon Shelter

This is a good overnight trip for the novice as well as the veteran camper. The hike is an easy one, making it a short haul for overnight equipment.

A highlight of this outing will be a Pancake Breakfast, so bring along your favorite Pancake flour and all the "fixin's"!

If you can't be there for overnight, how about making an early start Sunday and joining us for breakfast?

This may be a good chance to check up on some of those "Summer Visitors". (see article in this issue.)

DATE - Saturday, June 26th.
PLACE- Hapgood Pond.

This is all "Outing" - no hiking required!

Hapgood Pond is a Green Mt. National Forest Area, which may be reached by car from Route 11, off the Manchester - Peru road.

This is a fine picnic area, with excellent swimming, for all grades of proficiency. There are bath-houses, outdoor fireplaces, and, in short, everything needed for a good summer outing.

Bring the whole family on this one!

ADDITIONS TO THE 1949 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Robert Blackwood
Payson Webber
James White
Grover S. Wright

HI THERE EVERYBODY!

I want to tell you all about the wonderful time we had on our hike to Little Rocky Pond, May 1st.

It was a lovely sunny day when we left at ten o'clock. The weather-man was sure on our side until we started for home, and then he sprinkled a few rain drops.

Mr. and Mrs. Conlin and Ray Catozzi were the ambitious members and hiked up Friday to stay the weekend. Although there seemed to be more fishermen than fish, they were lucky enough to catch four trout.

There were fourteen persons who enjoyed the outing, among them were two guests, Joan Colette and "Bev" Bruce, who plan to join our club.

The two miles of trail were in fairly good condition. The only complaint of the hikers was on the usual black bugs. The scenery and wild flowers were gorgeous.

All enjoyed the day and we're anxiously awaiting a swell weekend at Killington.

See you then,

Shirley Morris.

HOPEFUL HIKE
by
Marjorie Wedge

Snow in April? No, impossible! Well.... maybe. We of the newly organized outing club, of Green Mountain Junior College, found ourselves starting out on the Long Trail. We were tenderfooted and anxious at the commencement of our hiking excursions, but ankle deep in, and blinded by, a blizzard of cold, wet snow. Of course we novices had come prepared not at all, for such circumstances. We needed mittens, but had none. We traipsed through the muddy terrain with no boots, and one of our misplaced tin cups wallowed its way down a vertical embankment. Following the white blazes which marked the trail, we hiked up inclines, cantered down slopes, stumbled over rocks, and arrived at our destination, Tucker Lodge, after a half hour of exhausting footwork.

Once at the lodge, which is a small, one-room shelter, some of us started gathering wood, building the fire, and warming our numbed extremities. Utter inertia followed, with the exception of the fanatical bidding of those several bridge fiends among us.

Soon the more energetic of those of our group began the preparation of the meal. In due time the sizzling hamburgs, tart pickles, and steaming cups of coffee were finding their way to our craving stomachs, and Oh, did they taste good!

The cameras cliked, the axes rang, and the nature lovers scoured the woods for "Sal Hepatica" and other varieties of wild flowers. In order to reach school at our pre-destined hour, we loaded up our knapsacks, tightened our shoe strings, adjusted our cosmetic make-up, and retraced the one treacherous mile of the

Long Trail.

None the worse off for our new experience, we collapsed in the cars that were waiting for us, and burst forth in song; finding on our way home, the lingering thoughts of a well-spent day.

SUMMER VISITORS
by
Henry Potter

The month of May with gentle rains and warm sunshine brings forth a host of insects; food for the swarms of newly arrived bird migrants from the South. It is perhaps then that the enthusiasm of the bird watcher reaches its peak.

Notable among the bird arrivals at this time is the large family of wood warblers, arriving in great numbers from their tropical home. Trooping through the hardwood forests and evergreen thickets on the hillsides, as well as along the river valleys, and in the apple orchards; these little feathered gems are a delight to the eye. One who has not witnessed a "wave" of these active spirits, nervously flitting among the branches in search of food, has missed one of the great delights offered by nature.

Many species are often met with feeding together, but space here does not permit of a description of the brilliant colors and markings of even the more common ones.

Kinds like the Chestnut Sided, Black-throated Green, Black-throated Blue, Magnolia, Blackburnian, Redstart, Yellow, and many others, commonly nest upon our wooded hillsides and in our valleys. A few species pass on into Canada to nest and are not found breeding at all south of the border, or are found sparingly at high altitudes in summer.

Hikers along the Long Trail
(continued on next page)

in June may be delighted by hearing the songs of the Black-poll, Canadian and Myrtle warbler, and rarely, that of the Bay-breasted. Here in the cool bracing air at 2000 feet altitude or higher, these species pleasingly mingle their songs with the flute-like melody of the Olive-backed and Bicknells thrushes, the rapid tinkle of winter wrens, the trill of Juncos, and the slow refrain of the White-throated Sparrow or Peabody bird.

SPRING LAKE

Another work party was held at Spring Lake on May 8th. It was a beautiful day and five of the reliable Section workers attended. Churchill Scott, Craigie Perkins, Michael Jennings, Joe Valquette and Bill Allard were the men present.

Work is progressing slowly. Now that good weather is here and cars may be driven almost to the Lake, more workers may show up next time.

THE INTERSECTIONAL

President Field has announced that the Intersectional Hike to be held sometime in August will have as its main point of interest, Blue Ridge Mountain. Camp sites and over night camping will be in Perkins' field near the foot of the mountain.

More details will be forthcoming later.

SCHEDULES

Chairman of the Outing Committee, Bill Allard reports that new schedules will be mailed out with the June issue of "Smoke and Blazes".

KILLINGTON

As this is being written, the Killington Hike of May 14 & 15 is in full swing. Details later.

WHAT SHALL I BRING TO EAT?

On most GMC hikes the Club furnishes coffee but you bring your own lunch. What will you bring? How should I know.

Some people bring tasty sandwiches and a bottle of pop. Some bring hot dogs and marshmallows. Some who like to really cook bring hamburgers or chops and potatoes to fry. Some even make biscuits or johnnie cake with more or less success.

So make up your mind how much cooking you want to do and plan accordingly. We are talking about a single meal. It is best for two or three people to plan together as this cuts down the waste and the weight of extra cooking utensils.

Well, for a main item how about canned roast beef, spam, hamburgers, chops, cube steak, or sausage? To go with that you can bring cooked potatoes to be cut up and fried or canned white or sweet potatoes which are inexpensive. So called "minute rice" can be prepared in about ten minutes and is very good. Don't forget the salt and oleo.

If you want another vegetable there is a wide choice of either fresh or canned. For dessert, fruit goes well on a hike. Oranges carry better than bananas, plums, peaches etc. Or you can make a vanilla or chocolate pudding allowing time enough for it to cool.

Suppose it's an overnight trip. What's for supper? Beans, hash, macaroni and cheese, canned gravy on toast, all are good with fruit, cookies and bread and butter. For breakfast better make some cooked cereal perhaps with raisins in it. Remember the milk and sugar for it. And a couple of eggs and bacon sound inviting. At least they do about seven AM on a chilly morning.

Too much work? OK then bring sandwiches and pop! See if I care.

THE GROUND HOG

February second is ground hog day to everybody except the ground hog. From October 'till April every woodchuck in Vermont is so deep in hibernation that he doesn't even know what month it is much less be worrying about his shadow.

When New England was first settled woodchucks lived in the woods but they soon accepted the easier living to be found in the farmer's fields. Grasses, flower buds, small fruits, and vegetables are his favorite items of diet.

As he is generally out in the day time everybody has seen him sitting up near his burrow. Greyish brown on the top and chestnut underneath he can be spotted against a green background a quarter of a mile away. But most likely he will spot you first. If you approach too closely there will be a shrill whistle and the brown spot will disappear.

He never goes but a few yards away from his burrow. This retreat is perhaps twenty-five feet long with two openings at the surface and a small underground chamber lined with leaves and grass. These burrows are often hi-jacked by skunks, rabbits, or foxes whereupon the woodchuck simply digs a new one.

The woodchuck's appetite for farm crops and the nuisance his burrows cause when the farmer tries to mow his meadow result in a continual state of war between the woodchuck on one side and the farmer, his son, and his dog on the other. In this struggle the woodchuck still has the advantage and is doing very nicely, thank you.

From April to October the woodchuck nearly doubles his weight due to his method of storing up food in the form of fat. While the fields are still green and food plentiful he goes underground for the long winter.

Hibernation is much deeper than mere sleep. The breathing and circulation are almost stopped. The animal's temperature falls nearly to the freezing point but not quite. If it should, he would wake up and dig deeper or die. Bears, skunks, bats, 'coons, and other animals also hibernate but they are easily roused and sometimes go outside on warm days. Not so the woodchuck. He stays put.

Two to five young are born about May first. They are very helpless for several weeks but about June first may be seen near the burrow playing like kittens.

If you can manage to get between the little ones and the burrow entrance they may be easily caught by throwing a coat or a sweater over them as they run toward the burrow. They may be handled safely by the scuff of the neck but don't forget those teeth were made for biting and the baby woodchuck knows it.

HIKE TO BUFFAM SHELTER.

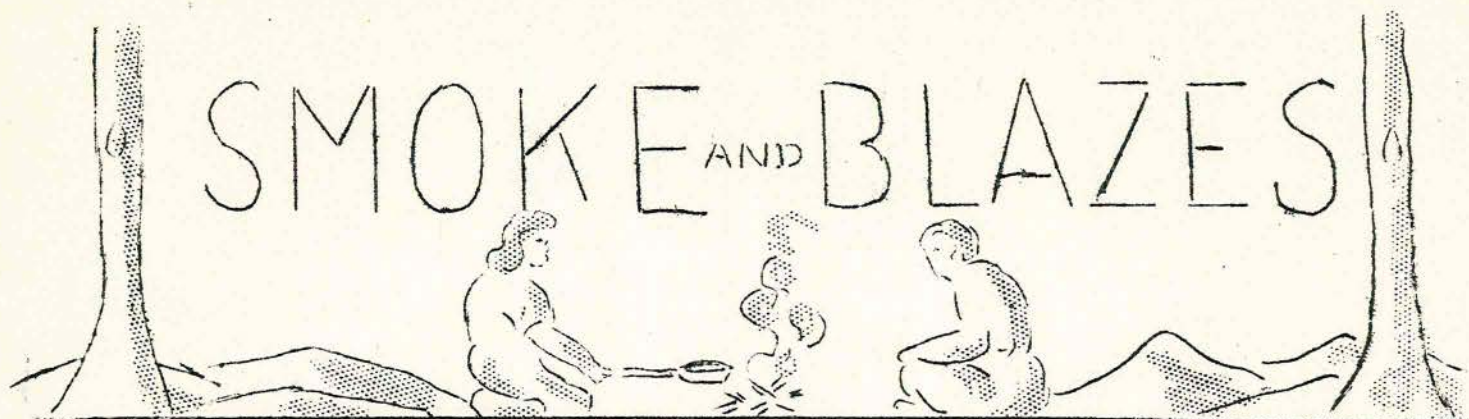
On Easter Sunday April 17th, eleven GMC'ers gave Buffam Shelter its annual spring inspection. Bad news! Some of the paper has blown off the roof and must be replaced. Also we must make up a new grate for the stove.

The party worked trail over the top of Button Hill to the spring on the north side. Blazes were painted and a big brush pile removed where a new chopping has crossed the Trail.

Vice President Leone Smith of Pittsford and Richard Catozzi way up from Troy were with us. Come again soon.

GMC ANNUAL MEETING

No doubt you have received your notice of the Annual Meeting to be held Sat., May 28th at Long Trail Lodge. Plan to attend and get acquainted with the officers and workers of Vermont's finest club. It will be fun and informative. See you there.



Vol 2 NO. 6

Killington Section G. M. C.

June 1949

SUMMER ACTIVITIES of STUDENT MEMBERS

Danny Jennings will be home from St. Michael's College for the month of July. We hope to see him on some of the hikes.

Bill Allard is to be a counsellor at Camp Holy Cross. Marjory Allard is going to work in the Arts and Crafts branch of the Rutland recreation department.

Janet Perkins is going to be a counsellor at Girl Scout Camp in Fairlee, Vt. Charles Sabourin will work at Carpenter's Drug Store in Rutland.

Marjory Perkins is going to the National Aquatic School at Camp Watitch, Boquet, Mass. to train for her Instructor's Certificate in swimming and life saving.

Bernard Lafond will work in his father's store at 48 Church street, Rutland.

Tony Fusco is to be a caretaker at the Rutland Golf Club.

Francis Rice has his name on call with Uncle Sam. He expects to join the navy soon.

Your roving reporters, Mary and Vera Perkins expect to tour the State Parks soon and will have a report next month on one of the finest mountain parkways in New England; Ascutney State Park.

VERMONT STATE PARKS AND VERMONT STATE FORESTS

If you are looking for an inexpensive vacation why not look to our State Parks and State Forest areas? These spots are ideal not only from the economic standpoint but they also offer far more than other crowded commercial resorts do.

We have in the state of Vermont forty-four state forests and state forest parks. These areas contain lakes, streams, and scenic mountain areas, parts of which have been developed. There are also wilderness areas with virgin timber still standing.

There is a service and maintenance fee of from 25 to 50 cents charged per day per group of five or less. Camping fees are 75 cents for tent platforms and one dollar for lean-tos per group of five or less. Fuel is furnished.

In the areas where camping is permitted you will find all the conveniences a camping vacationist requires. They are equipped with toilet facilities, pure drinking water, fire places, tables and fuel.

Speaking of State Parks, Diana and George Conlin have just returned from a vacation in Toronto, Canada. On their way there they camped at Green Lake State Park, 20 miles east of Syracuse.

KILLINGTON WORK PARTY by Churchill Scott

The annual overnight work party to Killington Peak was held on May 14th and 15th.

As usual Craigue Perkins went in a day early to carry the food for the party and to have it comfortable when they arrived.

Once again the work party consisting of Diana and George Conlin, Ray Catozzi and Churchill Scott found more work than they could do between Killington and Pico.

After clearing the trail as far as possible we continued on to Cooper Lodge where we enjoyed a warm shelter and tasty meal prepared by Craigue.

Sunday dawned clear and cold; a beautiful day for trail work. The party hiked south to "Consultation Point" and cleared the trail back to Killington.

We had a very nice dinner served by Diana and spent the afternoon working around the camp and visiting with a group of hikers who came in by the Bucklin Trail with Vera Perkins and Helen Bailey.

The work party did as much as we could, but as always we can stand more members in order to accomplish all we should do to the Trail. We also found that having someone prepare meals for the work party allows them to accomplish so very much more. We owe Diana a note of thanks for the nice Sunday dinner she prepared.

We finally arrived back at the Lodge at dusk after a very enjoyable week-end.

There is a lot of work to be done between Pico and Killington, and this fall we hope to have a one day work party to Pico shelter, if we can have enough volunteers.

Let the Trail and Shelter Committee know if you can help!

MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END

At 10 AM on Sunday May 29th it was raining hard in Rutland. But Churchill Said, "Well, we planned to go, so we may as well go." So three of us drove in to Tessier's Lumber Camp and it stopped raining. There we found the new windows for Cooper Lodge and hung six of them around our shoulders to keep off the dew. Dew! As soon as we started to climb we ran into snow and at the top of Killington there was over an inch. It was cold too.

We built a fire and welcomed six other hikers from Burlington and Waterbury who came up an hour later. One of the Burlington boys saw a pack-load of lumber for the new windows beside the trail at Tessier's so he lugged it up the mountain for us. Thanks Bud.

On Memorial Day three of us made another trip up the mountain bringing three more windows. This time it rained most of the day with the usual result. We cooked up a hot meal and helped dry out two practically drowned couples from New York who had come in over the Trail from the Lodge. Quite a week-end!

GMC ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the GMC held at Long Trail Lodge, May 28th, Prof. Roy Buchanan of the Univ. of Vt. was elected president.

Outgoing president Ted Goddard of Old Bennington announced plans for the summer hiking season. Besides the usual trails and shelter work, there will be a two week summer vacation camp from August 14th through August 28th. At the end of the summer vacation camp the club will hold its annual Intersectional Hike in the Blue Ridge Mountain area with the Killington Section acting as hosts.

Reports on the activities of the Sections were given by members present from the section.

ADDITIONS TO THE 1949 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Edith Ewald
Raymond Catozzi
Richard Catozzi

CLARENDON SHELTER

The pan-cake breakfast of June 12th proved to be an early morning walk that lasted well past the middle of the day.

Four hikers, Loraine Gorski and a friend, Bill Allard and Craig Perkins, went in to Clarendon Shelter for breakfast. Then they went back down the road to the gorge and took the trail south to Spring Lake. On the way to the lake they cleared trail. It is now in good condition except for a little more brushing out.

The party returned to the gorge and had lunch.

COMING EVENTS

Date - Saturday, June 26th.

Place - Hapgood Pond

This was written up in the May issue of "Smoke and Blazes." Watch the "Herald" for further details in regard to the time of leaving Rutland for this delightful spot.

Date - Sunday, July 10th.

Place - Bradder's Camp on Tinnmouth Channel.

Remember what a grand time we had here last year exploring the channel, fishing, and loafing in the cool shade of the trees that hot summer day!

The new schedule is enclosed with this issue.

There are many interesting hikes and outings listed so mark your calendar on the dates that you won't want to miss.

REMINDER

Don't forget the Rummage Sale that we are having this Fall.

INTERSECTIONAL HIKE PLANS

This year the Killington Section acts as host to the other Sections for the famous Intersectional Hike scheduled for Saturday and Sunday August 27th and 28th.

Although these dates are far ahead Fred Field called an Executive Committee meeting on June 8th to draw up the first plans.

The gathering place will be near Perkins' Camp at the foot of Blue Ridge Mountain in Mendon. Turn left from Route 4 three miles east of Mendon village. The turn will be marked by a temporary blue arrow. The camping spot will be seen about one half mile up this road. Caution. Narrow road!

The fun will start as early Saturday as anyone can get there and will continue until Sunday evening. People planning to camp over night are requested to bring their own tents if possible. However some tentage can be supplied by the Committee if necessary.

From the central camping area a number of guided hikes have been arranged from which everyone may select those he prefers to take. These hikes include trips to Blue Ridge, Pico, Killington, Tucker Lodge, a tour of the Long Trail Lodge developments, and several shorter walks through the surrounding woods.

At 2 PM on Sunday comes the big gathering for GMC coffee at the camp site. All are expected to show up there at this time to register and have their picture taken. The Committee is working on plans for special events to be held at this time.

It is expected that this will be the biggest Intersectional crowd ever turned out so plan now to be there and share in the fun.

Remember the dates: August 27th and August 28th. We will see you there.

WHAT'S COOKING?

The greatest difficulty in outdoor cooking is management of the fire. So before you start unpacking the grub collect about twice as much good dry wood as you think you will need. If it is just for boiling, soft wood will do; but if you want to bake or fry get hard wood. It gives a steadier heat and lasts longer giving a good bed of coals.

Now just for the sake of argument let's say you are going to have boiled potatoes and carrots, hamburger, biscuit and chocolate pudding. (Please don't argue.) Unpack the stuff and arrange it where you can get at it easily but where other people won't walk all over it. Check through again to be sure you know what utensils you will use for each operation. Have a large dish or pail of cooking water at hand so you won't have to leave your fire at just the wrong time.

Get your fire going. Now what are you going to do? Get the pudding done so that it can be cooling, of course. With the new kinds just mix thoroughly with cold milk and bring to a boil. Stir almost constantly. When it thickens slightly, it is all done. Set it in a shallow pan in a cool place.

Now the vegetables. Cut them up in pieces not over one and one half inches through. Cover them with water and cover the dish. Bring to a boil over the blazing fire and then set at the side of the fire in a hot place. If you leave them over the fire they will boil over and you will have to watch them all the time.

Biscuits next. Use ready mixed flour. Make your dough fairly stiff. Grease the fry pan. (Anybody would know enough to do that. Oh yeah?) Spread out the dough to an even thickness and cook like a pan cake at low heat. This is only supposed to bake the bottom of the biscuit so when it

is well browned that's enough. Be sure to have a hot blazing fire. Tip the fry pan up at an angle near the fire with a stone to hold it and the handle pointing to one side. The part nearest the fire will brown first. Then rotate the fry pan so that the handle points to the other side and brown the rest of the biscuit. When you think it has had enough remove from the fire and break it open. Hot bread always looks and feels doughy but if it doesn't stick to a knife it is done.

It won't take long to do your hamburger so don't start it 'till the vegetables and biscuit are done, and the fire is mostly coals. Take the biscuit out of the fry pan, add a little grease, and cook the hamburger slowly. It is better if you can cover the pan with a tin plate.

All right now, hot vegetables, hamburger, hot biscuit and butter, cool pudding and GMC coffee.

And if you top it off with a salad of minced "kabitzer" who would blame you.

COOPER LODGE WINDOWS

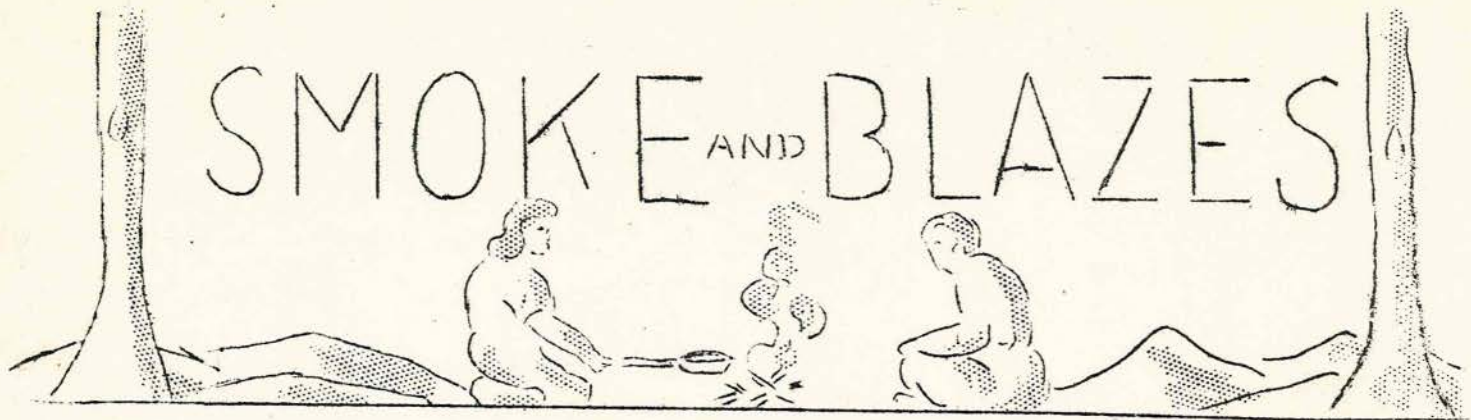
The last of the windows were back-packed up the mountain Tuesday, June 7th. Churchill Scott, Craigie Perkins, and Francis Rice completed the job.

Now that they are all painted and up at the Lodge, the work of installing them can go on whenever a good work party has the time and energy to put into it. We hope it will be soon.

INTERESTING NOTE

At the annual GMC meeting we met two retired New York school teachers who have been GMC members at large for the past twenty years but have never set foot on the trail. They enjoy supporting a good cause.

We recommended Tucker Lodge as an interesting short walk for them to take.



Vol.2 No.7

Killington Section G.M.C.

July 1949

WILGUS STATE PARK

If you're planning a picnic you couldn't find a nicer spot, easily accessible to a main highway, than Wilgus State Park. It is located on the bank of the Connecticut River, bordering Route 5, a few miles south of Windsor.

Here you will find a nicely landscaped Ranger's cottage, a gift shop, green lawns, and, back from the highway on the **shady** bank of the river, picnic tables and fireplaces. All this is kept in fine condition by friendly Mr. Russell, the Forest Service representative in charge. A short hike away is a lookout affording a view of the winding course of the river.

One picnic area, a little apart from the rest, is especially adapted to large groups, as family reunions, club gatherings and the like. If you plan ahead, this area may be reserved for your group on a specific day.

Mr. Russell told us that Wilgus is a common meeting place for family groups from farther north and south. Meeting here halves the distance otherwise involved in a "get-to-gether". Frequently at these meetings families exchange children for the return trip. This gives the city-bred children a vacation in the country and vice-versa. After several weeks the trip is

repeated and the children re-exchanged.

The land for Wilgus Park was given to the State by Col. Wilgus whose ancestors were among the first settlers of Ascutneyville.

There are a number of day length, or shorter, trips which could include a picnic dinner or supper at Wilgus Park. Why not get out your road map and plan the one you'll take? Or, if you would like to make it an overnight trip, how about a picnic lunch at Wilgus with a hike to the lookout, then a drive to the top of near-by Ascutney. There you could explore its trails and then return to the Mt. Ascutney camping area for a campfire supper and a good night's sleep. (We regret that lack of space prevented a report on the Mt. Ascutney area as promised. Look for it in the August issue.)

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Robert Perkins and Thelma Cole were married on Saturday, July 2nd in the Ira Allen Chapel, University of Vermont. Both are active members of the U.V.M. Outing Club of which Bob is president.

Louise Newton will be married to Mr. Percy Adams on Saturday, July 16th in the Congregational Church in Wallingford.

THE HAPGOOD POND OUTING

It looks as though a GMC Hapgood outing is bound to fail. For the second time this delightful spot has been scheduled for a summer hike. For the second time rain has come just at the wrong time.

When we started out Saturday afternoon, June 25th, the sky was grey but rain had held off for so long we were quite sure it would hold off for another day. We were just being optimistic! By the time we reached Hapgood Pond it was pouring.

Two of our party decided to go for a swim regardless of the rain, thunder and lightning. They just about got across the pool when the caretaker called them out saying that it was against the rules to be in the water during a storm. Well they got wet anyway.

After waiting without success for the storm to clear, we decided to journey on to the Perkins camp in Mendon.

Eleven of us piled into the two cars and were off again.

It was starting to clear as we reached camp and after supper was eaten it had stopped raining.

A group of the girls took a short walk up the road. When they returned the lights were lit and there was some lively conversation going on that lasted until after ten P.M. proving that the outing was not a failure after all!

SPRING LAKE WORK PARTY

On June 17th Bill Allard, Michael Jennings, Churchill Scott, "Scottie", Fred Field and Craig Perkins took part in another work party at Spring Lake.

All the lumber, except the last two big sections, is up at the camp site now.

Two more trips of eight men each and then the building will start going up.

The work parties have been very successful and the men have accomplished much this past year. Keep up the good work!

BRADDER'S CAMP

Ruth Labrako, who had charge of this trip insists that Bill Allard, Outing Ch. didn't tell her that she was supposed to arrange the weather. In spite of rain there were 15 present to enjoy the Bradder's Camp and their hospitality.

Some of our fishing enthusiasts put in a long day trying to outwit the fish. Two or three ambitious hikers really did some hiking, while the rest of us enjoyed a good indoor camp day with comfortable relaxation and conversation.

Those who made the trip up the Channel reported seeing some beavers moving about.

The Maxwell House coffee can that accompanied the coffee pot contained sand instead of coffee! How long has this been going on? Have we at last found the answer to "What is GMC coffee anyway?" We are not concerned with "Who Put The Overalls in Mrs. Murphy's Chowder?" but we would like to know who uses sand for GMC coffee? Anyone solving this riddle may carry the coffee pot on the next hike. (We had our coffee just the same, thanks to Mrs. Bradder.)

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. MacMurray (Diana Conlon's parents), and a new member, Ted L'Ange, with us. Hope to see them often.

BACK ON THE TRAIL AGAIN

It is indeed good news to hear that Mary Jennings is hiking again. Along with seven others including Danny and Michael Jennings, Thelma and Joe Valiquette and two visiting cousins she hiked in to Little Rock Pond on July 6th.

There was some rain Wednesday but not enough to dampen their spirits. Thursday and Friday were beautiful days and the party enjoyed their stay here.

Mary and Thelma slept out under the stars

We'll be looking for you on the next hike, Mary.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Theodore L'Ange
Carl Frankiewicz
Mrs. Violet Hall - West Paris
Maine

Mr. Alfreds E. Gaujenieks)
Mrs. Zigrida L. Gaujenieks)
New York

NEWS FROM AN "END-TO-ENDER"

On learning at the Annual Meeting that Mrs. Violet Hall, a member of Killington Section, had received the "End-to-Ender" award we sent our congratulations and asked her to tell us something about the earning of it. In reply Mrs. Hall wrote in part as follows:

"My son and I have been hiking the Trail for about eight years now, since he was a lad of eight and carried a 15 lb. pack! *** at this present moment my "End-to-Enders" award is hanging all duly framed over my desk. *** I am far more proud of it than of my college sheepskin, which lies moldering in a trunk somewhere. *** I've done some of it nearly every summer *** about 70 or 80 miles of it I've done alone with a dog. *** "Ain't you running an awful risk?" asked one old lumberman. "Why, what risk," I asked. "Well--Idunno", he said. I asked if there were any bears about, and he said, "Yes there are, but you won't see them in droves!" I've never seen one! *** I had the satisfaction this spring to salve my conscience by going across the Winooski in a boat as per the Guide Book. *** We did the Trail from Birch Glen to Bolton one day, after frost. *** We had quite a time slipping and sliding over frozen leaves and ground, down to the Winooski at Bolton, where we arrived at nearly midnight, very glad to find our car waiting to take us over the river on a bridge. I told Mr. Vondell of it when I applied for my award and he said it was OK. But my tender conscience troubled me about that boat so,

as we were in Montpelier this spring, we went out to Bolton, hunted up the young man and his boat and he rowed us over- tho the river was high and our boat was half full of water when we got across. *** Now I've earned my award.

*** I think my favorite camp is Jay - unless it be Little Rocky Pond. *** No, there isn't a favorite, I love them all.

*** The longest I've hiked in a day is 22 Mi. I carry from 30 to 50 lbs. or more in a pack - spend from week-ends to 3 wks. out at a time. *** Took time out to do across a good deal of N.H. on the Appalachian Trail, and some in the Katahdin section of Maine, but my favorite is still the good old Long Trail."

We wish space had allowed us to reprint Mrs. Hall's interesting and friendly letter in full. We certainly enjoyed hearing from her and almost feel we know her already. We are proud to have her as a member of Killington Section and hope she may be able to join us on an Outing sometime.

COMING EVENTS

Date - Saturday, July 23rd.
Place - Cauty-Fostman Camp,
Lake Bomoseen.

This sounds like a grand afternoon and evening at the lake. Maude and Ruth say, "The more the better and tell them to plan to come early and stay late."

Why not bring the family and make this a big outing? Official departure will be from Meldon School at 2 P.M. For any further information call 1910 - Vera Perkins.

Date - Sunday, Aug. 7th.
Place - White Rocks.

The summer schedule would not seem complete without "White Rocks". This is a good place for a "Cook-out", and is always a favorite picnic spot. George Conlin has charge of this one.

4
EXTRA ! EXTRA !

Cooper Lodge windows installed ! Work party puts in a long day and sixteen window sash.

Starting at eight A.M. on June 28th the boys worked all day cutting down the new sash to fit the old frames at the Lodge on Killington. By seven P.M. they were all in.

The party consisted of Robert and Craig Perkins and, guess who, Gale Spaulding. Ye-ah we finally got him out. Tommy Wilson and Jack Mullin who were staying a week on the mountain volunteered to clean up the mess of chips, shavings etc left after the operations.

This project has been in the works for over a year and now it is finished. We don't have to apologize for the boarded up openings any more.

Visitors can enjoy the grand view in three directions from within the camp. Come up and see it sometime !

TRAIL WORK

Churchill Scott and Ray Catozzi, co-chairmen of the Trail Committee report that two confusing spots on the Trail have been improved.

At the "lower road" in Shrewsbury small arrows have been put up and the Trail re-blazed along the road which it follows for about 100 yards.

At Clarendon Gorge the alternate route skipping the somewhat dangerous cliff edge has been cleared.

INTERSECTIONAL AUG. 27 & 28

Details in regard to the Intersectional were written up in the June issue of "Smoke and Blazes." Anyone desiring further information write to Fred Field, President of Killington Section, 98 Killington Ave., Rutland, Vt. More information in Aug. issue.

"I HAVEN'T A THING TO WEAR"

In deciding what clothing to wear on a summer hike several factors should be considered. Among them are the temperature, the likelihood of rain, the exertion to be made, the type of country traveled and your own personal notions.

Remember you are always much warmer walking than you are standing still. If you carry a pack or climb a mountain or hurry, that adds to the heat produced and you will require correspondingly less clothing. So don't start off with a lot of sweaters or coats that will have to be removed later, perhaps after you have become sweaty and in danger of being chilled when you stop. Do carry one extra wool shirt or jacket to put on when you rest. The summits of the higher mountains are generally cool and windy even in summer so plan accordingly.

Hard woven cotton clothing is generally best for summer wear. If flies or mosquitoes are apt to be out better wear a long sleeved shirt. For the same reason slacks are better than shorts for the ladies. Also nettles and blackberry bushes can make life miserable if they can get at you.

Never mind a raincoat. If it rains you will get wet anyway. If you wear a waterproof garment you will be soaked with sweat. It is better to just let it rain. In your waterproof pack you should have a dry shirt to put on when you get to camp.

If you stop off in the early morning on to a woody trail, it will be like taking a cold shower but you won't be cold while walking and in an hour or so your clothing will dry on you. Likewise after a rain.

So don't worry too much about details but get out on the Trail for a week or a day or even for an hour before cold weather makes heavy packs necessary.



Vol. 2 No. 8

Killington Section G.M.C.

Aug. 1949

INTERSECTIONAL PLANS

We hope the Killington Section members will turn out "strong" for the Intersectional. The dates - Saturday, Aug. 27 and Sunday, Aug. 28. The camp base is to be at the big field in front of the Perkins Camp in Mendon.

Details were given in the June issue of "Smoke and Blazes."

President Fred Field has appointed the following committees to help make the affair a success:

General Supervision:

Craigie Perkins

Local Publicity & Contacts:

Fred Field

P.O. Box 628, Rutland, Vt.

or 'phone 825 Days

" 383 M Evenings

Hiking Information & Schedule

Mary Perkins

Vera Perkins

Tents:

Harold Valiquette

Tenting Space, Fireplaces, Wood:

Craigie Perkins

Entertainment at Campfire:

Diana Conlin

Helen Field

Coffee Making & Serving:

Eleanor Walker

Ruth LaBrake

Maude Canty

Hikes:

1. Blue Ridge - C. Perkins
5 mi. round trip 3 hrs.
2. Tucker - G. Conlin
6 mi. R.T. - 3 hrs.
3. Pico Peak - R. Catozzi
5 mi. R.T. 4 hrs.

4. Killington Peak C. Scott
3 mi. R.T. B Trail 2½ hrs.

5. Noyes Pond can be planned
12 mi. - 6 hrs.

Hikes can also be taken to Long Trail Lodge and Nature Trails.

The camp site for this Intersectional get-together is ideally situated not far from the Long Trail in open meadows surrounded by forests of evergreens with many nice walks available through these woods. There are brooks and good spring water close by.

Killington Section will furnish coffee, camping space, guides and fire wood. There will be someone on hand to give out information on all hikes. Saturday night we plan to have a community campfire where we can swap Section news and sing a song or two. If you miss this why not gossip with us at coffee time Sunday at 2 P.M.

That's the dope on the Big Intersectional, now get the gang together and come up for some fun.

CAMP SAGAMON BOYS

Leon Smith and a group of his Camp Sagamon boys held a work party at Spring Lake a few weeks ago. They carried the remaining sections of what is to be the new G.M.C. Killington Section, Spring Lake Cabin up to the camp site.

The Club appreciates the work and says "Thanks very much."

It would be a nice idea if other boy's camps had generous offers of help along this line.

CANTY-FOSTMAN CAMP

On Saturday, July 23rd, about twenty-five lucky people enjoyed a grand afternoon and evening at Lake Bomoseen.

This camp offered everything anyone could wish for. If there is a nicer spot on the Lake we haven't seen it. There was swimming, boating, a rubber raft to float around on, a large porch, shady lawn, and of course Maude and Ruth working most successfully to make everyone happy.

Harold Valiquette was there with his motor-boat and obligingly ran excursions, giving everybody a good ride.

If you weren't around for this one you missed one of the best Outings of this, or any, season. Thanks Maude and Ruth.

WHITE ROCKS HIKE

by
Jim White

"It isn't as bad as it looks from here", according to Craigie Perkins, but no one cared to climb the cliffs at White Rocks when the GMC held an outing there Sunday, August 7th. The Club took a back road from which a short trail led to the west side of the rocks. The rocks had all the comforts of home, including air conditioning and ice-water. There Fred Field, who had hiked in from Little Rocky Pond with Bongo, joined the group. After a period of exploration, the meeting adjourned to Elfin Lake for a swim. Supper was cooked at the White Rocks Picnic area. A short hike followed so as to get a better view of the cliffs.

The hike was attended by Churchill Scott Sr. and Jr., Fred Field, Bob Rogers, Vera Perkins, Mary and Craigie Perkins, Thelma and Bob Perkins, and Jim White.

For a change, the fellows were in the majority.

COMING EVENTS

Date - Sunday, Sept. 11
Place- Mt. Carmel

This is always a good trip and should be especially interesting this year. The Trail Patrol of the Main Club has built a new Carmel Shelter this season, and this will be our first visit to it.

The road approach to Mt. Carmel is via the road to Mountain Top Tavern. Cars are left some distance beyond this point. The hike to the foot of the mountain is about 2 miles. Another 3/4 of a mile brings one to the top, where there is a fire tower and a good view.

Watch the Herald for details on starting time, or call Bill Allard.

WORCESTER SECTION NEWS

In a letter from Frances Green we learned that a group of six hikers from the Worcester Section climbed Pico over the Memorial Day week-end.

The trip was written up by James Marston, one of the group, and published in a Worcester paper with a good picture of Pico taken by Miss Green.

In his story of the trip, Marston told of the surprised look on the fire warden's face when he opened the door of his cabin and saw a hiker in shorts and thin shirt, for a snow storm was blowing on the peak and it was cold.

The next day the group hiked over five miles of the Long Trail from Wallingford north to Clarendon Gorge. They enjoyed the nearby views but the mountains were obscured by clouds. In a wooded section a doe was seen. At Clarendon Gorge they looked down at Mill river two hundred feet below, in a picturesque and beautiful setting.

TRAIL TRIP
by
Fred Field

For some time I have been very anxious to hike some of the Long Trail where I have never been before. Saturday, Aug. 6th the opportunity presented itself for an overnight to Little Rocky Pd. and White Rocks, so I started out. I took Pico Bongo, my Springer who is a section member with me.

Not being very experienced in knowing what to take I first followed Craigue Perkins' suggestions in "Smoke and Blazes" as to clothing for the summer trip. Then for food I wrote out what I would like to eat for each meal. Next, I crossed out half of it and changed a little. The final menus came to this:

Sat. Night: Fish, rice, corn
Kool-aid and fruit.
Sun. Morn: Orange & peach tea,
bread or toast, eggs.
Sun. Noon: Chicken leg, rice,
bread, Kool-aid,
fruit.
Sun. Night: Bread & jelly sand.
chicken leg, Kool-
aid or tea, fruit.

Because it was very hot weather, I found the Kool-aid more useful and light to carry. I froze the meat before leaving and put it in ice-cream bags to keep it as long as possible. Rice is light, but be sure to cook it long enough. (I made that mistake once.) I took peaches and oranges, but had to eat the peaches first - oranges last better. Two eggs, raw, out of the shell in an olive bottle, kept well too. I had salt, sugar, butter, rice, all in small bottles.

Other things I carried were a summer sleeping bag, change of clothes, bathing trunks, canvas water pail, cameras, and playing cards.

Going in to Little Rocky Pond from Danby road Saturday, P.M., I arrived just in time to have a swim and supper. As usual I had

plenty of company. Two boys were staying there for a two weeks vacation. They were from Philadelphia. A man and his wife were tenting near-by on their way south. In the shelter, beside Bongo and I, were Mr. & Mrs. Swehla from Turner's Falls, with their three daughters and another girl. The youngest daughter is seven. They had been on the Trail almost a week, going from Stratton Pond to the Long Trail Lodge. We kept company up to White Rocks where I left them to go down to the Picnic Area, and afterwards to meet the Section on its trip to the White Rocks ice caves.

The trip was really grand, the weather fine, but hot and except for the following incident all went well.

Because I was afraid the dog would go after a hedgehog at night I took him in my bunk with me. There was no nail where I could hitch him so I put his rope around my arm, thinking if he tried to go anywhere he would wake me and I could then stop him. In the middle of the night a porky commenced to chew on the back of the shelter. Of course I was sound asleep, but Bongo wanted to investigate, up he jumped, and up I jumped also! Well, it's all in a day's work.

WORK PARTY

On July 27th Jim White, Vera, Mary and Craigue Perkins covered a portion of the trail from the Governor Clement shelter north. A number of blow-downs were removed from the trail and the smaller growth was brushed out. All were back at the shelter for supper just before a thunderstorm broke. In spite of very hot weather a good day's work was done.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST 1949

Walter Churchill Scott Jr.
Phillis Swehla - Turner's Falls.

ASCUTNEY STATE FOREST PARK

If you want to climb a mountain in your car, take Ascutney mountain, elevation 3,144 feet. This mountain park can be reached from U.S. 5, four miles south of Windsor, Vermont.

At the park entrance, you stop at the caretaker's lodge, register and pay a 50¢ fee. Then you drive up the winding well paved mountain road for about four miles, park your car in the large parking area and proceed on foot to the summit. This is about a ten minute walk over a wide trail. Winding stone steps have been placed conveniently and artistically at several rises.

When you reach the summit you will want to climb the fire lookout tower from which you can see the meandering Connecticut river, mountains, hills and lakes of N.H. to the east, and Pico, Killington, Stratton, and Okemo to the west and south.

On your way down take the northerly trail to Brownsville Rock. You will get a grand view here of the main range of the Green Mountains and a patch work pattern of farm land, forests and villages which will fascinate you.

Perhaps you will wonder about the stone foundation of the remains of a building. Here is the story: In 1904 the Ascutney Mountain Association completed a stone house at this spot. On Labor Day of that year 500 people climbed the mountain to attend the dedication. Today, 45 years later, all that remains is a resemblance to a foundation.

Of course you have a picnic lunch in your car. Drive down to the picnic area where you will find complete facilities for a picnic; piped spring water, stone fireplaces, tables, and sanitary facilities.

Before you leave the park take a look at the camping area. You may want to come back some

day to pitch your tent. This area is located near the caretaker's lodge at the base of the mountain. It has available, spring water, tables, stone fireplaces, tent platforms and sanitary facilities including showers.

You will be impressed by the cleanliness and the attractiveness of Vermont's State Forests and State Parks. Visit them and become acquainted with the quiet, peaceful beauty of our State.

NEWS FROM N.Y. SECTION

In an interesting letter from the N.Y. Section we learned about a worth while activity they participate in. Through a committee in their club they take part in Conservation work.

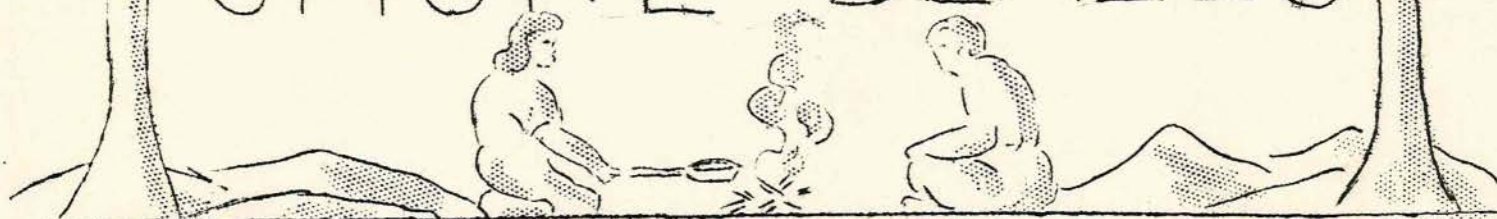
This committee is allowed a sum of money to spend for dues to large national organizations devoted to conservation. Magazines and booklets are received and studied by the committee and then taken to Thendara and kept on file. The committee includes a large percentage of older members who want to do club work but do not get out very often on hikes.

Helen Raymond, Conservation Chairman for the Section told of many interesting programs arranged by her committee. Walks are taken to observe experiments with stopping soil erosion. Dinner meetings are held and conservation films shown. A Saturday walk to a member's back yard beehives, with talks and explanations as to how bees help in conservation work made another informative trip.

All this gives us the idea that the Killington Section could do something similar (perhaps in a smaller way) that would be well worth while. How about it?

We wish to extend sympathy to Eleanor Walker for the loss of her mother on July 28th.

SMOKE AND BLAZES



Vol. 2 No. 9

Killington Section G.M.C.

Sept. 1949

1949 INTERSECTIONAL

by
Fred Field

The Long Trail News mentioned recently that little had been heard from the different sections. If the Sections attended more get-togethers like the recent Intersectional, they would get all the news. This was one of the most interesting features of the meet in my opinion and to many others, I know. At the Saturday night campfire someone representing each Section present gave the highlights of their club activities and what they knew of trail conditions. We all were very interested and wished there had been more than 4 Sections present.

Altogether about 35 took advantage of the excellent weather and hiking offered by our hard working committee at the Perkins' camp in Mendon Aug. 27-28. Some of us were fortunate to be able to go up for the night of the 26 and others were less fortunate to be able to stay through the thunder storms of the night of the 28th. Hikes had been planned for not only Blue Ridge, but also Tucker, Pico, Killington, Noyes Pond, and other woodland trails. We waited until we knew how many wanted to go here or there and then off we went. There were at least 2 trips up Blue Ridge, and one to Noyes Pond, also one to the beaver dams north on the Elbow Road. The weather was warm and sunny so the scenery was beautiful and picture taking was in order.

The Section committee took care to see that plenty of coffee was available to the other campers, also wood, tents and fireplaces. Since I was a camper in a tent I can vouch for the super job done. The camping site was perfect and although I did chop wood, I did not have to go far to get it. The camping site had been arranged and built by some Girl Scouts, so there was nothing lacking.

Speaking of our sleeping, whereas most of us were in tents, there are now two of our clan who know the trials and tribulations of the tropical hammocks. At least they know not to swing them over a stone wall.

The three Sections represented beside Killington, were Bennington, Worcester, and Brattleboro. The Saturday night campfire featured also community singing with delightful solos by Jim Greene of Worcester and Harold Valiquette of Rutland. We even had some square dancing on the green in front of the house, a good baseball game with Thelma Perkins as the only lady batter, and several of the more ambitious played horseshoes. Ted Goddard and John Paulson furnished tender, yellow corn for everybody at Sunday dinner.

There is no doubt that everyone had a good time. We wished that more of the Sections could have taken part - it is good for us to get acquainted and learn about other Section activities.

Thank you again to all of you who worked so to put this over. You did a great job.

FIRE!

Our good friend W. E. Bradder of the State Forestry Department tells us they have had two small but expensive fires on The Long Trail this year. They occurred in the towns of Bolton and Jay, high in the mountains at a considerable distance from water.

They were apparently caused by the failure of hikers to extinguish lunch fires. At Mr. Bradder's suggestion we have sent fire prevention posters to all the GMC Sections with the hope that they will be placed in all camps on the trail.

The Long Trail attracts people to the most inaccessible parts of Vermont's forests at the very time of year when danger from fire is at its worst. It is definitely the responsibility of the Green Mountain Club to make every effort to prevent damage to private and public lands through which the Trail passes. Our guide book contains adequate warning regarding the care of fire and this should be repeatedly brought to the attention of hikers through posters in camps and references in other literature.

In dry weather it is physically impossible to extinguish a fire in thick woods without water, no matter how good the intentions. Fires built in the fireplaces provided at shelters are reasonably safe. No other fires should be built along the Trail except beside springs or brooks where water is available. Such suitable places for fires should be selected and marked by the GMC and their locations noted in the guide book.

Of course everybody expects the Killington Section to show the way so-----let's go.

We have received a request from the Assist. Librarian of Dartmouth College Library for all the back numbers of "Smoke & Blazes". He would also like future numbers as issued. We shall endeavor to fill this request.

MOUNT CARMEL HIKE

by
Jim White

Practically the entire local population turned out to welcome Killington Section to New Boston on Sunday, September 11. The group, in town for their hike to Mount Carmel, numbered seventeen.

Leaving their cars in New Boston, the club hiked two miles through the woods to the new Mount Carmel Shelter. This shelter, billed by its promoters as accommodating "five men or six porcupines", was built by some hunters last spring from the remains of the old camp. Better get your reservations in early for it would be crowded with more than four people in it.

The hikers cooked lunch at the camp. About a mile of hiking led to the steel tower on the top of the mountain. Those who could be persuaded to leave the terra firma, enjoyed a fine view of Chittenden Pond and the mountains. Two and a half year old Jimmy Hayward ascended the tower in luxury via pack basket.

The group went back to the shelter, tested the famous GMC coffee, and returned to the cars, testing and collecting apples on the way. After a little sightseeing in New Boston, they drove back to Rutland.

COMING EVENTS

Date - Sept. 24 & 25

Place - Mt. Killington

This may be the last year you will be able to drive as close to Killington as 1½ miles from the top so take advantage of the opportunity. There will be no set time of departure from Rutland. Just make up a party with your friends to leave at your convenience.

Date - Oct. 8 Saturday

Place - Noyes Pond

New schedules will be mailed with the next "Smoke & Blazes."

THREE DAYS ON THE TRAIL

by
Fred Field

As an aftermath of the Intersectional, Bob Rogers and I decided to get on the Trail for 3 days over the Labor Day weekend. We pooled our food, but later found that we had brought too much. Bob thought it a good idea to plan the menus ahead as I had done once before, then get supplies accordingly. Well the menu was alright, but some things in the store looked pretty good, so we got extra.

Anyhow, after a big turkey dinner at Bob's Sunday noon, we started north from the Long Trail Lodge about 2:45 P.M. A stop at Tucker was made where we met two boys staying for the weekend. They had a lot of supplies and guns. I am not sure what they were hunting but later we heard them shooting, probably at targets.

Six-thirty saw us at Noyes Pond. There we met Miss Virginia G. Wilson, Jr., of Venice, Fla., who said that she had been alone on the Trail for 2 months. She had started at Journey's End camp and had come south through Bolton and then skipped down to the Killington Section. She had been up over Pico and Killington and as far north as Pleiad. Miss Wilson gave me a lot of comments on the conditions up north and in our section. She had interest enough to make a regular porky stick for each shelter she had visited and to so mark it. Also she gave us a nice red dust-pan to take over and install in the Carmel shelter.

Monday A.M. we left Noyes Pond about 10 A.M. It was sprinkling a little and later it poured. We kept right on going through rain and mud the whole seven miles to Carmel. It was a rugged trip and a wet one. That dry pile of wood at Carmel

shelter was the best sight I have seen in a long time. We changed to our dry clothes and got started drying out. Being nasty weather, we decided not to go further, but take it easy the next day and then to come down into Chittenden and home.

Anyone ever see Bob cook flapjacks? Well he volunteered to cook and I did not object since he had lugged the flour and syrup up there. They really were very tasty.

FINAL ADDITIONS TO THE 1949 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Mr. B.A. Adams
Dr. G.G. Marshall
Dr. & Mrs. Stewart Ross
Mrs. Cornelia Baker
Susan Baker
Anne Baker
Lucinda Baker
Robert Whitcomb
Mr. Ernest Wheeler
Mr. Birney Batchelder
Mr. & Mrs. R. G. Spaulding
Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Locke
Mr. W. S. Tuttle

We now have 60 adult members and 35 junior members in the Killington Section of GMC.

Mr. Danforth, member at large from Waterbury, Vt., camped on the old Elbow Road in Mendon and climbed Blue Ridge recently. He called to inquire when the Intersectional was to be. We were sorry to dissappoint him by telling him it was all over.

Too bad publicity on this annual affair failed to reach so many members who may have been interested in it.

Janet Perkins had a group of Scouts camping at the foot of Blue Ridge. They sent us a poem about it. We hope to use it next time.

"PORKY"

Somebody gives the warning in a stage whisper. There is a muffled riot as everybody tries to find his shoes in the dark and locate the "just right clubs carefully set by the door at bed-time. "All set?" The lights flash on and there is a confused rushing around with "He's over here." "Don't let him get up that tree." "Why didn't you hit him?" Whack, whack. "Did you get him?" "Nope, he got into that brush." Another one gets away.

Ten minutes later after the army demobilizes he'll be back chawing at the door sill and conversing in grunts and whimpers with his six cousins who are working over the tin can dump.

Almost every GMC camp shows the effects of the nightly visits of Porky. The table tops have scalloped edges and are worn thin in spots where Porky has discovered a salty flavor from some food spilled years ago. Scattered quills make it inadvisable to walk around barefooted.

The woods are literally full of Porkies. It is easy to find trees that have been girdled and killed or the tops eaten away. The state of Vermont pays forty cents not for a pair of Porky ears because of the damage done to timber and farm buildings but this has little effect on the number of Porkies or the amount of damage.

Porky lives on bark and twigs and seems to eat day and night for twelve months of the year. If he finds a tree he likes he may spend several days in it. In the coldest weather he may stay in a den under a rock for a day or two, but he can be found climbing to a tree branch in temperatures below zero. He's a tough character.

Occasionally a fox or a bob cat will take a chance and attack a Porky. In such case he will tuck his head under a log or between his paws, plant his feet

firmly, arch his back and present nothing more vulnerable than a mass of three inch barbed spikes. If danger comes too near he will swing around his heavy armed tail and drive quills into his opponent.

The young are born in the early spring, (often only one) complete with teeth and quills. A new born Porky weighs more than a new born bear. In two days he eats solid food and in a week is entirely independent.

Near camps Porkies should certainly be killed and properly disposed of. Along the trail, suit yourself. It is a novelty to meet an animal apparently more stupid than a human being.

No, he can't throw his quills.

Yes, he is good to eat.

Blueprint furnished on request.

RUMMAGE SALE COMING SOON

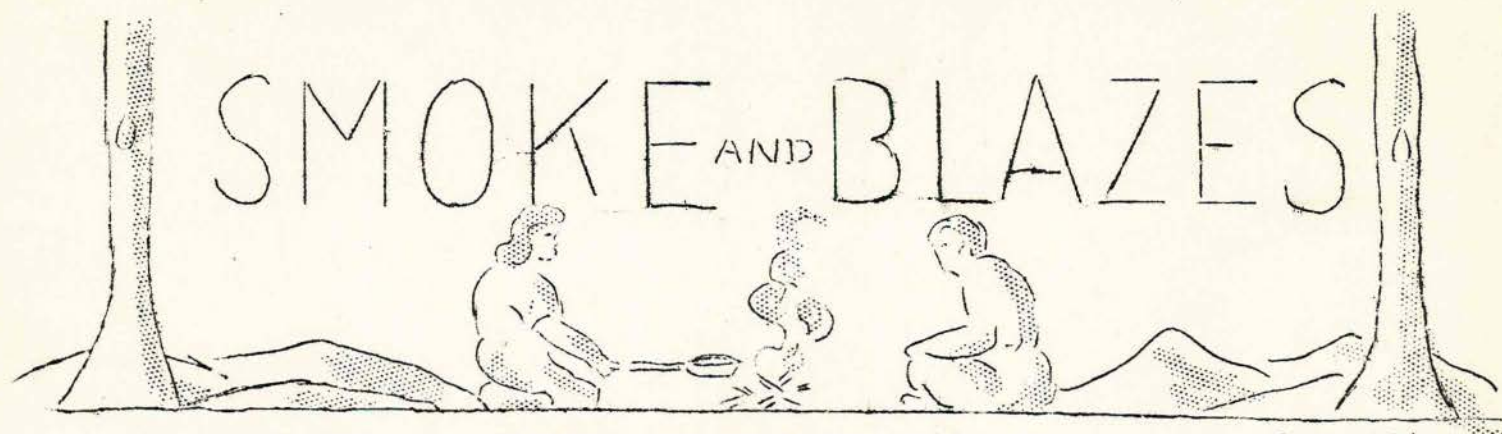
The last of October will be Rummage Sale time again. We want it to be bigger and better than ever this year, so start collecting.

Clothing is always good and we are apt to be short of sizes from 38 up. Children's clothing goes like "hot cakes", even with missing buttons and small repairs needed. Toys and children's books are good sellers too.

Dishes and articles for "dressing-up" the house are always in demand. This year we plan to have a novelty table. As one item for this we are preparing small pictures. This can be quite simply done by selecting an attractive print, mounting it under glass and binding it with passe-partout tape. If you have pictures you would like to prepare in this way they would be very welcome. Perhaps you can think of ideas for other novelties.

Let's build up a reputation for offering the best there is in Rummage Sales. It's good business for the GMC treasury!

The exact date of the Sale and details of arrangements will be given in the October issue.



Vol. 2 No. 10 Killington Section G.M.C. Oct. 1949

RUMMAGE SALE - NOV. 5

Saturday, Nov. 5th is the day of the big SALE! What Sale? The GMC Rummage Sale, of course.

Let's get busy and hunt out all those things we've been saving for it. Remember that beside clothing (children's clothing goes especially well), household utensils and decorative nic-nacs are good sellers.

We'd like all the material at THE NEIGHBORHOOD ROOMS, FRIDAY? NOV. 4th, so it can be priced and all arranged when the doors open for selling at 9 A.M. Saturday.

If you have material but can't get it to us, call Craigue Perkins' house, 907-M, before Friday and we'll arrange to collect it.

We need a lot of material to make the Sale the success it has been in the past. GMC can well use the money we earn.

All together now, LET'S GO.

Frances Green of the Worcester Section sent us three very good pictures taken at the Intersectional for the Section's collection.

Next time you visit the Perkins' Camp in Mendon, read the poem reporting their camping trip there, sent in by a group of Girl Scouts from Camp Wynona.

MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS

Gretta Rowe
Carol Hayward
James Hayward

NEW SCHEDULES OUT

New Schedule cards were enclosed with your copy of 'Smoke and Blazes' this month.

Why not take time to amrk on your calendar the dates on which activities are schedules. By doing this you may be able to plan so that you can participate more often.

It's standard procedure for each person to provide for his own lunch and necessary utensils. GMC provides coffee.

In case you don't find the details of starting time, etc., in the Herald before a hike, call Outing Ch. Billy Allard.

Anyone is welcome to attend any Outing, so come and bring your friends. The more people who come, the better time we'll all have. You never know what you may be missing, so plan to be on hand as often as possible.

NOYES POND

No one showed up for this one, probably due to a mistake in starting time given (no fault of Ch. Billy Allard). Everyone thought we didn't mean it - which we didn't.

DANBY TO WEST WARDSBORO VIA
THE LONG TRAIL
by
Thelma Perkins

The two of us, after much preparation and discussion as to what packs and equipment to take, finally got off to an early start on The Long Trail at the Black Branch Road near Danby and headed South. Roaring Brook was certainly living up to its name due to the rain the night before. Upon our arrival at the designated place of crossing we had to take off our shoes and stockings and ford the stream.

This is a lovely section of the trail to cover. The trail follows an old logging road along the brook for about six miles; nearly to Griffith Lake. The slope is so gradual that we didn't even realize that we were climbing. It is a good place to start a hike, I think, because it takes one a while to get used to his pack.

Griffith Lake was a delightful spot. We immediately took advantage of the Lake and had a swim before going on to the shelter. Not long after we made the shelter four Boy Scouts from Chester arrived for the night. There was plenty of room for us all.

In the morning we got off to a very early start. It was cloudy on both Peru and Styles Peak so we were deprived of seeing the nice view. We were glad we were hiking from the north when we met five heavily burdened campers struggling up the steep southern side of the mountain. They had started from the Mass. state line and were bound for Sherburne Pass.

It was early when we arrived at Mad Tom Shelter so we decided to go on to Bromley Lodge. Bromley Mountain was another disappointment for us. The ladder which is mentioned in the Guidebook is a thing of the past. We did get a view, however, where

The Long Trail follows the ski trail, but it was cloudy.

We were two tired hikers when we arrived at Bromley Lodge. Two girls from New York were already there. They had the fire going and some good wood in. It rained not long after we arrived. Later in the evening a man and his wife from Philadelphia came in, and also two fellows who hiked over from Stratton Pond. We really had a camp full.

We started out for Swezey Camp the next day. This section of the trail was recently relocated. It was well marked but not very well worn. We hiked by blazes most of the way to Swezey. In a few spots the trail was originally painted blue and later repainted white. It rained again, but only a shower, and we dried out at Swezey.

At Swezey there are some Logging camp buildings as well as the old trail camp. The GMC has adopted the best of the logging buildings so there are two useable camps at this spot. We stayed in the old Swezey Shelter that night. It is the first time I had ever slept on hay. It is much more comfortable than cactus fibre, But I guess it won't last as long.

The trail wasn't very well brushed just south of Swezey. We had some difficulty in finding where the trail crossed the brook in one or two places. Different crossings suit different people, I guess.

The Worcester Section did a good job on the trail leading to Stratton Pond. It had just been brushed. We saw a deer on the trail here. She just stood and looked at us a while, then turned and jumped into the bushes. We got in to Stratton early. There are two open shelters as well as the closed lodge at the pond. We picked one of them. Again we took advantage of a beautiful pond and went swimming, altho it was rather cold. We found a raft

which we enjoyed paddling around the pond.

The next morning we hiked the three miles out to the West Wardsboro road. It might as well have been to no-where, it was such a deserted road. We planned to call at the first house. Just a warning: the first phone is at least eight miles away.

All in all we thought it was a beautiful section of the trail, and fairly easy to hike.

KILLINGTON TRIP

Fourteen lucky people took advantage of the GMC hike to Killington on the week-end of Sept. 24, 25, and 26th. Some stayed over Saturday night, some Sunday night, and some came just for the day Sunday. All had fun.

Saturday morning it poured and a good supply of dry wood was hoped for but not expected. Nevertheless, believe it or not, the Camp was found spic and span with plenty of dry wood and kindling. In no time at all we had fried our sox and roasted our trousers.

Soon another party arrived to be wrung out and hung to dry.

Sunday morning there was a hard frost. The trees stayed white till nearly 10 AM and the rocks on the peak were quite slippery with a film of ice.

Toward noon the rest of the gang began to arrive. The boys replaced two broken window lights making the camp winter tight, we hope.

After dinner a trip was made to the top of the mountain for a look around. Hazy around the edges, but we could see from Mt. Monadnock, N.H. to Camel's Hump and from the White Mountains to the Adirondaks.

Soon the come-and-go-ers had to get going and the stay-over-ers cooked supper. After that there began a bruising card game known as "Have you got ninety?"

Early the next morning bacon and eggs took our attention. Then

a few camp improvements were made and the wood supply was replenished. Late in the afternoon the party returned to Rutland.

Next year don't miss it.

SPRING LAKE CAMP

On Oct. 1st, Harold Valiquette, Art Westcott and Craig Perkins put in a day at Spring Lake. When they finally headed for home, the new camp boasted four walls and a ridge pole. The sections fitted together just the way Harold said they would. Of course there is a bit of patching and piecing to do here and there but all hands are greatly encouraged.

There will be another work party Sunday, Oct. 23rd. Come on up and make with the hammer and saw.

COMING EVENT

Date - Sunday Oct. 30th
Place - Mooselamoo

Many of you will remember this as a grand fall hike.

The first part of the hike is via an old road through the woods. There are plenty of fine places for cooking dinner along the stream.

It's a fairly stiff climb to the top, but the woods are a pleasant place to spend the afternoon, so if you don't care to make the top - well, that's up to you.

GMC SLIDES

Fred Field, Harold Valiquette and Craig Perkins took a trip to Burlington to show the GMC slide collection to the Outing Club of the University of Vermont. The members of the club enjoyed the slides and the talk and our Killington men enjoyed meeting this splendid group of mountain enthusiasts.

When these young men and women graduate from college, we would like to see them go on with their mountain interests in the GMC.

Bob Perkins, a Killington Sec. mem., is Pres. of the Outing Club.

THE BEAVER

Nearly everyone who has examined a beaver dam rates the beaver as our most intelligent wild animal. He not only is a skillful workman but he readily adapts his structures to fit the particular requirements of the place he chooses to live.

He has one serious fault, almost fatal, a most valuable fur. For two hundred years beaver skins were used as currency on the American frontier, and the beaver population was reduced to a low figure. Then styles changed and now he is coming back in most of the forested parts of the country.

The beaver is a large animal weighing up to fifty pounds. He has webbed hind feet, front feet that can be used as hands, and a broad flat tail used in swimming. His fur is dark brown.

He builds dams for two important reasons. In the first place he is an expert swimmer and can travel many yards under water or under ice to escape his enemies, so he builds a dam to form a pond in which he builds a brush lodge. If the lodge is attacked, the beaver can escape under water to a safe place.

In the second place the pond formed by the dam is used to store the large quantity of twigs and small logs on which the colony lives during the long winter months.

In building a dam, the beaver gnaws at the bases of trees until they fall. They are then gnawed into short lengths and dragged to the site of the dam where they are laid parallel to the stream flow and anchored with mud. Many layers of stones, wood and sticks are built up in this way to a height of two to six feet with a thickness of ten feet at the bottom and a length of several hundred feet in some cases.

In the pond thus formed a conical house is constructed of the same materials with an un-

der water entrance and a living chamber at the top above the water line. The walls are so thick that this house remains warm in the coldest weather.

The chief food of the beaver is the bark and twigs of poplar, willow and birch. In the fall a great supply of this material is gathered and stored at the bottom of the pond near the lodge. It is held under water by a layer of mud until it becomes water logged.

In addition to building the dam and lodge, sometimes other dams are built below the main dam to relieve some of the pressure on it. Western beavers also dig canals leading from the pond back into the woods to clumps of trees to be felled for food. It is much easier for the beaver to swim, towing the short logs than to drag them cross country.

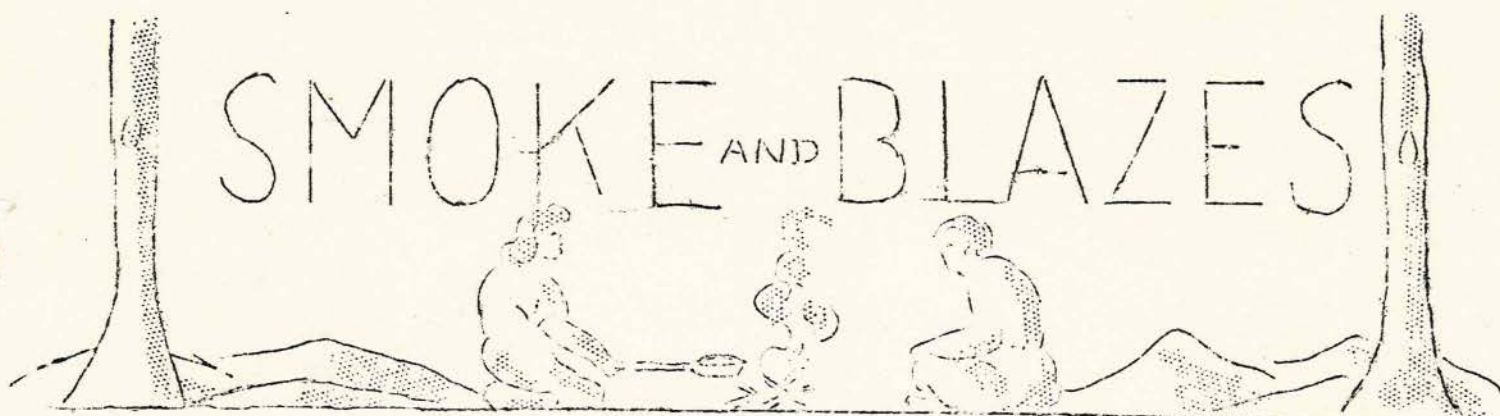
A colony consists of the two adults, four or five one year old immature young and four or five of the latest litter which are born in May. The following May the oldest group leave the home pond and start new colonies. At this rate the beaver population about doubles every year in suitable country where there is protection.

Eventually their dams flood roads and fields and they become so destructive to valuable timber that trapping has to be permitted.

Beavers are still protected in Vermont. There are several dams near Rutland where these interesting animals may sometimes be seen just before dark.

We were sorry to hear that Chairman of Hikes, Bill Allard, has been sick a short time with pneumonia.

Do you remember Bongo? He has gone to live in New Jersey. Bongo was quite a hiker!



Vol.2 No.II

Killington Section G.M.C.

Nov. 1949

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

We have many good GMC members who seldom join with us in the activities of the section. We appreciate and value these supporting memberships. We wish, however, that more of these people might be active members, so that we could have a chance to know them better. It is through getting together on Work Parties, Hikes, and other Cutings, that members really have a chance to exchange ideas, become better acquainted and get more enjoyment from fellow membership.

We have felt for some time that perhaps we were at fault in not offering enough variety in our activities to interest a larger percentage of our total membership. Besides the hikes and work parties, there have been customarily only a few get-togethers during each year. The suggestion has been made that we might add some funds to our treasury and also provide an additional opportunity for a pleasant evening for Club members and their friends by sponsoring a card party.

Mary Jennings and Thelma Valiquette have been appointed Co-Chairman to plan such an event.

Watch for the details of this party in our next issue and try and arrange to be with us.

Let's make it a real get-together!

PROGRESS AT SPRING LAKE

Our new camp at Spring Lake is beginning to take on the shape of a building. It has, at present, four walls, ridge pole, one plate and one rafter in place. Stones have been put in under the posts and the building has been levelled.

The last work party was held on a cold, windy Sunday, October 23rd. The men of the party, Harold Valiquette, Michael Jennings and Craigie Perkins were met at the camp by Eleanor Walker, Pearl Nichols and Vera Perkins. The girls had hiked in over the trail from the gorge and reached camp in time to cook dinner for the men.

Harold improvised a table and dinner was served inside the roofless camp.

After dinner Churchill Scott, "Scottie" and Dana Bell showed up.

While the men were busy with the heavier work, the girls carried boards out of the woods and piled them neatly near the camp. They also scraped bark from the logs.

Progress is being made slowly but surely.

Ray Catozzi and Churchill Scott spent a day recently clearing the trail. They started at the lower Cold River Road and did a thorough job working north.

OVER \$100 EARNED BY
RUMMAGE SALE

Our third annual Rummage Sale turned out to be the most profitable one yet. The net proceeds are \$ 101.88. This successful outcome would not have been possible without fine co-operation.

The committee wishes to thank all the people who helped by contributing articles to be sold. A special "thank you" goes to Fred Field, who contributed space in the "Herald" and radio time for advertising, and to the following people who worked at the sale; Lorraine Gorski, Mary Jennings, Thelma Valiquette, Eleanor Walker, Helen and Fred Field.

DATE * Dec. 11 - Saturday
PLACE - Beechwood
SPECIAL ATTRACTION - Covered Dish Supper

It's almost time again for the Killington Section's big eating activity. For the benefit of new members who may not know what it is all about, here, briefly, is the general idea.

Each one comes bringing something for the supper, plus his own plate, cup, fork and spoon. Supper is served buffet style, so there is a chance to sample everything. We have found from past experience that there are some good cooks in GMC.

In order to make things come out right for the supper, you should call Vera Perkins - 1910 - if you are coming, and get your assignment of what type of food to bring.

The camp will be open from 2 o'clock on, so come early and have a good afternoon outdoors to work up an appetite for supper - you'll need it!

In the evening we hope to have some of the pictures taken during the year to show you. If you have any interesting ones bring them along.

Don't forget to call 1910 for this one.

OUR TRIP TO MOOSELAMOO
By Shirley Morris

Three cheers for the women club members. Yes, sir! Eleven turned out for a swell hike to Mooselamoo. Rain was forecasted for the day, but our spirits were lightened when a few rays of sunshine cracked through the trees.

There were five ambitious gals who hiked the stiff climb to the top, while others found interesting side trails. Killington was just barely visible and we couldn't see Pico at all. It was surprising to notice how much higher Silver Lake was than Dunmore.

We cooked our lunch in a cozy spot by the side of a stream. Vera and Eleanor did a fine job with the fire, seeing we were minus our men hikers who usually have that job.

We were glad to have Dart Noyes and Raic Hood from New Hampshire with us. Hope they will join us again soon.

TRAIL WORK PARTY

On Nov. 14th Richard and Ray Catozzi, Churchill Scott and Craigie Perkins finished working trail between the Lower and Upper Roads in Shrewsbury. "I don't remember any wet spots on that piece of trail," said Craigie. He does now! -Yup. He fell in Cold River all over.

EQUINOX HIKE

On Sat. Nov. 12th five courageous members of the Killington Section tackled Mt. Equinox. Of course we knew we couldn't reach the top before dark so we planned to eat supper near the big spring.

About dark a blazing fire was started by firemen Lindell and Allard. The water was soon boiling and Gretta Rowe proceeded to make the coffee by secret formula. It was good, honest!

At 5:30 PM the party started down the trail for home led by "Bloodhound Bill" Allard. No flashlights were needed. The coffee was still radio active and gave off a steady glow lighting the way.

2

A FALL CAMPING TRIP

By Mary Jennings

After several interruptions to prevent us from starting, we, Mary and Vera Perkins, Thelma Valiquette and myself, Mary Jennings, finally piled into Mary's car and were on our way. We started our three day camping trip the 17th of October. Our destination was Burke Mt. in the Darling State Forest Park, West Burke, Vt.

We were disappointed in not being able to go while the foliage was at its best. However, it was still beautiful, only the colors had changed to various greens, yellows and rustic browns. The sumac stood out prominently with its spikes of red.

Our trip took us over Sherburne Pass and on to White River Junction and then we followed the Connecticut River. We stopped at Wells River for dinner and then continued to West Burke where we found the Darling State Forest Park. A very good road leads to the top of the mountain which is about 3,500 feet high. In the Park we found camp grounds, picnic areas and good foot trails with lookouts commanding noteworthy views.

It was such a clear day that first we drove to the top for a view. It was truly beautiful looking off into the valley and the ranges and ranges of mountains. Then we went half way down the mountain to the camp site and picnic area where we found a huge pavilion with a large fireplace at one end. As no one else happened to be camping, we decided to set up our housekeeping there. We put up our tents just outside the shelter. We found an ample supply of wood, thanks to the caretaker, Mr. Austin. He and his wife were so hospitable and made us so welcome! We also had plenty of water as it had not been shut off. Of course we had our sleeping bags and plenty of warm clothing for all kinds of weather.

Community cooking was in order and did we do justice to our meals!

Craigie loaned us his gasoline lantern which gave us a wonderfully bright light and with the fireplace going, it was cozy and warm. We played Canasta till late, drank our hot cocoa and crept into our beds. Everyone slept fine and the only thing that disturbed us was a chipmunk.

I woke up early so got up and built a roaring fire and put on the coffee pot. The aroma of that soon got the other girls up.

After breakfast we drove to the top of the mountain, hiked around on the trails, enjoyed the view and took short naps in the sun.

At noon we had a picnic lunch outside the pavilion and rested again. But as the day was ending, we had an urge to go back to the top for another look, so this time we hiked up and watched the sun set. We were well rewarded as the colors were grand. Lake Willoughby was a picture between Mt. Pisgah and Mt. Hor.

Next morning we broke camp much to our sorrow.

We decided to come home by way of Groton State Park. This too, is a lovely spot with all its little lakes.

We stopped in Barre for a late dinner and then journeyed on toward home. At about 6:30 a tired but happy foursome reached Rutland.

Date - Nov. 27th - Sunday
Place - Tucker Lodge

This is a familiar hike to many of us and a favorite. It is a short walk of three fourths of a mile over the trail to one of our best closed lodges.

The schedule says "steak supper," so bring along something to cook. There is a good stove inside the lodge.

Watch the "Herald" for further notice of time and place of meeting. A big crowd usually turns out for this one. The older members, the younger members and the in-betweeners should make this hike.

DEER

If you are walking through the woods and hear a twig snap, look quickly and you may see the flash of a white flag bobbing out of sight in the brush.

During the daytime your deer usually keep to the thick cover of swamps and spruces coming out at night to browse in the open woods or along a stream or lake.

Alert, swift of foot, intelligent, and adaptable, deer are holding their own in all forested parts of northeastern America. They were essential to the existence of the early settlers, supplying food and clothing. They are now our most important big game animal.

Deer are generally seen in groups of three or four. The mating season is in October and the young are born in May. The fawn is "fawn" colored with white spots, quite different from the rusty red of the adult which turns to a greyish brown in winter.

The number of "points" on the buck's horns do not indicate his age. The horns grow during the summer being covered with skin called "velvet". In September this skin dies and is rubbed off. By the following February the antlers die and are shed. Then the process is repeated.

Deer browse rather than graze. Among their preferred foods are blackberry, raspberry, and blueberry bushes; hobblebush, choke cherry, maple, elderberry, poplar, beech, birch, water plants, ferns, mosses, as well as beech-nuts, acorns, and wild apples. They will also nibble at all the evergreens except perhaps spruce.

If too many deer attempt to find a living in an area the small branches will be nipped from the trees to a height of five feet and most small shrubs will be eaten to the ground. A careful inspection will indicate whether the range is over-crowded or not. If so the animals will be weakened and many will die from

disease, starvation, or predators during the winter. Many times deer in an overcrowded area will not migrate to a nearby area with abundant food. When the snow is deep several deer will gather in a swamp and form a "yard" consisting of a network of paths along which they may find enough food to carry them through until spring.

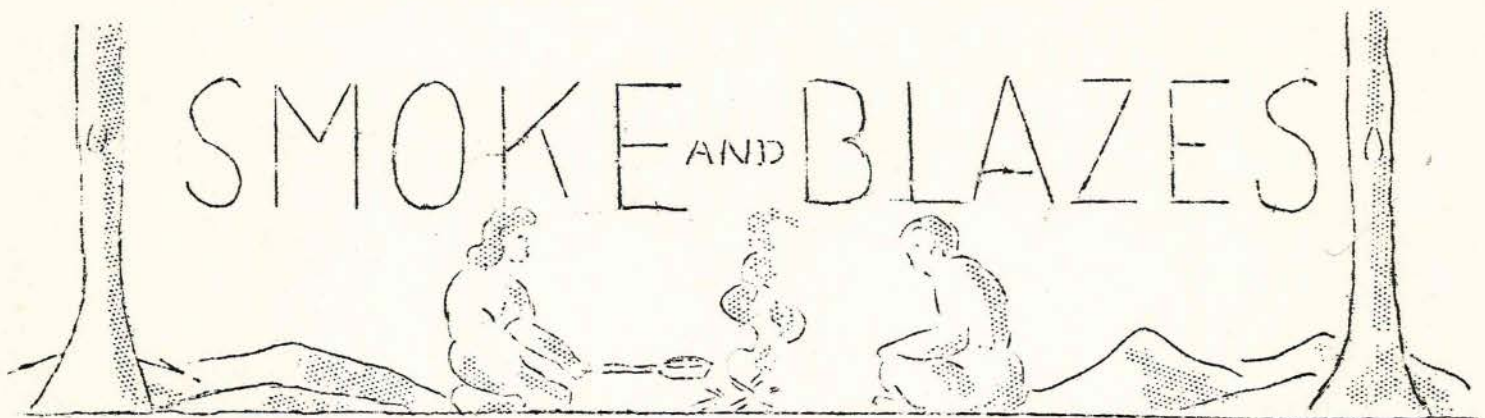
When deer become too numerous they are destructive to forest growth, orchards, and farm crops and must be controlled by more extensive hunting. Bobcats occasionally kill fawns, hunters harvest considerably less than the annual increase, while disease, parasites, and starvation tend to keep the population in balance.

CAMP KEEPING

If our Shelters Chairman ever gets around to it he intends to post in each camp suggestions to the hiker on the proper care of the building. We also hope to supply most shelters with a water pail, a garbage pail, a dishpan, a broom, and a dust pan. These items should last about three years and are not too expensive if they encourage people to keep the camps clean.

Let's see now, what will we put on that suggestion list? Burn all burnable rubbish. Burn out all cans and squash flat. Put them in the can dump. Leave no food in camp unless it is in metal or glass containers. Pancake flour and odds and ends of food aren't worth saving and may result in a messy camp. Date any perishable food left. Leave all pails and pans clean and bottom side up. Wash off tables and shelves. Leave a neat pile of dry wood and tinder for starting a fire. Build no bonfires. Leave no unsightly rubbish near the camp.

Do this, don't do that, do this, don't do that! Will they ever learn!



Vol. 2 No. 12

Killington Section G. M. C.

Dec. 1949

EXTRA ! EXTRA! EXTRA !

CARD PARTY !

Mary Jennings and Thelma Valiquette, Co-chairmen of the Card Party have announced their plans. Here they are:

To raise money for the GMC Killington Section a card party will be held Tuesday evening Jan. 10th at 8 PM at the home of Vera Perkins, 242 South Main St., Rutland.

The cost will be 50 cents per person. Refreshments will be served. There will be a prize for each table and also a door prize. There will also be an opportunity for a few square dances at the end of the evening.

The committee plans to contact about 25 members to ask them to take charge of tables.

If you are not called to take charge of a table, and wish to do so, call either Mary Jennings or Thelma Valiquette. Also if you want a place at a table call the committee.

Any game may be played. The type being arranged for by the head of each table.

The tables may be filled by members or non-members, adults or children.

With co-operation this event can be another big success financially and socially.

The date is Tuesday Jan. 10th. The place, 242 South Main Street.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President Field has appointed the following to serve on the nominating committee to present a slate of officers to be voted on at the annual meeting in Jan. : Churchill Scott, chairman, and Maude Canty.

If members have any helpful suggestions to offer, the committee will be glad to receive them.

WINTER HIKING

Soon our woods and trails will be carpeted with snow soft as velvet. The trees will take on the appearance of sculptured statues and the sky will be a deep cloudless blue. There will be a hushed stillness in the woods and the sun will shine through the evergreens leaving a pattern not unlike stained glass windows of a beautiful cathedral.

That will be the time for all lovers of beauty to leave their fire-side chairs and take a winter hike.

When the winter schedule comes out mark your calendar on the dates of coming hikes that you don't want to miss.

Just an idea : Club memberships for your friends would make ideal Christmas gifts.

IT WAS QUIET IN THE WOODS

by

Thelma Valiquette

Sunday afternoon, Nov. 27th, it was quiet in the woods. Snow was falling softly. Here and there deer and rabbit tracks crossed our trail as seven of us wound our way into Tucker Lodge for our steak supper. The crowd was small but the time was large. First to arrive were Vera, Mary and Craigue Perkins so when Harold and I arrived the camp was nice and cozy. Last but not least, came Diane and George Conlin.

We all had steak - some of it turned out to be hamburger steak - and the aroma was something out of this world, and everyone lapped their plates clean.

We had a very enjoyable evening sitting around the fire and just chatting. About 8 o'clock we started for home. The tree-tops were swaying in a gentle breeze and with our lantern and flashlights we looked like a small village from the distance.

FOOD AND FUN

At the Beechwood party Sat. Dec. 10th, 35 hungry hikers walked around the heavily laden dining room table and served themselves with helpings of delicious food. There was plenty of everything and seconds of some.

Earlier in the afternoon small groups walked out in the woods to work up an appetite for the feast of the evening.

The Scavenger Hunt was won by the team of boys consisting of Pete Spaulding, Pete Perkins and Bill Allard. The prize was a box of chocolates.

Mr. Leone Smith showed some interesting Kodachrome slides and Churchill Scott showed a few reels of movies taken on the Long Trail.

Hats off to the dish washing brigade! The kitchen was in order in no time.

SAFETY ON THE TRAIL

Hiking is certainly not a hazardous pastime but there are some elements of danger that we may not recognize.

In the first place we are walking on rough trails, cooking over open fires, and using axes and other tools with which we may not be too expert. These all lead to unfamiliar situations requiring extra precautions and alertness.

Then too we may find ourselves injured several miles from the nearest road. A wrenched knee or deep cut is bad enough at home, but if it should happen way up back of Nowhere, it would develop into a pretty painful experience. Another reason for being extra cautious.

Now there are some things we just don't do at all. There is no approved method of kicking a porcupine out of an open shelter while barefoot. Also, people who chop wood in a tangle of overhanging branches are very poor insurance risks.

Then there are some things we know to be more or less dangerous but by using care and judgement we hope to avoid accident. We can carry a pack along the edge of Clarendon Gorge or climb the tower at Mt. Carmel with safety if we go slowly and keep our minds on what we are doing.

Perhaps the most likely sources of trouble are the little things like slippery logs on the trail or hot frying pan handles. They get in their dirty work before we have time to think, assuming that we intend to think at all. The victim always says, "I didn't think."

Diane and George Conlin have moved into their new home on North St. Extension.

Edith Ewald missed the Castle-ton bus by seconds so couldn't come to our Beechwood Party.

BROMLEY and SO FORTH

by
Lucy Bishop

Have you been wondering about the condition of Bromley Shelter, members of GMC? If the observations made by us seasoned hikers, namely, Joy Wingett, (whom you will all recall is a former GMC member), Martha Walsh and Betty O'Hara of Boston, Alice Rowe of Manchester, Vt., and I, can be considered reliable, I would say it is probably in very good condition. Honesty compels me to insert that word "probably" because privately I wonder whether any shelter could be in as good condition as Bromley seemed to be about 4:30 on the afternoon of November 11th. I have a sneaking suspicion that relief (with a capital R) at not having to spend a rainy night outside may have caused us to view that rough log structure through the well-known rose colored glasses. Furthermore it is also possible that we continued to wear them when we hobbled over its well-worn threshold. I am sure of only one thing - by the time we reached the shelter we were so cold, damp, hungry, and weary, that its cold, black fireplace, flanked by a huge pile of dry wood and a stove, looked exactly like an automatic oil burner, while three musty, hard bunks, in layers, closely resembled three soft inner-spring mattresses!

We had planned to spend Friday night at a hunting camp above Manchester; Saturday afternoon scaling Equinox with the GMC; Saturday night in a shelter; and Sunday morning hiking again. Alas! "The best laid plans of mice and men" - and WOMEN!

Shortly after the gang from Boston arrived in Manchester, we drove up to investigate the hunting camp and decided it was just what we wanted. Of course a key was necessary in order to move

in and take over, so we set about securing one. The joke was on us. Would you believe it, with three keys to that lodge on the loose, we couldn't corral even one! The "key" man in each case was either out of town or just plain out! Since daylight was rapidly reaching its deadline, we felt that we had better hunt around for the Bromley shelter. Alice knew where to find the trail so after parking the car we appointed her leader-in-chief. We plodded up the trail after her, single file, wet leaves and mud providing interesting side trips at regular intervals. Along about the sixty-fourth side trip we began to feel a little skeptical. Not that we didn't trust Alice, you understand, we knew she'd find it eventually. We were just thinking of the careful of luggage we had to transport by hand over this same trail.

Our leader didn't let us down - she found the "gold in them thar hills" - a cabin with walls and a roof! A fireplace! Bunks! We made a hasty survey of what heaven had sent us and slipped back down to the car. You know one slips down much more quickly than one slips up! The reason is that you don't lose ground - every movement is ahead-way ahead!

We proceeded to transfer one sleeping bag and a small case per person, plus groceries for six from the car to our willing(?) shoulders as rapidly as possible. By this time it was really dark, so we made our second ascent by lantern light. Strictly speaking, the lead and the rear gals made it by lantern light, while us four in the middle made it by guess.

We soon discovered we hadn't seen nuthin' yet! Skating around on mud and wet leaves with both arms free, bears no resemblance to the same routine with a sleeping bag, case, and an armful of groceries for accessories. After countless rest periods and stops to shift from left to right, or

from shoulder to underarm, we hadn't covered so much as half the distance. We held a council and revamped our plan of action with the result that about half the load was left on the trail to be picked up on the third trip.

Betty and I remained at the shelter to keep the fires roaring and cook our belated dinner by the light of one lantern, while the rest trod the now well-beaten path with the other to "git the rest of our goods." We hope everyone realizes what self-control we two exercised during this chapter in our saga. The transport committee didn't return for hours (we insist it was hours), but we ate nothing but a measly little handful of potato chips - what with hamburgers and such ready and within easy reach!

After eating dinner and clearing away, we had a grand evening around the fire, and curled up in our sleeping bags reasonably early. Aside from the fact that the fire went out leaving us practically frozen, Friday night was uneventful.

Saturday morning after the fires had brought the temperature up to a sweltering 52° and we had tucked away a quantity of bacon and eggs, we explored the grounds. I must say things look far different by daylight than they do by the light of the lantern!

We presently packed up our belongings, tidied up the shelter, replenished the wood supply, and concentrated on our pack-train stunt once more. Having learned by experience, we took only half our luggage this time. The trip down proved interesting. Why shouldn't it? It was a new trail to us since we hadn't seen a thing the night before. To heighten the interest a surprise awaited us! We were about half way down "when what to our wondering eyes should appear" - not St. Nick - but four big strong he-men from Brooklyn, heading for the shelter! What's more they

had planned to spend the night before there, but couldn't find the trail! Who dares deny we were born under a lucky star?

They very thoughtfully helped us carry the rest of our equipment down to the car, for which we were profoundly grateful. But why, oh why, did we have to drag all that wood around before we took the first load down? After all four husky men would surely have said, "Don't bother!"

From that point on we were completely demoralized and went civilized. We, hikers of the first order, after five trips up and down the Bromley trail, actually ate our lunch in a Manchester restaurant on Saturday and didn't feel even a twinge of guilt! What's more we ascended Equinox in a car by way of the Skyline Drive instead of hiking on our own two feet, and still conscience did not even whisper. To climax our downfall we finally snagged a key to the hunting lodge and drove right up to the front porch!

We unloaded the car with a minimum of effort, real lamps gave us plenty of light, Betty and I didn't have to exercise our iron control because everyone was present and dinner was on time. A good state indeed, so that we could enjoy our evening to comfortable warmth! All this - and yet - shall I tell you a secret? We really didn't have as much fun on Saturday night as we did on Friday! Bromley shelter must have been all we thought it was!

We couldn't think of any new and fancy way to say it but we really mean it --

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Vol. 3 No. 1

Killington Section G. M. C.

Jan 1950

NOTICE

We regret that at this time no date can be given for the Annual Meeting. President Fred Field reports that it will be held some time this month. Cards announcing the date and place of the meeting will be mailed to members as soon as possible.

REPORT OF SMOKE & BLAZES

A report of Smoke and Blazes is being given at this time so that members may have the opportunity to think about the question of whether or not they want this publication continued. Come prepared to vote on it at the annual meeting.

The total cost for 12 issues of Smoke and Blazes for the year 1949 came to \$42.98

To save expense only one copy is mailed to a family address although more than one member of the family may be a Killington Section member.

The object of the paper is to keep members interested in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club by reporting activities of the Section and also by giving general information about The Long Trail, shelters, hiking, plant and animal life found in Vermont.

Do you find this paper interesting? Do you want it continued?

SUGGESTIONS FOR 1950

Let's try to publicize The Green Mountain Club a little more. It is a unique organization that deserves a larger membership than it now enjoys. It almost seems to a loyal Vermonter that every Vermonter in the State should take pride in belonging to a club that does so much to preserve and uphold the natural beauty of this State.

If we co-ordinate our efforts in reaching out for new members, not only among our immediate friends and acquaintances but in out-lying communities, perhaps the story of The Long Trail would reach the thousands who have never heard it.

Membership is important, but what we in the Killington Section need to a greater degree is Manpower. We have money enough in our treasury to do a good job on our section of The Trail if we had the Manpower available to do the work. It's hard to believe that there aren't enough red-blooded men clamoring for a chance to go out on The Trail to put in a day of good body building exercise.

If lack of active participation in maintaining our section of The Trail keeps up, then we will have to hire our trail work done. Let's hope that day never comes. Perhaps we may resort to women workers.

\$50.00 EARNED BY CARD PARTY

Under the capable direction of Mary Jennings and Thelma Valiquette, our first Card Party proved to be both a financial and a social success.

With a profit of \$50 the committee deserves some well earned praise and they in turn wish to thank every individual who helped make the evening of January 10th a big success.

Many remarks such as, "Why don't you have more of these parties?" were heard. We are a hiking Club but it certainly does no harm to have included in our program some indoor recreation. It gave a splendid opportunity for our loyal members who are not the mountain climbing members to join in on a Killington Section activity. It was grand to have them. Close to 100 people got together, at the home of Vera Perkins, to play the games of their choice and to help our Section boost its funds.

ERROR?

In the November issue of the Long Trail News the date of the Annual meeting of the Parent Club was given as June 3rd.

According to the by-laws the Annual meeting of The Green Mountain Club Inc. is to be "on the Saturday which falls nearest to May thirtieth in each year."

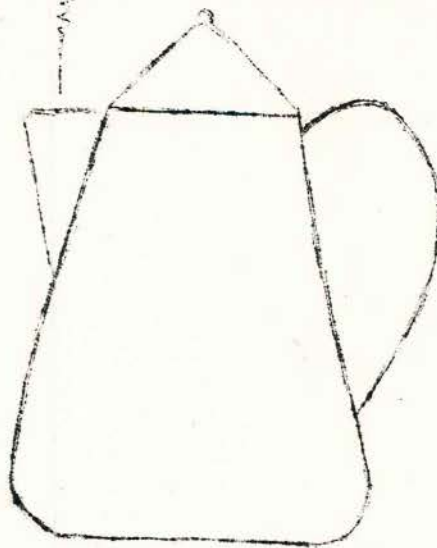
May 30th is on a Tuesday this year. The nearest Saturday to it is May 27th.

How about it Mr. Editor of The Long Trail News?

NEW MASTHEAD

How do you like our "New Look"? Credit goes to Ray Catozzi for the design and stencil for the new Masthead. We had completely worn out our other stencil. Ray is a busy man and we certainly appreciate his donation of time and talent.

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS?



THE GMC COFFEE POT, OF COURSE!

This coffee pot has been attending Killington Section outings since 1938. Wears well doesn't it? - like all true GMCers!

Actually the coffee pot has stood up amazingly well considering that it has long been the battleground in the TO-SCOUR or NOT-TO-SCOUR conflict. One school of thought maintains that a coffee pot which gives such loyal service deserves to be kept clean and shining; that it will last longer; and anyway it's messy to carry when black. The opposition stoutly maintains that a camp coffee pot should be black; that since it just gets black again on the next trip why waste energy scouring! One of this group even designed and made a carrying case thus effectively silencing one of the best arguments of the PRO-SCOURERS. Every now and then the coffee pot gets into the hands of a PRO-SCOURER and appears at the next outing with a shining face. Then it will be in the hands of an ANTI-SCOURER for awhile and becomes black enough to delight the most ardent lover of black coffee pots! And so the battle rages!

Meanwhile, the good old reliable goes right on pouring out that famous GMC coffee -- never twice alike!

HAPPENINGS AT TUCKER

One of our favorite winter shelters suffered from a visit of hoodlums sometime during the holidays. Conditions seemed to indicate that Tucker was the scene of some type of Free-for-all; two windows were quite thoroughly demolished, screens torn off, sash and window panes broken; small equipment as lantern, broom etc. was wrecked, and the whole place left in general disorder.

Since the damage was discovered, a group of young people have been in and picked up the rubbish, boarded up the window openings, left a supply of wood and in general put the shelter back into a usable condition. Measurements have been taken for new window frames and these will be installed and any further repairs needed will be completed in the near future.

It is especially disappointing to have such an incident occur as Tucker had so recently been put in an A-I condition which was a source of enjoyment to its many legitimate users.

This shelter is not only popular with Killington Section GMC, but has many other visitors. A survey of a register which was installed at Tucker when the Long Trail Patrol was staying there in August to do Trail work, gives some interesting information.

In the three months between Aug. and Dec. 1949, Tucker had visitors from the following places; Rutland 21, elsewhere in Vermont 8, New York 16, Mass. 11, New Jersey 4, Ohio 2, Conn. 2, Colorado 1, and Washington, D.C. 2.

Two young men who visited Tucker in Sept. were on quite an extended trip at the end of a summer as Directors of Boy Scout Camps. They had been in upper Quebec, in the Mont Tremblant, and Diable River areas which they reported as, "beautiful and wonderful for canoeing, but the woods

too dense for hiking." They had spent several days in the Mansfield area and were heading back there for a few more days after climbing Pico.

Three visitors from the Amherst Outing Club, at Tucker on Nov. 27th, reported quite a strenuous trip from Barnes Camp to Taft Lodge, Mt. Mansfield area, two days previously. Equipped with regular hiking shoes they hiked in snow up to their knees, taking 3½ hours to do two miles.

It is to be hoped that this time Tucker is put in order it may remain undisturbed to give welcome and service to the real hikers who use and appreciate it.

BUFFUM SHELTER

Through the generosity of Mr. Merton C. Fisher of New Bedford, Mass. new roofing has been applied to the Buffum Shelter.

Early last summer Mr. Fisher visited the shelter and noticed that the paper roofing was badly torn. He wrote asking permission to have it fixed. He got it! Now Buffum shelter is in good condition again.

We need more people like Mr. Fisher.

FIRST SNOWSHOE TRIP

Tired of waiting for snow for a GMC outing, Ruth LaBrake took advantage of the first reasonable facsimile of snow this winter by snowshoeing to work the morning after the ice storm. Ruth says it was the best way to get there as Davis St. was unploughed and her car in deep-freeze.

1950 DUES PAYABLE

Another year has rolled around. Let's get the Killington Section Treasury off to a good start by paying 1950 dues at our Annual Meeting later this month.

BLACK BEAR

In every forested part of North America we can find the black bear getting along just fine. He has nothing to fear but man and he can hear him or smell him half a mile away.

No danger of his starving either. He will eat about anything that grows from acorns to green corn, and insects through fish and frogs to an occasional sheep or calf. He is especially fond of all fruits in season. We have all seen where he has trampled a raspberry patch and broken down the shad bushes.

In Vermont bears generally weigh from two hundred to four hundred pounds. They have a clumsy shuffling walk and run that nevertheless get them over the ground surprisingly fast. Their claws are short but strong so they can climb trees easily. When danger threatens a mother bear will send her cubs up the nearest tree where they will stay till ordered down.

Whether a bear really hibernates or not is a much argued question. When freezing weather comes in the fall he finds a more or less sheltered spot, scrapes together a few leaves and curls up. If the den stays dry and not too cold he may sleep all winter, breathing but four or five times a minute and taking no food. However his temperature stays up nearly to normal and he is easily roused in most cases.

From one to four young are born in the dead of winter. They weigh less than a pound apiece and don't get their eyes open for about six weeks.

The black bear is easy to tame and can learn tricks readily but in the wild state he is not to be played with. Neither is he a clown but on the other hand is perhaps the most sensible and easily understood of all our wild animals. If you see a bear in the woods and he isn't running the other way, why, that means it's your turn to run! Elementry!

PARENT CLUB FINANCES

The present "unfortunate" financial condition of The Green Mountain Club Inc. comes as no surprise to anyone who has read the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer, and compared them, year after year, with the previous reports.

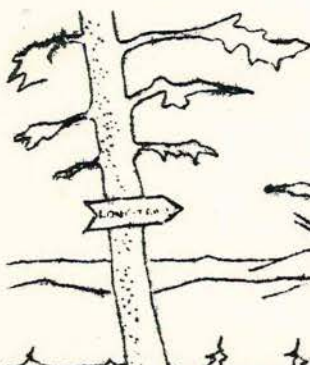
The expenses of the Club have increased, except during the war years when we were forced to neglect up-keep of trails and shelters. The income has not increased. Now we must use our cash reserves to pay the difference.

Can expenses be cut? Not likely. In fact more shelters and miles of trails now nominally in the care of the Sections may have to be taken over by the Parent Club.

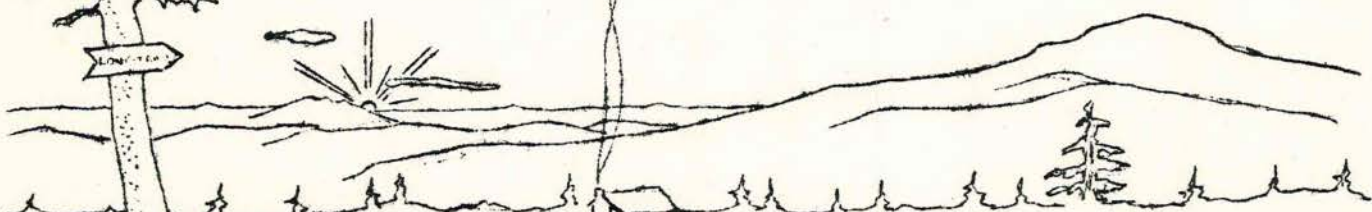
Can income be increased? Well, it better be! We need more members-at-large and more effort to keep them as members after they have once joined. We need higher dues and improved services to our members. We need new sections here in Vermont and more help and encouragement to Sections already established.

What about the income from the Long Trail Lodge? All money received is used to pay off the debts connected with the Lodge development, and will be for another six years at least. On no account should this income be diverted to the regular running expenses of the Club. Nor should any more money be added to the investment at the Lodge by further expansion or improvements.

As members of the Killington Section we are automatically members of The Green Mountain Club Inc. For years we have light heartedly shrugged off all responsibility for facing the Parent Club's problems. The same has been true of the other Sections and the members-at-large. It is time we took a more active part in making plans and gave more assistance to the officers of the Club in carrying them out.



SMOKE + BLAZES



Vol. 3, No. 2

Killington Section G.M.C.

February 1950

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Killington Section of the G.M.C. was held Saturday, Feb. 4th in the Neighborhood Rooms of the Marble Savings Bank.

President Fred Field presided. Reports were given by the treasurer, secretary, and committee chairmen.

The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for the coming year:

President - Churchill Scott
V. President - Raymond Catozzi
Sec. - Treas. - Eleanor Walker
This group was elected to office.

The photography contest was judged by Mr. George Tappan. Craigie Perkins won first prize for the best black and white. Fred Field was runner up. Ray Catozzi won first prize in the colored slide entries. Mr. Leone Smith had some outstanding pictures on display.

After the business meeting, Murray Crampton entertained the group with some magic tricks.

1950 MEMBERSHIP

The first 1950 membership list appears in this issue. Additional names will be added each month as memberships come in.

Dues are still \$2.00 for adults and \$.50 for Junior members and are payable to:

Miss Eleanor Walker
87 Baxter Street
Rutland, Vermont.

PLANS FOR 1950

by

Pres. Churchill Scott

In the year to come the Club has two big goals to accomplish. One is the completion of Spring Lake Camp. The other is the clearing out of numerous blowdowns along the Trail caused by the windstorms of the past winter.

The Club will need the participation of every single member whenever possible during the season to get this work done.

The membership committee reports that this year looks like a banner year, and although we like to see a large membership, we like much more to see every member an active member.

The following is a list of Committee Chairmen already appointed for the year:

Shelters - Harold Valiquette
Publicity and

Membership - Fred Field

Cuttings - Helen Bailey

Barbara Mellow

Photography - Shirley Morris

TRY THIS ONE

What tree is like a business man

Who tries to look the best he can?

This is the first in a series of riddles. Just in case you don't guess it, you will find the answer somewhere in this issue.

FRED FIELD'S REPORT

Killington Section has had a fine year. Our membership has increased to over 100. The trail at last observation was in excellent condition and the shelters were still holding together.

A great deal of trail clearing has been done over nearly the entire length of the Section. Work parties concentrated on clearing more than any one thing. Very few signs or blazes needed to be painted.

The Shelters were, as much as possible, fixed up where necessary and notes made for future repairs.

Spring Lake's new Shelter was and is the main project. Bringing the parts from Shrewsbury to Cuttingsville was the big task completed over last winter. The cabin stands with sides and roof beams in position now. Work parties are doing a fine job of it.

Our program of hikes was well planned and executed by Bill Allard. "Thanks, Bill, for that work." I've heard lots of compliments on the trips and parties this year. Here's a goal for which the new committee may strive.

More photographs came in this year than last. More, too, were entered in the contest. These photos together with the newspaper "Smoke and Blazes" form a good part of our publicity department. We need this publicity to inform our members of things of interest and to help broadcast our activities to the world.

"Thank you," to the staff of "Smoke and Blazes." The job has been handled so well the paper has become an urgent and important part of the Section's activities.

I do appreciate a great deal the help, advice and work all of the Section members have done while I have been an officer. I only hope in the future I can

return at least some of this help to the new officers and committees.

So here goes for a bigger and better Killington Section year than ever before.

Fred Field.

The members of The Killington Section wish to let Fred know that they appreciate the splendid work he has done as President for the past two years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan. 31, 1949 to Jan. 1, 1950.

Receipts:

Cash in bank 1/1/49	\$413.69
Cash on hand 1/1/49	62.29
Received from dues	142.00
Interest	6.60
Rummage Sale	100.97
Refund Com. H. rent	<u>2.50</u>

Total Receipts \$728.05

Disbursements:

Trails and Shelters	\$ 58.81
Outing Committee	14.29
Postage & Stationary	15.07
Smoke and Blazes	42.98
Dues to Main Club	30.00
Rent to Com. House	5.00
Prizes 1949 Contest	<u>3.45</u>

Total Disbursements \$169.60

Credit Balance \$558.45

The new Outing Committee co-chairmen, Barbara Mellow and Helen Bailey are working on the 1950 Outing Schedule. It will be mailed with the next issue of "Smoke & Blazes"

BIG FREE OFFER!

For a limited time only, we offer free instruction in the art(?) of getting out a monthly bulletin! All phases of production will be demonstrated with ample opportunity for actual practice in: collecting material; fitting and arranging to fill 4 pages - no more and no less-; typing stencils; mimeograph operation, including inking and cleaning up after same; assembling and stapling pages; folding; addressing; and stamp licking. Where else could you get such a complete course at this low price? DON'T DELAY. Take advantage of this opportunity to develop a new and fascinating hobby.

Seriously, we do want people to work on Smoke and Blazes. If it is as useful to the Club as many of you seem to think, its continuation shouldn't depend on the whims of three people. Besides it's fun to get it out and we'd like more of you to share in the fun.

Shirley Morris has already said she would help. Let's have some more volunteers. We'll be hoping to hear from a number of you, soon.

HOW MUCH DO WE MISS?

Beginning soon and continuing for several months, is a season of great activity in the fields and woods. Birds are returning to make their summer homes, or are passing through en route farther north. Wildflowers are starting up after their winter's rest. How much of all this activity do we see?

We have a plan to help us keep in touch with what is going on. We'd like our readers to act as reporters. Here's the idea. You call and report whenever you spot a new arrival, either bird or wildflower. The names of the birds and flowers reported will be listed each

month in SMOKE and Blazes, along with the name of the first person reporting each. Make your reports to Craigue or Mary Perkins (Tel. 907-M). Let's have lots of evidence that we aren't missing these interesting arrivals.

MEMBERSHIP LIST - 1950

Martha Adams
Barbara Allard
Marjory Allard
William Allard
Helen Bailey
Lucy Bishop
Beverly Bruce
M. E. Cameron
Maude Canty
R. A. Catozzi
Diana Conlin
George Conlin
Hilma Erickson
Tony Fusco
Grace Hayward
Daniel Jennings
Mary Jennings
Michael Jennings
Reginald Knipes
Veda Knipes
Theodore L'Ange
Barbara Mellow
Shirley Morris
Pearl Nichols
Craigue Perkins
Janet Perkins
Marjory Perkins
Mary Perkins
Peter Perkins
Vera Perkins
Gretta Rowe
Ellen Russell
Charles Sabourin
Jane Sabourin
Churchill Scott
E. S. Slocomb
E. C. Tuttle
W. S. Tuttle
Harold Valiquette
Joseph Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
M. Eleanor Walker
James White
Ruth Fostman

THE STRANGEST ANIMAL

As a conclusion to this series of sketches of our native animals let's take a look at that two legged calamity, "homo stupidimus."

Entirely without feathers and with insufficient hair to keep him warm he ventures into the forest only occasionally. At such times he protects himself from the weather by a makeshift covering of sheep's wool or seed hairs from the cotton plant. The lower part of his hind legs are cased in cow skin without which he could scarcely walk a mile on his tender deformed feet.

So that he will not become hopelessly lost he scrapes the bark from trees and coats the wound with a white earth mixed with oil from the seed of the flax plant. It is easy to see where he has passed by. The Trail is littered with the peelings of tropical fruit, the shells of birds eggs, and the wood fiber wrappings which, when darkened with ink, convince his simple mind that the enclosed material is good to eat.

When night comes on he must camp where he is. His eyesight is poor in broad day light. At night he is practically blind. He is afraid of the dark and burns a tiny torch of dried tobacco leaves to keep up his spirits, though it gives little heat or light. All day upon his back he has carried the dried and powdered seed of the coffee bush brought with great labor from a distant land. This he boils in water and eats. No ! He doesn't eat it ! He throws it away and drinks the colored water in which it has been boiled !

And so he crawls to his bed and pretends to sleep out the night. At dawn the first one up says it's a good morning whether it is or not, and all

the others agree with him. Then each one wets his face with cold water and says that it feels good.

No wonder these strange creatures have had to give up trying to live in the forest. Instead they are huddled together in cities built of stone, baked mud, and splintered tree trunks where they are utterly dependent on one another in whom they quite properly have no confidence.

COMING EVENTS

Winter Week-end

Date Feb. 25 and Feb. 26

Place- Perkins' Camp, Mendon

This is the outing we have been waiting for. We had hoped it would be a snow party but regardless; rain, hail, snow, or sleet the party is on for Sat., Feb. 25th and Sun. Feb. 26th.

Craig Perkins is chairman of this one. If you wish to attend all or any part of this outing, make your reservations by calling him at 907M not later than Thursday night of that week.

As customary with this outing, meals will be prepared and served family style. Everyone will help with the work. The cost of the meals will be kept at a minimum. There is plenty of room so don't stay away because of the thought that you would be one too many.

Bring your own blankets.

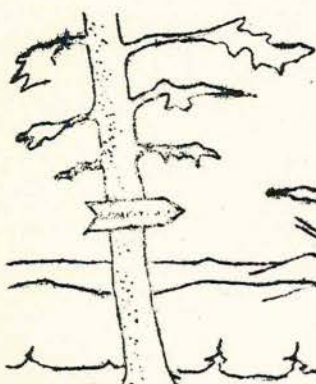
Tucker Lodge Hike

Date March 12

Place - Tucker Lodge

Fred Field is chairman of this one. Watch the "Herald" for more details or call Fred about it.

THE SPURGE TREE



SMOKE + BLAZES

Vol.3 No.3

Killington Section G.M.C.

March 1950

MAPLE SUGAR PARTY

by
Helen Bailey

No sooner had the Outing Committee settled on Saturday, March 25, as the date for the Maple Sugar Party, than the thermometer dropped out of sight and sub-zero weather made us wonder if some Saturday in May might not be better. However we are keeping our fingers crossed.....

Mr. Smith has kindly consented to have us back and all those who attended last year agreed that Camp Sangamon is an ideal spot for such a party. Those who are interested only in sugar can drive nearly to the camp, yet the real hikers can get as much exercise as they wish in the surrounding woods. Mr. Smith plays host at the "Sugar House", explaining and demonstrating the art of sugar-making. Getty Page plans to be with us again this year to lead square dancing afterwards in the recreation hall. There will also be an opportunity for Canasta fans to get in a few rounds.

There will be a small charge for the eats (sugar-on-snow, doughnuts, pickles, and coffee) - how much we are unable to say at this time.

Reservations should be made before bedtime on the Friday preceding by calling 320. If you need transportation, let us know.

Supper about six-thirty.
Come and bring your friends.
WATCH THE HERALD FOR CONFIRMATION
OF THE DATE

NEW SCHEDULES CUT

Schedules for the spring and early summer Outings have been made up by Outing Ch. Helen Bailey and Barbara Mellow, and are enclosed with this issue of "Smoke and Blazes". From now on Helen and Barbara will write up the coming Outings, so consult your "Smoke and Blazes" each month for first hand information.

Seems like the new chairmen are off to a fine start. This schedule looks good to us.

CLARENDON SHELTER HIKE

The second outing on the new schedule is an old favorite. Plan to revisit Clarendon Shelter on Sunday, April 2nd. Watch the Herald for details as the starting time etc.

THAT COFFEE POT AGAIN

Information via our private underground discloses that the "Scourers" are now one up on the "Non-Scourers". Eleanor Walker somehow got possession of the coffee pot and -- you guess -- that's right, it's all bright and shining again! Don't let it spoil your fun, "Non-Scourers"!

THIS MONTH'S RIDDLE

What tree is like a man who sows
Without a needle, as he goes?

Did you get the one last month? You will have to work harder to solve this one.

WINTER WEEKEND * 1950

by
Dart Noyes

On Sat., Feb. 26, graced with excellent weather for outdoor activities, enthusiastic members of Killington Section, bearing the usual assortment of sleeping bags and other necessities and travelling on snowshoes, skis, or just walking, arrived at Perkins' camp in Mendon and were as grateful as ever for the annual welcoming cup of tea.

After a brief rest and exchange of greetings and ideas some of us went out on the trail for a while and gloried in the winter sunset, the snow-laden evergreens and another long-awaited look at the familiar pond and Blue Ridge in their winter hibernation.

Twenty-one members and guests partook of a wonderful new supper menu, after which an innovation was instituted when twobrousing games of Canasta got underway. The friendly (we hope) differences of opinion that this game brings to light are truly remarkable. A system of making popcorn while blindfolded was devised by the younger members due to conflict regarding the heat-producing qualities of the wood stove for this purpose.

When those not spending the night had sadly taken their leave, we who stayed over slid into our sleeping bags and deeply appreciated the privilege of listening to the alternating crackling of the wood fire and resounding silence - (those who slept that near to the fire, let me hasten to add')

Sunday dawned another beautiful day and brought the pleasures of camp breakfast, the welcoming of returning guests, morning outings, and the ever present enjoyment of good company before and after another of our famous meals.

Winter Weekend has come and gone again. Those of us who consider this event one of the most

important on the Section's calendar regret that there has to be a year between them, but shall we reason that this keeps the magic in them?

ADDITIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP LIST

Dale T. Carpenter - Barton Vt.
Alagara Chapman
Edith Ewald - Castleton, Vt.
Helen Frink - Randolph, Vt.
Martha Hakin
Gretchen Miller
Darthca Noyes - Hanover, N.H.
Robert Perkins - Burlington, Vt.
Leone Smith - Pittsford, Vt.
Burton S. Smith
Olive H. Smith
Suzanne B. Smith
Sigrid E. Patch
Anna Berg

AN OLD FAMILIAR HIKE

With a new fall of snow on Sunday, March 12th, we hiked into that "old familiar spot" Tucker Lodge. The snow shodding was the best it had been all season and the woods were beautiful. By noon the sun came out to add to our pleasure.

Eighteen of us shuffled around inside the Lodge at dinner time. Richard Catozzi remarked, "It's like a crowded dance floor."

The most unusual event of the day was observed by the ladies as they watched the men of the party wash the windows.

The camp was in very good condition for recently a group of Explorer Boy Scouts had spent a few days here installing the new windows, fixing the stove pipe, and laying in a big supply of wood. Young Norm Davis was the efficient carpenter. "Thanks" from the GMC, boys, we appreciate your help.

NO BIRDS OR FLOWERS?

We are sorry we haven't a report of any birds or flowers seen this spring. Perhaps it is too early. The hunt is still on so if you see a bird or flower report it by telephoning 907 M and we will list it in "Smoke & Blazes."

THE LOST HUT AND OTHER LOSSES
INCLUDING THE TRAIL

by
Ernest E. Wheeler

Since 1937 my climbing has been in retrospect. In such memory hikes, "Smoke and Blazes" has been a great help - a breath of Green Mt. air that finds its way to my downtown Manhattan office and so sweetens my mail.

Years ago, my nephew and I have frequently had the loan of the Lodge (before it had been so greatly enlarged) for Washington's Birthday Holidays. We brought small parties of congenial spirits from New York and would generally break a snowshoe trail up Killington.

On the last of such visits, our party went directly to the Lodge, while my nephew and I planned to climb Killington from the Rutland side and spend the night in the little stone shelter on the top. My nephew insisted, against my violent protests, on bringing a tenderfoot friend who had never been on snowshoes.

There was little snow in the valleys. It soon became evident however, that all the season's snow that had fallen on Killington had stayed there.

We reached the "Tin" shelter just under the top, late in the afternoon. The drifts were so tremendous that nothing seemed familiar to me. The stone hut was not in its usual place nor anywhere to be found, even when we resorted to thrusting down a pole in an effort to find the roof. Finally a little showing of ledge quite a distance from where the hut should be caught my attention. It proved to be an exposed bit of the chimney!

We laborously uncovered the entrance sufficiently to open the door, which fortunately swung inwards. Finding it impossible to maintain a fire in the fireplace with the chimney half full of

ice and snow, I decided we must go to the Lodge a distance of $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Our packs were not light and snow had begun to fall in the early dusk.

As we had a compass, all we had to do was to keep going down hill in a northerly direction. To hit the Lodge I insisted that we keep a little west of north, but my nephew argued for a more easterly course.

After crashing along for awhile, sometimes on and sometimes off the trail, my nephew suddenly stopped in a little clearing. The night had cleared, and in the starlight only fifty feet ahead was a magnificent, well antlered buck, standing with a forefoot raised. For perhaps a half minute we jacked him with our flash, and then with a great bound he disappeared into the black forest.

By my insistence as to our course (probably just luck) we did not miss the half-way, open lean-to. This success gave Ed an unjustified confidence in me. He stuck close to my back, even stepping on the tails of my snowshoes.

From the lean-to on, the trail is largely an old wood road, but I could not seem to hit it. I finally did and set up a glad shout. Just at this moment, with Ed as usual close behind, I plunged over a small precipice formed where a great boulder, concealed by the snow, diverted the trail around it. I went head foremost into the muck of a warm brook. An instant after striking bottom, I was hit a heavy blow on the back of my head, driving my face further into the slush. This I thought was Ed and for a moment murder was in my heart. The blow however was delivered by my pack which violently hinged over as I fell.

About a mile further, Ed announced that he was unable to take another step. I knew better for he had had no cramps in his calves, but I told him in that case we'd

soon have a fire going, wrap snugly in our blankets and snooze until dawn. I advised him to sit down on a log and rest before we unpacked. This was my "mental" treatment. Unlike other mental healers, I do not dispute people when they say they are sick or in pain. I agree absolutely, sometimes to the extent of suggesting the situation is not only bad, but perhaps worse than they think. In many instances this results in a prompt and complete cure. In five minutes Ed was on his feet and ready to put one foot after the other for a while longer, which he did.

We reached the Lodge a little after midnight. When I cased off my pack in the big room before the dying embers, the sense of levitation was so great that it seemed to me I would crash the rafters.

(Editor's note) Mr. Wheeler of New York City has been a member of Killington Section since the days when the Trail was only blazed and the shelter under the summit of Killington was only a log Lean-to! We appreciate Mr. Wheeler taking time out from a Florida vacation to write us an account of one of his trips.

NEW ENGLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE

On Mar. 25th at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass. The Mountaineering Section of the Recreation Conference will present a program of discussions and lectures which should be of interest to GMC members.

Among the subjects covered will be "The Condition of the Trails and Shelters all over N. E." "The Activities of the Amherst Outing Club" (with pic.), "Exploring the Juneau Ice Fields of Alaska" (with pic.), "The Sargent School of Out-of-doors" for adults at Peterborough, N. H., and "The Growth of The Appalachian Mountain Club in the White Mountains."

"Smoke & Blazes" can give details on time and places of Sessions.

SLIDE COLLECTIONS

In addition to the GMC collection the following slides may be obtained for showing by any interested group:

Appalachian Trail Conference collection of 150 slides on the entire Appalachian Trail.

Main Appalachian Trail Club collection of 100 slides covering that State.

Also a collection of 150 slides on Mt. Katahdin from the M.A.T.C.

While we are on this subject how does this sound? Instead of a single catch-all collection, suppose the GMC developed three collections of about 100 slides each more or less grouped as follows: Number One, a "Travelogue" consisting mostly of views of and from the Trail; Number Two, a "Nature" collection showing birds, animals, plants etc. found along the Trail with enough other slides for back ground; Number Three, "Hiking and Camping" pictures with some views and shots of people climbing, cooking, making camp etc.

No one questions the fact that the small investment made in the original collection has paid out many times over in good publicity. Let's have more of it.

LUNCH FIRES

Lunch fires should not be built where they can not be extinguished with water.

Along the Killington Section's part of The Long Trail there are about twelve lunch spots beside springs or brooks where it would be reasonably safe to build cooking fires. If we could mark these spots and build crude fire places we might discourage people from stopping to cook just anywhere the fancy strikes them. There should be a list of such places at each shelter with a warning against building fires in undesignated spots.

Some such plan would make a good State-wide program to adopt.



Vol. 3 No. 4

Killington Section G.M.C.

April 1950

FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
Fred Field

DO YOU ENJOY THE MOUNTAIN CLUB?

We do and we know you do- you've proved it ! How? Why, by attending our activities and by being an active member. Over One Hundred members joined last year. There were as many as thirty people on some of the trips. Nearly eighty came to the card party and recently sixty ate sugar on snow at Pittsford. That's interest and enthusiasm ! Of course there are hundreds more who use The Long Trail and its shelters in the summer and of whom we have no count.

Your officers have designed a dandy trip schedule for the coming year. There are, too, many things which must be done to maintain The Trail and repair its Shelters. This all takes money and manpower. Let's all get behind the Club with our memberships and our help. PUT OVER THE KILLINGTON SECTION NOW WITH A BANG!

Hiking
Recreation
Over - Nights
Trail Clearing
Card Parties
Sugaring Off Party
Rummage Sales
Shelter Maintenance
Cooking Out
Wild Flower Hunts
Nature
Swimming Trips
Fishing

BRING YOUR FRIENDS

JOIN NOW !

Senior dues	\$2.00
Student	.50
Junior	.50

With membership goes an automatic membership in the Main Green Mountain Club, Long Trail News and Smoke & Blazes for a year.

Dues may be mailed to Miss Eleanor Walker, Treasurer, 87 Baxter St., Rutland, Vermont.

From now on the 1950 Membership List will be used for mailing SMOKE & BLAZES.

CONGRATULATIONS:

We are pleased to congratulate Bill Allard for being chosen as Valedictorian of the 1950 Class of Mount Saint Joseph Academy. Bill will be up at U.V.M. next year. No doubt he will be a valuable addition to the college Outing Club.

RIDDLE

What tree is always found to be
Between J. K. and No. P ?

MAPLE SUGAR PARTY

by
Ruth A. Fostman

The annual maple sugar party was held Saturday, March 25th at Camp Sangamon in Pittsford. About sixty members and friends attended.

Some went early and watched the boiling down of sap at the Sugar House, presided over by our genial host Leone Smith.

It was a beautiful early spring day. Some of the party drove to the top of the hill but others decided to let their cars rest at the bottom of the hill and proceed on foot. The walk did us good and gave us a good appetite. It also gave us a chance to watch the flocks of crows circling around us and to listen to the chickadees talking to us.

On our arrival at camp we found several there ahead of us and the syrup boiling. We also found a hearty welcome in the kitchen. Our hostess, Mrs. Smith was there to make everyone happy and comfortable.

We soon sat down to bowls of hot syrup (cooked just right) and pans of snow, doughnuts, pickles, and coffee.

The Outing Committee, Helen Bailey and Barbara Mellow, and our President, Churchill Scott (and Mrs.), certainly gave us good service in every way. There was plenty of everything, even seconds on syrup. Some members with larger appetites brought sandwiches to augment their supper.

George Conlin being a good sport started in washing dishes. Mrs. Scott took over after a while and finished them up with several able and willing workers to dry and put away.

Later on we had square dancing in the Lodge where there was a roaring fire in the fireplace. Getty Page took care of this part of the program and did his usual good job of it. There were games

for those who did not care to dance, so in all we had a most enjoyable evening.

We are very fortunate to have such a grand place for our Sugar Party and we are truly grateful to our friends the Leone Smiths.

CLARENDON SHELTER

by
?????

The short hike in to Clarendon Shelter is lovely at any time of year but especially so in the early spring as on Sunday, April 2nd, when the brooks were singing their spring songs and the trees were showing signs of life by sending out catkins. There were some especially pretty ones that looked like big fat pussy willows, but as they were growing on poplar trees someone was heard to remark, "Should we call them pussy poplars?"

Sixteen (including Mike Larsen's dog) made the trip, taking the weather man at his word that although it would rain during the morning it would clear before eleven - and it did! Of course it was rather wet underfoot after the rain, especially as there was still snow on the side road, but this made the dry shelter all the more welcome. After the ashes of ages had been cleared out of the camp stove and a little patching job done on the lining of the fire box, a roaring fire was soon going and coffee in the making.

By the time lunches were cooked and eaten more hiking was in order, however short ones satisfied as the wet snow along the Trail and in the woods made it hard going. The group broke up early with calls of, "See you in two weeks at Buffum!" Come on and join us perhaps we can find some early spring flowers along the Trail by then.

to brave the April showers and/or enjoy the April sunshine on the 6th at Buffum Shelter, the 30th at Governor Clement and May 16th at Little Rocky Pond. The early spring schedule was planned to cover our own territory first and to stretch unaccustomed muscles in preparation for the real workout at Stratton later. So come on out to pick the first flowers, count the early birds, or just to get some air and exercise in congenial company. As usual bring your own lunch and cup and meet at Meldon School. Watch the Herald for time of meeting.

REMEMBER THE RUMMAGE SALE

Another activity which comes along at about the same time as looking for the first flowers, spring fever and the like is housecleaning. We know you are all at it, or will be soon. Now is the time to start your collection for our next Fall's Rummage Sale. Put a box, the bigger the better, in some easily accessible place and as fast as you find something destined for the sale put it in the box. This will get things out of your way now and when October rolls around you won't have to say, "Oh, I had some things for the sale but I didn't have time to get them together." DO IT NOW!

ANOTHER RUMMAGE SALE THOUGHT

Remember those nice, brand new pictures we had at our last sale as a special value? There are a few left which we would be glad to sell at 35 to 50 cents each depending on size. Get in touch with us if you can use some. Incidentally, if we don't sell 'em now you may get 'em for prizes at our next Card Party! That's a warning!

In keeping with our tireless pursuit of the superlative in everything, The American Forestry Association has available a list of the largest specimens of all the varieties of trees in the U.S. The tabulation shows the name and the variety, the circumference four and one-half feet from the ground, the spread of the branches, the height, the location of the tree and the name of the person reporting it.

The only "largest" credited to Vermont is the Yellow Birch. This tree is thirteen feet, nine inches in circumference and eighty-eight feet high with a spread of sixty-three and one-half feet. It is located exactly on The Long Trail between the Hancock-Ripton Pass and Lake Pléiad. When we go on our GMC hike to Lake Pléiad June 24th we can examine it.

It would seem that a similiar list of the largest trees of each specie in Vermont would be interesting and would help maintain an interest in our forests. Perhaps some method could be found to protect these specimens from destruction and assure their accessibility to the public.

Well, all right then, let's start in Rutland County. Let's locate the largest Elm, largest Beech, largest Maple and so on. If you will send the locations in to SMOKE AND BLAZES we will make the measurements. Once we have a list established you will know what dimensions must be exceeded in order to get recognition for your favorite "Big Tree".

This can be a lot of fun for all of us if you people will just pass along the necessary information.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

W. E. Bradder
Fred Field
Helen Field
Marilyn Trop
Bernice Tuttle

THE UNDERGROUND

Remember the good old days when we lived in nice safe caves equipped with running water, radiant heat and air conditioning? Well, maybe you don't individually, but as a race we can't get away from that memory. Caves have a great attraction for most of us.

Here in Vermont we have two kinds of caves. One type is found at the base of some steep mountain side where frost action, and perhaps glacial action, has broken large blocks of rock from the cliffs and piled them up at the bottom. Between these huge pieces of stone are spaces connected by a labyrinth of passage ways.

In the winter water runs down into these holes and freezes. In summer the temperature is not high enough for a long enough time to warm up the air in the caves sufficiently to melt the ice. This is often the case at the Pittsford Ice Cave and at the Wallingford Ice Beds. Other places with caves of this type are East Mountain, and Deer's Leap.

The other kind of cave in Vermont is the well known Limestone cave. Much of the western part of the state is underlain by a stratum of limestone. In some places it is at considerable depth and at others it is right at the surface.

Limestone will slowly but surely dissolve in rain water. Through cracks and crevices the water seeps downward dissolving the rock as it goes, gradually forming tunnels and rooms perhaps far below the surface.

Sometimes we are lucky enough to find openings at the surface through which we can enter the underground passages. For every one of these known caves there must be a hundred others with no open entrance at the surface or whose entrances are hidden by sand and gravel, or other debris.

Some of the Limestone caves near Rutland are the Chippenhook Cave, Plymouth Caves, Carver's Falls Cave, Cold River Cave, Mt. Acolus Cave, Nickwackette Cave, and Skinner's Hollow Cave on Equinox. All are worth visiting. Wear your old clothes and carry flashlights and a rope. Don't go alone. Perhaps you will find an unexplored passage way or a new entrance leading to an undiscovered cave.

Maybe a nice safe cave wasn't such a bad place after all !

FOOT NOTES

Before setting out on any extended hike a thorough check should be made of the feet and careful attention given to the shoes to be worn.

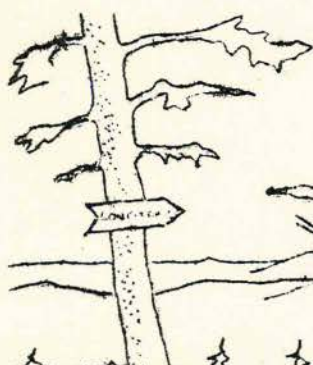
We are often guilty of wearing improper shoes and our feet are apt to be tender with corns or calluses. Try to have these removed before going on the Trail. Ankle supports or high arch supports should be worn only on a doctor's prescription. If your ankles are a little weak don't wear low shoes for hiking.

Blisters and sore feet may be caused by misfitting shoes, nails, torn or wrinkled shoe lining, torn or wrinkled sox, wrinkled tongues or tight laces. Correct any known imperfection in your shoes and sox before you start out.

Even with all these precautions things may go wrong. At the first sign of irritation a band-aid should be applied to the tender spot. If a blister has formed apply antiseptic and prick the edge of the blister with a needle or pin sterilized in a match flame. Press out the water and apply a band-aid.

If the sox are causing the trouble shift them from right to left foot and vice versa - but don't try it with shoes.

Just write your alphabet and see
It's J, K, L, M, N, O, P.



SMOKE + BLAZES

Vol. 3 No. 5

Killington Section G.M.C.

May 1950

FROM OUR OUTTING CHAIRMAN
Helen Bailey

SAVE THESE DATES * May 14,
May 27-28, and June 11

The official hike to Little Rock Pond sponsored by the GMC Killington Section is planned for Sunday May 14. Meet at Meldon School at ten o'clock and a pilot will be provided.

The annual meeting week-end May 27-28 is covered in a separate article in this issue. We hope, however, for a goodly turnout to welcome our guests (if any) to the Spring Lake Project.

Now for the really big event. For several years I have tried to promote a hike to Stratton Pond and have been put off with the protest that it was too far to drive, too far to walk, and generally too ambitious an undertaking. Consequently, my first thought on being asked to help plan the hikes this year was, "Now I can go to Stratton." So I am appealing to all loyal rooters to save the date, Sunday June 11, and let's show them we are really a hiking club. Let me quote the following from the Guide Book. "The Trail follows the highway eastward about 1.1 miles to an abandoned lumber village known as the Grout Job. Here it turns left and after $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles through a beautiful hard-

wood forest, for nearly half the distance beside a rushing stream - the headwaters of the Deerfield River - reaches Willis Ross Camp on Stratton Pond." Does that sound so difficult? Incidentally, I made the trip once and recall having had a grand time and no ill effects. Of course, what I would really like to do is to enlist a few real enthusiasts who will volunteer to go to the summit of Stratton Mountain (where I have never been) but which the Guide Book says is $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the road after a climb which is "steady but nowhere very steep". At the top is the "finest view from the southern part of the Trail, including parts of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and New York as well as most of Southern Vermont." I ask you, where else could you see so much for so little? So think it over and let's make our motto "Stratton or bust."

TRUSTEES' MEETING

On April 15th the trustees of the G.M.C. met for an all day pow-wow. Much of the time was spent in discussing the Club's financial situation. The solution seems simple - take in more and spend less. Any suggestions?

RIDDLE

What tree when checked with line and weight,
Is found to be exactly straight?

HIKE TO BUFFUM SHELTER

by
Warren Hoadley

Spring flowers were absent from the little jaunt to Buffum Shelter on Sunday, April 9th, but the remnants of our late winter snowstorm were quite visible. Many of us would gladly have traded our rubbers for tightly laced boots when we stepped into some of the deeper spots. Twenty-four reached the shelter with only a few with wet feet for company.

Soon we had a fire going and even though the trip was short, the appetites were large. Some of the younger followers, chasing through the woods, succeeded in "scaring-up" a rabbit and were no doubt as surprised as the rabbit. Incidentally, they agreed that the rabbit's tail was real cotton!

After a hearty lunch, three of our ambitious trailmen hiked up on the trail, clearing it of fallen trees and improving the marking. Many of the rest of us took short hikes up the trail enjoying the scenery and exhilarating spring atmosphere. Still another group cleaned the shelter preparing it for early summer hikers who, I am sure, will appreciate this service.

The return trip was much easier than we expected - under foot - because the sun had melted much of the snow.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS COMMITTEE

Recently a meeting was held at Churchill Scott's home to line up plans for work on our camps, and to set up a system of keeping track of trail conditions.

All information about each camp will be kept together and a record will be kept for each portion of our trail showing what has and has not been done during the year.

THE GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER HIKE

by
Marilyn Trop

Twenty-one ambitious GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB hikers hiked to the Governor Clement Shelter Sunday April 30th. There were two guests along with us, Jackie Daley and Mrs. Jean Goddard. The weather forecast was "April showers" but as Mr. Kirk, Rutland's weather man, was along he changed it to a "bright and sunny" day.

Some of the more rugged individuals hiked about two miles up the trail, others collected pussy-willows, and the remaining few slept on the roof of the shelter.

We must give "three cheers" for the men. They balanced the unbalanced table, so now a person can sit down and enjoy his lunch without having it fall into his lap. The men also started to reconstruct the bunks. This job will be finished sometime in the future. Tar was put on several spots of the shelter's roof so it won't leak. Eleanor Walker helped the men carry some wood from an old shack to the shelter for the table. We wondered if she was looking for another dime like she found at the Buffum Shelter when cleaning the bunks.

On the next hike we decided to bring a first aid kit because as we played a rough game of "London Bridge", we had three casualties. We also square danced, played other childhood games; making our own music, and we had a tug of war. We really had a wonderful time and we hope to have a good time at Little Rock Pond the 14th also. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget the Inter-sectional Get-to-gether to be held the last week-end in August.

On shame on him with skulls and
quinn os llnks upia mru no omams ouu

PLANS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of The Green Mountain Club will be held Saturday, May 27th at The Long Trail Lodge Annex.

This is the annual meeting of the parent organization including members of all Sections and members-at-large. It is the opportunity for the members to discuss the Club affairs, make suggestions, and to elect trustees to carry on the Club business. More member participation is badly needed and all are urged to try to be present.

At 11 A.M. on the 27th Pres. Buchanan will call the meeting to order. There will be reports of the various officers and committees.

Recess will be taken for dinner at 1 P.M. and the meeting resumed at 2 P.M.

Immediately following the close of the meeting there will be a Trustees meeting for the election of officers and other business. During this period there will be a choice of two hikes for those not involved in the Trustees meeting. One hike will be to Tucker Lodge and return, a total distance of 2.0 miles. The other will be to Tucker Lodge and back by way of the Circle Trail, a total distance of 2.5 miles.

Lunch will be at 6 P.M.

At 7 P.M. there will be a showing of slides brought in by various members, and movies of the 1949 Intersectional Get-together.

Square Dancing will be in order from 8 P.M. until exhaustion.

On Sunday, May 28th the Killington Section will have a hike to Spring Lake (Shrewsbury Pond). Coffee will be served at the new Spring Lake Camp at 12:30 P.M. There are three approaches to Spring Lake. From the North, drive to Clarendon Gorge and hike south 2.5 miles on The Long Trail. From the South, drive to The Long

Trail crossing on the Wallingford Gulf Road and hike 2.8 miles north on The Long Trail. From the East drive up the Spring Lake Ranch Road which leaves Route 103 just south of an iron bridge between East Clarendon and Cuttingsville. If there is no mud, cars may be driven to the lake (use caution). From there it is about .5 mile to the site of the camp in the open pasture west of the lake.

If the ice isn't too thick on the pond you can take an early swim, or just sit around and enjoy the view. For those who want to relax a little more actively, the Killington Section will supply the hammers, nails etc.

THE BURLINGTON SECTION'S SCHEDULE

We have received a schedule of the Burlington Section's hikes for Spring and Summer and are pleased to find they have listed "Aug. 26 and 27 Intersectional Hike- overnight at Craigie Perkins' Camp, Mendon."

We hope there will be a big crowd down from Burlington this year at the Intersectional. We missed them last year.

Another hike scheduled that attracted our attention is "Aug. 5-6 Groton State Forest. Spruce Peak." This is a favorite of many of our Killington Section members. How about meeting up with Burlington on that date? This is just a suggestion.

MEMBERSHIP

Our total membership to date is 65 including the following LIFE MEMBERS:

Willis Ross
Matilda Goulding
Carlton Wilson

Vera Perkins is on a six weeks vacation, traveling in England, Scotland, and France.

A NEW MEMBER AND HER DOG ENJOY THE LONG TRAIL

by
Allegra Chapman

Lately, much to my regret, I have been unable to attend the hikes because of an addition to the family in the way of a new puppy. But on Sunday, the 30th of April, a friend was persuaded to take Susan (the pup) and Lois Fenton and me up to the trail leading from the highway into Tucker Lodge.

Susan was full of life and ran back and forth along the trail wanting us to hurry. We intended to go to Noyes Pond and started off on that trail. Along the way, plants of *spathyema foetidus* (skunk cabbage) were found springing up. A few hikes ago, one of the members wanted to be notified of the first up-coming of the cabbages. They are found on the trail to the pond, shortly after leaving the signs to Deer Leap and Noyes Pond.

It didn't take Susan long to scare up a Ruffed Grouse, which frightened her as much as she frightened it. Both pink and white Mayflowers were found and little yellow violets were all along the trail.

Since neither Lois nor I had been on this trail, we had our first experience in following the markers and decided on our next "day off" to take a can of paint along. We could never reach the blazes that are there--we decided that the Club must have a very tall man or that some man had carried a boy on his shoulders to have painted the blazes so high! Probably in the summer time the trail will be easier to follow, but the experience of following the trail was one that will not be forgotten. Three or four times we had a little difficulty in finding the markers and got off the trail. We both remarked that it would not be fun to get lost in the woods.

Time went faster than we, and soon it was time to eat our lunch, about a mile before the pond. A Belted Kingfisher was screeching down along a stream and we decided that it could not be very far to the pond, but we had to return in order to meet our ride home. We found two little chipmunks and while we were eating, a Hairy Woodpecker kept us company. There was plenty of snow to cool off our "Cokes" which had gotten warm from the sun while carrying them. We certainly enjoyed our lunch. Susan seemed happy to be able to lie down for a few minutes. On the return trip, the pup did not run back and forth--she ran ahead and sat and waited until we caught up with her.

On the way back the water in each brook tasted wonderful. We had to sample each one--the result of too much salt in the potato salad.

We had many questions about the trail, but no Green Mountain Club member to ask. Perhaps sometime it will be more convenient to take Susan along with all the other Club members and we can all enjoy her antics. Right now she is a tired puppy-dawg!!

GMC SLIDES GO TO TEXAS

The GMC slides were shown to members and friends of the First Unitarian Church of Houston, Texas. Many of these people are from New England who return for vacations so there was much interest in Vt. and The Long Trail.

Mr. Lawrence G. Cowles of Bellair Texas wrote us an interesting letter in which he mentioned that he wished the slide collection included a half dozen pictures of the Vermont setting in which the trail hikers find themselves on entering Vermont and approaching the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowles hope to introduce their three sons to The Long Trail by an overnight trip on it next August. They have practiced a little in Colorado so mountain climbing will not be a new experience to them.



Vol.3 No.6

Killington Section G.M.C.

June 1950

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 24th, we hope to see all the survivors of the Stratton Trip (along with those who didn't go) at Pleiad Lake for a supper party. This is an easy hike from the road but there are many beautiful trips that can be taken in the neighborhood, if desired.

July 9th, we are planning another trip to Spring Lake since so few members of the Killington Section attended the outing held there in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. This time there will be swimming as well as hiking and sun-bathing on the program.

The new schedule of hikes will be along with the July issue of "Smoke and Blazes".

1950 INTERSECTIONAL

By popular demand the 1950 Intersectional is to be held in the Killington Section area again.

Fred Field is chairman of this event. The dates are Aug. 26 - 27. The place - Perkins' Camp in Mendon.

More details will be given in the July and August issues of "SMOKE & BLAZES" but mark your calendar for Aug. 26 and 27.

RIDDLE

What tree if placed beyond the sea
Would money in your pocket be ?

SPRING LAKE HIKE

On Sunday, May 28th, thirty-five members and friends of the Killington, Worcester, and Burlington Sections of the G.M.C., spent the day at the new Spring Lake Camp in Shrewsbury. Most of the crowd came in over the Spring Lake Ranch road, arriving at various times from nine to eleven-thirty.

Although the Outing wasn't scheduled as a "work party" our visitors insisted on putting in a hard day's labor on the new camp. Could we refuse? Not so. Led by Jim Green; Roy Buchanan, Billy Mitchell, and Churchill Scott, the men carried in logs for the camp foundation, jacked up the camp and put the logs in position on top of the stone piers.

The ladies carried stones from the pasture for use in the foundation. (It's better than a diet girls.)

At twelve-thirty, Helen Bailey had the coffee ready right on schedule, and as usual it was just right.

Then back to work until about four o'clock when our out of town friends had to start for home. One party went north over the Trail to Clarendon Gorge.

It was a fine day and a fine crowd. Thanks again, Worcester and Burlington Sections for your efforts.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club held May 27th at the Long Trail Lodge, Prof. Roy Buchanan was re-elected President; John Vondell, Vice President; and Wallace Fay was elected Treasurer. Craigie Perkins and Lula M. Tye were re-elected Clerk and Corresponding Secretary.

Reports from the sections were given by a representative present from each section. Churchill Scott reported for Killington.

Judge Clarence Cowles of Burlington addressed the meeting eulogizing James P. Taylor, "Father of the Green Mountain Club". Judge Cowles introduced a resolution "That the club do erect appropriate permanent memorials at suitable places on the Long Trail, perpetuating the memory of our founder, and his splendid ideals in founding the Green Mountain Club." This resolution was adopted by the club.

Prof. L. B. Puffer introduced, and the meeting adopted a resolution on the death of Robert H. Domey. It stated in part that "The Green Mountain Club mourns his passing and wishes at this time to express and place on record its respect and affection for Captain Domey, its great sense of loss in his death, and our sincere sympathy for Mrs. Domey and the other members of his family."

At the close of the meeting short hikes were taken around the Lodge.

After the evening meal, Jim Green, of the Worcester Section took charge of the showing of moving pictures of the 1949 Intersectional. The baseball game, the square dancing on the lawn, and the tenting set-up brought back pleasant memories. Prof. Puffer also showed some scenic slides and flower pictures that were appreciated.

Next on the program was square dancing with Diana and George Conlon in charge and

Gotty Paige calling off. This lasted until 11:15 PM and rounded out a full day and evening of business and pleasure.

This meeting certainly stands out as one of getting acquainted with Club business and Club members. It gave an opportunity to all who attended to get in the know of how, why, and wherefore of the Green Mountain Club. Let's get started on another one like it for next year.

LITTLE ROCKY POND

by

Edith V. Ewald

The hike to Little Rocky Pond on Mother's Day was enjoyed by twenty-eight people plus three dogs. The group was well represented as the age range was from eleven to seventy.

After lunch, which included the usual famous coffee, some of us set out for the upper ledge. Twelve people and two dogs made the trip to the top. The view was very fine and we found in looking down on those who had stayed below we had the feeling they were on a shipwrecked island. Some were sunning while others were fishing.

I understand the fishing was not very good, but the trail to Little Rocky Pond was easy going and the wild flowers were at their best. With Mr. Kirk along to identify the trees, rocks, flowers, and birds, the trip was most delightful.

OUR YOUNGEST MEMBERS

David, four weeks old son of Thelma and Bob Perkins, is Killington Section's youngest member.

Our next youngest member is Tommy, eight months old son of Helen and Fred Field.

It won't be long before these youngsters will be on the Trail.

STRATTON

It looks like the way to collect a crowd is to advertise a hard trip! Twenty-six people were on hand for the Stratton trip and fourteen of them made the complete circle - up over Stratton Mt., down to the Pond, and back to the road - nine miles in all. The rest were satisfied with going directly to the Pond, making a seven mile round trip. Who ever said this was an eating club instead of a hiking club?

Mr. Kirk was along so the weather was perfect - clear and cool, with enough breeze to keep the little black flies from being too annoying. The woods were staging a splendid flower show, with lady slippers and mountain pinks as the star performers. We have never before seen so many of either in one place.

Our Outing Chairmen with their usual efficiency had everything under perfect control. Coffee was served on the top of the mountain for one group, and at the Willis Ross shelter at the Pond for the other group. The two detachments combined forces at the shelter at about three-thirty in the afternoon.

This part of The Long Trail is maintained by the Worcester Section and they certainly do an excellent job. We were impressed too with the efficient stove and the equipment such as shovel, axe, saw, etc. which was available in the camp.

On returning to the cars, most of the party took advantage of the opportunity for a drive through a very lovely, wooded section of Vermont, making the return trip by way of West Wardsboro, East Jamaica, Jamaica, Londonderry, and Weston.

We attended an Intersectional at Stratton a number of years ago and had a scheduled hike there about three years ago. Let's not wait so long again before re-visiting Stratton.

KILLINGTON TRIP

George and Diana Conlon, and Craigie Perkins chose the weekend of May 20th - 21st for an over night trip to Cooper Lodge on Killington.

The road in to Tessier's Lumber Camp was found to be passable but it is doubtful if it will be after one or two good thundershowers. There was only one small blowdown on the Bucklin Trail. Patches of snow were still in the hollows near the camp.

Cooper Lodge was found in very good condition. No windows were broken and only an average accumulation of empty cans littered the floor. The stove pipe needs replacement.

As it had rained for two days it was found that all but the smallest dead spruce branches were wet. Several dead trees were cut into but very little dry wood could be found. However, once the fire was started this damp wood burned very well indeed when split up into pieces about an inch through.

As a precaution, a Primus stove burning kerosene had been brought along and this was used for heating coffee water.

The party ate well. Saturday night, steak and mashed potatoes; Sunday morning, bacon and eggs; Sunday noon, roast beef and sweet potatoes. How does that sound?

Four hours were spent on the Peak in the warm sun just looking over Vermont, New York, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Back home again by six o'clock. Another good trip and no Canasta.

ON THE TRAIL

Edith Ewald, accompanied by two girls from the St. Teacher's College, is spending a few days on the Long Trail this week. More news on her trip later.

THOSE LITTLE BLACK FLIES

Perhaps you never saw a bear in the woods, nor a deer, nor a bobcat. Maybe you have been on the trail for a week without seeing a porky. But if you go into the woods in early summer and don't notice the black flies --- well, tsk, tsk.

From about the first of June till the middle of July these little pests can make life miserable for anyone who fails to take proper precautions. Of course people differ in sensitivity. Some seem to be poisoned by the insect bites while others merely brush off the accumulated visitors from time to time and think no more of it. If you are like that you are lucky.

Suppose you aren't, what can you do? Well, you can wear a long sleeve shirt and full length pants or slacks. A hat or bandana will keep them out of your hair, if any. You can buy or make a head net of dark colored material. If you use white you won't be able to see through it as well.

How about dope? If you are old fashioned you can try Oil of Citronella which smells and tastes like licorice and gives a licorice flavor to everything you eat and drink. Incidentally it will make you less attractive to the rest of creation, including the flies. The newer, odorless mixtures are all good. This may be partly psychological though. The flies are bad. You stop to put on some dope. They immediately get much worse because you stopped. You apply the dope and start along again. They don't seem so bad. Therefore the dope is good.

In going along the trail it may help to carry a little switch with green leaves on the end of it to brush the flies away from your face before they can bite.

This all sounds like pretty grim business, but it isn't as bad as all that. The worst trouble can be avoided by camping, eating your lunch, or even resting where there is a chance for the wind to blow

away the flies. In the thick spruces they will swarm around by the millions but the slightest breeze will scatter them, so try to stop by a lake shore or on an open ridge.

If you take these precautions and the flies still bite you have a choice of either staying home or biting them right back.

GODDARD COLLEGE

Well, our traveling sideshow has been on the road again. On June 2nd Harold Valiquette, Fred Field, Churchill Scott, and Craig Perkins journeyed to Plainfield, Vermont to tell all interested at Goddard College about the Green Mountain Club.

About thirty students and faculty members turned out for the occasion. Fred outlined the history and purposes of the Club, Churchill told of the activities of the Killington Section, and Craig acted as sound track for the Club's slide collection. Harold talked on First Aid and led the discussion on camping and cooking equipment.

Results? Who knows? Maybe they will get an Outing Club organized and explore some of the points of interest near Plainfield. Anyway it was fun.

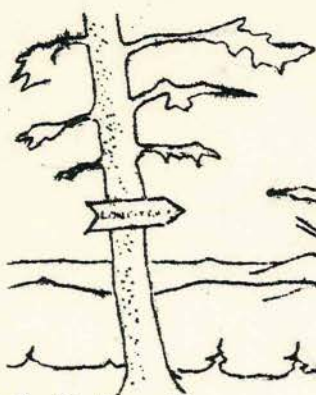
REMINDERS

Are you taking any pictures for our photo contest? Now is the time to be clicking the shutter on summer scenes.

A distinguishing addition to your hiking outfit would be a Green Mountain Club sleeve emblem. This may be purchased at the Chamber or Commerce office in Rutland.

* * * * *

If you can spell you know that Ash Beyond the C will give you CASH.



SMOKE + BLAZES

Vol 3 No. 7

Killington Section G.M.C.

July 1950

1950 INTERSECTIONAL Aug. 26-27

The Killington Section is again host to all other Sections of The Green Mountain Club for the Intersectional Get-to-gether. Fred Field is General Chairman and plans are underway for the big event on Saturday, Aug. 26th and Sunday Aug. 27th.

The gathering place will be the big field in front of the Perkins' Camp in Mendon. At this camp-site some tents will be available. If you have one of your own, bring it along. The camp house will also be open to anyone who would like to use it. For use of either tents or house, reservations should be made with Fred Field, P.O. Box 628, Rutland, Vermont. There is also a big barn that could be used if necessary. Plenty of room for all!

From this gathering place, there are many hikes that may be taken. A schedule of times and places to go will be posted on the front porch of the camp house. Some of the nearby points of interest are:

Blue Ridge Mt. 3 hours Round trip
Tucker L. & Deer Leap 4 hrs. R.T..
Pico Peak 4 hours R.T.
Killington Peak 3 hours R.T.
Wood roads & Beaver dam 1 hour
more or less.

Last year the Saturday night Campfire was one of the highlights of the Intersectional. Square dancing on the grass and a softball game was also enjoyed. These

features will be repeated. Your chairman promises you a good time so be sure to come to the 1950 Intersectional.

Killington Section will furnish coffee, camping space, guides and firewood. There will be someone on hand to give out information on all hikes. Saturday night there will be the Campfire gathering where we canswap Section news and sing songs.

Sunday at 2 P.M. will be coffee time.

How to get there:
You can drive your car to the camp-site. No packing your duffle on your back. Going East on US Route 4 the camp road is the first left turn after the Sunnycroft Tourist House, or directly across from the Killington Historical marker on Route 4. About one-half mile up the camp road and you will be at your destination the

INTERSECTIONAL.

Committee workers for this event are:

Fred Field, General Chairman
Craig Perkins, Welcome
Harold Valiquette, Tenting
Churchill Scott, Hikes
Jim Green, Campfire
Mary Jennings, Coffee
Janet Perkins, Information
Peter Perkins, Wood

Plan now to bring your crowd to this big outing. Ask someone who attended last year if he had a good time.

Sunday, July 23rd, we go to Manchester to join the Bennington Section on a hike to Prospect Rock. Meet at the Meldon School at 1 P.M. Bring Supper. We plan to join the Bennington Section at their meeting place, the Manchester R.R. Station, at 2 P.M. If further details are wanted call Vera Perkins - 1910.

August 5th and 6th is the over night trip to Groton Forest. The Burlington Section has an Outing scheduled there at this time so it is another chance for sections to get together. The Groton Forest area is located a little beyond Montpelier toward St. Johnsbury. On account of the difficulty of arranging transportation for a group, it will be necessary for those wishing to go to make arrangements with someone who has a car. This would be a good time to try and interest some of your non-member friends. What to take will depend on the weather at that time, but you will have to be prepared to sleep on the ground if necessary. (there are some tent platforms & shelters.) Provisions will have to be carried or purchased en route.

There is swimming and hiking at Groton. This should be a good trip. Try and make it.

Watch The Herald for later information or call Mary Perkins - 907-M.

Saturday, Aug. 12th, for those who are unable to make the longer trip (as well as for those who do) there is a shorter easier trip the following Saturday P.M. to the Bradder's Camp in Tinmouth. Swimming and boating on the Tinmouth Channel are available and those who have been there before report a fine time.

What tree a boy does when he's
spanked
And from a quadruped is yanked?

Sunday, July 9th was a fine day at Spring Lake and 27 people and 2 dogs were on hand to enjoy it. Some hiked in over the Trail from No. Clarendon, while others got there the easy way.

Our "youngest set" were well represented by Jimmy and Johnny Catozzi, Tommy Field, and Linda Scott.

Churchill brought the supply of pipe for anchoring the new shelter and he and Geo. Conlin got it up the hill ready for use.

Most of the day was spent in swimming and boating. Spring Lake is a favorite spot and we are looking forward to having the shelter there completed.

GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE GUIDE BOOK

How well do you know the G.M.C. Guide Book? It's a little book published by G.M.C. and well worth knowing.

The main part of the book contains a description of the Long Trail. This gives you not only distances between shelters, but also location of springs, items of interest along the trail, characteristics of the terrain, interesting side trails and average hiking times.

In the front and back of the book you will find interesting information on a number of related subjects as; personal equipment for hiking, simple 1st Aid, and a list of places where food, mail and lodging may be obtained, at points where the Long Trail or approach trails cross the highway.

The Guide Book is a necessity for anyone planning a trip on the Trail. Even if you never get any farther than an "arm-chair" trip you can have a lot of fun.

In case you want to see for yourself, the Guide Book may be purchased from "Lu" Tye at the Chamber of Commerce Office for one dollar. We guarantee you'll decide it's worth it.

Francis Rice was married in April. Francis and his wife are both in the Navy and are stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas. Previous to going to Texas, Francis passed a 16 week course in Electronics with top scholastic honors. A letter from Capt. W.S. Cunningham to Francis' mother informed her of this and concluded in part --" he displayed exceptional ability and leadership and was a pleasure to have on board."

Bill Allard is working this summer for a construction company in Manchester, N.H. He acts as road man for the surveyors.

Jean Sabourin is working this summer at Montgomery Wards. She plans to enter the State Teacher's College at Castleton in the fall.

Tony Fusco who was injured a short time ago in an automobile accident, is well on the road to recovery.

Lucy Bishop and two other teachers are starting on an automobile trip to California next week. They plan to go to Florida and across the southern route, and are hoping to take a side trip into Mexico. They expect to be gone about six weeks. They are taking camping equipment and will patronize state and national parks.

Charles Sabourin is working for the CVSP this summer and at present is clearing brush along their lines.

Helen Bailey is spending the summer at her home in Charlestown, New Hampshire.

Marilyn Trop leaves in August to start Nurse's Training at the Brooklyn, N.Y. Jewish Hospital.

Marge Perkins is in Boston for six weeks studying Drama at the Emerson College Summer Theatre.

Bob Rogers is working with the Blister Rust Control crew and reports that he is getting all the hiking he needs.

Jim White is working with a trail clearing party of the U.S. Forest Service. At present he is working on the Long Trail and approach trails in the north part of the state, near Mt. Ellen. This explains why we haven't seen Jim on the Killington hikes this summer. We are glad to know he is on The Trail just the same.

Lorraine Gorsky has started a year of graduate study in Library Science at Columbia Univ.

Bob Perkins has been awarded a Fellowship for advanced study in Physics at the Univ. of Cincinnati. He is to begin work Aug. 7th, so he, Thelma, and David will be leaving us soon.

LAKE PLEIAD

The Lake Pleiad hike, on Saturday P.M., June 24th, proved to be as popular as always.

Although it was hot in town it proved to be pleasantly cool on the rocks by the lake. As food had to be packed in only a short distance, many people took advantage of the opportunity to eat well and there were some pretty 'scrumptious' feasts laid out around supper time.

The usual swimming and boating were enjoyed. The old raft which used to provide so much entertainment seems to be no more. However, the Perkins' rubber boat furnished plenty of fun.

Quite a number of the party hiked to the top of the hill on the other side of the lake, and wig-wagged greetings to us lazy ones back on the rocks.

Of course the trip to Lake Pleiad wouldn't be complete to some without a side trip to Texas Falls, so one carload made a stop-over and took a swim there before going home.

It was twilight when we started the drive down the mountain. The occupants of the first car down saw deer at three different times. The drive home in the moonlight was a perfect ending for a pleasant outing.

TRAIL CLEARING PARTIES

Some of our younger members and friends have put in two days recently clearing trail. Those taking part were Bob Whitcomb, Pete Spaulding, Brad Sanborn, Dave Quinn, Pierce Smith, Pete Perkins, Robert Perkins and Craig Perkins.

The first trip was from the Long Trail Lodge to the foot of Killington. Between Pico and Killington there were about twenty-five blowdowns. This piece of trail was in the worst condition it has been for years. The boys removed about two-thirds of the blowdowns and cut out some of the little evergreens that are crowding the trail. Two more days work would put this part of the trail in good condition. Pico Shelter was found to be **usable** but poor.

On the second expedition the boys worked thoroughly the trail from the bridge south of the Clement Shelter to the "Upper Road" in Shrewsbury. Then they went over lightly the trail from there to the Clarendon Shelter. There remains considerable brushing out to be done but no blowdowns.

Two parties of hikers were met on the Trail.

CAYUGA STATE PARK

Out in central New York state there is a fine State Park where the auto camper can pitch his tent and enjoy a swim in beautiful Lake Cayuga. The park is situated just off Route 20 between Auburn and Seneca Falls about 275 miles from Rutland, Vermont.

In addition to the camping area there are a few cabins for rent, a large service building with lockers for bathers and a grassy lawn at the waters edge for sun bathing. A sloping beach for wading extends out into the Lake. There is a float and three diving boards. A life guard is on duty. Camping charge is \$.75 Swimming is \$.10.. What more do you want?

COBOURG MUNICIPAL PARK

Cobourg, Ontario is about 70 miles east of Toronto on the northern shore of Lake Ontario.

Two blocks from the main business street of the town is the large Victoria Park directly on the shore of the Lake. For a town of about 10,000 population the park is very well equipped. There are bathing facilities, a camping area, cabins and tents for rent, a large cook house with a range for the use of campers, lunch stand and swings for children. There are also two soft ball diamonds, tennis courts, concert shell and greens for bowling. (If that isn't the correct term don't write in about it.) There is a daily ferry service to Rochester, N. Y. across the Lake.

The charge for camping is \$1.00 a day or \$5.00 a week per party.

In early summer the Lake is too cold for swimming but along in August this would be a nice place to spend a week.

G.M.C. SLIDE COLLECTION

Have you any kodachrome slides that you would loan to the chairman of the G.M.C. Slide Collection so that duplicates can be made?

It would be nice to have a few Killington area slides in the collection. If you have any call Craig Perkins, 907 M.

NOTICE ! NEW SCHEDULES

The new schedule of Outings is inclosed in this issue. There are some new and interesting places listed and also some old favorites that always please.

The large attendance at recent hikes should act as a vote of appreciation to our chairmen who are giving us a splendid program this year.

How truly on the ball you were
To guess that tree was Balsam Fir



Vol. 3 No. 8

Killington Section

August 1950

COMING EVENTS

INTERSECTIONAL - August 26--27 at Perkins' Camp - Mendon

Come on everyone, let's get acquainted with members from other sections and show them that Killington Section is going strong. We can make this the best Intersectional yet if you will all come out and enjoy it with us.

The August issue of The Long Trail News gives details of the plans. If there is any further information you would like, call the Intersectional Chairman, Fred Field. He will be glad to hear from you.

OKEMO MOUNTAIN

Sunday, Sept. 10th is the date for the trip to Okemo Mt. in Ludlow. The road goes to within a mile of the top and there is a limited parking space.

Okemo is the highest peak in that section and the firetower provides an excellent view in all directions. The fire warden (of two years ago) provides both information and entertainment.

Those who feel they do not get sufficient exercise on our trips can hike from the main highway, a distance of 3 or 4 miles of gradual climbing. The foliage usually starts to turn early in this section, and at its peak is one of the most colorful displays anywhere. The return trip could be made via the Tyson Lakes.

NEWS and NOTES

MARJORIE ALLARD has been in Burlington this summer attending the UVM summer session.

EDITH EWALD has had a busy and interesting summer. She spent a week at the Maine Folk Dance camp, a week at Chataqua, and several weeks in Chicago. She plans to attend a Workshop on Higher Education at Antioch College the last two weeks in August.

DANNY JENNINGS is with us again for a few weeks before he returns to St. Michaels in the fall. It is nice to see him on the hikes again.

RUMMAGE SALE

How about that box you are filling for our annual rummage sale?

In about two months we shall be needing a supply of clothes, odds and ends and anything that might bring in a few pennies or dollars to boost the finances of the Killington Section.

If you would like to work on this committee, please don't wait to be asked. Volunteer now! Send your name in to Churchill Scott, president of the club.

The people who have worked on this committee in the past have had a lot of fun doing so. Some of the jobs are sorting, marking, and selling. There is usually some collecting of goods also.

2

WEEK-END AT GROTON
by DANNY JENNINGS

After a year of absence from hiking with the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club, it was with no little anticipation that I looked forward to becoming again an active member by taking in the overnight trip to Groton State Forest. At first it seemed as though it would be a small group but by the time the final counting of noses had taken place twenty-four persons had braved the unknown--seventeen to stay overnight at the Stillwater Area at Lake Groton, and seven driving up on Sunday to join the group for dinner. Those leaving Rutland on Saturday arrived early in the evening at the 15,300 acre park located in the towns of Groton, Marshfield, and Peacham. We drove to the tent camping site and proceeded to pitch our tents under the direction of certain members of the party, experienced in camping wisdom in spite of the protests of a certain member of the group who insisted that food was of prime importance. (Now, Mother, why should anyone think that I am referring to you?) Later in the evening when the tents were pitched and supper had been eaten, a flash lightning storm proved which school of thought was correct. It was pretty nice to be able to run into the tents as the rain came thundering down.

The night, strange to say, was uneventful but then for several of us it was so short that it could hardly be otherwise. We were up by 5:15 thanks to the thoughtfulness (or should I say thoughtlessness) of some fanatic who brought along a Baby Ben. Anyway we got safely to church in Montpelier after driving through fog and stopping at least twice for cows to cross the highway (we nearly had extra steak for dinner).

And who started the ugly rumor about country people getting up early? Returning from church at

the late hour of 7:30 we tried in vain to awaken the residents of most of the villages between Montpelier and the park in order to get some gas. After waiting at one village where there was absolutely no sign of life we finally found a place where the ambitious proprietor opened his establishment at 8 and we made the desired purchase.

After breakfast we toured the park, visiting Kettle Pond where the log leantos are located. Here we met up with the Burlington Section who also had a hike scheduled to coincide with ours. After a short visit with them we went sightseeing to Ricker Pond. Returning to Groton Lake, some of the younger set set about to establish a swimming record. Mike Jennings, Pete Perkins, Brad Sanborn, Joe Valloquette and Tommy Chiaromonte swam the four-tenths mile across and then back. They were accompanied by two more or less expert swimmers in a rubber boat who for sundry reasons wish to remain anonymous. It seemed that the crew of the boat were in need of more assistance than the swimmers possibly could have needed. However, both groups reached shore without any more serious mishap than jittery nerves on the part of those watching from shore.

In the afternoon we visited Owl's Head from which an excellent view is available of the lake, ponds, and the forest in the foreground, and in the distance the White Mts. to the east and Green Mts. to the west. Then after more boating on Groton Lake the party left for home, driving down the Connecticut Valley to White River Junction and home to Rutland through Woodstock. At Bradford we stopped at the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Monastery of the Redemptorist Frs. to see the beautiful church they have built there for the use of people living in the surrounding territory. Three of the boys enjoyed the privilege of being shown the monastery refectory, kitchen, and private chapel by one of the Fathers stationed there. It was a grand week-end.

ON THE TRAIL
by
Caroline McCloskey

Our hike started officially on June 15th, but it had its origin at Castleton Teacher's College long before we actually hit the trail. We drove from East Arlington up past Manchester to the relocation of the trail between Route 30 and Prospect Rock. From our calculations, we were fairly near Prospect Rock when we entered the woods, but later observations and second guessing proved we must have been nearer Bromley Lodge. It seemed that we walked and walked and walked!

Afternoon had come before we reached Prospect Rock. We had had a wildcat scare. (Whether or not what we saw and heard was the animal himself is still under debate. Clara and I are convinced that we had our hatchet and knife out for a worthwhile purpose. Miss Ewald is not so sure.) Anyway we were all glad to reach the old "Rootville" road.

Shedding our packs for a few minutes we followed the side trail out to Prospect Rock. There was one of the sights which make a hike truly worthwhile. A clear and beautiful look at the farmlands in the valley, the range of mountains in the distance, seemingly endless, and the knife-cut of the glen between the mountains, from our steep lookout, refreshed us so that the remainder of our journey to Swezey seemed nothing.

Though described in the Guide-book as being in poor condition, Swezey Camp looked good to us. There was clear, cool water in the stream below us, and a fireplace in front of us. This, and a bed, was all we desired.

In the morning we started off for Stratton Pond and Willis Ross Camp. The trail appeared to be easy and we were feeling energetic, so our motto was "Bourn Pond

by noon or bust!" We did not bust. It was sometime before noon when we reached there. It was fully as beautiful as we had believed, and we lunched at the fisherman's shelter, looking out upon the pond.

It was while we were eating that we heard voices, and rushed down to greet the first people we had met on the trail. They were two boys, one from Bennington and one from Washington, D.C. They were looking for the nearest place to get provisions, so we directed them to Manchester Depot. Hope they made it.

After crossing several small streams, some over logs which threatened to give way under us, (none did), we came to Stratton Pond. All along the way to Willis Ross, around Stratton, there were fragrant bushes of mountain laurel, between which we caught glimpses of the pond.

A walk around Stratton Pond showed us the Stratton View Shelter and the Willis Ross annex. They looked inviting but rain was threatening, so we voted for the closed camp. Note: to whoever left the wax beans in the camp; they were delicious.

Willis Ross was an excellent camp, in good condition. The bunks were filled with fir boughs and the camp was filled with wood.

We were greatly entertained by the notations in the Camp register, especially the system of measurements left by four boys from the Bay State:-

Mass. Miles: $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = 1\text{mi.}$
Long Trail " : $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}$
(for good measure) = 1 mile.

Toward morning we were awakened by a deafening thunderstorm, but since we had to be off the trail by Saturday night we decided to get going. We waded through water up to our ankles and felt it pelting down on our heads. "Rain before seven, clear before eleven," we kept repeating, but it was a long time before eleven.

Perhaps sidereal time was meant.

After reaching the Grout Job we headed for East Arlington. A pick-up truck gave us a lift, after a few hours of hiking on the road, so we were able to reach our destination in time to return to our homes when we were supposed to.

Far from feeling tired and discouraged, in spite of all the rain, we spent the rest of the time together planning another hike -- on The Long Trail of course.

JAVA
by
Maudie Cauty

It was Sunday afternoon, July 23rd and twelve staunch and sturdy Green Mountain Clubbers, assorted ages and sizes, met at Malden School for the trip to Prospect Rock near Manchester.

We were to meet the Bennington Section of the Club at the Manchester Depot, and after a series of Merry-go-rounds we finally found the Depot, (it was there all the time and we didn't know it!)

After waiting for a time for Mr. Goddard, who didn't come, we drove a mile east toward the old Buck Lumber Job and left our cars there at the foot of the old road. From here we hiked up the old wood road, up and up and over stones and rocks through a pretty wooded section.

The sun was hot, the air was sultry but the hikers were fresh, some of them. Hadn't met up with Mary Jennings for such a long time - we had to talk fast. Java was much in the conversation though no one seemed to know much about it.

Our Bennington friends pointed out the beauty spots along the way - to the right a series of great stone steps covered with moss, and water trickling over them for a long way down the ravine.

After hiking two or more

miles we reached our destination to find one of the finest views on the Trail. Standing on the Rock and looking down on Doner's Glen - then off toward Manchester for a stretch of miles made one forget that Java ever existed.

Some of the more ambitious ones went on to Swezey Shelter a mile further up the road and found it in fair condition - horses too, enjoy the hospitality of the Club's shelters.

One lone hiker from the Killington Section appeared late and decided to follow the others into Swezey. In some way, he was misdirected and hiked himself over toward the Peru section of the Trail.

We ate our supper on the Rock, drinking in the beauty of the scene, we had water too, and talked of Old Equinox on the other side of the valley.

Our late hiker had not returned and after the usual period of worry our President and an able assistant decided to rescue him. They did, coming in just after sundown as we were packing up and the evening thrush was singing his good-night song.

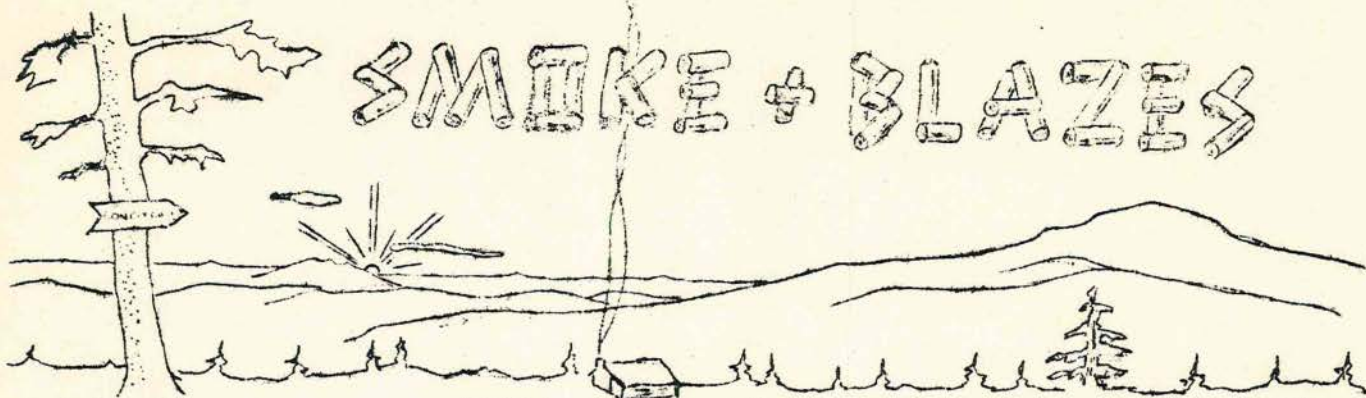
We started back down the road, tired but happy and thankful for another good day in the open.

After goodbyes to the Bennington members and promises to meet again at the Intersectional, we headed north toward our own little niche in the Green Mountains.

HIKE TO BRADDER'S CAMP

The hike to Bradder's camp in Tinmouth on Aug. 12th was enjoyed by 20 people. Two of the group walked the 12 miles in from Rutland. The events of the afternoon included boating and fishing up the channel, short hikes around camp and camp cooking. The view from the camp porch and door yard was so beautiful that many of us sat and absorbed the splendor of it.

As the day ended we chalked up this hike as another day of pleasant memories.



Vol.3 No.9

Killington Section

September 1950

COMING EVENTS

DATE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th
PLACE - MT. HORRID

Sunday, Sept., 24th, we will drive to the summit of the Brandon-Rochester highway where "The Long Trail ascends steeply northward to the great cliff of Mt. Horrid. Fine views. The trail continues along the skyline over the peaks of Mt. Horrid, Cape Lookoff, and White Rocks." At the latter point there are "three fine lookouts." These attractions are about a mile apart. Those wishing even more exercise can continue by mile stages to Romance Mt. and Romance Gap.

Coffee will be served at the picnic spot near the highway before the ascent to Mt. Horrid. Anyone planning to hike beyond White Rocks should make sure of transportation home. (Quotations are from the Guide Book)

DATE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8th
PLACE - Mt. EQUINOX

October 8th we join the Windham Section at Equinox. This is the third hike we have had there in recent years but it has been repeated because several people have expressed a desire for it. Since so many brave souls came out when warned that Stratton was a hard trip, perhaps it may help draw a crowd to state that Equinox is no cinch either! The view however is well worth the effort. Those who prefer to

ride up may join us at the top provided they can arrange their own transportation. Remember there is a toll charge for the use of the road. If anyone does plan to drive up, we would like to beg a ride for the coffee pot!

BEST WISHES

Killington Section extends its Best Wishes to Gretta Rowe and Richard Catozzi whose wedding announcement was received by the Section recently.

Gretta and Dick were married in Barnet, Gretta's home town, on Saturday, September 2nd. Their headquarters for the present will be in Winchester, Mass., where Gretta has a position as High School Dean. Dick hopes to be able to effect a transfer soon from his present location to a point nearer Winchester.

Killington Section has an extra interest in Gretta and Dick as they first met on a GMC hike! Both are enthusiastic hikers and GMC members and we hope they will be able to get back to Vermont often to join us on GMC Outings.

RIDDLE

What tree is never washed like
clothes
But always in to soak it goes?

answer's oak.
If you're not board, the
We blush at such acorn-y joke!

1950 INTERSECTIONAL
by
Frances Green
(Worcester Section)

One advantage in writing up someone else's party is that you can praise it as extravagantly as it deserves, rather than be politely modest and say "Twarn't much" when you know it was tops. And so your guest reporter can say with great enthusiasm that the Intersectional Outing of August 26-27 was "the best yet" (as my family always described my Aunt's incomparable quahaug pies.) For the second year, the Outing was held at the Craigue Perkins' farm in Mendon -- an ideal location with fine camping and hiking facilities.

The Perkins' dooryard and hayfield housed a motley array of about 20 tents of all sizes, plus one jungle hammock. Others, including the Buchanans, slept in their cars, and careful detection among this group on Sunday morning wrung a confession from Mrs. B. that she slept on the front seat and was responsible for our inadvertant 5:30 "bugle call". Walter Bingham's car with its built-in bed, plus a "kitchenette" in the trunk, was viewed with great interest by the many volunteer inspectors who supervised the erection of the tent city.

Setting up camp, square-dancing on the lawn, berry picking, a short moonlight road walk, singing and section reports around a campfire, and general visiting, occupied us on Saturday until late in the evening. On Sunday morning the group divided and one party of about 25, under the direction of Churchill Scott and Jan Perkins went up Killington via the Bucklin Trail, while another group of about 10, led by Craigue Perkins, climbed Blue Ridge Mt. Although the haze prevented distant views, the climbs were enjoyed and there were many near views along the

way, plus such flora and fauna as thistles, jewel weed, a flashing humming bird, a star-nosed mole, and a rattlesnake plantain. Near the end of the hikes, brooks became too tempting and several of the party went wading or swimming. Camp broke up Sunday P.M., and we reluctantly bade our host section goodbye and returned home.

This year's attendance of 104 set some sort of record for such events. Tommy Field, aged 1 year, appeared to be the youngest one present for the weekend. We won't try to choose the eldest, but will just say that the group included all ages. Several of those present were en route home from the Applachian Mt. Club's August Camp, held this year at Warren, Vt. (Jim Marston reported for this group that they thought their first Vt. encampment was an unqualified success, and want to come back soon.) Represented were seven GMC sections and a sprinkling of members-at-large. New York, Worcester, Bennington, Burlington, Sterling, Windham Co. (Brattleboro), and Killington, all reported on their respective activities at the campfire on Saturday evening, with a special report from Professor-President-Trustee Buchanan on this summer's trail construction. (Gorham Lodge on Camel's Hump, and the replacement of Sterling Pond Camp because of fire loss, have occupied the Trail Patrol most of the summer).

While so many helped to make the Outing a success that it would be impossible to single them all out, some mention should be made of special services rendered. The Perkins family deserve our special thanks together with the others from the Killington Section who aided and abetted them in furnishing a brand of hospitality of which any club could be proud. Fred Field, general chairman, made all the plans and issued notices far enough ahead so that the various sections could plan to attend in good numbers.

Thelma Valiquette and Mary Jennings, those two tireless square dancers, also brewed enough coffee to fill a reservoir - and it disappeared so fast that it must have been good. Harold Valiquette, Jim Green, Don Murphy, Bill Mitchell, Eric Carlson were among the tent hoisters. Virginia Wilson supplemented the square dance records with audible and rhythmic calls. They and others helped us to have such a good time that already we're looking forward to the 1951 Intersectional.

DOING A STRETCH
BY
Janet Perkins

Early in July Dick Catozzi and I began looking for a nice little weekend piece of the trail for a group to traverse. We finally decided upon the stretch between Middlebury Gap and Brandon Gap. Gretta Rorc and Jack Martin were contacted and a date set for July 29-31.

Although the weather was dubious and turned into a down-pour before we'd gone fifty feet toward Lake Placid we managed to swim in without any trouble. The Lodge was in wonderful shape, even to a supply of wood, so we could start a fire right away. It cleared in the evening and we went down to the Lake to watch the fish jump. Back at camp, Jack dug out his harmonica and a song book and we sang ourselves to sleep.

It would be nice to say that Sunday dawned bright and clear but it didn't. However it didn't drip rain too much and we enjoyed a nice hike to Sucker Brook.

The Shelter looked wonderful from the back but closer inspection showed altogether too much evidence of Porcupines; in fact one was under the table finishing off a canteen cover. After taking one look at the corrugated iron bunks literally sprinkled with quills we decided that the ground

would be more comfortable.

After a not too restful night we awoke with rain in our faces, etc, and moved on toward Romance Gap. We'd like to return on a clear day and see if the fine lookouts reported in the Guide Book are really there. It was too hazy to tell although it seemed as if we should be able to see a long way from the backbone of White Rocks Mt., Cape Lookoff Mt. and Mt. Horrid. We could suggest that these lookouts be marked and cut out a little. The view from the Mt. Horrid Cliffs was good even in the rain so we recommend it to all on Sept. 24th.

We all had a good time in spite of the weather and porkies and found the trail in excellent condition. If you have a weekend and are looking for a trip we recommend this one the way we took it from north to south.

It was here at "Porkie Heaven" that we reached the height of our culinary art. We had delicious raised rolls for supper. The shoppers, who got the wrong bis-quick mix, take their hats off to Gretta, who tried it anyway and turned out the best bread we've ever had on the trail.

We dubbed the place "Porkie Heaven" because we were forced to kill three and dispose of seven that others had killed. We do wish people would remove the corpses!

RUMMAGE SALE

The committee to work on the Rummage Sale has been appointed by President, Churchill Scott. The members are Vera and Mary Perkins co-chairmen, Mary Jennings, Thelma Valiquette, Churchill Scott and Craigie Perkins.

The date for the sale will be announced in the October issue of SMOKE & BLAZES. In the meantime, be filling up the boxes you are going to contribute to the sale.

The committee has hopes of making \$100. or over with your help.

MT. INCOGNITO

NEWS OF JUNIOR MEMBERS

Somebody at the Intersection-al Outing said "Why doesn't The Green Mountain Club put up signs along the roads telling people the names of near-by mountains?"

What do you think of that?

Well, first, let's see what is bad about it. There are far too many signs along the roads now. Could the GMC find the time, energy and money to carry out such a project? One hundred signs would make a fair showing for a start. Figure out the cost.

Now how about the good side of the scheme. Our mountains are one of the chief attractions for the tourist. He would be more appreciative if he knew what he was looking at. And besides it would prove to him that at least some Vermonters know the names of their mountains. (Half the people in Rutland still call Mendon Peak "Shrewsbury"). The more people think about the mountains the more they are apt to support The Green Mountain Club.

So think it over.

PAGING CAGING !

Churchill Scott reports eight broken windows at Cooper Lodge on Killington. How did it happen? Probably somebody slipped while swinging from the rafters by his tail.

Cooper Lodge is officially the property of the State of Vt. So many windows couldn't have been broken accidentally. Perhaps the Club could collect the \$50. reward if we could find the guilty party. Let us know the names of people who visited the camp in July or August and we shall see what we can do.

We were much too lenient with the gang that broke out two window sash at Tucker Lodge last Christmas time. Let's tighten up a little. If we don't care, who will?

The following members have returned to their studios:

Marjorie Allard, UVM, Burlington.

Bill Allard, UVM, Burlington.

Danny Jennings, St. Michaels,
Winooski.

Marjory Perkins, Emerson College,
Boston.

Charles Sabourin, College of
Pharmacy, Boston.

Jane Sabourin, Vt. State Teacher's
College, Castleton.

James White, Harvard, University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Warren Bergstrom, UVM, Burlington.

Barbara Flanders, State Teacher's
College, Castleton.

Michael Jennings is in the service of the U.S. Navy and is now stationed at Newport, R. I.

TRIP TO OKOMO

Undaunted by unpromising looking weather, 13 GMC members and guests made the trip to Okomo Mt. in Ludlow on Sunday, September 10th. This was a smaller than usual attendance, but returns to school and after-the-Fair fatigue seemed to account for the absence of many of our 'regulars'.

We drove to the end of the automobile road and found the 3/4 mile hike to the top of the Mt. a not too strenuous climb. The view from the fire tower was, of course, not up to standard, but was reported as better than might have been expected.

The fire warden is also a craftsman and it is worth a trip up the Mt. to see and hear about the things he makes.

We enjoyed a leisurely dinner at the picnic area and had a good visit about GMC activities, past and to come.

It was one of those days when the weather looks much worse from indoors than it really is outside and all agreed it had been a 'good day'.



Vol.3 No.10

Killington Section

October 1950

HIKERS' RESPONSIBILITY

During the first twenty years of the Green Mountain Club's existence the builders of the Trail spent much time and effort getting permission from property owners to run the Trail across their land.

Having been granted this privilege we are under considerable obligation to be sure that we don't abuse it, both on our own account and for the sake of all future hikers on the Trail.

We recently watched a man remove the carcasses of two skunks from his water supply, into which they had been deliberately thrown by some pretzel brain. It so happens that the Long Trail crosses his land and he has been very cooperative with the G.M.C. How do you think this man felt about opening his land to public use? How would you feel?

In this particular case the offence was not the work of hikers and it is doubtful if legitimate hikers ever did such a malicious thing anywhere along the Trail. But we have known of careless use of firearms, leaving unattended fires, breaking down fences, and scattering of garbage and papers.

Let's be a little more thoughtful of the rights of people who have been good enough to let us use their property for our recreation.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE OCT. 28th

Our annual Rummage Sale, one of the few money making activities which we have during the year, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28th, in the Neighborhood Rooms.

In order to have a successful sale it is necessary that we have a good quantity of 'Rummage' -- so let's all pick up everything we can spare from our own houses and canvas our friends and neighbors for their cast-offs.

All material for the Sale should be at the Neighborhood Rooms on FRIDAY as selling starts as soon as the doors open Saturday A.M. If you have things to donate but are unable to get them to us, call Craigue Perkins - 907-M - before FRIDAY and we will arrange to collect them.

Our previous Sales have been very successful. Let's borrow the 4-H motto and "Make The Best Better" this year!

PERSONALS

Mary Jennings has just returned from a trip to Boston, Newport, R.I., where she visited Michael, and New York.

Barbara Mellow spent part of her October vacation on a trip through northeastern Vermont.

Charlotte Rutkowski is having a weeks' vacation during which we understand she plans to climb at least a couple of mountains.

COMING EVENTS

DATE- SUNDAY OCT. 22nd
PLACE- HAYSTACK MOUNTAIN

Sunday, October 22 we will climb Haystack Mountain in Pawlet. (Note the location as there is another mountain of the same name near Bennington.) The nearest approach is through Middletown Springs to Pawlet and then north about a mile on the Poultney Road to a settlement called Spanktown, making a right turn opposite Bailey's (no relation) garage.

There is a short steep ascent and we have been informed that it would be a good place to try out your rope and ice hatchet technique. The top is barren and should afford a fine view of the surrounding farmland. This trip, although highly recommended on good authority, is somewhat of a mystery to the committee, who assume no responsibility for its success!

DATE-SATURDAY NOV. 4th
PLACE- BEAVER DAM* W. CASTLETON

Saturday afternoon, Nov. 4, we will make a short trip to the Beaver Dam in West Castleton. This will be one for the children as we drive to the west end of the float bridge and walk about a mile through the woods. There is a complete beavervillage with a dam, lake, canals and other evidence of their activities. The beavers themselves do not welcome visitors and are not likely to be on hand.

TRAIL CLEARING

Churchill Scott, Ray Catozzi and Craig Perkins did a "super-duper" job on the Trail from Clarendon Gorge to Spring Lake. Twenty-two blowdowns were sawed out and much needed brush cutting done. It is a pleasure to put even one small section of our trail in such good condition that blazes are not necessary on every tree.

THE TRIP TO EQUINOX

The trip to Mt. Equinox on Sunday, October 8th, was enjoyed by 30 or more GMC members and friends. It was a joint outing with the Killington and Windham Sections participating. Some of the group drove up the toll road while others hiked up the trail.

We were pleasantly surprised to find piped drinking water and a picnic area with fireplaces and tables on top of the mountain. We were also delighted to see and get acquainted with the folks from the Windham Section.

The Altitude of Equinox is 3,816 feet. The hikers agreed that this mountain offers a good steady climb for even the most rugged mountain climbers.

The views from the summit are expansive but the view from Lookout Rock, about a half mile from the summit is more impressive. It is directly above the village of Manchester and the homes, farms, roads and ponds as well as the distant mountains can be clearly seen.

The construction of Sky Line Inn on the top of this mountain is a long story of man's ingenuity. The combination of nature's beauty and man's skill make this a unique spot in Vermont.

WORK PARTY

On Oct. 1st, Cooper Lodge on Killington was tucked in for the winter. Those working on this trip were Tony Fusco, Chubby Vignoc, Brad Sanborn, Pete Perkins, Bob Whitcomb, Dave Quinn and C. Perkins.

New stovepipe was installed and eight lights of glass set. The camp was found clean and the roof looked OK although people have been climbing all over it.

The party went up from the lumber camp on the west side and found the road from Brewer's Corner to the camp "passable but unsafe."

A FALL CAMPING TRIP

By
Thelma Valiquette

On Sept. 26th once again the four of us were on our way for our annual camping trip at a State Forest Park -- that is Mary and Vera Perkins, Mary Jennings and myself. We left Rutland about 9:30 headed for Townshend. After a very pleasant drive down through Weston and Londonderry we arrived at our destination about noon. The caretaker was somewhat surprised to see campers after the frosts we had had.

We chose our campsite near a babbling brook which was convenient as well as picturesque. About this time we decided it was time for lunch so we drove to Newfane. We cook all our own meals except the one when we are setting up camp and one on our way home. We were disappointed to find the Newfane Inn closed for the season. However the clerk was still there and she invited us in to see the rooms which were furnished in beautiful antiques. In the dining-room there is still the original fireplace and the beams are hand-hewn. The Inn is about 175 years old. We did find a little Inn where we had a good lunch.

From here we went back to our camp site, collected wood and set up housekeeping. We had family style cooking with everything from soup to nuts. Canasta was in order each night as soon as the camp work was done until midnight. During this time an occasional snort was heard nearby but upon looking for the cause we could find nothing. (Upon arriving home we were told that it was either a porky or a deer.) We were plenty warm with a cozy fire blazing. After drinking hot chocolate we jumped into our sleeping bags. About 4 A.M. we were awakened by a husky voice yelling, "Get away from there." (Mary P. dreaming someone was stealing her

money out of the car.) After we realized it was a nightmare we went back to sleep until 8:30 A.M.

The second day we explored the State Park in the A.M. and in the P.M. Mary P. and Vera went boating on the West River. They had a very enchanting afternoon until getting hung up on the rocks where after much ado they had to get out into the ice cold water and carry the boat back to deeper water. From there on all was clear sailing. Mary J. and I climbed Bald Mt. supposedly one mile and very steep. When evening came and we met at the camp we were all ready for a good dinner and to discuss the highlights of the day.

The next morning we arose later than ever - 9 A.M. After a leisurely breakfast, sad as it seemed, we had to break camp. We came home via Brattleboro and the Molly Stark Trail to Bennington - a very beautiful drive. We stopped at the Skyline Gift Shop and that evening ate dinner in Arlington and drove home with plans for next year's trip in mind.

THE MT. HORRID TRIP

by
Charlotte Rutkowski

On Sunday, September 24th, eleven Green Mt. Club hikers had their first taste of cold weather on the scheduled hike to Mt. Horrid.

Most of the group went on up to White Rocks while others enjoyed a leisurely hike to Cape Lookoff. The view from the cliffs was excellent.

It seemed to be our day to see some wild-life for we came upon a beauty of a fox and several partridges. Our dog, Susan, just missed getting her nose full of quills from a hedgehog that she was chasing.

We got our first glimpse for the season, of snow and icicles and all agreed that the hot coffee never tasted as good as it did that day.

4

A SUMMER WITH
THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE
by
Jim White

Not one day, nor a weekend, but twelve weeks of trail clearing was my job this summer. As a member of a three man U. S. Forest Service trail crew, I helped clear the Long Trail in the National Forest as well as many side and approach trails.

Although our primary purpose was fire prevention, not catering to the tourist trade, we made repairs to shelters whenever possible. Our usual practice was to stay in a Long Trail shelter a week at a time and work the side trails in that area and as much of the Long Trail as possible. This had its drawbacks, however, as happened at Sunrise Shelter. We were cooking supper in that tiny shelter one evening when twelve boys from Harlem dropped in to spend the night. Camping was definitely a new experience for them. At least, so we decided, after watching them dig holes in the ground with their axe and build a smokescreen of green wood for cooking.

Except for this group we met few people on the trail. The porcupines, though, made up for them. Altogether we killed about fifty of them, turning in their cars of course. Their most popular shelter seemed to be Coolcy Glen where we killed seventeen in two days. One especially friendly porcupine tried to get into bed with me. Luckily, he awoke me in the process. Another time, I met a deer between Carmel and Noyes Pond who was either very friendly or just curious. He came to within twelve feet of me, sniffing and gazing at the queer-looking creature he had discovered, without showing any signs of alarm. He finally walked past

me, continuing to munch leaves as he hiked the trail. We were surprised one day to see a deer, unaware of our presence, take a swim in Abbey Pond. The only bear I saw this summer ran across the trail near Little Rocky Pond.

I would say the most beautiful sights we saw were sunrise from Glen Ellen, sunset over Champlain and Chittenden from the top of Carmel, North Pond, the valley view from the Lake Griffith trail, and the Champlain valley from the South Mountain tower.

The incident which took the cake occurred when we met a gentleman from Mountain Top Club in Chittenden. He inquired whether we had heard of The Long Trail and, when we had stated our job, asked if we had driven the length of it in the jeep. He claimed he'd "like to go back to it some day". Near the end of the summer we hit upon the perfect squelch. Some boys at Lake Griffith bragged that they had been hiking the trail for two whole weeks and then asked how long we'd been on it. "Oh, since June 12th," we answered.

FOREST FESTIVAL

This past week Forest Festival Week has been observed throughout the State. This gives a splendid opportunity for the citizens of Vermont to become familiar with the problems connected with one of our greatest resources- the Forests.

It is becoming more and more evident that legislative action should be taken if we hope to keep our mountains GREENmountains.

Along with the Festival Program a film "Green Mountain Land" was shown. This is an interesting film but lacks a showing of any mountain scenes or State Parks. Perhaps it is intended to promote industries other than recreation.

How about GMC supporting the Forest Festival Week next year by having an information booth telling the story of The Long Trail?



Vol.3 No.11

Killington Section G.M.C.

November 1950

COMING EVENTS

TIME - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th
PLACE - McLAUGHLIN FALLS

The last hike of 1950 will be held Sunday, November 26th at McLaughlin Falls.

The Bradders plan to be at their camp near by and have invited us to stop in to warm hands and feet and have our coffee. Weather permitting it will be possible to drive right to the door, and there is ample opportunity for hiking in all directions. Our really ambitious members can hike one or both ways in addition, if they wish. This trip is planned for the day after hunting season in the hope that the air will be clear of all stray bullets. After the holidays there are two hikes scheduled for January, which will be snow-shoe trips if we are so fortunate as to have a real old-fashioned winter for a change.

May we be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

The Outing Committee.

LET'S USE IT!

The funds in our treasury are now up around the \$800 mark. This should enable us to do much of the work needed to put our section of the Trail and its shelters in A-1 condition ---IF--- we can produce the necessary manpower. How about it?

COVERED DISH SUPPER

We can appreciate how rapidly a year goes by when we realize that it is once again time for our annual Covered Dish Supper. This will be held on Saturday, December 9th, at "Beechwood".

As usual the supper will be served at 6:30, but the latch-string will be out from 2 P.M. on, so come early and get in some hiking and visiting before the eating starts! After supper colored slides will be shown.

In the interests of keeping the menu up to standard for this occasion, we need to know if you are coming so we can tell you what to bring for the supper. Coffee will be furnished by the Club. It's a help if you can remember to bring your own plate, (a good big one!), cup, fork and spoon. However we won't send you home hungry if you should happen to forget them.

This is one of the Outings arranged as a general get-together and it is a fine chance to catch up on Club activities.

PLEASE CALL VERA PERKINS -
TEL. 1910 if you are planning to be with us at "Beechwood".

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Start now to hunt up those entries for the annual Photography Contest. They should be pictures taken either on GMC Outings or on the Trail during the past year. We will give you more details in the next issue.

TRIP TO HAYSTACK MT.-PAWLET
OCTOBER 22, 1950

2

BEAVER DAM
by
Barbara Mellow

On October 22, in 19 fifty,
We jumped out of bed, found some
duds quite nifty,
And, despite the cold, we drove
off gaily
For Haystack Mountain, near the
garage of Bailey.
We harnessed our packs, all set
for the climb,
To plow through leaves, over
rocks and through slime.
Over fences we leaped, and under
dead trees,
'Til we strained our muscles and
skinned our knees.
At last the top came into sight,
Where coffee was boiling with
all its might.
Poor Mary Perkins! She now sighed
and kept still.
(She had thought all along we had
climbed the wrong hill.)
Susan was there, and she barked
with delight.
She knew from the past there were
tidbits in sight.
Churchill had to retrieve his
pack.
(It somehow tipped over when he
turned his back.)
We laughed so hard we hardly
could eat
For we couldn't stand up, the hill
was so steep.
Misses Mellow and Bailey were
doing alright
With "Ham a la Pineapple" and
"Cream Puff Delight".
The view was superb, but all good
things must end,
And, as twilight approached, we
had to descend.
~~For drove away with deep regret;~~
For we all ~~had~~ agreed it was the
best hike yet.

Helon B. Field

That tree is like a man today,
Who spent last night but did not
pay?

He lacked the yeast to raise the
dough,
He didn't pay, so he willow.

On Saturday, Nov. 4th, eight
of us hiked to the Beaver Dam in
West Castleton. The weather was
bad, several showers during the
morning and they just couldn't
seem to stop in the P.M. However we
said that we would not break the
Club's record by cancelling a hike
on account of rain.

We drove to Lake Bomoseen
crossed the float bridge and parked
our cars in Mr. Johnson's yard.
From there, we followed a trail
through the woods to the dam. At
one time, this trail was one of the
Town's main roads from Hubbardton
to Glen Lake.

It was interesting to see the
many dams the beavers have made.
The bark of trees is what they use
for food. They especially like
poplar and beech, although we did
notice they had used hemlock and
birch.

The beavers are really clever
in making canals to the water in
order to float the trees to their
houses, so they can store them away
for their winter's supply of bark.

To get a thrill we decided
to cross the dam. It was real
exciting as we went one by one
sideways on a log which was quite
slippery. We all made it without
a mis-step with the exception of
Susan, Allegra's dog, who had a
couple of swins before she made
the other side.

John Daniels led the way and
pointed out many interesting doings
of the beavers.

When we returned to our cars,
the committee served cider and dough-
nuts. Allegra brought forth some
very good home-made cookies.

Not a beaver did we see!
They were probably hiding on us. We
did see two of their houses made of
piled up twigs. What a grand bonfire
they would make!

We all enjoyed the hike very
much and agreed that we would like
to go again.

CLEMENT SHELTER WORK PARTY

It seems to take cold weather to get out those work parties. We've had three lately and more are planned for some time soon.

Last spring we tore out the upper bunk at the Clement Shelter planning to replace it at a higher level to give more head room in the lower bunk. Boards were salvaged from the collapsed shed left by the lumber men for this job which has now been done. We think we have enough boards to replace the lower bunk also if and when we get to it.

The shelter was found in very good condition including a pile of dry wood and a fire in the stove. Never found out how come, but there is a big new lumber job underway above the camp about a mile. Now white blazes have been painted along the road leading up to the camp and right by it. We hope they lead to Killington and not to some other lumber camp. Have to follow them up some time.

PROGRESS AT SPRING LAKE

Two very successful trips have been made to the new Spring Lake Camp. All the boarding has been completed on the side walls. Posts along the back wall have been put in, as well as a big center post to the ridgepole and a long tie rod from the front to the back of the camp. All rafters are now in place. Paper for the roof has been bought and negotiations for roof boards are underway. It really looks as though we might get it closed in by Christmas. What do you say boys and girls?

TRUSTEES' MEETING

On Nov. 4th the trustees of the GMC held a special meeting. It was the best attended meeting in recent years.

ATTENTION - NEW CONTEST

WHAT IS YOUR "HIKE CUE" ?

The staff of SMOKE & BLAZES is offering a prize to the Killington Section member who has the highest "Hike Cue" as demonstrated by answering a set of ten questions.

The prize will be awarded at the Annual meeting in Jan. 1951 when a set of questions will be passed out to members to be answered.

The Guide Book will be the accepted authority for answers.

All members of the section are eligible except members of the staff of SMOKE & BLAZES and their families.

So that all may have an equal chance, here are the questions that will be asked:

1. What is the length of the Long Trail in the Killington Section ? (to the nearest mile)
2. How many camps and shelters are there on the Killington Sec. of the Long Trail exclusive of the Long Trail Lodge and Spring Lake camp ?
3. Can Pico Pond be seen from the Long Trail ?
4. Does the Long Trail go over the top of Killington Peak ?
5. In what town is the lowest point on the Long Trail in the Killington Section ?
6. How many windows are there in the Buffam Shelter ?
7. How many different public roads are touched by the Long Trail in the Killington Section ?
8. Does the Long Trail intersect the Juggernaut Trail on Shrewsbury Peak ?
9. What is the exact altitude of Mt. Killington ?
10. Is Spring Lake East or West of the Long Trail ?

If necessary, an elimination contest will follow at the meeting.

Study your Guide Book and come prepared to be a winner.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$123.12

Each year the Rummage Sale proceeds have been gradually mounting and this year followed along in the established tradition. We are beginning to wonder where the top limit is!

According to custom the day preceding the sale was spent in receiving goods, pricing and arranging. Customers were on hand when the doors opened at 9 A.M. Saturday and business was brisk throughout the morning. The afternoon and evening were slower, but the dimes and nickels kept piling up.

It is interesting to watch the varying trends in "best sellers". This year, once again, dishes, vases and general nic-nacs for home decoration were popular. Underwear of all kinds, children's clothing, boy's shirts, sweaters and blouses, all sold well. Remnants of material were good sellers also.

Besides being a financial success, the Rummage Sale has proved to be interesting and fun. We are beginning to acquire regular customers who come year after year. One such is the lady who asked us to notify her by postcard when the sale was held next year. She had nearly missed it this year, having seen the "ad" barely in time to catch the bus from Ludlow where she lives.

We tried to contact all members before the sale and the response was very satisfying. The committee wishes to thank each of you, not only for supplying articles but also for sending them in such good condition. They also wish to thank the following people who assisted at the sale; Allegra Chapman, Charlotte Rutkowski, Helen Field, Ruth Fostman, and Eleanor Walker.

The cooperation of all made the sale the success that it was. Once again, thanks everybody!

COME ON OUT, THE WINTER'S FINE.

If you are planning to go into hibernation for the Winter - forget it. In many ways the Winter is the best time to get out and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine. It is never too hot; there are no flies or mosquitoes; you won't be soaked by a sudden shower.

Of course there is the little matter of keeping warm. If there is rain or sleet - stay home. If there is a high wind and a low temperature - that is the ideal time to sit by the radiator and study maps. At all other times it isn't too cold to be out no matter what the thermometer says. Use judgement in choosing where you go. If it is windy keep to the thick woods and pick sunny, protected spots to rest or eat your lunch. Maybe you can go to a GMC camp, leave your pack, start a fire and then take short walks from there, knowing you have a warm place to come back to.

For clothing you won't need so much as you think. Keep your feet warm with plenty of wool socks and loose shoes. Wear a pair of wool mittens covered by a pair that are windproof. Take extra pairs of wool socks and wool mittens just in case you get the others wet. Don't forget protection for your ears. They get frosted very easily. If you can keep active and on the move a single wool shirt will keep you warm enough down to about zero, believe it or not. And you may have to take off the mittens. Keep out of the wind and don't get sweaty. When you stop put on a heavy jacket at once before you begin to feel chilled.

Plan something hot for lunch and plenty of it. You will require more energy in cold weather.

Don't miss the fun there is to be had outdoors during the next few months. We'll be seeing you.



Vol. 3 No. 12

Killington Section G.M.C.

December 1950

EVENTS - PAST and TO COME

Congratulations to our brave president, who made the trip to McLaughlin Falls on November 28th and kept alive the tradition that a GMC hike is never "called" on account of the weather. Our apologies to the rest of you for such poor planning. Personally we've wondered if Mr. Kirk's presence on the earlier hikes didn't bring us good luck. Anyway the weather man seems to have deserted us about the same time he did.

It's a long way to look ahead but we are planning to have something cooking at Fostman's camp on Pine Hill on January 7. Whether it will be mud pies, to-bogganing, or gathering arbutus we are unable to say at this point. Anyway we hope young and old will make some New Year's resolutions and come out and work off the extra pounds many of us will put on over the holidays.

The Annual Meeting of the Killington Section will be held in January. Details will be given in our next issue. This is your opportunity to get first-hand information on club activities and to make suggestions on how things should be done. The editors of 'Smoke & Blazes' would especially welcome suggestions as to what you would like in your paper.

It's an old wish but we like it-
MERRY CHRISTMAS and
HAPPY NEW YEAR

NEWS and NOTES

It was nice for us that Danny and Michael Jennings could be home on the right week-end to join us at the Beechwood party. Danny was home from St. Michael's College and Michael was on leave from the Charlestown Navy Yard where he is stationed at present.

Grace Hayward and "Dart" Noyes left the Monday after Thanksgiving to spend the winter in Florida. We hope they will have a grand, sunny winter.

Beverly Bruce is doing her affiliation work in Boston. She is a student nurse at the Bennington Hospital.

Marilyn Trop was home for Thanksgiving from the Brooklyn Hospital where she is in training. We should get Marilyn to tell us about her horseback riding lesson sometime!

Gretta and Dick Catozzi arrived at the Beechwood party in time to spend the evening with us. Guess they can qualify as having driven the longest distance to attend the outing.

We hear that Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rice are now in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Janie Sabourin, another of our artistic GMC members, is working on a new masthead design for the 1951 'Smoke and Blazes'. Watch for it on the January issue.

The usual crowd, the usual good food, and the usual good time was the order of the day and night, December 9th at Beechwood.

It has become traditional now - food of scrumptious quality, and plenty of it ! We were not disappointed as 40 of us walked around the table and made our selections.

Young Paul Larson was the only one present who didn't heap his plate. He being only eleven weeks old, didn't have much choice.

The afternoon was one of the kind that makes sitting by the fire very pleasant. Of course there are always a few in every group who just won't sit. Craigue, Alegria, and Kay Green took a nice long hike up Bald mountain. They found the going rough. The recent wind storm practically obliterated the trail. When they finally reached the top, the fog was so thick they might just as well have been sitting by the fire.

For our entertainment in the evening we had a varied collection of motion pictures and slides. These consisted of pictures of The Rutland Fair taken by Mr. F. Catozi and pictures taken in Norway of Richard Catozi's trip last year. Mr. Bradder's Kodachrome Slides of Vermont and Florida were also enjoyed and Vera Perkins's slides taken on her recent trip to England, Scotland and France completed the show.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Our Photo Chairman, Shirley Morris has announced that there will be another Photography Contest at the annual meeting in January. Entries may be brought in that night to be judged for prizes. There are to be two classes- black and whites, and colored prints and Kodachrome slides. Pictures must have been taken on L.T. or GMC outing.

Yes, we are still talking about it, and a lot has been done about it.

About two hundred boards for the roof and six rolls of 90 lb. roofing paper were taken by truck to a point a quarter of a mile from the camp. From there it was urged along by the smoothest working relay system you ever saw operate.

The roof boards are all in place. Roofing felt has been put on, and the heavy surfaced paper has been applied to half the roof. It is now snow proof so that work can go on inside the camp on the floor and bunks this winter.

A "Valiquette Special" stove (size, large; weight, plenty) has been carried in and set up. Result: heat. No more shivering in the cold wind on that job. Later on this stove will perhaps be replaced by a cook stove the Club has in storage.

As the camp begins to look more and more like a camp, the enthusiasm of the Club members increases. The last two or three work parties have been well attended. Maybe having the ladies along to cook and serve dinner helps. (They also carried boards and hammered nails !)

In addition to the "old reliables" we had the aid and assistance of Albert Lessor, Norman Davis, and John Daley. Keep coming boys.

HURRICANE DAMAGE?

We would like to get a check on our shelters and trails as soon as possible to determine the amount of wind damage caused by the storm of Nov. 25th. Tucker Lodge is OK Spring Lake Camp is OK Buffam Shelter was OK at 4 PM on the day of the storm. There are a lot of blowdowns between Pico Junction and the top of Pico. Can anyone add to this list? If so, get in touch with Churchill Scott.

REPLY TO JOE HASSEN KOOPER

Well our "Hike Cue" contest is off to a flying start. Right away we get a letter from our old friend Joe Hassen Kooper over on Goosepimple Lake. We'd like to print all of Joe's letter and certainly will have it posted at the Annual Meeting.

Joe has jumped the gun! He sends in answers to some of the questions and questions some of the answers. We think he is just trapping for information, for which we're not falling.

Joe writes, "Now jos look at dat first ting. How long is a Long Trail? And to a mile? Ba Gosh why didn't dat fellar make it measurc in inches." (Let's not split hairs, Joe. There's little enough meat on them at best.) "It all depends anyhow which end you start at north or south. If you go south it is honly 16 mile but I'm telling you if you go north, it is all up hill and it is 26 mile. I tink Ba Gosh I go south and dats de answer to dat one." Well you seem to have something there, as the old lady said when her dog brought a skunk into the living room.

Joe complains, "Haltitude! Ba Gosh but dats a beeg word. Sumbody can't make eny answer. In de winter when de snow is about six feet deep up dare, it makes beeg difference." (For a while this one was too deep for us but finally we got the drift of it.)

On that Pico Pond question Joe says, "Dat sure is de dumbest of de whole lot. Cos U can't. Once I tried and Ba Gosh everything was so dark and black I can't see my face before my hand." If it was so dark, Joe, How did you know it was Pico Pond that you couldn't see?

"How many windows in Buffan? Well, well ain't dat a question? Dere is one beeg one about 14 feet by 8 feet hi. A darn beeg window

3

if U ax me." We saw through this one right away, and we think it is rather silly. What worries Joe is apparently the question of the difference between a door and a window. We don't want to get into a jam but this is the way we see it. If it looks like a door and is used for a window, that's a French door. If it looks like a window and is used for a door, that's French leave. A certain unquotable local authority tells us that a French livre is a pound. We looked that up and on June 16, 1947 the pound was worth just exactly \$4.00 even, so there is no cents to that either.

Joe says to send his prize to his wife Jullie. ("she ways about 200 pound.") We can't do that till the contest is finished at the annual meeting. But we hope to hear from you again, Joe, and keep plugging.

Editors note: We wouldn't have published this at all only we haven't been so short of material since Gypsy Rose Lee left the stage and we tried to make over her costume into a Mother Hubbard.

HIKING ABANDONED ROADS

Eleanor Walker, Ruth Labrako and Vera Perkins have been doing a little exploring lately by hiking some of the nearby abandoned roads. Trips have included the old road around Bird Mt. and the one around Clark Hill in West Rutland. Although marked the same on the map, the Bird Mt. road is hard to find at times, while the Clark Hill one could be negotiated by car.

It is interesting to take along an old topographical map and look for landmarks. All that is left of many of the houses is the cellar hole.

A hike over an old road from Pittsford to Hubbardton is being considered for the near future. Anyone interested is invited to come along.

SUSAN'S VERSION

4

On Saturday nite, November 11, Allegra brought home a pretty sap knack that smelled like that cream puff gurl. First thing I knew, she started cleaning out the cupboard and putting everything into the sack and talking about that big hill--Killington. Next morning, we got up earlier than usual, and I wanted to sleep in too, but not Allegra--she was all excited, getting ready to go. Finally she got everything into the sack but the sink and the stove, and then she said, 'Isn't that nice?' I dunno.

She dragged me to the car (I was still tired) and we drove down to the hospital. About 8:30, Louise Hilkens (she travels my style--slow and easy), Albert Lassar, Myrtle McKirryher, and Don LaPlant got into the car, squeezing me into a corner--I'd a lot rather walked from there, but I couldn't get out; they were all fat people.

Allegra drove the car with us in it (me squeezed) up to that nice dirt road going to Wheelerville. But after the first bridge, she said, 'O.K. Susan--out you go,' and I had to walk all that way til the dirt road that crosses, going up the big hill. There was lots of nice fuzzy white stuff that tastes so wet and cold, so I wasn't wishing for any brooks. When they come to that old snow plow in the V in the road, they all got out and much to my amazement, put on overcoats, boots, mittens, and all that stuff--I didn't even have a scarf to wear--guess Allegra doesn't care if I catch cold.

We all walked up the dirt road--I was so tired at that point, they almost had to carry me. Up by the sawmill, they found a blue mark and all said, 'Hurray, here it is.' I ran over thinking maybe there was a

rabbit or a squirrel, but I didn't see a thing to be happy about--a path going right straight up that big hill. No--I tried to stay at the bottom and wait til they came back, but they said something about eating at the top--didn't think I heard them, but I did. Sure was a struggle for me to get them all to the top, but by pushing and pulling, we all finally made it to a nice camp. Allegra was first there--I helped her of course, and she and Albert got the fire started and smoking. Finally she got him out of the way and made it herself. She opened a lot of cans (some of it smelled good too) and put them on the stove and went to a spring and got some water (imagine--with all that white fuzzy stuff right outside the camp door--could melt that couldn't she?) Pretty soon the others came into camp and all sat down on the benches and said they were hungry--of all things!

Well, after they were all stuffed and couldn't eat any more, they gave me a little--not much, but enough to make me want more. They were all sitting around talking (I was resting) when one of them looked out the window and said, 'Hey, look at it snow! Guess we don't get to the top (I sighed), we'd better go down--might get snowed in!

Then they gathered up the little bit that was left and put the fire out (after all that work--I don't understand it) and all started out the door--I tagging behind as usual. Then they all slid down the hill on the bottom of their pants. It took 2 hours to go up and 20 minutes to slide down--seems to me they'd find places to go down, then there wouldn't be all that work of going up.

That night I was so tired, I could hardly get ...to... sleep ... z z z z z

susan.

(contributed by
Allegra Chapman)



Vol. 4 No. 1 KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Jan. 1951

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE ! ! !

ANNUAL MEETING
KILLINGTON SECTION G.M.C.

Date - Friday, Jan. 19, 1951
Time - 7:30 P.M.
Place - Neighborhood Rooms of
Marble Savings Bank

The business of the meeting will consist of the election of officers, the reading of committee reports and general discussion of club activities.

President Churchill Scott has appointed the following members to serve on the nominating committee and to report at the annual meeting: Chairman, Harold Valiquette, Fred Field, and Craig Perkins.

The program for the evening will include the showing of moving pictures.

Another feature of the meeting will be the member participation in the "Hike Cue" contest. Come prepared to answer the 10 questions published in the November issue of "Smoke & Blazes". Mimeographed sets of the questions will be passed out to members present so that their answers may be recorded and checked. The winner will be awarded a prize. In the event of a tie, an elimination contest will follow.

The Photography Contest awards will also be made at this meeting. Bring your entries to the meeting. There are two classes to be judged; black and whites, and colored prints and kodachromes.

Even though you may not wish to submit pictures for the contest, you may have some that you would be glad to contribute to our Killington Section Album. This album has been growing over the years and is a very interesting book. Won't you help it to continue to grow ?

Last year we had a successful Card Party. We had fun. We made money. Would you like to have another similar party? Come to the annual meeting prepared to discuss this or any other idea you may have in mind.

Dues for 1951 are now payable.

For your convenience, if you can not come to the annual meeting, the enclosed membership slip may be filled out and mailed to the Treas., Miss Eleanor Walker, 87 Baxter St., Rutland, Vermont.

NEW MASTHEAD

We are indebted to Jane Sabourin for the design and stencil for our new masthead for the 1951 SMOKE AND BLAZES.

Thank you Jane.

FOSTMAN'S CAMP, PINE HILL
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
by
Diana Conlon

We all agreed it's grand to have a winter hike and especially when you have a warm, cozy camp your destination, and the Fostmans to make you welcome and feel at home.

Some of us hiked in via the Country Club, while others drove right to the door, but we softies made up for it by skating for a couple of hours on a neighbor's pond, close by. The ice was excellent and the appetites ravenous.

The softly falling snow obscured our view from camp, which on a clear day is out of this world, but the coffee more than made up for it--extree delicious!

After a late luncheon, Mr. Bradder gave a very interesting talk and showed us specimens of minerals and trees native to Vermont. Later we hiked through the beautiful surrounding wood and tested our newly gained knowledge of trees. (Craigue should have been along with his riddles)

We had a very enthusiastic turnout of 23 members including one of our 'next generation' Green Mt. Club hikers, Tommy Field, who was an active and participating member even before he could walk.

Hope we can have more winter hikes and as happy a day -- often. Even a mole tried to crash the party!

JUST OFF THE TRAIL

It is amazing to discover how many things there are around us about which we know little or nothing. Looking over some of Mr. Bradder's collection of Vermont minerals at the Fostman Camp Outing it was suprising to find that:

(1) A shaft put down in a

2
Forestdale mining operation unearthed seeds of tropical trees. Yes, believe it or not, tropical trees in Vermont. Seems the seeds were left there some hundreds of millions of years ago when the Champlain Valley was a tropical sea!

(2) There used to be a copper mine on Clark Hill in West Rutland.

(3) There was at one time an iron mine in So. Wallingford--between there and Little Rock Pond.

(4) There are several old mine workings which show interesting deposits in the Sugar Hollow neighborhood. In this same general vicinity is the bat cave on Nickwackett Mt.

It might be an idea to plan an outing sometime to include a visit to some of these -- taking Mr. Bradder along of course to locate the points of interest and tell us more about them.

COMING EVENTS

DATE -- SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st
PLACE - TUCKER LODGE

On January 21st we close our tour of duty with that perennial favorite, Tucker Lodge. No need to advertise this one as the possibilities are known to one and all. Pack a big lunch and put on your skiis, snowshoes, or seven league boots.

And now that it is time to sign off may we say that we've enjoyed planning the hikes and all other details of our job. We know one can't, "suit all of the people all of the time", but we hope some of you have liked the places we've picked and for those of you who have not, the new committee will be brim full of ideas for next year, so keep up your courage and stand by.

Barbara Mellow
Helen M. Bailey

HOW TO SKI FOR PLEASURE-HEALTH- THRILLS

by
Harold Valiquette

Persistent, energetic practice makes good skiers, but skiing differs from other sports in that a reasonable amount of skill can be acquired by most any person in much less time than he could learn to play tennis or golf.

Your Equipment

Skis It is a mistake to buy cheap, poorly made skis to learn on. Poor equipment is a severe handicap to a novice, and often discourages him in his efforts to learn. Hickory is the best wood, next maple, and then ash. The usual rule for determining the proper length of a ski is that it should reach the middle of the palm when holding the arm extended above the head. Metal edges prevent side slipping on hard ice and snow. Furthermore, they protect the wooden edge of the ski, which is subject to severe wear.

Ski Bindings The importance of selecting a good binding can not be overemphasized. Cable bindings are far superior to other types. They rigidly hold the foot to assure the maximum control. The toe irons should be adjusted to hold the boot securely so that the heel rests perfectly straight in the center of the ski. The toe of the boot should not project more than a half inch beyond the toe irons.

Ski Poles Your ski poles should be long enough to reach your elbow when set upright beside you.

Ski Boots Purchase a good ski boot. Select a size large enough to snugly hold two pairs of socks.

3

Clothing Do not buy lined or bulky jackets. Several sweaters under a wind proof parka will be warmer and permit gradual discarding as you become warmer through exercise. Ski pants that tuck into the boots over your socks are the sensible style. Woolen mitts with a water repellant cover are desirable.

(Editor's note) Watch for another article on skiing by the same author next month.

Harold Valiquette has announced that he is willing to give instruction on skiing to any club member, either old or young, who would like to receive it.

Anyone interested is asked to call Harold at The Green Mountain Arning Co. telephone 1160. Practice could be arranged for on nearby slopes.

THE STORM AND GMC SHELTERS

Perhaps some of you have wondered how our shelters fared during the storm of Nov. 25th. To date we've had first hand information on two shelters since the storm.

On New Year's afternoon a group of GMC hikers found Clarendon Shelter looking very cozy and comfortable in its winter setting. Perhaps it was the sunny day and the covering of fresh snow outside, but at any rate the camp and dooryard appeared to be unusually neat and attractive.

On the same afternoon, Charles Sabourin and friends hiked into Tucker. They found that also in A-1 condition - no storm damage and all the windows intact.

As late as the day of the storm, Buffam Shelter was reported undamaged.

That leaves Gov. Clement and Cooper Lodge still not reported on. We'd like to hear from anyone who has any information on how these two weathered the big blow.

'JOE' WRITES AGAIN

We have received another letter from our good friend, Joe Hassen Kooper. We feel sure you will all be interested in what Joe has to say, so we are passing it on to you.

Lac Goosepimple
Jes before Christmas

Deer Mister Smoke and
Madam Blazes

I jes red yure repli to mi letter and Ba Gosh you R sum smart fellers to tink up all the stuff U did in dat peace of paper. I tink you are smart cuz you make pretty sur dat you don't answer any of de questions yureself. I see dat you mabbe want to start a beeg argument but I no better dan dat for Julie (dats my beeg wife) she always wins any of the tongue fites we have.

Dat Buffam question still does bother me jes de same. U got a lot of stuff about doors, french doors and windows and sumtime a door is a window and sumtime she's a door and a fellar up dis way say dat when a door is open dat she's a jar. So now I don't no if Buffam is a door, a french door, a window or a jar. I'm cum all mixed up.

I have read the story writ by Zuzan sumbody and a beeg trip dey had up to de top of Mt. Killington. Did I ever tell you about de trip Julie (dats dat 200 pounder dat I have to carry mos of de time uphill) and me wuz have up dat beeg hill one day? I can't write much about de trip up for it wuz too much.

But we had sumtime up dere. It had cum supper time and I wuz so hungry dat I cud eat the bark off mi dog or bark off de birch tree. So Julie set about for to cook de bacon and egg under a nice beeg tree. Well while Julie wuz cook de bacon, I made a look up de tree and wat U tink I see--

14 a orful beeg porkypine.

I pull out my old gun (de one dat shoot around de corner) and let go de middle barrel. It stunned dat ol Porky so he fel out dat tree right into Julie fry pan. Dat bacon wuz so hot on hees hinder parts dat he run around in a circle bout 20 tim and we laff fit to kill. Den he roll over two or tree time and jus den Julie give him de right hand barrel of buck shot and he keel over ded. We went over to see him and he had roll over in a blue berry patch. An what you tink? Every needle in dat old Porky had a berry on it. We picked em off and had blueberry pudding for supper.

It's 2 near Christmas to tell you any more of de grate times Julie and me have had on top dat ol mountain top. Say, can me and Julie get a job as short order cook at Spring Mt. camp? We have never cook on a Valiquette stov but hav cooked on mos everything else and we can roast hot dog so U tink you mebbe got a T-bone stake.

Happy Christmas and Merry
Nu Year to U all,

Joe.

(Just in case he really doesn't know, we'd like to advise Joe that the editorial headquarters of 'Smoke and Blazes' is 129 Bellevue Avenue, not 54.---Ed.)

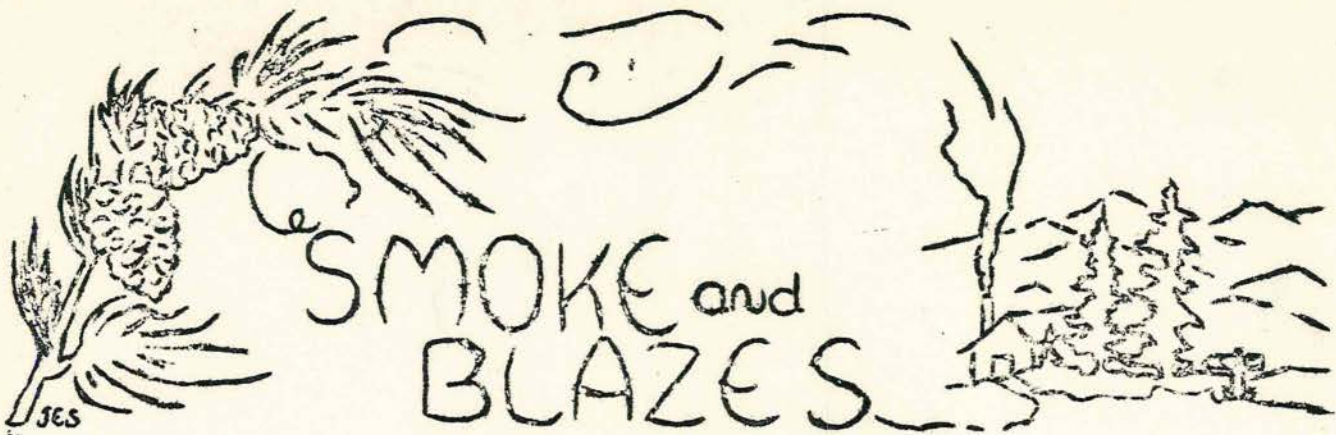
WINTER WISE

Don't be a fire-side sitter
Now that winter's really here.
The weather is much nicer
Than it looks, this time of year.

So, get out your boots and 'longies'
Take a hike, or skate, or ski.
Don't grumble at the snow and cold,
That's how winter ought to be.

Those walks you have to shovel
Will help you keep in trim,
And best of all, in winter,
It's so nice to come back in!

V.P.



Vol. 4 No. 2

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Feb. 1951

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once again the old year comes to a close and the new year rolls around. Let's take this opportunity to say "Well done" to all the committees with a special emphasis on the Outing Committee.

Although our membership was not as large as in years gone by, our enthusiasm was very high as was shown by well attended outings.

There are a few "musts" for 1951. We must finish Spring Lake Camp. We must give the whole Killington Section of the Trail a good working over. We must repair Pico Shelter. If everyone is willing to pitch in and do his share we can have a very successful year.

Churchill Scott, Pres.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following chairmen of committees have been appointed:

Publicity - Fred Field
 Trails - Craigue Perkins
 Shelters - Harold Valiquette
 Photography - Alogra Chapman
 Outings - Charlotte Rutkowski

Word has been received from Miss Lula Tye, GMC Secretary, that Taylor Lodge has burned to the ground. This was a closed lodge built in 1926 by the Burlington Section.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

CARD PARTY:

Vera Perkins, chairman
 Pearl Nichols
 Helen Field
 Ethel Scott

WINTER WEEK-END

Fred & Helen Field,
 co-chairmen
 Ray Catozzi
 Churchill Scott

SLEIGH RIDE PARTY

Ethel Scott, chairman

A sleigh ride party will be organized if and when there is snow enough for such a venture. Plans for such a party will have to be made in a hurry with not enough time to mail out cards to notify members. If you are interested and would like your name on a list of names to be notified by telephone, please call Ethel Scott, telephone 2698.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

At a meeting of the executive board held Feb. 7 at the home of the president the following budget was made up:

Smoke and Blazes	\$50.00
Trails	30.00
Shelters	150.00
Outing	25.00
Photography	5.00
Publicity	10.00
Miscellaneous	10.00
Dues to GMC	25.00

————— \$310.00

ANNUAL MEETING

2

The Annual Meeting of the Killington Section GMC was held Friday evening, January 19th, with Pres. Churchill Scott presiding.

Reports of committees and discussion brought out information on the work done and the condition of the trails and snelters.

After consideration of the danger from fires and the desirability of carrying Fire Insurance it was voted to take out such insurance on the Spring Lake Camp.

It was also voted to extend complementary membership to anyone in Service who had been a member of the Killington Section at any time during the last three years.

Harold Valiquette, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following names for officers for 1951:

President - Churchill Scott

V. President- Ray Catozzi

Sec. - Treas. Eleanor Walker

There were no further nominations and these officers were unanimously elected.

The "Hike Cue" Contest was won by Pres. Scott. He tied with Pearle Nichols and Allegra Chapman on the original set of questions but won out on the tie-breakers.

The Photography Contest, judged by David Scott, was won by Allegra Chapman for the best colored picture and by Barbara Mellow for the best black and white. The colored slides submitted were afterwards projected by George Conlon.

Ray Catozzi provided an interesting program by showing colored movies taken by Richard and Mr. Catozzi in Mexico and in New York City.

MEMBERSHIP LIST - 1951

Martha Adams

Barbara Allard
 Marjory Allard
 William Allard
 Helen Bailey
 Elizabeth Ball
 Anna Berg
 William Bradder
 Dale Carpenter, Barton, Vt.
 M. Ella Cameron
 Janice Catozzi
 Ray Catozzi
 Gretta Catozzi
 Richard Catozzi
 Allegra Chapman
 Diane Conlon
 George Conlon
 Edith Ewald
 Helen Frink, Randolph, Vt.
 Martha Hakin
 Grace Hayward
 Daniel Jennings
 Mary Jennings
 Michael Jennings
 George L. Kirk
 Ruth LaBrake
 L. Larson
 E.N. Locke, Lexington, Mass.
 Mrs. E.N. Locke " "
 Gertrude MacMurray
 A.C. Mason
 Mrs. A.C. Mason
 Gretchen Miller
 Barbara Mellow
 Shirley Morris
 Pearle Nichols
 Cigrid Patch
 Craigie Perkins
 David Perkins
 Janet Perkins
 Mary Perkins
 Marjory Perkins
 Peter Perkins
 Robert Perkins
 Vera Perkins
 Charlotte Rutkowski
 Francis Rice (Service Member)
 Charles Sabourin
 Jane Sabourin
 Leone Smith
 Bernice Tuttle
 W. S. Tuttle
 Harold Valiquette
 Joseph Valiquette
 Thelma Valiquette
 M. Eleanor Walker
 Carlton Wilson (life member)
 Matilda Goulding (life member)

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT 1
 via JANUARY 1, 1951

Receipts

Cash in bank 1/1/50	\$474.79
Cash on hand 1/1/50	83.66
Rec'd from dues - 1950	125.50
Interest on money in bank	8.76
Rec'd over exp. Winter-Week-end, 1950	1.59
Rec'd over expenses Sugar Party, 1950	2.63
Rec'd from Rummage Sale	123.12
Rec'd from Card Party	50.75
Rec'd from Main Club for Intersectional exp.	5.20
Total Receipts	\$876.00

Disbursements

Trails and Shelters*	\$154.94
Outing Committee	18.63
Photography prizes - 1950 Annual Meeting	3.00
Entertainer - 1950 Annual Meeting	5.00
Janitor - Neighborhood Room, Annual Meeting	1.00
Dues to Main Club for 1950	24.00
Smoke & Blazes exp.	46.51
Total Disbursements	\$253.08

*Spring Lake Shelter \$143.24

Credit Bal. on Hand 1/1/51
 \$622.92

CARD PARTY SOON

Any day now you will be hearing from the committee about the Card Party. Definite plans have not been completed, but we are going to have one ---and soon!

Keep this in mind and plan to reserve at least one table when you are contacted by the committee. Let's have a good crowd so we can have as good a time as we had last year.

REPORT OF THE
 OUTING COMMITTEE - 1950

During the season twenty-three hikes were held with a total attendance of 515, or an average attendance of 22 plus. One hundred and seventy-three different people attended.

(These figures do not include the Intersectional held in August, the Annual Meeting held in May, the Killington Section Annual meeting held in January, nor do they include dogs.) They do include guests and members of other sections who attended the joint outings. These figures do not prove anything in particular and are merely included in case anyone is interested.

The largest hike* was the Sugar Party held at Camp Sangamon with 64 attending and the smallest was the trip to McLaughlin Falls after the "big blow" at Thanksgiving time, with one member (our president) making the trip. The most strenuous trip was probably the one to Stratton Pond and Stratton Mountain, a total distance of nine miles.

We attempted four joint hikes with other sections; Bennington, Brattleboro, Worcester, and Burlington, only three of which materialized. These were successful socially, but not numerically. However the idea was not presented in time so that the trips could be incorporated into the schedules of the other groups. More careful planning might lead to better results.

* Note exceptions above
 (The 1950 Outing Committee members were Helen Bailey and Barbara Mellow.)

Bill Allard and Francis Perry made a trip to Killington recently and report Cooper Lodge to be in good condition.

TRIP TO TUCKER

Rain on the morning of Sunday, January 21st, failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the six hikers who showed up at the appointed time for the trip to Tucker. We were well rewarded for our courage as the rain was over by the time we took the trail and the day turned out to be fine. Ray Catozzi joined us at Tucker for lunch. Charlotte Rutkowski took time off from an afternoon drive to hike in and sign the book!

A feature of the trip was the installing of a new stove which was carried in on a ladder by Harold Valiquette and Churchill Scott. This is a new model 'Valiquette Stove' - a duplex affair - one or both sides may be used according to the weather and the size of the crowd!

Tucker in January without snow seemed a bit odd, but it was nice there as always and we were glad we hadn't let the weather keep us at home.

MYSTERY HIKE

Eight trusting and curious Killington Section members met at the Meldon School at 10 A.M. on Sunday, February 11th, for an outing, destination unknown.

A little study of the diagram provided by Pres. Scott for the driver of each car revealed the secret. We drove down Route 7 to the designated parking place and set off happily for another favorite winter objective -- Clarendon Shelter.

We were pleased to find the most snow we had seen all winter. Some skied, some snowshoed and some just plain hiked but everyone had fun. It was exactly cold enough for the coffee to taste perfect!

We liked the idea of a Mystery Hike. Let's try it again some time.

COMING EVENTS

WINTER-WEEK-END

DATE- Feb. 24 - 25 - Sat. & Sun.
PLACE- Perkins' Camp - Mendon

Plans for this outing are shaping up. This the Outing that brings us together as one big family. Come and go as you please but make reservations with Churchill Scott, telephone 2698, no later than Thursday night, Feb. 22nd.

Meals are being planned by the committee and the price of each will be kept as low as possible.

Work will be distributed among all participants of the Week-end Party.

There are some blankets available but you had better check on this when you make your reservations.

STEAK SUPPER

DATE - March 11 - Sunday
PLACE - Tucker Lodge

This one is being planned as an afternoon of out door activities; snow shoeing and skiing in the Pico area. A hearty meal at the end of the day should taste good. It goes without saying, "bring your own". Coffee will be served by the Club.

Your Outing Chairman, Charlotte Rutkowski, is vacationing in Florida so the Executive Board has arranged for the Mystery Hike (which has taken place), the Winter week-end, and the Steak Supper Hike.

When Charlotte returns, the new schedule will be made up and sent out to members.

Word has been received of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rice of Corpus Christi, Texas. The new addition to the Rice family is Charlotte Ann. Best wishes to you all.

HOW TO SKI
FOR PLEASURE-HEALTH-THRILLS
by
Harold Valiquette

INSTRUCTIONS

#1 HOW TO HOLD SKI POLES

Pass the hands up through the looped straps from below and grip the upper part of the strap and ski pole. This leaves the inside of the wrist free with the strap loop over the back of the wrist to support the hand.

#2 SKIING ON THE LEVEL

To ski on the level, and up gentle slopes, take rather short strides, but endeavor to make the slide as long as possible on each foot. A gliding step rather than a walking step is used, and the skis are not lifted from the snow. Impetus is gained by throwing the weight forward onto each ski as it is advanced. As you glide forward on the left ski, be pushing strongly with the left pole and swing the right pole forward. Then as you start forward on the right ski, the right pole has been placed a little in front of your foot and you push strongly on it simultaneously.

Shoulders and hips should be rolled slightly as you shift over from one ski to the other. All movement should be co-ordinated into one fluid motion. The elbows should be kept close to the body. This method of walking should be used for climbing hills by the zigzag method, using a kick turn to change direction.

#3 STEP TURN

Used to change direction when standing on the level. To turn to the right, lift the right ski out of the snow and turn the toe to the right. Bring the left ski up parallel to it. Repeat till you have reached the desired direction. This turn may be done while moving forward slowly.

5

#4 THE KICK TURN

Place the left ski pole in the snow close to the tip of the left ski. Turn the body to the right, and place the right ski pole in the snow at the rear of the right ski. Using your poles to balance with, kick your right ski up and forward and turn the toe to the right so that, as it falls, it will lie parallel to the left, but facing in the opposite direction.

Shift the weight to the right ski, lift the left pole and bring the left ski around parallel to the right ski.

#5 HILL CLIMBING

The best known methods of climbing are: the Zigzag, the Side-step, and the Herringbone.

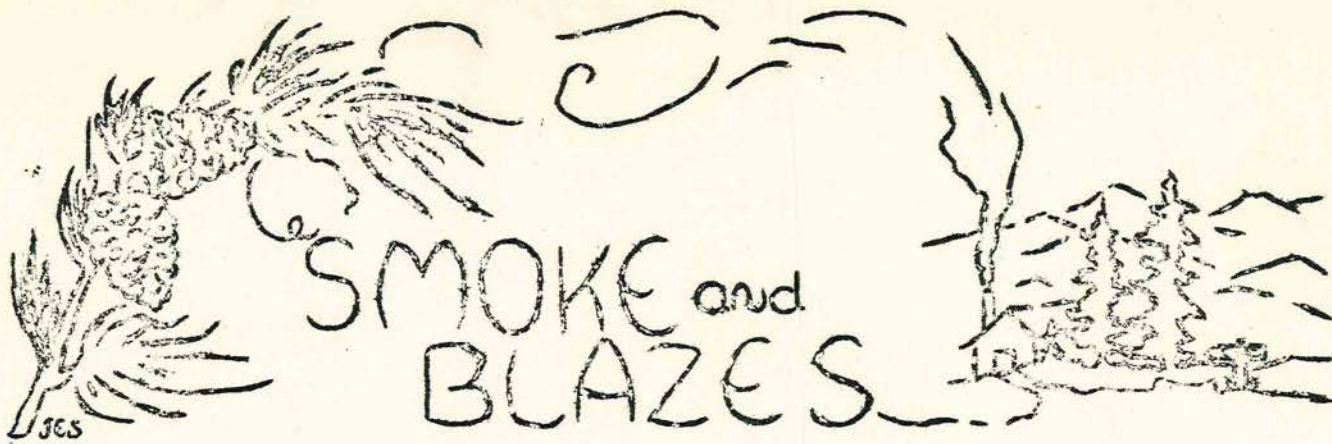
(ZIGZAG) Start up the hill at an angle and then kick turn and ski up the other way. Kick turn toward the downhill side for greater ease. As you zigzag you gain altitude, like a sailboat tacking up wind.

(SIDE-STEP) Start with the skis at right angles to the hill. Lift the uphill ski and step sideways, edging the ski when you stamp it down. Bring the other ski up to it. This is the best way to ascend very steep hills.

(HERRINGBONE) The quickest way to climb a hill. Toe out at wide angles and step forward, carrying the heel of one ski over the heel of the other. Edge in as you go and co-ordinate your ski poles as you did when skiing on the level.

Painting Party

Last month nine members of our section put in an evening of work painting windows for the Spring Lake Camp and signs for the Trail. The work was done under the supervision of Harold Valiquette at the Green Mountain Awning Company's shop.



Vol. 4 No. 3

KILLINGTON SECTION GREENMOUNTAIN CLUB

March 1951 ---

NEW SCHEDULES

With the help of president, Churchill Scott, our new chairman of Outings, Charlotte Rutkowski, has lined up a schedule of hikes for the Spring and Summer of 1951.

The list of outings looks interesting. Now that good hiking weather is just "around the corner" let's get out and enjoy the trips planned for us.

The schedule is enclosed with this issue of SMOKE ' BLAZES.

NOTICE

An executive board meeting of the Killington Section of GMC has been called for Wednesday, March 21st at 7:30 P.M. This meeting will be held at the home of Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St.

TWO WORK PARTIES

Thursday, March 22, and Sunday, April 1, are the dates set for work parties to be held at Spring Lake Camp. The work of building the bunks will be the job for these dates. Anyone interested may call 2698.

When a labor of love goes into the accomplishment of a task, the results are deeply appreciated. This is certainly true of our new Spring Lake Camp. Sweat, worry, and weariness have also been the ingredients of this one.

MAPLE SUGAR PARTY

We are fortunate again to be able to have our annual Maple Sugar Party at Camp Sangamon in Pittsford. Mr. and Mrs. Leone Smith have invited us and the date is set for Saturday, March 24.

Reservations for this party should be made by calling 2698, Churchill Scott, no later than Thursday, March 22nd.

The cats will consist of the usual; sugar on snow, doughnuts, pickles, and coffee. There will be a charge for this menu but at this writing we are unable to tell you the exact amount.

Plans are being made to have square dancing in the evening.

The usual good crowd and good time is expected. Bring a guest or two if you like.

BUFFAM SHELTER

On Sunday, April 8th there will be a hike to Buffam Shelter. Watch the HERALD for a notice of time of meeting.

This is an old favorite and an easy one. If you haven't been hiking during the winter and want to get started on a little something less than mountain climbing, then this was made to order for you. A walk of less than a mile up a wood road brings you to the shelter where you can loaf in the sun or explore to the north. The brook is pretty, the road, no doubt muddy.

CLUB MEMBER TAKES PICTURES USED
IN VERMONT LIFE

2

TUCKER AGAIN

We were proud to see colored photographs taken by Ray Catozzi appearing in the Spring issue of 'Vermont Life'. Ray's pictures were used in illustrating the article, 'FERNS FROM VERMONT', written by Beth Smith of Rutland. Congratulations, Ray.

WINTER WEEKEND

by
Betty Ball

A very successful and pleasant weekend was spent at the camp of Mr. & Mrs. Craigie Perkins on Saturday and Sunday, February 24th and 25th.

Nine members hiked in on Saturday afternoon, and three dogs, including a stray airdale puppy. Several took walks in the woodland around, while Allegra Chapman skied.

After supper the chief occupations were Canasta and conversation, and every one was happy but Poochie, who evidently thought three dogs in one house two too many.

Five members stayed overnight. Eleanor Walker proved a good firetender and Craigie Perkins and Churchill Scott good breakfast getters.

Sunday was mild and fair, and other members arriving, several took walks in the woods. Animal tracks were abundant, and included rabbit, fox, mouse, deer, and squirrel. While a fine dinner was being prepared by an efficient kitchen crew, others basked in the warm sunshine on the porch, talking, and admiring the popular airdale pup. Nineteen were present for dinner.

Sunday afternoon was spent in more walking by some, Canasta and conversation by others. The pup was adopted by Diane Conlon, and named Punch.

Special thanks are deserved by Mr. & Mrs. Perkins for the use of their camp, and by Churchill Scott for his well-planned work schedule, and the helpfulness he showed to all work committees.

Another pleasant Tucker outing was enjoyed on Sunday afternoon, March 11th. There were eight in the first contingent which left the Meldon School at 2 P.M. As we hiked in to the lodge we enjoyed a fine snow storm. We were surprised to see so much snow in the woods. The whiteness of the fresh snow on top of an already substantial base, was a pleasant contrast to the drab, bare streets of town. Arrived at Tucker we found a party of nine skiers just finishing their dinner.

Some of our number took additional hikes on the near-by trails, others did work around the camp, while others just visited and enjoyed the cozy camp atmosphere.

Harold Valiquette did an excellent and much needed job of cleaning the cupboard, while Churchill Scott and Craigie Perkins set a new light of glass in one of the small upper windows.

About the time that the coffee was getting just right, five more members arrived and soon everyone had his or her supper underway. The new stove was working perfectly and the sizzling steaks sounded and smelled good. (tasted good too)

After a leisurely meal and some talk of coming events we reluctantly concluded another Tucker Outing. As we started out on the trail we met Walt Hakin just arriving. Ray Catozzi, who had been most unhappy about leaving so early, welcomed this opportunity to stay on awhile with Walt. As we left, Tucker looked most inviting with the cheery light from Ray's lantern shining from its windows.

ADDITIONS TO THE 1951
MEMBERSHIP LIST

Barbara Flanders
Ruth Fostman
James Hayward
Veda Knipes
Darthea Noyes
Burton Smith
Suzanne Smith
Virginia Smith
Marilyn Trop
Lula Tye

The GMC slides are to be shown at a meeting of the Home Study Club to be held at the home of Mrs. Harry Hart on April 9th. These slides, as most of you know, are a collection of colored pictures taken at various points along The Long Trail.

GET A HEADSTART ON SPRING

Did you ever try forcing branches for an early spring bouquet? It's a good way to hasten the coming of spring - indoors at least. Collecting the branches also makes a good objective for a hike on one of these nice bright days. Of course there may be bushes in your own yard or garden which are fine for forcing, forsythia is one of the best known and most rewarding. But let us skip those and consider some which you might collect on a hike.

Pussy willows are an old favorite and are already beginning to put forth their cat-kins. Other favorites are wild cherry, alder, shad, high bush blueberry, and hobble bush. On some branches the young foliage is almost as decorative as the flowers. This is especially true if it is red or opens in unusual forms. Some such interesting ones are horse chestnut, oak, beech, gray and white birch, mountain ash, and the familiar barberry.

The best results will be obtained if branches to be forced are cut about a finger thick and the ends of the stems pounded for a few inches. This breaks the tissues and allows them to take up more water. If the buds are very tight, keep the branches in tepid water for a day or two, then place them in a sunny window. Spraying with water at room temperature every few days will help. If you have a room in which to force your branches where the temperature can be kept not over 60° the blooms will last longer. Foliage branches will go on opening and growing for several weeks. It is fun to watch these branches develop and they help to convince us that spring is really just around the corner.

Due chiefly, we believe, to the prevalence of 'the thing' which has been going the rounds lately, the attendance at the Card Party was much smaller than last year. However, those who were able to attend seemed to enjoy themselves, and a profit of \$25 made this a reasonably successful financial venture as well as a pleasant social occasion.

We missed our friends who were unable to attend and appreciated their support. We would like also to express thanks to the committee, to Harold Valiquette, Churchill Scott, and Ray Catozzi, who transported chairs, and to all who assisted in serving, clearing up, carrying chairs downstairs, etc.

The door prize, delicious homemade rolls, made and contributed by one of the Killington Section's best cooks, (name withheld on request) was won by Ruth LaBrake. A prize was also awarded to the high scorer at each table.

HERE AND THERE

It was nice to see Marilyn Trop who was home for a short vacation after being 'capped' at the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital. Marilyn joined us at the Card Party.

Word from 'Dart' Noyes, who with Grace Hayward is wintering at Sarasota, Fla., tells of a trip they took recently across the state to West Palm Beach. 'Dart' reported many interesting things seen. Among them were a large variety of birds, moonlight so bright that road construction continued at night, and the bear which played 'Slewfoot' in 'The Yearling'!

Marjorie Allard is completing several weeks of Practice Teaching in Home Economics at the Poultney High School.

Charles Sabourin, home for the weekend from the Mass. College of Pharmacy in Boston, dropped in to say "hello" at the Winter Weekend outing.

Outing Chairman, Charlotte Rutkowski is home after a vacation in Florida.

Dug out our collection of old GMC Guide Books the other night. The first one dated 1917 was a paper bound affair of 34 pages including the By-laws of the club and a list of members.

Under "Equipment" are listed two suits of long woolen underwear. Also a tent as there were few shelters at that time. "For Food" it says, "bread (preferably made into sandwiches) and bacon will keep you going with little weight to carry." Tea, sugar, and condensed milk were the only other items mentioned.

In what is now the Killington Section only three trails were described; the Old Hotel road up Killington from the west, the Juggernaut from the east, and the Long Trail from Sherburne Pass. The trail south from Killington wasn't opened until 1918.

There was an establishment in Sherburne Pass known as the Deers Leap Tea House "affording rest and refreshment."

There was no water between Pico and Killington since the Trail used to be along the top of the ridge.

The distance from Sherburne Pass to Killington is given as 7 miles instead of 5.7 miles. This should make Mary Jennings feel a lot better.

RECREATION CONFERENCE

The fifteenth annual recreation conference to be held at the University of Mass. at Amherst March 17, has an interesting schedule lined up on its Program of the Mountaineering Section.

Besides the sessions devoted to trails and shelters all over New England there are to be talks and pictures on "A Trip to Alaska," also "To Katahdin and Mt. Rainier."

We know some folks from the Worcester Section are to be there. Sure do wish some of us from Killington Section could attend.

With the sun climbing higher, snow practically gone from our hills and pastures, sap running, and that good earth smell in the air, it is time to begin thinking of hours to be spent in the open.

It won't be long now before week-ends of camping and tripping will be occupying your time. Some early Saturday morning you will want to pack up the car with sleeping bags, camping equipment, and the family and be off to the woods.

Where to go for an overnight camping trip and be able to drive right to the door is the thought uppermost in the minds of many. This is important to those who have young toddlers and babies or old folks in their family.

To meet this demand we have in Vermont many beautiful State Parks that are ideally situated and equipped for family camping.

Grandma and grandpa, mother and dad, the new baby and the dog can all have the pleasure of wonderful hours spent out in the woods beside a lake, on the banks of a river, or high on a mountain. Of course all this takes a little study and planning but then that is where half the fun is to be had.

Most of the State Parks are equipped with Lean-tos, tent platforms, washrooms, drinking water, fireplaces and wood.

The cooking problem has been eliminated so that it takes little or no experience to be a good cook today. Just buy the prepared food, open the package, add liquid, cook, and serve.

If you are interested in this type of vacation why not give it a try. I guarantee you will be back for more.

For further information write for maps and folders of Vermont State Parks to:

Vermont Forest Service,
Montpelier, Vermont.

We are fortunate to have so many beautiful vacation and camping spots in Vermont. We aren't over crowded up here - yet, so peace and privacy may still be enjoyed.



Vol. 4 No. 4

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

April 1951

COMING EVENTS

by

Cutting, Ch., Charlotte Rutkowski

PLACE - Gov. Clement Shelter

TIME - Sunday, April 22nd.

Spring is in the air - the Trail may be a little muddy but I'm sure everyone feels that urge to get out after a long winter.

If you didn't get started with the hike to Buffum Shelter, this is a good one to break in on.

PLACE - Little Rock Pond

TIME - Sunday, May 6th

This is one hike that I'm sure no-one has to think twice before deciding to go on. It is a favorite with all who have been there and is destined to become one for the newcomer, but don't take my word for it, come along and see for yourself. Don't forget to bring along your fishpoles and rubber boots -- trout season, you know.

Details of Outings, such as meet-place, starting time, etc., will be in the Herald a day or two before each event. In case you miss them or want further information call Outing Chairman, Charlotte Rutkowski - Tel. 504-11 or Pres. Churchill Scott - Tel. 2698.

PAPER HAS NEW STAFF MEMBER

Ray Catozzi has been added to the staff of SMOKE and BLAZES.

Staff members get no "by" line, so see if you can pick out his column.

WORK PARTIES

Since the last issue of SMOKE and BLAZES we have had three work parties at Spring Lake Camp. The bunks are almost finished, (twenty feet long and seven and one-half feet wide.) If that isn't large enough for a large party he can sleep crosswise. They are built of soft wood, fir side up. Doesn't that sound comfortable? They are guaranteed not to wrinkle, rumple, sag, bag, or pinch. If you can't sleep on these bunks we know why.

On the April 1st trip we promised a surprise. Guess who got fooled? You did if you didn't go! Laude Canty served us all with nice mince pies!

The joists for the floor have been cut and lugged to the Camp. Lay the floor, hang the doors, grade around the foundation, and we will have one of the best camps on the Trail.

The Annual Meeting comes on June 2nd this year. How about a big Open-house on Sunday, June 3rd?

ATTENTION!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1951 DUES?

Beginning with the May issue the mailing list for SMOKE and BLAZES for the remainder of 1951 will be made up from the 1951 membership list.

If you have not already sent in your dues send them to:

Miss Eleanor Walker, Treas.

37 Baxter Street, Rutland, Vt.,

before May 10th to insure not missing a copy of your paper.

A GASTRONOMICAL EXPERIENCE

by
Danny Jennings

"Give a man a milk pan full of hard-packed snow; pour on a stream of hot golden liquid. Let it cool briefly and then with a wooden stick about the size of your little finger, wind up the ribbons and you are ready for one of life's top gastronomical experiences," Hayden Pearson recently wrote in his column "Country Flavor," concerning sugar on snow.

We are sure that those fifty or more GNC'ers who recently attended the Annual Maple Sugar Party at Camp Sangamon in Pittsford, are in complete agreement with Mr. Pearson's sentiments. Mr. and Mrs. Leone Smith were hosts at the camp and our Section President, Churchill Scott was chairman of the party. He was assisted by a very capable committee. Our supper besides the sugar on snow included dill pickles, doughnuts, and coffee.

It was pleasant to see some of the "old timers" at the party such as Tony Fusco, Marjory Perkins and Fernand Bartlett, who washed all the dishes (Maude Canty, who usually ends up as chief bottle washer herself, gave me strict instructions to say this about Ferd.) For some of the guests this was their first experience with sugar on snow. Among these, believe it or not, was our new Outing Chairman, Charlotte Rutkowski and also Bill Williams of New York, guest of Marjory Perkins. A New Yorker we can forgive, but a Vermonter ??

Square Dancing in the big rustic recreation room of Sangamon was the chief entertainment in the evening. Calls were given by Getty Page. Ping

Pong was available for those otherwise inclined and a cheerful fire crackled in the big stone fireplace. We also noticed that the inevitable canasta sneaked in somewhere and there were a few loyal devotees of the game playing in the dining room.

While most of us stopped to catch our breath between the squares, Mr. Bradder and his daughter, Mavis Larson, gave an admirable demonstration of ballroom dancing to the stirring

2
strains of Strauss Waltzes.

All in all, as we always conclude, it was a fine crowd, everyone had a good time, and we are looking forward to our next outing.

THE HIKE TO BUFFAM

by
Marjory Allard

On Sunday, April 8th, about 24 members of the Section, 21 people and 3 dogs, made the hike to Buffam Shelter. The road was muddy, and in places there was still quite a bit of wet snow, but the going wasn't bad for those who wore their waterproof boots.

Three of the girls got off to a good start by strolling past the turn-off and continuing for about three quarters of a mile up the road. They finally noticed the lack of blazes and turned back, but not before seeing the three buildings of the Bear Mountain Literary, Athletic, Music, and Art Club, Ltd. (really!) and enjoying a wonderful view. Future hikers needn't worry about taking this side trip by accident, though; the turnoff is well blazed now.

At the shelter, which was still surrounded by snow, a good fire was started in the stove and another in the outdoor fireplace. The dogs enjoyed barking at one another and begging for food, and the people enjoyed their dinners.

After dinner a work party of six set out for Spring Lake via Button Hill. Allegra Chapman and Tony Fusco painted new, much needed blazes, while Craigie Perkins, Ray Catozzi, Bill Allard, and Churchill Scott cleared away brush and blowdowns.

Some of the party stayed around the shelter talking, tending the fire, and clearing old branches off the bunks. Veteran hiker Tommy Field led a group of hikers on a short safari up the trail. It was on this trip that Punch Conlon decided he wasn't meant to be a big game hunting dog. Or maybe those animal burrows looked too damp and gloomy to be worth his attention.

On the way down to the cars, some of us came upon a Model A Ford with

3
its right front wheel hub-deep in mud. Walt Hakens and Fred Field worked with the driver for about half an hour, and finally succeeded in sending the car with its seven passengers on its way down the hill. How they ever got up there in the first place is still a mystery, though.

All in all, our hike was a pretty successful one, and we had a good time. The country around the shelter should be really lovely in a few weeks, when things get green. But remember if you're going to Buffam in the spring, wear your boots !

SPRING CLEANING SUGGESTION

When you are cleaning your closets, draws, shelves, and what nots, gather together anything you are tired of and put it aside in a container FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE.

This annual event is one of the best money making schemes we know of. It is scheduled again for some time this fall.

GMC SLIDES SHOWN

At a meeting of the Rutland Home Study Group, Craigie Perkins and Harold Valiquette showed the GMC Slides.

A very nice job has been done on this collection. It has been brought up to 100 slides with a commentary book to go along with it.

These GMC Slides may be borrowed by any group interested. A call to Miss L. Tye, Club Secretary at the office of the Rutland Savings and Loan Association on Center St., Rutland, will reserve them for you.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

James White
Edward Handley
Claude Canty
Tony Fusco
Helen Field
Fred Field
Tommy Field

LONG TRAIL LODGE

"Who owns the Long Trail Lodge?"

We do, believe it or not !

Mortimer R. Proctor and Mrs. Fletcher D. Proctor provided the funds to build and furnish the original Lodge as a home for The Green Mountain Club. Paul W. Thayer was the architect and Charles P. Cooper, Willis H. Ross and Wallace H. Fay were the Building Committee. It was formally opened on December 1, 1923!

"Isn't it a hotel? "

Yes, it is a hotel. It soon became evident that the operating expense of the Lodge as a Club house was much too great for the Club to carry alone so it was decided to take "paying guests." The setup for serving meals proved to be unsuitable so the Club borrowed about \$12,000 and built the dining room addition. After several years of operation under a Committee of the Club no profit had been made and several deficits had been made up by borrowing more money from Mr. Proctor.

In 1935 the management of the Lodge was placed in the hands of professional hotel people. In that year Grover Wright, the present manager, came to the Lodge. During the next three years business was reported to be very good but the profits were continually put into new construction at the Lodge. About this time the Pico Ski Area was developed and a serious attempt to get winter business for the Lodge was made. It was soon found that the Lodge couldn't be satisfactorily heated in winter, so the Club was induced to borrow about \$12,000 more and The Annex or "Chalet" was built. The previous year the Trustees had voted to pay \$1,000 per year on the old debt but the prospect of bigger and better profits couldn't be resisted. The next year a new building program was proposed but the Trustees said, "No" and made it stick. Since then all new construction has been paid for by the people leasing the Lodge.

To be concluded in the May issue
of SMOKE & BLAZES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

A meeting of the executive board of the Killington section was held Wednesday, March 21st, at the home of Churchill Scott. Churchill, Ray Catozzi, Craigie Perkins and Harold Valiquette attended. Allegra Chapman came to hand in her resignation as Photography chairman.

Churchill was appointed by letter from Prof. Buchanan as the chairman of the 1951 Intersectional outing at Perkins' camp in Mendon. The date has been tentatively set for August 25th and 26th. Larry Dean of Burlington and Jim Green of Worcester will assist him.

NOTICE

Another executive board meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 20th, at 7:30 p.m., also at Churchill Scott's home.

HERE AND THERE

It has been a long time since as many dogs have been seen together on the Long Trail as at the Buffum shelter outing. "Susan" Chapman, "Ginger" Catozzi, "Teddy" Field and "Punch" Conlon made up a formidable and noisy quartet in our canine membership section.

During the walk into Buffum about 25 Canada geese were seen and heard winging their military way northward in perfect V-formation. Many who had never before seen these large birds, who summer to the north of us, experienced quite a thrill.

While blazing the trail south of Spring Lake, Allegra Chapman and Tony Fusco came upon a tree stump so large that they couldn't join hands around it. It was estimated to be about 12 feet in circumference. 'Twould be a good entry in the Largest Trees list if it wasn't dead and gone.

ABOUT PEOPLE WE KNOW

The engagement of Allegra Chapman was announced recently and we understand that she will be leaving us in June. Since joining the Killington section, she (and Susan) have been dependable supporters of all Club activities. Best Wishes, Allegra, you and Susan will be missed on future hikes and work parties.

Jimmy White, home from Harvard University for his spring vacation, showed up at a recent Spring Lake work party.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Geo. Kirk is now at her home after having to spend several weeks at the Rutland Hospital.

Mrs. MacLurray has just returned from Florida where she spent the latter part of the winter.

Bob, Thelma, and David Perkins are planning a weeks' camping trip in Kentucky sometime this month. We hope to have some details of the trip later.

Many of you will remember Fernand and Jeanette Bartlett, another of our brother and sister combinations.

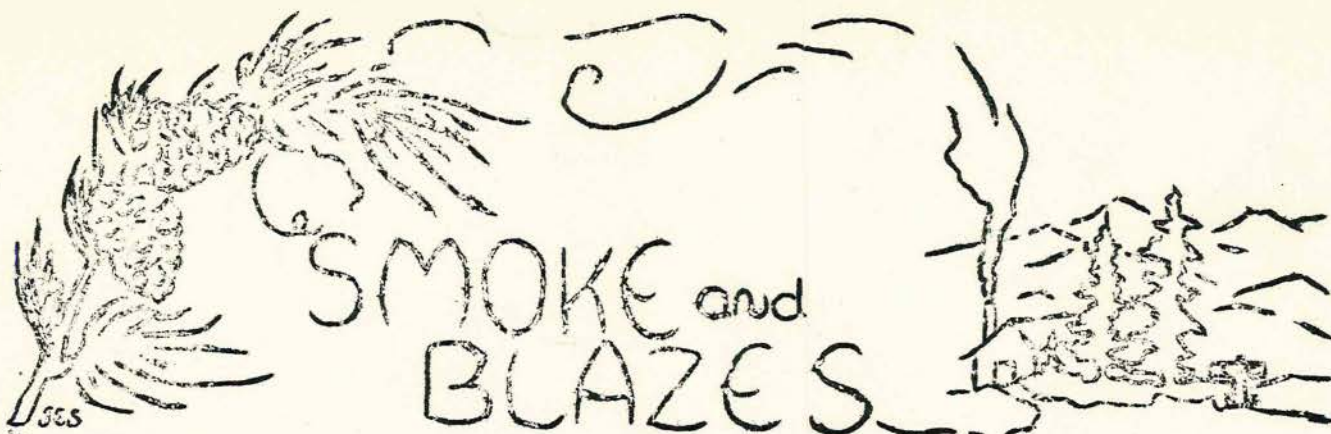
Fernand was in town over the Easter weekend and we were pleased to see him at our annual Sugar Party.

Since leaving Rutland he has collected two degrees from Amherst, done recreation work in New York and in California, and is now studying at Ohio State.

Jeanette served in the MACS and is now married and living in New Jersey.

It is always nice to have news of our Ex-Junior members and we are especially glad to have them join us on outings when they are back in town.

We missed the Valiquettes' at the Sugar Party. Their absence was explained when we learned that they visited in New York over Easter.



Vol. 4 No. 5

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

May 1951

G.M.C. ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 2

The annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club will be held Saturday, June 2nd, at the Long Trail Lodge Annex.

This is the annual meeting of the parent organization and is an opportunity for members of all sections and members at large to get together and discuss Club business. Trustees for the coming year will be elected at this meeting. Why not plan to be on hand and take an active part in plans for carrying on your Club's activities.

The meeting will open at 11 A.M. with the reports of officers and committees. There will be a recess for dinner at 1 P.M. and the meeting will resume in the afternoon.

At the close of the afternoon meeting there will be a meeting of the Trustees. This will be a good opportunity for those not involved in the Trustees meeting to get a little fresh air and exercise by exploring some of the many interesting short trails in the vicinity.

Supper will be served at 6:30 and a fine program has been arranged for the evening. Mrs. Mortimer Proctor will show her colored slides on Historic Vermont. We understand that arrangements have been made for Square Dancing to complete the day's activities.

Let's have Killington Section well represented. (See 'Coming Events' for Sunday plans.)

NEW CAMP FIRE LAW

by

Wilbur E. Bradder
Asst. State Forester

A new law dealing with forest fire control which effects all hikers, was passed two weeks ago by the state legislature.

The two sections of the law which most concern us are as follows:

Fires in woods; penalty A person who builds a fire in or adjoining any woods shall totally extinguish such fire before leaving it. A person who violates a provision of this section shall be imprisoned not more than thirty days or fined not more than \$50 or both.

Setting fires; A person who enters upon lands of another and sets a fire that causes damage may be imprisoned not more than 60 days nor less than 30 days or fined not more than \$100 nor less than \$10.

This law as we see it in the forestry service is based on our democratic way of life; that is, to own a home and land with the right to protect it against aggression.

We in the G.M.C. have shelters in which to build our cook fires, and they are the safest and most logical places. Therefore this law shouldn't inconvenience any of us, taking for granted that we are able to hike from one shelter to the next without another hot meal on the way.

Use your head and play safe.

COMING EVENTS

by

Charlotte Rutkowski

TIME - SUNDAY, MAY 20th

PLACE - KILLINGTON PEAK

It's 4241 feet above sea level! Sounds wonderful doesn't it? It's every bit that and more. Within a very short distance of Rutland, you can see a beautiful panorama of many mountains. Veteran hikers will soon help you name some of the mountains in view.

TIME - SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd

PLACE - SPRING LAKE CAMP.

Opportunity knocks! Let's really celebrate and make a big day of this get-together at our new Spring Lake Camp.

Scheduled for the day after the annual GMC meeting, it will be an excellent time for members of other sections staying over night, to attend its official opening. A bang up attendance will show them how proud we are of it.

LITTLE ROCKY POND

by

Eleanor Walker

On Sunday, May 6th, a group of 22 gathered at Meldon School at 10 A.M. ready to start for Little Rocky Pond in Danby. This is a favorite hike which is looked forward to by Killington Section members.

Many young fishermen were in the group and spent the day fishing the brook and the Pond. We heard no report of any big catches during the day.

The trail was in very good condition with only a few wet spots to be walked around. Due to the late season there were very few of the usual spring flowers to be seen.

When we arrived at the shelter a Boy Scout troop was just

2

finishing a hearty dinner and we then used their fire to prepare our lunches.

Before eating, some of the boys climbed the hill back of the Pond and reported a good view from the top.

Members not fishing or exploring the trails, spent the afternoon, believe it or not, reading the Sunday papers!

The return trip to the cars was made via the long way around the Pond.

TOMMY

Some fellers want to grow to be
Bold sailors, traveling 'ore the
sea,

Or maybe firemen, cops, or cow-
boys,
Or politicians making lots of
noise.

When I get big I want to climb
All the Green Mountains, one at a
time.

With a pipe in my mouth, and a
handy snack,
I'll start for the top and never
look back.

I may rest awhile in a shady
nook,
Or cool my toes in a rushing
brook.

(But if I should startle a little
fawn,
I'd walk right by and do him no
harm.)

At night, I'll sleep by a roaring
fire.

What other comfort could one
desire?

I'll wink right back at the stars
as they shine,
For a Hiker's life is might fine.

In a few more years, my legs will
grow

Quite big and strong, til then,
I know

My Daddy's back will have to do
Because, you see, I'm not quite
two.

Helen Field.

CLEMENT SHELTER

by
Maude Canty

On April 22nd, eleven members of the Green Mt. Club met at Meldon School for the trip to the Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury.

It was a gray day, the skies were dark - the sun breaking through now and then - much like a day in November. The cars were left at the Swan bridge as the mud was plentiful in this locality.

We hiked in from the bridge, passing the old Bert Swan homestead, the Jockey Deer Camp, crossed the brook, and came to what had been the Howe Camp. The old fireplace with its chimney was all that was left, a lone monument to mark where the camp had stood until it was destroyed by fire a few years ago.

Following the brook we came to the site of the old Blanchard Mill and boarding house. Not too many years ago logs were piled high in this yard and load after load of lumber moved out over this same road to the business world. Just around the turn we came in sight of the Clement Shelter, open on one side and built of field stone with bunks, stove, and fireplace. It is out in the open with Robinson on one side and Jockey on the other, with Little Killington to the east by way of the Long Trail. The shelter had wintered well and was in fairly good shape.

After building the fires, one inside and one out in the open (for the fresh air girls), we cooked and ate our mid-day meal. Thus fortified, the upper bunks were then repaired and our Castleton member picked up the front yard, taking care of old tin cans, beds, etc., and doing a good job too.

Wondering what and how much damage the hurricane of 1950 had done to the trail, all hands went out, the ambitious ones clearing and chopping the trees away and

(con't in next column)

the others, well just enjoying an April day in the open. Patches of snow showed here and there but one little 'spring beauty' dared to bloom along-side our path. We climbed up and up, feeling a bit guilty that we were taking our time and pleasure. Our Outing Chairman found several fungi of a rich red color, a rare specimen to us. The woods were so still not even a bird note was heard.

Coming back to the shelter we were pleased to find Dick and Gretta Catozzi there just finishing their lunch. They had come in a hurry and were leaving in a hurry so we talked fast.

Returning to the cars, we packed in and had gone only a short ways when we found Dick and Gretta who were in such a hurry, stuck fast in mud up to the car's hub caps. They were rescued with help and started on their way to Albany.

A good day for all, lots of exercise, some work done on the Trail, and good mountain air - a real reason for being in the Green Mountain Club.

WORK PARTIES

Mr. Charles E. Smith of Wallingford has been helping out on trail clearing. He has been for some time with the U.S. Forest Service in Colorado. Being in the East for a few months with a little spare time, he suggested doing a little trail work. He has been over the trail from Spring Lake to Clarendon Shelter and reports that it is in good shape. As soon as the snow is off he wants to get up on the Pico - Killington ridge. Thanks a lot Charlie. It's people like you that make the Long Trail possible.

Well, Spring Lake Camp is just about ready for the grand opening June 3rd. The floor is all in and the doors have been re-hung. Speaking of hanging, somebody had to talk pretty fast the day he forgot to pick up the man with the grub.

LONG TRAIL LODGE
(Continued from April issue)

"To whom is the Lodge leased?"
To Mr. L. G. Treadway. Grover Wright manages the Lodge for Mr. Treadway.

"What income do we get from the Lodge?"

That will vary from year to year depending on the amount of business done. From about 1935 to 1944 the leases on the Lodge were very complicated affairs. It was almost impossible to tell whether we came out ahead or behind in any year. In 1944 after much discussion it was pretty well agreed that the Club would be better off if the income were more certain and we took less of the chances inherent in the resort hotel business. A five year lease along these lines was drawn up. However when this lease expired it was not renewed. After more than a year's delay the present five year lease was granted, giving Mr. Treadway additional privileges, lowering the guaranteed rental by a third, and reintroducing the idea of the Club's accepting part of the risk of doing business. If all goes well we should receive a minimum of \$2200 a year for the next four years.

"Do we have that money to spend on trails and shelters?"

No. All income from the Lodge goes to reduce the Club's indebtedness, and not to pay our operating expenses. Since 1944 more than half the money received from the Lodge lease has gone to pay just the interest on our debt. The debt still stands at almost \$17,000. It is only common sense to pay off this indebtedness as soon as possible.

"How long will that take?"

Who knows? It looks as though it might be done in six or seven years if nothing happens.

"What could happen?"

On previous occasions when the income from the Lodge was

temporarily greater than the expense we have been induced to make some capital addition such as a new building. It could happen again in spite of our best efforts. Also, if war or near-war conditions make the operation of the Lodge impossible or unprofitable would Mr. Treadway continue to pay the rental money and also keep up the property as required in the lease? Certainly when the lease runs out in 1954 we would have to make further concessions, under war time conditions, in order to keep the property rented. And we must keep it rented, because it would cost us about \$2500 for insurance, taxes, and caretaker, to say nothing of upkeep, just to own the place, if we didn't rent it. We couldn't pay that so we would either have to sell it at the best price we could get under the circumstances, or ride further back on the treadmill of debt by further borrowing.

"But suppose nothing like that happened and we did finally pay off the debt, what then?"

We would still be in the Hotel business with all the worries and uncertainties. The Green Mountain Club was not organized to operate hotels but to maintain the Long Trail and its shelters. If it is desired that the Club should have a reliable source of income, we should invest our capital in United States Bonds, and stop gambling in the Hotel business.

"How could we do that?"

From among those who believe the Long Trail Lodge is a good investment, it should not be difficult to set up a group of acceptable people to own and operate the property. We could turn over to them our title and in return they could set up a trust fund to be invested in Government bonds the income from which, but not the principal, would be available for Club use.

"Well, why don't we do that?"

Well, why don't we?

A CAMPING TRIP THROUGH THE CUMBERLANDS

As told by Robert Perkins and condensed by the editor.

(This trip was taken by Robert, Thelma, and David Perkins early in April, starting from their home in Cincinnati, Ohio.)

Leaving Cincinnati early Sunday morning we crossed the Ohio river and headed directly south through the bluegrass country of Kentucky.

The rolling country became more hilly as we approached the Cumberland. Our first night out was spent at Cumberland Falls State Park. The woods here were not too unlike Vermont; mixed hard and soft wood, but of the overgreens, the pines predominated. The Falls were 125 feet wide and had a drop of 65 feet. There is no bridge across the Cumberland at the Falls. The only means of crossing is by a one car, cable ferry. This was not in operation that day so we were not able to cross to the developed part of the Park. We had no trouble in finding a camping spot, however, and proceeded to set up the tent and get supper. We crawled into bed right after supper and almost immediately it started to rain.

Monday morning we crossed the Cumberland Mountains to the upper valley of the Tennessee River. It was in this section that we saw the "hill-billies". The little shacks in the gullies, the side hill farms, and the people themselves were surprisingly like those depicted in the funny papers.

Proceeding on to Knoxville and then to Gatlinburg we entered The Great Smoky Mountain National Park. There was frost that night but inside our tent we were merely cool, not cold.

The next morning we drove to the top of Newfound Gap at an elevation of 5000 feet. The view

5

was completely a wilderness one, the only sign of civilization was the new highway winding up from either side. From the top of the Gap there is a road which follows the top of the ridge for about 7 miles and climbs another 1000 feet. As we got near the 6000 foot level the clouds were blowing across the ridge and all the trees were outlined in white frost. In-between clouds the sun shown on the trees making a pretty sight.

In the afternoon we visited Norris Dam, one of the early TVA projects, and then continued to Oak Ridge. The diffusion plant itself is still in a restricted area and cannot be seen but a lot of the associated activity is in plain sight and one can get a good idea of the size of this huge project. In the unrestricted area there is everything needed for a town a little larger than Burlington, Vt. There is a small museum of atomic energy with many interesting displays and exhibits but we did not have time here for more than a quick once over.

We spent Tuesday night in a Trailer Camp for Cumberland Mt. State Park has no accommodations for overnight camping.

I must put in a good word for the Tennessee State Parks. The four we visited were excellent. Many of them are quite large and it would be worth while to spend three or four days in some of them.

Wednesday night was spent at Mammoth Cave National Park. This Park is open all year'round and the hotel was doing a thriving business. We were the only campers. Next morning we took an hour and a half trip into the cave. There are 150 miles of explored passageways so we didn't quite see it all.

We left Mammoth Cave about noon and drove north, past Fort Knox, across the Ohio at Louisville, and across the corner of the State of Indiana to make five states. We were back in Cincinnati early Thursday evening.



Vol. 4 No. 6 Killington Section - Green Mountain Club June 1951

TRAIL CONDITIONS

With the exception of a two mile stretch ~~just~~ south of Killington, all our main trail has been "gone over" and the blazes painted. It is fit for use.

The section from the Lodge to Killington was worked on June 10th by Charlie Smith, Pete Perkins, Bradley Sanborn, Churchill Scott, Tony Fusco, and Crague Perkins. All blow-downs have been removed except for a few yards at one spot where it was found best to swing the trail around an especially bad mess.

Little damage was found for a mile south of Killington. Then comes the two mile stretch of unknown quality. Between this and Clement Shelter there is considerable sawing to do but the trail is well marked.

From the Clement Shelter to Clarendon Shelter there are only a few logs to be sawed. There was little storm damage and the trail is open. Some brushing out may be necessary.

From Clarendon Shelter to the Spring Lake Shelter the trail has been thoroughly worked. From there to the Gulf Road there is but one spot needing further attention.

For this time of year our trail is probably in average condition which is a good report considering the hurricane damage in other places.

GMC ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Roy B. Woodelton of New York city was elected president of the Green Mountain Club at the annual meeting held June 2nd at the Long Trail Lodge. Other officers elected were John H. Vondell of Amherst, Mass., vice president; Earl A. Boyce of Proctor, Vt., treasurer; and W. M. Mitchell of Worcester, Mass., auditor.

Craigie S. Perkins was re-elected clerk and Miss Lulu M. Tye of Rutland was re-elected corresponding secretary.

About sixty members attended the meeting.

In the evening slides depicting the history of Vermont were shown by Mrs. Mortimer Proctor.

Following the showing of the slides a square dance was held. The calls were given by Ernest Anderson of the New York section.

Some of the out of state members stayed at the Lodge while others camped at Tucker.

New York, Worcester, Burlington, and Killington Section members hiked to Spring Lake Sunday morning to see our new Spring Lake Camp. The day was cloudy but that didn't dampen the spirits of the crowd. There was much jocular talk about scraping feet before entering the new camp. Excuses were made for not having the landscaping completed. No rose bushes etc.

KILLINGTON HIKE, MAY 20, 1951

by
Carolyn McCloskey

Our hike started from Mel-don School, at about 9 A.M., when we set out up the road to Mendon mountain, turning off just after we crossed a concrete bridge and following a dirt road. We parked our cars and proceeded on foot up a dirt and gravel road for what seemed like several miles.

The day was hot and we stopped at an old lumber camp to get a drink of water. Since we had time, we investigated the inside of the camp, and discovered that the men had taken pictures from the covers of Sunday supplements and decorated the inside of the camp. Right in the middle of a bevy of lesser-known movie starlets was a large picture of Hopalong Cassidy.

After passing a second group of old buildings, we really started to climb. It was on the way up that we discovered a porcupine crossing the trail. He started to climb a tree and had gotten a good way up when we decided it would add spice to our meal to have a nice liver to cook. Mr. Perkins attended to the details of shaking the porcupine out of the tree and obtaining the liver.

It was around noon when we reached the shelter on Killington. So far the weather had been beautiful, but it was a little sultry and we expected rain. We ate our lunch and then proceeded to cook the porcupine liver. Fortunately for those who wanted to eat it there were only three who cared to try it. The rest watched us apprehensively.

Lunch gave us strength to proceed to the peak of Killington. Although this was almost straight up, it seemed the least difficult part of the trail. We had been

told that the thing to do was to go up without looking back until we reached the very top, in order that we would fully appreciate the view.

We could see what seemed to be the whole state when we reached the top of the mountain. Some of our members more familiar with the mountains pointed out Mansfield and Camel's Hump. The day was evidently not clear enough so that we could see Lake Champlain, which was too bad. We sat around on top, drinking in the breath-taking view and talking, until it started to sprinkle. The contrast of the hot weather down on the first part of the trail and the coolness of the top was striking, and, I think, appreciated.

It was with reluctance that we left the summit of Killington and went down to the civilized world of Rutland again. For that one brief afternoon on the top of Killington we had been above everything else and looking down on the world in which we ordinarily live.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Marjorie Allard has just received her B.S. in Home Economics from the University of Vt., and expects to teach this fall.

Danny Jennings is attending the Red Cross Aquatic School at Becket, Mass. He will receive training there for instructing in Swimming and Life Saving!

Bill Allard has completed his first year at U.V.M. At present he is working as a carpenter's helper. This training will come in handy on GMC shelters!

Marjory Perkins, a student at Emerson College, is at home. She will spend the summer instructing at the swimming pool.

QUEER WOODS NOISES

by
Allegra Milano

Some of the old woodsmen, like Getty Page, think they have heard all the woods noises there are to hear, but even that boy suffered a mild shock, when walking in to Tucker Lodge on Sunday, May 13, about 4 PM. He had never heard a chant like "---so, of course we have many and various tests for determining liver function; many of these you technologists have performed and are familiar with---."

Well, that is the sound that startled poor Mr. Page from his pleasant reveries as he hiked the Long Trail. After a little investigation, he found that the group surrounding the speaker was the Vermont Society of Medical Technologists and included some 15 members of said group, all seated in front of Tucker Lodge and listening intently.

Dr. Wm. Pratt, a Rutland physician, was the speaker and his wife was a guest of the group.

The folks came from Barre, Burlington, and surrounding areas. They were very pleased with the facilities on the Long Trail and had many questions about the shelters and trail.

The meeting was very successful; the supper was devoured--very few morsels remaining and the coffee, made in the Killington Section's coffee pot was the best ever---grounds and all.

That was one meeting that even Susan didn't mind attending. The entire group thanks the Killington Section for use of the Lodge and they liked the idea so well that it will be repeated for future meetings and private parties. You never know what you will see or hear on the Long Trail.

Our coffee pot has been referred to as "Black Beauty". This should please some of the gang.

PAINT

by
Susan

Now, that we are in Jersey, Allegra says, "Well, Susan, at least we got the trail painted, didn't we?" Huh! She means I got it done--jeps-- every night after work, on Saturdays - all the time- I'd have to drag her out on to the trail and practically do the painting for her. But she finally finished it, the day of the Killington hike.

(Don't know if that girl remembers - she is in the clouds somewhere now- but there is a piece of trail just south of Cooper that has not been painted- someone will get lost there).

Anyhow we met lots of different creatures while painting and we had never been on some parts of the trail. When we saw that thing with the funny face 'coon' - they call it-- Allegra said, "How come we hadn't been on this piece of trail before -- it is beautiful." How can I make her get out- she is so lazy! Trail is pretty, down below Clement tho-- try it sometime. Water is cool on the feet too.

So now we are in the painting business. Allegra calls it 'Art' and says she always wanted to be an artist and guesses this is it. Any corrections about our paint job, or suggestions can be sent to Mrs. Frank Milano, 63 Washington Place, Teaneck, N.J.

But- maybe you had better send them to MR. Frank Milano (he's the something new that had been added) cuz I hear tell that he's the boss now!

Keep in mind the dates of Aug. 25th and 26th for the INTERSECTIONAL. Let's make it a big event again this year.

It will be held in Mendon. More details will be forthcoming in the July and August issues of SMOKE & BLAZES.

COMING EVENTS

by

Charlotte Rutkowski

TIME - Sunday, June 17th

PLACE - Camel's Hump

We've seen it from afar and now is our opportunity to really go up Camel's Hump. Many nice trails leading over this mountain ought to make a very enjoyable hike. As it is a fairly long drive to the starting point and we would like to be on the trail by 11:30, we plan to leave the Meldon School at 8:30. How about getting up early and joining us? Here's to a good day!

TIME - Saturday, June 30th

PLACE - Mt. Carmel

See Vermont the GMC way!

The summit of Mt. Carmel is about a two mile hike from where you park your car. You won't be disappointed when you get there either, because the view is excellent! There is a shelter on the way where we can stop and have an early supper.

TIME - Sunday, July 15th

PLACE - Lake Placid

Remember the swell time we had on the hike to Lake Placid last year? One of the largest groups on any one hike enjoyed a day of swimming, boating, and hiking. Fun for everyone!! You shouldn't miss this one.

ADDITIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP LIST - 1951

Clara Bentley
Warren Bergstrom
Hilma Erickson
George McMaster
George Sherman
George Tappan
Eleanor Toth

OUR BEST WISHES TO -

Janet Perkins and John Martin who were married on June 9th. Jan and Jack have hiked with us in the past and we shall look forward to having them with us again whenever they are in this locality.

ALSO TO -

Alleggra Chapman and Frank Molano who were married recently. We hope that Alleggra will still be able to find blazes to paint and that 'Susan' won't discover that 'three is a crowd'.

WHO BUILT THE NEW SHELTER?

Who built the new shelter?

"I", said Ralph Congdon.
"The spot where it stands
Is part of my lands.
I hope there's no wrong done!
I built the new shelter."

Who built the new shelter?

"I", said Gale Spaulding.
"I got the permission
And chose the position,
Then an arm chair I've lolled in.
I built the new shelter."

Who built the new shelter?

"I did", said Pearl.
"I carried in boards
There must have been cords!
Pretty good for a girl.
I built the new shelter."

Who built the new shelter?

"I did", said Fred.
"I sweated and toiled
Until my blood boiled.
I thought I was dead.
I built the new shelter."

(con't. on next page)

Who built the new shelter?

"I", said Maude Canty.
"The men like to eat
So I gave them a treat.
Mince pies were my ante.
I built the new shelter."

Who built the new shelter?

"It was I, Billy Allard.
I carried each rafter,
And guess what came after!
Pork chops and more salad.
I built the new shelter."

Who built the new shelter?

"Why, I did", said Vera.
"Just move over, Bub.
I rustled the grub.
I win the tiara.
I built the new shelter."

Who built the new shelter?

"I did", said Harold.
"I gave the instructions.
Without my deductions
The plan was imperilled.
I built the new shelter."

Who built the new shelter?

"I did", said Eleanor.
"I meant nothing vicious.
If a girl is ambitious
There's simply no quellin' her.
I built the new shelter."

Who built the new shelter?

"I", said Craigie Perkins.
"I've argued all comers,
Both winters and summers
Infesting the workin's.
I built the new shelter."

Who built the new shelter?

"I, fragile Miss Chapman
Have wielded a hammer
And added the glamour.
So stand up and clap, man.
I built the new shelter."

Who built the new shelter?

"I, Ray Catozzi.
When the others were dizzy
On the roof I was busy!"
(The question is, was he?)
"I built the new shelter."

Who built the new shelter?

"I did", said Mary.
"I washed the kettles
They used for their vituals.
And dirty! Yes, very.
I built the new shelter."

Who built the new shelter?

"I", said Walt Hakins.
"Why that was a cinch.
I'd build two in a pinch
If they'd furnish the makin's.
I built the new shelter."

Who built the new shelter?

"I did", said Ruth.
"I think it's a shame
I can't write my name
On the side walls, for sooth!
I built the new shelter."

Who built the new shelter?

"I did", said Tony.
"I built the bunk
And all of that junk.
All these guys are phoney!
I built the new shelter."

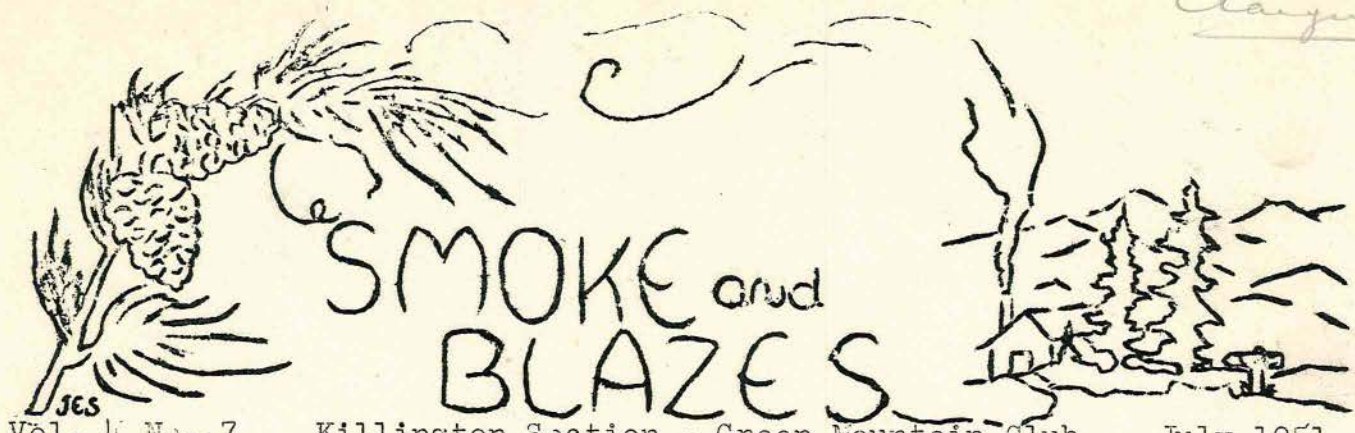
Who built the new shelter?

"I did! My name's Scott.
From my discipline stern
The boldest soon learn
That I'm boss of the lot.
I built the new shelter."

Who built the new shelter?

"We did", said the rest.
"We're all on the list.
It wouldn't exist
If we couldn't say just
WE built the new shelter."

Crayne



Vol. 4 No. 7

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

July 1951

CAMEL'S HUMP
by
Maxine Newhall

The trip to Camel's Hump, June 19, was a pleasant one, in spite of threatening weather early in the morning. Nineteen people and one dog, packed in five cars, left the Meldon School almost on schedule; and we reached North Duxbury by eleven o'clock.

The cars were left at the start of the Forestry Trail, where the first of many excellent signs showed a three mile hike to the summit. This first part of the trail went up over a shoulder of the mountain at an easy grade, through cool shady woods - which unfortunately did nothing to discourage the flies. After a little, however, we came to a branch trail, where another of those signs announced that while we were still less than half way to the top, Montclair Glen Lodge was a mile and a bit to the south. Since it was already past noon, the famished advance guard took a vote, and we all went to the Lodge for lunch before climbing to the top.

The Lodge is a pretty little closed cabin, with a pot-bellied stove, and it seemed especially nice that day ...with fresh boughs on all the bunks! The weather was very much in our favor. While we were hiking, it was overcast and cool, yet when we were sitting in and around the Lodge, the sun came out bright and warm.

After dealing with the food in a business-like way, we start-

ed up the mountain from the south. Close to Montclair Glen, the trail goes up over a bare rocky cliff, and along a ridge to the foot of the main peak. This cliff and ridge was for many of us the : - nicest part of the whole trip, since it rises in steps, and just when your wind is utterly done, levels off and gives you a view to take your mind off your troubles.

The main peak, looming at the end of the ridge, looked impossibly huge and steep; and the trail went straight up, with only a zig here and a zag there to ease the pace. It seemed a long steep climb through trees, then scrub, and finally over bare ledge to the post that marks the highest hummock on the very top. In spite of the overcast and a sudden spate of fog, we could see range after range of wooded hills rolling away in all directions...sloping off to the west into Lake Champlain, and beyond it surging higher than ever.

Coming down the Forestry Trail, we were late enough to think about getting back to the cars before dark, with a long ride home. Scant attention was paid to the thrush, singing his Angelus, and that special scent and sight of woods around sunset. That's just ordinary Green Mountain detail.

As the man said about the strawberries, doubtless God could have made better mountains ...but doubtless he never did.

SPRING LAKE CAMP - JUNE 3, 1951

by
Roy Buchanan

This trip was to start from the usual meeting place the Mel-don School at 9:30 A.M. We north country foreigners were still groggy from the stirring events of the GMC Annual Meeting so it was no wonder that we were staggering, less than half way down the mountain at the appointed time. Apparently our Rutland hosts expected us to be late, or else they are naturally polite, or both, for they calmed our agitation with soothing words and urged us to leave our low slung Hudson and ride in the Perkins car. No doubt they remembered from last year how the Hudson blocked the road as it stalled on every hill and how it scraped off the middle of the road for much of the way. Of course we argued against smooching a ride like that but were careful not to say enough to lose it. And so we arrived at the camp's parking lot without getting lost and with most of what we needed back in the car in Rutland.

There was a good crowd already at the camp when we arrived and more to come who had elected to hike and not ride. It was a surprise to find the camp nearly done, even though Smoke & Blazes has told how well the building has progressed. However, someone should stabilize the points of the compass there. The Rutland-ites consistently point southwest and claim that it is north.

The Valiquette stove was working well and its heat was welcome, though 35 people seem to be too many to warm with a 35¢ stove, even though it is equipped with a built in poker. That figures at 1¢ per person and some of them barelegged at that.

The coiled pipe anchors that hold the camp on an even keel no matter how the winds blow or

2

how badly the points of the compass shift, are decidedly interesting. I doubt whether the building can fall again unless it tears off the whole hill top.

This day the clean coffee pot gang was in power so that it was a wonder that the coffee boiled at all (I'm a dirty pot man myself.) I suppose that the cheap stove heat added to that generated in the argument between the cold water factions and the boiling water advocates was responsible for the speedy boiling ---and so coffee was served. As usual it was wonderful, no matter how it was made.

As soon as the coffee aroma spread over the landscape, the hikers (mostly from Worcester) appeared over the trail from Buffum. The stove even cooked their lunch wrapped in foil and laid on top. That stove can do anything!

The day was cloudy with no very good views but after lunch it cleared a little - enough to put north back where it belongs, to allow glimpses down toward the airport, and to improve the view of Spring Lake. After inspecting the wonderful wood supply, the toilet location and the porky gnawing it was time to start for home.

We came back to Rutland by way of Route 103A, with a call on Mr. and Mrs. W.V. Stork at the Trail crossing. The Hudson was waiting patiently, dragging no closer to the pavement and full of the things we had needed.

And so endeth the trip to Spring Lake.

(We regret that since the June issue came out a couple of days early, in order to announce the Camel's Hump trip this report from Prof. Buchanan did not arrive in time to be included. We think you will enjoy it just as much now, and we're NOT sorry we asked him to write it! Ed.)

A STRAWBERRY HIKE TO SPRING LAKE

by
Orilla Allard

An urge to eat shortcake made from wild strawberries took Eleanor Walker, Mary Jennings, Vera Perkins, Pearl Nichols, Thelma Valiquette, and me to Spring Lake on June 25th. It was a perfect summer day--Vera, Mary and I left at 2:30 P.M. to pick the berries and start supper. Everyone had grave doubts that we would even find berries (Vera brought berries from her garden, just in case) - Vera brought a small portable oven to cook the shortcake in.

It was my first trip to Spring Lake-- The view just fairly took my breath away-- and I marveled at the grand job done on the new shelter by the Killington Section members. The porkies had visited the shelter and had spread things around a bit. Incidentally, we saw the biggest "porkie" that we had ever seen-- -- Vera thought it was a goat !

I'm happy to tell you that we found lots of wild strawberries, and we got right to work on them. We were nearly finished picking and hulling the berries when Mary J. looked up with the most woe-begone look on her face, and said, "I forgot the Bisquick!" (Yes, Craigie, we had a list-- we just forgot to check it !) After much discussion, we decided to hike down toward the lake in search of the Bisquick. We ended up at the Sarcia place where Mrs. Sarcia very graciously gave us the makings of shortcake. It was such a lovely day we enjoyed the long walk down and back.

We got back to the shelter in plenty of time to start a roaring fire in the Valiquette camp stove. When the other three girls arrived supper was ready - even the lovely big shortcake that baked beautifully in the little oven. After supper we

3 had time to pick more berries to bring home for breakfast. We all had such a good time and the berries were such a treat that we decided to come again when other kinds of berries were ripe.

Just as a suggestion - how about a yearly Strawberry Festival Hike for the G.M.C. ?

COMING EVENTS

by
Charlotte Rutkowski

TIME - Saturday, July 28th
Place- Elfin Lake & White Rocks

The swimming season is right at its peak at this time of year and what could be nicer than a swim at Elfin and a picnic supper at White Rocks !

This is really one for the whole family from Grandpop down to little Junior.

If you can't make it down to Lake Elfin in the afternoon, we'll see you later at White Rocks for supper.

TIME - Sunday August 12th
PLACE - Hapgood Pond

This is one of our nicest Green Mt. National Forest Parks. Swimming, camping, picnicking, and nature trails - sounds wonderful doesn't it ? Bring your week-end guests along, they'll enjoy it too.

ADDITIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP LIST - 1951

Susie Cole
Marlene Logan
Bernard Lafond
John Martin
Carl Nowhall
Maxine Nowhall
Ellen Russell
Harry Russell
Ernest E. Wheeler
Gerald Wheeler
Dr. Earle Johnson

FROM A LIFE MEMBER-AT-LARGE

The following letter received by Miss Tye shortly after the Annual Meeting shows an active interest in the Long Trail and a true GMC spirit. The suggestions are worth thinking about.

Vt. State Hospital
Waterbury, Vt.
or
Arlington, Vt.

The Green Mountain Club
Rutland, Vermont.

Enclosed is a small contribution toward upkeep of trails. If I were a young man instead of an elderly woman, I should count it a privilege to take a more active part in the work of keeping the trails open.

I am actually doing what I can to keep some of the picnic places tidy, but can not do enough so that it would ever be noticed. Frequently during the summer I have occasion to drive across the Trail and habitually try to make my crossing at a suitable time for my solitary picnic lunches. At whatever crossing I find plenty of evidence that other motorists have been using the spot as a picnic ground, and I always leave the place a little cleaner than I find it. Quite recently I have equipped my car with strong paper bags and a pair of kitchen tongs, so that my time can be used to better advantage.

The following suggestions might better have been offered at the meeting last week, but did not occur to me until later. I should like to see receptacles for waste placed at some of the crossings used for picnic grounds; and I think it would encourage motorists to use them if someone who is skillful at rhyming would compose a few facetious little couplets to be printed on waterproof material and attached to

nearby trees. A serious request to deposit waste is usually disregarded, but some people might respond better to a playful suggestion.

Grace H. Kent.

Dr. Kent retired from her practice in Massachusetts and came to Arlington, Vt., to make her home. She is currently engaged in some research which she has long wanted to do and is carrying out this project at the State Hospital in Waterbury, Vt.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Jimmy White is working for the U.S. Forest Service again this summer doing trail clearing on the Long Trail in the National Forest.

Marjorie Allard has accepted a position as Home Economics teacher at the West Rutland High School for the next school year. We hope she will not be too busy to hike with us sometimes.

Bob, Thelma, and David Perkins are at home for a vacation before going to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where Bob will be doing research work during the coming year. They expect to leave about the last of July.

Mary Jennings has returned from Wellesley, Mass., where she spent a week attending the Red Cross Home Nursing Instructor's Training Institute held there. Mary is now an accredited Trainer of Home Nursing Instructors.

MT. CARMEL TRIP

This was one of the rare occasions when a hike was completely rained out. Three carloads of optimists drove as far as Mountain Top in the hope that it would clear but finally had to concede it was not 'just a shower'.



SMOKE and BLAZES



Vol. 4 No. 8

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

August 1951

IMPORTANT

INTERSECTIONAL OUTING

The plans for the 1951 GMC Intersectional to be held at the Perkins Camp Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26 have been completed.

The following Committee Chairmen have been named:

Reception	-	C. Perkins
Wood	-	P. Perkins
Coffee	-	C. Scott
Hikes	-	C. Rutkowski
Camp Fire	-	J. Green
Tenting	-	H. Valiquette

Craigie and Mary Perkins have said that they will be in Camp Friday, August 24, to welcome any early arrivals. A few tents will be available for those who need them.

Jim Green has offered to take charge of the campfire program Saturday evening. After last year's enjoyable time everyone can look forward to more fun this year.

In addition to the old stand-by hikes of Killington, Pico, Deer's Leap, Tucker and Noyes Pond, two new hikes have been listed for Sunday. They are White Rocks and Bird Mt. which some people may enjoy climbing.

Let's have the Killington Section get behind this Intersectional and make it a big success and be well represented there both Saturday and Sunday.

Churchill Scott, Chairman.

KILLINGTON WORK PARTY PLANS

by
Churchill Scott

Sunday Aug. 19th has been chosen by the Trails and Shelters committee as a day to work on Cooper Lodge and the Bucklin Trail and the Long Trail south to Consultation Point.

Cooper Lodge needs quite a bit of work. The roof leaks a great deal, half a dozen lights of glass must be replaced, some sash repaired and the wood creosoted.

There are about a dozen blow-downs to be cut out of the Bucklin Trail and an unknown amount of hurricane damage south of Killington. When that piece of Trail is done the Killington section of Trail will be completely free of blow-downs.

All of that work cut out for us means that everyone who is able should try to come and give us a hand. The group will meet at Heldon School at 8 A.M. Sunday, August 19th. Dinner will be served by the club, so make your reservations with C. Scott, Tel. 2698 or C. Perkins, Tel. 907-N.

NEW SCHEDULES OUT

Enclosed with this issue of Smoke and Blazes are copies of the fall schedule of hikes and outings. As usual we will try to have details announced in the Herald previous to each hike. Mark the hike dates on your calendar and plan to join us.

THE LAKE PLEIAD TRIP

by
Bill Allard

Although the weatherman provided a perfect day for the Lake Pleiad hike the usual big crowd didn't appear even though we waited until quarter past ten, in the hope that more would come. However there was quality if not quantity in the two cars that left for Middlebury Gap.

At about eleven-thirty we arrived at the top of the Gap and started the short walk into the lake. Last Fall's windstorm blew down hundreds of trees but some hardworking trail clearers have made the trail passable again. The shelter, a few hundred feet from the lake, remains in good condition. Someone was staying in it and it was very neat and clean.

The lake looked inviting and it wasn't long before we were in the water. The water was just right except for the bloodsuckers which were a mental hazard to some of us. Grandson, David, proved himself a true Perkins by trying to eat one. There was a small boat and during the course of the day nearly everyone made an excursion around the lake. While we were swimming, our party was reinforced by the arrival of the Fields.

By this time the coffee was done and so we had lunch. The coffee was the usual GMC brand but we were able to pour it this time. Some of the heartier members even drank some.

After lunch we decided to inspect the new Middlebury Outing Club camp which overlooks the lake. Still in our bathing suits we started out. Naturally the trail was full of nettles and the black flies were out. When we finally found the camp however it was well worth the trouble. It is a well built log cabin with a porch and a splendid view of the

lake and the Gap. It isn't finished inside as yet but promises to be comfortable in winter or summer. There was a note of welcome inviting hikers to use the camp and keep it clean.

After we had watched the rest of the party swimming below us, we felt the heat even more and went down to join them. Then it was time to go home even though we hated to leave. I hope more of us are able to go another time because it is a trip no one should miss.

HAPGOOD POND OUTING

Fifteen hikers took a day off from their usual form of recreation to enjoy a picnic and swim at Hapgood Pond, Sunday, August 12th.

The sun refused to co-operate with our plans for the third time that Hapgood has been on our schedule. This time however, we were not rained out and enjoyed a full day of activities.

The first and what seemed to be the most important thing to do was to eat. Two tables were found near a fireplace and it wasn't long before food was spread out, coffee water boiling and everyone ready to eat.

The next event for the day was an unplanned soft ball game. Captained by our Outing Chairman, Charlotte, some of our GMCers got into the game. It was interesting to watch and perhaps as rugged to participate in as a mountain climb.

The water in the Pond was as cold as ice but invigorating and most of our crowd got in, if even for only a dip. Then there were the demonstrations of flexed muscles and acrobatic stunts that proved to be amusing.

Short walks were also taken around the Pond to investigate the surroundings. Three members of our party (we learned later) went back to the tables to eat again.

COMING EVENTS

by
Charlotte Rutkowski

TIME - Sunday, Sept. 9 - 2 P.M.
PLACE - Rutland Fish and Game
Club Grounds

An afternoon of hiking up
Bald or East Mountain and a corn
roast in the evening!

The Fish and Game Club are
anxious to have people use their
picnic area and it is close en-
ough to Rutland to hike or drive
to easily.

This would be a good time
to meet some of our new members.

SNAGS ON THE TRAIL

Snags on the trail

No matter which way I go
Face me at dawn
And loom in the twilight glow.

Camped on the trail

I'm trying to sleep in vain
Visions of snags
Are worse than bugs or rain.

Longing for rest

I'm sighing, for now it seems
Snags on the trail
Forever will haunt my dreams.

Charles Smith.

Mr. Smith is working with
the Federal Forest Service this
summer. He very obligingly re-
ports to Miss Tye at the GMC
office the condition of the
trail where he is working. In
this way she is kept up to date
and can pass the information on
to the many hikers who write or
call on her for information.

Edith Ewald is spending her
summer visiting many interesting
places in this part of the coun-
try. While staying at Bear Mt.
she paid a visit to the New York
Section's GMC Camp - Thendara.

A LETTER FROM A LONG TRAIL HIKER

The following letter from
Mr. William Gray of Milton, Mass.,
tells of an interesting trip on
the Long Trail:-

I started out with two com-
panions to spend a week on the
Long Trail with the avowed pur-
pose of getting some exercise,
losing some weight, and seeing
the Vermont mountains. We park-
ed our car at the Long Trail
Lodge and started off headed
south one muggy Saturday morning.
The first obstacle of course was
Pico Peak. By dint of much huff-
ing and puffing we made Pico
Shelter just under the approved
time for that distance according
to the Guide Book. The trail
was remarkably clear and after a
short rest we moved on towards
Killington and Cooper Lodge which
we made in due time (although well
over the time listed in the Guide
Book as "average"). At Cooper
Lodge we found company in the
presence of a man and his son
together with their dog "Nipper"
and after a meal of hot stew out
of a can, we started to bed down
for the night. And what a night
it was. It started to rain buck-
ets at about 4 A.M. and due to
a few leaks in the roof we were
all up long before daybreak, but
before the rain, came the usual
quilled visitors. They came in
through a broken frame of glass
and you could hear their quills
rattling as they made their leis-
urely way around the shelter.
Of course "Nipper" almost had a
fit but aside from loss of sleep,
no damage was done. It was still
coming down in buckets and my two
companions swore they wouldn't
budge from the shelter until the
rain let up. I tried to point
out that they would get just as
wet even if there was no rain
because the trail would be damp
(to put it mildly) for quite a-
while after such a downpour, but
(con't. on next page)

The best I could get out of them was that they would go back to the Long Trail Lodge, pick up the car and meet me three days hence at Little Rocky. So I started off by myself along the Trail towards Governor Clement Shelter.

I have a quarrel to pick with the guy who states in the GUIDE BOOK that it is $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Cooper Lodge to Governor Clement Shelter. It is much nearer 6 to my way of walking. However, it is all down hill and the Trail was very clear with no windfalls and although it was very wet and the sky very cloudy, the distance was covered by noon that day. I felt so good and the pack seemed so light (relatively speaking) that after a half hour rest, I started off towards Clarendon Shelter.

It was obvious that this part of the Trail had just been cleared and before too long it was clear that a crew was working that very day as I caught up with a group who were taking their Sunday in clearing the Trail of all windfalls and in general making the Trail the pleasure it is to be on. This working party were members of the Green Mountain Club headed by Mr. C. S. Perkins and Mr. Churchill Scott. I stopped and had a sandwich and a cup of coffee with them. Clarendon Shelter was eventually reached where I found that members of this crew had started a nice roaring fire for me and in no time at all I was drying off and enjoying a hot meal of stew again.

The next day I was off by 6 AM and soon at Clarendon Gorge which is a beautiful sight and a grand place for a swim. The GUIDE BOOK says that the Trail ascends steeply (all I can say is that you have to underline the word "steeply" many times) and "There are places where a fall might be danderous." If one fell at all in my opinion it not only would be dangerous, it would be fatal.

I personally think that the hike from Clarendon Shelter to Buffum Shelter is the hardest of the Trail that I traveled. There is no water to speak of and on a hot day it seems endless in climbing Button Hill. Now there is a delightful new shelter near Spring Lake where one can break the trip. Here at Spring Lake Shelter some kind person had left some eggs and a nosegay of daisies in water so I had some welcome hard boiled eggs for a change.

Buffum Shelter was reached and I was so hot and my feet were beginning to feel the unaccustomed activity that I spent the night there and was off the next morning early to make Little Rocky Pond. It was lucky that I got an early start as although the Trail was fine up to Greenwal Shelter, from there on there were many windfalls and I spent most of the day crawling around, over or under these obstacles. It was worth it however to go to Little Rocky and have a swim and a grand meal with no nocturnal visitors aside from mosquitoes. Little Rocky is a must in my opinion for all hikers.

The next morning I started off for Griffin Lake. My two friends showed up but had lost their enthusiasm for hiking and were going to spend a few nights with mutual friends in Manchester, so I staggered on, planning to meet them in Manchester two days hence. The walk from Little Rocky to Old Job was pleasant and enlivened by a new suspension bridge across Big Branch. About half way between Old Job and Griffin Lake a Forestry crew had set up camp and again I had a wonderful unexpected meal. I do want to state however that the Trail should be better marked especially around Griffin Lake as it is quite easy to lose your way. Griffin Shelter was reached and of all the Shelters where you need a friend in the night, I should imagine this was it. The porkys practically get in bed with you! Up early the

next day to climb Peru Peak and Styles Peak (wonderful view but very steep) and before noon to climb down to Mad Tom Shelter. Then a long, hot climb over Bromley Mountain (Bromley is a very discouraging mountain as there are so many little ridges to it) to Bromley Lodge.

The next day I hiked in to Willis Ross Camp where I had another wonderful swim in Stratton Pond and ate up the last of my supplies. Then to Manchester the next day via Prospect Rock where I astounded the waitress in the first restaurant I came to by having four helpings of ham and eggs one right after the other.

I came off the Trail just in time as it started to pour but by judicious use of my thumb, I got a ride to Wallingford and my friend's house where I soaked for a good hour in a hot bath, ate everything I could lay my hands on and slept like a log for 12 hours. I ended up some 15 pounds lighter, four blisters that weren't bad and a wonderful sense of real accomplishment.

I recommend this for a real vacation with no telephones or other mundane distractions. A vacation should be a complete change and a trip on the Long Trail is that! All one thinks of at the time is how in the world one is going to get over that next mountain. If you are like me, you'd sell your soul for a glass of ice water but it definitely is worth it once it is done and one can have a grand time doing it. We all owe a tremendous vote of thanks to those who keep the Trail and the Shelters in such good condition and I am taking this means of thanking those grand people who do so by writing this.

Editor's note: We appreciate receiving this report from Mr. Gray and wish more hikers would write and tell us of their experiences.

WORK PARTIES

Since last reported to SMOKE & BLAZES there have been several short work parties and one long one.

On Saturday, July 21, Diane and George Conlon, Maxine and Carl Nowhall, and Craigie Perkins went into the Clement Shelter for an overnight. The shelter was in fine condition with a good wood supply. Toward morning a playful fisherman set off a fire cracker near by with the expected result. About daylight we had a hard shower proving that the roof was OK.

After breakfast Churchill Scott and Charlie Smith joined the party and all started south working the Trail. There were few blowdowns but some much needed clipping and mowing was done.

We had lunch beside Cold River and reached Clarendon Shelter about four o'clock. This Shelter was also found to be neat and clean. A good time was had and a lot of work done.

On another half day expedition some real creosote was applied to the Spring Lake Camp. The first applied turned out to be odorless and we suspect tasteless. The Camp was clean and in good condition except for two broken windows. Raspberries, blackberries and blueberries were all ripe in the surrounding pasture.

Just when everybody thought there wouldn't be any more riddles in SMOKE & BLAZES up pops this one.

What tree when small or fully grown
Is never found to stand alone?

This surely seems no more than fair,
There must be two if it's a pear.



Vol. 4 No. 9

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Sept. 1951

COMING EVENTS
by
Charlotte Rutkowski

TIME - Saturday, Sept. 22nd
PLACE - Spectacle Pond

I've had many requests for this one. Excellent fishing, grand view, and many trails to hike on. Located outside of East Wallingford, this promises to be a hike enjoyed by all.

TIME - Sunday, October, 6th
PLACE - Bird's Eye -(Foliage)

It is hard to believe that the autumn season has crept upon us so quickly. There is something in every season that we look forward to and in the fall it's the foliage. Bird's Eye Mt. seemed to be the ideal hike to enjoy this, where the trees are plentiful and the leaves (we hope) in their grandest array of colors.

TIME - Sunday, October 14th
(overnight if desired)
PLACE - Big Bromley

Big Bromley is located about 9 miles east of Manchester.

The Long Trail emerges into the upper part of the ski development and runs along a few rods because of the view. The top of Bromley, however, is a stiff climb of 0.6 mile from here.

Those wishing to make it an overnight could plan to stay at Bromley Lodge. The nearest

Catholic Church, St. Pauls, is in Manchester and the masses are at 6:30 ; 8:00 ; 10:00 and 11:00 o'clock. It is located on Seminary Avenue.

Many of us have looked forward to this hike for a long time - hope you were one of them.

THE CORN ROAST
by
Shirley Morris

Fair week wasn't too much for 10 of our out-door enthusiasts. Meeting at Meldon at 2 P.M. Sunday, Sept. 9th we took off for the Rutland Fish and Game Club Picnic Area. The weather was certainly in our favor for a change, blue, sunny skies and real warm.

Arrived at the picnic area our party divided. Some went blackberrying and were fortunate in getting several quarts. Others, more ambitious, hiked to McLaughlin Falls. It was surprising how many of the trees had already changed color, and what a lovely sight they were against the sun!

Everyone was back at the picnic area about six o'clock and were glad to see Harold Valiquette who set to work and built a fire. Some roasted corn while others settled for hot dogs. After the usual around-the-supper-table visiting the party broke up in the early evening. So ended another swell outing.

KILLINGTON SECTION HOST TO
INTERSECTIONAL OUTING AGAIN

by
Larry Dean

The Killington Section has again played host to the Section members of the Green Mountain Club at another Intersectional Outing at the Perkins Camp in Mendon. Though I "hear tell" the event was not as well attended as the outing of last year, I am sure what was lacking in numbers was made up for by the spirit of comradeship experienced by the forty odd participants.

The weather followed the pattern of the summer, drizzle and more drizzle with a day or so of pleasant sunshine a month thrown in. We got drizzled on the Saturday afternoon of our arrival but luckily the canvas was up to shelter us from the rain. Harold Valiquette of the Killington Sec. provided his big tents to supplement the smaller tents of the individuals and they came in very handy.

The evening chow was cooked out either in the rain or under the cover of Harold's tents. Ike Bartlett of Manchester and Mrs. Bartlett prepared a half bushel, or it might have been a peck of spuds and fried 'em up "home fry style" for the group--- Yum-- I can just taste them now as I hammer this story out 'cause I can eat fried potatoes till the porkies shed their quills.

The only casualty of the rain was Dean and his pocket-sized tent. During a lull in the storm he found he had failed to button up the door before the rain drenched the site. The air mattress with the sleeping bag on top was found floating like a raft on Little Rocky Pond but being a stamp sized mattress, the sides of the bag were dunking in the water. Bedding and mattress made a fast trip to the back of "Pinkies" camp house kitchen stove for drying and

2
Jim Green shoved over to give room for another sleeper in his tent that night.

The rain drops came down too fast and the grass got too moist for comfortable sitting around an outdoor campfire as was originally planned. Instead, we all packed into the camp house living room for the evening program. Jim asked for sectional reports of activities and Sterling, Burlington, Manchester, Killington, Bennington, and Worcester sections responded. After the reports Harold Valiquette got everybody, or nearly everybody, all snarled up with one of his pencils and a little hunk of twine. Some of us never did get untangled from the gadget.

Sunday dawned fair and after breakfast was made and washed down with coffee, all were rearing to hit off on hikes.

The main group headed up the Blue Ridge trail and in to the G.M.C. Tucker Lodge where others of the group were awaiting them. The hikers broke open their pack lunches while they rested up at the lodge and they discussed the pros and cons of the Valiquette stove. Roy and Harold sparked the stove debate.

After all had chewed food and "fat" for a spell they took to the trails again. The main group filed up over the trail around back of "Deers Leap" to the junction of the Appalachian Trail to the east. At the junction the group split into parties, one to go to the Long Trail Lodge and the second to tag Roy down to Gifford Woods State Park along a piece of Appalachian trail. The purpose of this trip was to check the amount of wind damage done along the trail. Jim lugged along his axe to do a little clipping along the way. Right in the thick of his chopping, the head of his axe took off for parts unknown. If the head did not whang into something it is still on the wing born by the

momentum of Jim's powerful swing.

Late Sunday afternoon the groups returned to the campsite to strike tents, pack up and make their homeward departure after expressing their appreciation for the privilege of spending their week-end as guests of the Killington Section.

It seems to me that this annual Intersectional camp-out of the Club should be continued as a part of the Annual Intersectional Outing. To make the event a successful part of the Club's program each section will have to sell the idea to its own section members. We have to make the doubters realize that we who do go have a lot of fun and fine fellowship.

AROUND THE GASPE

by

Helen B. Field

As we packed the car in the pouring rain (in our bathing suits) it was hard to realize that vacation-time was here at last after weeks of planning. We had many eventful days ahead of us, and I will try to describe a few things about them.

Wild life was much in evidence, all along the way, and the longer we stayed in one place, the more we were likely to see. On Mt. Dessert Island, a perky red squirrel was eating the leftovers of a lobster dinner. Further north, along a desolate stretch of road, a baby fawn was curiously examining the traffic. A doe darted in front of us just over the border, and further along, two weasels entertained us all one morning with their antics. A porcupine spent the night with us, but didn't get much of a welcome. There were many tracks of other bigger animals, but we heeded the advice of the warden and stayed out of the woods. The birds were very pretty too, and there were

all kinds. We liked the ones at Bonaventure Island best. Here was a sanctuary of steep rocky cliffs, and each bird seemed to find a little cubby-hole to fit him.

The folks themselves, although of several nationalities, were all alike in their friendliness. They shared our camp-fire at night. They told us many tales and listened to ours. They offered us help in every way and urged us to stay as long as we could.

We saw many lovely sights, such as the northern lights in all their glory, ruddy-colored waves beating against gray cliffs in the sunlight, little fishing villages nestled in the hills, laughing children with their dog-wagons, and proud Indian chiefs selling their multi-colored baskets. There were also great ships bringing their cargo in from the sea, and Perce Rock, jutting out of the quiet water like a sentinel, guarding the land.

By camping out in whatever spot took our fancy, we feel that we became better acquainted with Canada as it really is than most tourists who were limited to hotels and cabins. We strongly recommend this method of travel to those of you who really want to see the country.

LONG TRAIL STORY IN VERMONT LIFE

Congratulations go to Frances Green of the Worcester Section for her Long Trail story "Over The Hill From the Tamarack Tree" published in the Fall issue of VERMONT LIFE.

The article tells about the Stratton Mountain area so beautifully that it stirs up longings to repeat a visit to one of the most delightful spots on the Long Trail.

RUMMAGE SALE SOON

Time and place to be announced in October issue of Smoke & Blazes.

A CAMPING TRIP

by
Diana Conlon

George and I have just returned from a 10-day camping trip. We feel wonderful and raring to go again but our dog, Punch, is out cold - haven't been able to get him up all day. He is exhausted from playing watchdog at night and growling defiance from the safety of our tent.

We chose the "Rainy Season" for our trip - Fair week! Undaunted, we started out on a dull Saturday afternoon after a torrential rain. However we were rewarded for our courage. By late afternoon the sun came out and the countryside was brilliantly clear. We headed north on Rte. 107 and 110 and found it very interesting, small towns and lovely hills and valleys.

On reaching St. Johnsbury we changed our plans as it was such a clear day and decided on driving up Burke Mt. in Darling Forest. It's a terrific straight up climb in low gear all the way but worth it, if, and when, you reach the top. We rented a lean-to near the top as the tenting area was only 1/3 of the way up. We spent a wonderful hour before dinner viewing the breathtaking panorama from the tower. Saw Lake Willoughby, Camel's Hump, Mt. Washington, and even Pico, a small silhouette on the horizon. After dark we climbed the tower again and watched the lights sparkling in the valley below. On top of the world, close to the stars and listening to the wind was a soul inspiring experience.

Next day dawned dull and we continued on to Maidstone, arriving Sunday afternoon. Although not a regular tenting area the caretaker showed us several lovely spots to camp, which unfortunately we could not make use of as we did not have a stove and

4 had to rely on a fireplace for cooking (and by this time for warmth also). So we set up our tent beside a regular picnic area as we were the only souls at Maidstone.

Our first night was interrupted by blood curdling growls and snarls. It was wild country and my hair stood on end. No one dared look out. However, shortly after came the reassuring bark of a dog. The caretaker's dog and a coon had interrupted one another's night foraging in the picnic garbage pail.

The next couple of days were busily spent in keeping warm and dry, and in preparation of meals and dishwashing. Then came two sunny days so we scurried around, picked blackberries and even went swimming. The air was cold but the water warm. Maidstone is a wonderful bathing spot - sandy beach and clear, sparkling water.

And then rain again! Even rained too hard to pack up and go home. Instead we moved into the picnic shelter, barricaded ourselves in with blankets over tables and kept a roaring fire going. The caretaker, Mr. Austin, and his wife by this time had taken pity on us and invited us up to their home, evenings, to keep warm and dry and Mrs. Austin bolstered our spirits wonderfully with delicious home-made pies, bread, and doughnuts.

The week-end arrived in a blaze of sunshine so we moved on down to Groton State Park and spent the remaining two days of our vacation, soaking up the sunshine and drying out our tent, equipment, and spirits.

Came home happy, and believe it or not, with sunburns!

Note:

1. A battery radio was wonderful company.
2. Never go camping in the autumn without a hot water bottle!



Vol. 4. No. 10

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Oct. 1951

RUMMAGE SALE NOV. 2

The date for our annual Rummage Sale has been set for Friday, November 2nd.

The place is The Neighborhood Rooms of the Marble Savings Bank.

Your committee members who will work on this sale are Vera, Mary and Craigie Perkins. More help is needed so if you would like to assist please call 907 M and offer your help to the Com.

Of course this sale can not be a success unless we receive contributions of salable goods, so bring in those boxes of odds and ends that you have been saving for the Green Mountain Club Rummage Sale. Any time after 9 o'clock Thursday morning, the day before the sale, we shall be on hand to receive you at the Neighborhood rooms.

From past experience we have found that almost anything that is usable sells. Household goods as well as clothing are in demand. We are usually short of big sizes in clothing so if you know of some one who would like to dispose of large size dresses etc. tell them about our sale.

NEW PHOTOGRAPHY CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Janice Catozzi has accepted the Photography Chairmanship. Her plans will be reported in the next issue of SMOKE & BLAZES.

FUTURE HIKES

by

Charlotte Ruthkowski

KILLINGTON SECTION END TO END HIKES

Sunday - Oct. 28- Nov. 11 & 25

At one time or another you have probably been on our section of the Trail here and there. On the above mentioned Sundays we will hike every bit of it.

On October 28th we will start at Sherburne Pass and hike as far as we care to. The next two hikes, Nov. 11th and Nov. 25th, will be a continuation of the previous one, ending at the Wallingford- East Wallingford Road, a distance of approximately twenty-two miles.

This is it hikers ! !

For more details about the October 28th, November 11th and November 25th Killington Section End to End Hikes watch for further information in the "Rutland Herald".

After hiking the entire Killington Section trails, perhaps it will be an incentive to go on and do the complete Long Trail, a distance of some 260 miles. For this achievement an award of a copy of a beautiful etching of the State of Vt. is given by the GMC.

SPECTACLE POND

by
Janet Martin

The hike to Spectacle, Wallingford, or Big Pond (take your pick) was a huge success as far as the 23 people and one dog who attended were concerned. The hike started from the Kent farm, a truly beautiful spot. Although the road from East Wallingford is only maintained as far as this farmhouse, it goes on through beautiful forest land toward the Lake. As we approached the Lake the beauty was marred by blowdowns among the spruces from last Fall's hurricane. Some of these we went under or through but most of them had to be skirted so that our path was rather zig-zag. However we eventually reached the Lake to find the wind blowing strongly in our faces and white caps on the water.

We all had a pleasant supper on the lake shore and returned to the farm and our cars just as dusk fell. Thus ended another G.M.C. trip.

(We learned later that two members attempting to join us had approached the lake from the west and never did succeed in connecting with us. We understand they had a pleasant outing on their own nevertheless. - Ed.)

THE BIRD MT. HIKE

by
Barbara Allard

In spite of the dark, dreary day, nine Green Mountain Club members showed up at Meldon. "Pinky" took all these girls: Charlotte Rutkowski, Shirley Morris, Janet Martin, Susie Smith, Olive Smith, Therese Gregory, Martha Hakens and me.

We left Meldon in three cars. When we arrived at the place where we were to park our cars there was a slight rain and a strong wind. Vera Perkins came but she had a cold and decided to go home. Then

we started hiking. The trail was good and we lost it. Later we found it again. We scared up two partridges and saw two deer, (a buck and a doe).

It was really raining when we got to our eating place so "Pinky" had brought along a piece of canvas and we put it up between a tree and a rock. We stood under it to eat. Some of the girls went to the top. When they came back they said that it was very windy.

The spring was full of leaves so "Pinky" dug it out. We had to wait till it settled before we could get any water. We started back a little before 3 O'clock. It was a dripping party that came back to the cars, but everyone had fun.

BROMLEY MOUNTAIN

It was a perfect day for a hike the Sunday eleven of us set out for Bromley. The tapestry of foliage was beginning to be a little worn but there was still enough of it to be worth while.

Four boys from the Harvard Outing Club were at the Lodge when our group arrived. They had spent the night there and were in the process of cleaning camp before leaving it. They sure did a good job for on returning to the Lodge after our climb, we found everything spic and span. It's a pleasure to have hikers use our trails and shelters especially when they leave them in such good condition.

While we were on top, Fred, Helen and Tommy Field visited the Lodge and left a note saying our coffee water was ready and on the fire. This was also appreciated.

A few major repairs are needed to put Bromley in good condition. Some new roof and floor boards are needed, about four windows could use glass and the outside chimney needs repointing.

The trail was in excellent condition. Snow was found on the top of the Mt. It was Oct. 14.

GMC LOSES A GOOD FRIEND

It was with a great sense of shock and loss that we read of the death of Prof. Louis Puffer on October 11th.

Prof. Puffer was a familiar figure at GMC Annual Meetings as a member of the Board of Trustees and as a past president of the parent club. He was also well known to all GMC members as the Editor of The Long Trail News.

A real hiking enthusiast, Prof. Puffer was one of a group of men whose vision and hard work created The Long Trail. He will be greatly missed and long remembered.

GMC SLIDES SHOWN AGAIN

At the request of the Assembly Program committee, Fred Field showed the GMC slides at a recent Assembly at the State Teacher's College at Castleton.

During the lunch hour following Fred had an opportunity to talk informally with many of the students. Considerable interest in hiking and The Trail was shown.

INTRODUCING OUR CITY COUSIN TO THE TRAIL

by
Danny Jennings

Since we had to go to Burlington and with our young cousin from Boston visiting us, in order to fulfill his long-awaited wish--to hike on the Long Trail--we decided to kill two birds with one stone and renew our pleasant acquaintance with Mt. Mansfield.

Although we skeptically eyed my cousin's new purchase and prize possession--a 1939 Plymouth--we nonetheless hastened to load it with enough food, camp equipment and clothes until it looked as though we were setting out for a winter in Alaska instead of one night in Smuggler's Notch. Our

gay party included Thelma Valiquette, Mother, my cousin, Phillip Lorris (no connection to the cigarette of the same name) and myself.

We enjoyed a picnic lunch at Ethan Allen Park in Burlington at noon, after which we made a short stop at St. Michael's College in Winooski Park. Continuing on our way we were thrilled by the beautiful Autumn foliage and were soon entering the State Park in Smuggler's Notch near Stowe. We were stopped at the first lean-to by a camper who had forgotten to include in his equipment those handy little articles--matches. Supplying his wants we learned to our horror that there were only two lean-tos in the Park and that both were occupied. (Later the caretaker informed us that three more are under construction due to popular demand.) Undaunted we selected a tent platform site, stating we wanted to sleep out under the stars anyway. However, I think we were each secretly considering the not too comfortable prospect of four people sleeping in the car in case of rain.

But the weather was in our favor and it was a beautiful night lighted by a full moon. In the evening a rousing Canasta game kept us occupied. Our fire was a good one and why one member thought it necessary to use a battery lantern when checking the fire's progress, I don't know!

Thelma and Mother spread their sleeping bags on the ground (near the car) while Phil and I chose the tent platform. Here is an interesting snatch of conversation overheard about 4:30 A.M., when Thelma awakened to find Mother had slid down into her sleeping bag. Envisioning a suffocated victim Thelma prodded and nudged until Mother came out: "What time is it?"

"Sh--go to sleep."

"But you woke me up!"

"Go to sleep."

"Is it nearly morning?"

"Shh--go to sleep."

"Well what time IS it?"

"Never mind, go to sleep."

(This may have gone on indefinitely, but I went to sleep.)

After attending Mass at the unique chalet-type Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Stowe and stowing away a big breakfast we packed our lunch and reassuring ourselves that we were good hikers but would do our hiking on top, we bought our tickets for the chair lift and without exertion ascended the mountain. The view was beautiful from the top and we hiked over to the Chin where we ate lunch. Armed with two boulders as souvenirs (which was not Phil's or my idea, you may be sure) we regretfully left Vermont's highest mountain late in the afternoon.

The following day Phil and I hiked in to Spring Lake from Clarendon. While crossing the GMC bridge (and I use the word loosely) over the Gorge, I could picture GMCers consoling my bereaved family with words something like, "Well he died on the Trail", or "Went down with his hiking boots on", and similar sayings. No doubt my fears lacked sufficient grounds and as long as the bridge wasn't lacking in the same material, I'll not complain. As a loyal club member, I expounded on "Operation Spring Lake", telling the story of the moving of the former Blue Triangle Shelter. We explored the Lake shore by following a path around to the two cottages on the opposite side of the Lake from the GMC shelter. The night was uneventful except for the visit of one mouse. Also there seemed to be some activity outside the camp--possibly porkies.

We believe our trips successful because we have a new Trail enthusiast--Cousin Phil is already busy mapping out plans for a hike next summer--and we'll be ready to join him.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE N.Y. SECTION VISIT VERMONT

We are always glad when members of the N.Y. Section have an opportunity to enjoy The Long Trail. We all appreciate the work which that Section does in maintaining a section of the Trail at such a distance from their headquarters.

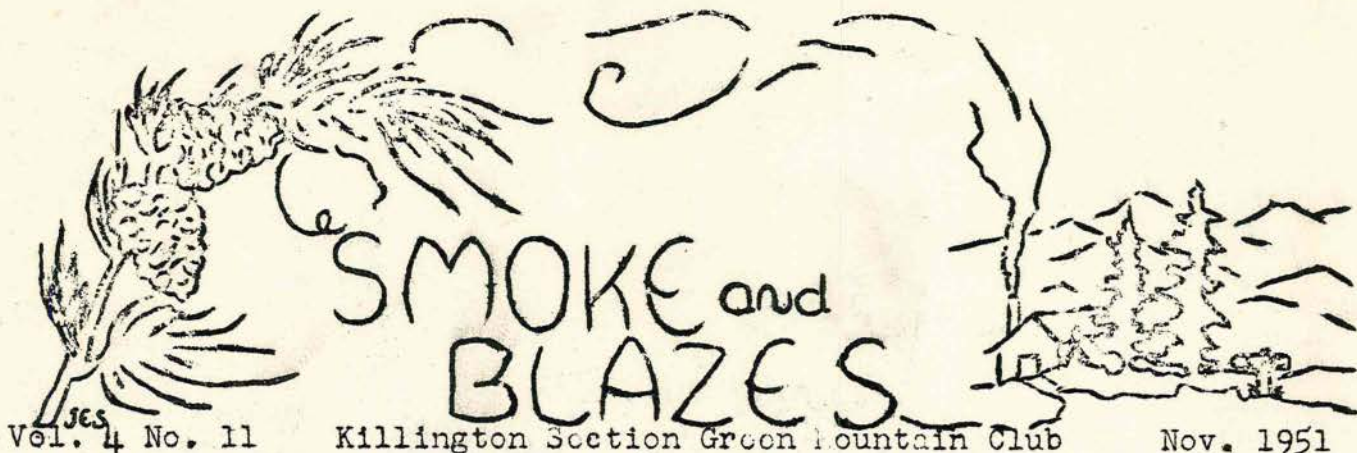
In response to a request from us, Alfred Githens of the N.Y. Section sent us notes on their most recent trip - The N.Y. Section's Annual Labor Day Weekend on The Long Trail. From his notes we have tried to summarize some of the high points of the trip in the following article.

A party of 13, 8 men and 5 women, left Huntington Center on Saturday P.M. and hiked in to Montclair Glen Shelter, south of Camel's Hump. After supper they spent the evening singing around the campfire. As it was a clear, starry night and the shelter has bunks for only eight, five slept out under the stars. At dawn however - "Rain, and how! The shelter then held 13!"

Sunday the party climbed "The Hump" going over the top in about a 40 mile wind. Clouds and mist obscured the view and made it necessary to watch for blazes. Then on down to Gorham Lodge about which Mr. Githens says, "A beautiful spot if I ever saw one." Here 8 stayed over night, the other 5, as they had preferred to climb without packs, returned to Montclair Glen for the night. The group was met at Gorham by Prof. Buchanan.

Monday found the crowd hiking on down to Wiley still in the rain, fog, and clouds, with no views. After lunch at Wiley they left for New York by car about 3 P.M. arriving at 12:15 A.M.

These N.Y. people are real hikers. Mr. Githens concludes his notes with this - "Good fun anyway even with poor weather and pants soaked to the knees."



COMING EVENTS

by
Charlotte Rutkowski

TIME - Sunday, Nov. 25th
PLACE - Clarendon Gorge - to
Spring Lake - to Buffum
Shelter.

This is the last lap in the series of "end-to-end of the Killington Section" hikes. If you made the first two, don't miss out on this one. If you haven't been in on the series, this is still a good hike with a stop for lunch at our new Spring Lake Camp.

TIME - Saturday, Dec. 8th
PLACE - Beechwood.

An annual event at Beechwood, the covered dish supper is looked forward to each year by all members and friends.

In a relaxed atmosphere, this is a time of much reminiscing plus a variety of tasty foods!

At the end of the evening, you leave with the feeling of having spent an enjoyable few hours among congenial friends. (Remember, everyone brings something for the supper, so make your reservation by Saturday noon and get your assignment as to what to bring. It helps if you bring your own dishes too! Ed.)

NEW EDITOR OF LONG TRAIL NEWS

The Killington Section will be pleased to learn that one of our members, Mary Perkins, has been appointed as Editor of The Long Trail News.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHY CHAIRMAN

by
Janis Catozzi

As much as we dislike being reminded of winter, it's nearly here, and that means Killington Section annual meeting time is around the corner. The Section's photo albums are to be on display as usual, but to bring them up to date it would be nice if everyone who has some extra snaps to spare of club activities this past year could get them to us as soon as possible so they could be arranged in the albums.

If you have no extra prints, we would like to borrow the negatives and get prints made. We promise to take the best of care of them and return them promptly. Send or bring your extra snaps and/or negatives to:

Janis Catozzi
103 Bellevue Ave., City.

We will have the annual photo contest again this year, and there will be a competent judge on hand to pick the winners in the black and white and color divisions. To be eligible pictures should have been taken on the Trail or on GMC outings during the current year. If you haven't a winner in your collection, remember, there's still time left to shoot one. So get that camera out, and good shooting!

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$106

We wish to say "THANK YOU" to everyone who assisted so willingly to make the sale successful.

SKIDDING DOWN THE LONG TRAIL

by
Betty Ball

Thirteen hardy souls started from Long Trail Lodge on an eleven-mile hike on October 26th, congratulating themselves that it was neither too hot nor too cold for good hiking. There was even good visibility from a look-out point near Pico Junction, and the sight of Camel's Hump in the distance brought forth many remembrances of that famous hike. Alas, a few minutes later, snow began to appear, and the last few miles or so, was done over slippery snow and leaves, a combination that caused many a slip and slide, and great hilarity among the slippers and sliders. I found the quickest way down a hill to be on the seat of my slacks, though most of my falls came to a more abrupt termination. Some of the crowd were well prepared for winter weather but a few had on low shoes. These, especially, welcomed the good fire at Cooper Lodge and the hot coffee.

The hike was really lots of fun and the snow made for buoyant, though sometimes treacherous walking. Few birds were seen or heard, though there were some chickadees, kinglets, and a downy and hairy woodpecker.

Warmth and food were welcomed at Gov. Clement Shelter by the somewhat weary hikers, and great thanks are deserved by those who drove to Shrewsbury, got the fires burning, and brought us all home.

CLEMENT TO CLARENDON SHELTER

by
Veda Knipes

The 11th of November came with clouds in the sky, but with little fear of rain 11 members left Meldon School for a point on the Trail just south of Clement Shelter. After shouldering our packs we were ready for the second part of our sectional "end-to-end" hike.

2

As we traveled alongside Cold River, cut Christmas trees, patches of snow, and the greenest of moss gave proof that we were in evergreen country. The trail led across Cold River, some jumping stones while others slid, shimmied and hitched across on a conveniently fallen tree. At each crossing of the road there was much discussion as to whether it was the upper, lower, or middle road to Northam. This part of the trail had very little climbing.

Now climbing, first through a pasture and then across a hard-wood woodlot, one noticed a change. The leaves were deep and all about could be seen the Christmas fern dotting the ground. The trail led up and down through more pasture land where dandelions dared to blossom. As we came to the top-most ledges we had to stop and gaze at the beauty around us; the distant mountains, the sky, and then down into the valleys.

Going down the last hill to Clarendon Shelter with visions of food in the skillet, we walked lightly along. Some cooked dinner on the stove inside while others preferred the open fireplace out front. After the hunger had been satisfied some made plans for a clean-up party, as some thoughtless people had stacked tin cans and such in a sightly place between the shelter and the brook.

Highlights of the day were: one member insisting a spruce was a pine; a second feeling a few drops of rain (three I think); a third feeling a slight draft that was checked by safety pins; and a fourth picking her Christmas greens and emerging on the road with a large bundle ready for wreaths.

We reached home about five o'clock with pleasant thoughts of our day on the Trail. The "end-to-enders" are thankful to the members who are making these trips possible by furnishing us with rides to the starting point and meeting us at the end of the hike.

CONTROL OF INSECT DESTRUCTION

In the October issue of the SCIENTIFIC MONTHLY, Prof. Graham of the University of Michigan tells about a different approach to the problem of controlling insect destruction in forests.

When a certain specie of tree in a certain area became heavily infested with some harmful insect, the usual procedure was to find out all you could about the insect, and determine the best way to kill off enough of the over-supply so that damage to the trees would be held to a minimum.

Dr. Graham points out that large scale insect attacks don't "just happen". They are caused by one or more of several factors in the environment that are unusually favorable to the insect. Some of these factors, such as climatic conditions, we can do nothing about. But Dr. Graham believes that by controlling the composition of our forests either as to kinds of trees present, or as to the age distribution, we can make them more or less resistant to insect damage.

The spruce bud worm is very destructive to spruce and balsam growing together in some areas. A study was made not only in the areas attacked, but also in adjacent areas where there was little damage. It was found that where there were many mature balsam trees the destruction was heavy, but where the taller trees were less than half balsam they were seldom killed by the insect.

It seems that when the budworms come out in the Spring they start to eat balsam and spruce needles. To make fast growth and survive the worms must soon feed on buds. The balsam buds open a week or so before spruce buds. If there is a shortage of balsam buds at this critical

3

time a great proportion of the worms perish and there is no widespread destruction. If we want to save our spruce from this dangerous insect we must cut out enough balsam so that the dominant trees are mostly spruce.

A slightly different budworm will attack red pines in open stands but not those closely placed. It was found that staminate flowers are the preferred food of this budworm. When other parts of the tree are chewed resin oozes out and kills many of the insects. But staminate flowers are numerous only on pines with abundant foliage. So if we keep our red pine forests well stocked so as to restrict the amount of foliage we may protect them from serious budworm damage.

The "removal of all affected trees" to control an insect pest is only a temporary measure for it does nothing to make conditions less satisfactory for the multiplication of the pest.

Chemical sprays must be resorted to if other methods fail but this treatment kills friend and foe alike and must be repeated endlessly since, if conditions are not changed, the area will be reinfested.

Dr. Graham suggests that: (1) a safe mixture of tree species should be maintained in the forest; (2) large areas of even-aged stands should be avoided by controlled cutting; (3) timber should be harvested when mature. If we don't cut 'em the insects will.

We have heard that Harold Valiquette has received orders for the VALIQUETTE STOVE. He has also perfected another device for camping that can be highly recommended.

What next, Harold ?

ANOTHER TRIP TO MAIDSTONE

In spite of the fact that we had planned to take our annual camping trip in summer this year it was October when we finally loaded the car with the usual (and some unusual) camping impedimenta and started for Maidstone State Park. The weatherman smiled on our activities and favored us with three of the most perfect days one could hope for. This was our third fall camping trip and we came home more thoroughly convinced than ever that this is the perfect time for camping.

We arrived at Maidstone about 4 o'clock after a lovely drive over the mountain to White River Jct. and along the Connecticut River. One of the advantages of Fall camping is that since there are few if any other people in the parks one can camp practically anywhere. We were allowed to pitch our tents just outside the picnic pavilion and use the pavilion for our housekeeping activities. The pavilion is on a slight rise overlooking lovely Maidstone Lake. A short path down through white birches leads directly to the lake shore. Our campsite was selected, tents set up, a fried chicken supper prepared and eaten and we were settled in front of the fire for the evening's Canasta shortly after 6 o'clock.

We awoke Thursday A.M. (not too early) to bright sunshine. We spent the day in exploring the new camping area now under construction, loafing in the sun, and boating on the Lake. There was some talk of swimming but it got no farther than talk. As the day ended the sun slipped down behind the hill across the Lake and soon the whole sky was colored with one of the most gorgeous sunsets of the season.

After supper the evening was,

of course, given over to Canasta, but to spare the feelings of some of the party we'll skip lightly over the outcome of the games.

The night seemed really too good to spend inside a tent so Mary Perkins and I made our beds up on the pavilion floor and had a grand night's sleep in the open. In the early morning we thought we heard rain but it proved to be only moisture dripping off the trees from a heavy fog. As the fog lifted the sun appeared and the Lake was like a mirror with its perfect reflection of the white birches and the fall foliage along its shores.

We broke camp slowly, pausing frequently to watch the changing picture of the Lake as the sun advanced. We reluctantly left Maidstone a little before noon and drove home following the Connecticut River down on the New Hampshire side and looking across at the Vermont villages in their colorful fall setting.

No - you can't beat October for a camping trip in Vermont.

(The members of this camping party were Mary Jennings, Tholma Valiquette, Mary, and Vera Perkins.)

FROM THE MOUNT CLAIR GLEN LOG BOOK

"June 17, 1951 - Bob Long, Karl Johnson, Ted Hausor, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

Shelter a welcome sight about 6:30 tonight when we pulled in. Had a good night's sleep punctuated only by porcupine meanderings. Rain this morning kept us in but weather is OK now and we figure to push on. Darn good shelter. The ~~it~~ could use some like it."

We are always glad to hear reports of our Long Trail shelters.



Vol. 4 No. 12

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Dec. 1951

COMING EVENTS
by
Charlotte Rutkowski

TIME - Sunday, December 16th
PLACE - McLaughlin Falls

During the winter months, with the weather so uncertain, we decided that a few short hikes would meet with everyone's approval.

The Bradders have offered us the use of their camp at McLaughlin Falls and you may choose your own hikes from there.

TIME - Sunday, January 6th
PLACE - Spring Lake Camp

From all the pleasant comments I've heard concerning Spring Lake Camp and vicinity, I'm sure that we will break an all time record of attendance on winter hikes with this one.

Let's hope there is enough snow and ice for snowshoeing and ice skating.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
DANNY JENNINGS

Danny Jennings, one of Killington Section's student members was one of the 12 seniors at St. Michaels, recently chosen for Who's Who in American colleges. Selections are made on the basis of scholarship, leadership and participation in college activities.

SPRING LAKE CAMP MADE SNUG
FOR THE WINTER

A trip to Spring Lake on Nov. 12th by Maxine and Carl Newhall and Craigie Perkins revealed that Fred Field and his Boy Scouts, on a trip the previous week, had made the camp ready for winter by replacing missing lights of glass and fixing the doors.

Fred reports that besides the repair work his party went on through to Buffum Shelter. They found enough snow for a snow fight and the trail in good condition. Thanks fellows, for a good job well done.

CLEAN UP JOB AT CLARENDON

Annoyed by the sight of a pile of tin cans spoiling the beauty of the surroundings at Clarendon Shelter, Mary Jennings and Vera Perkins spent a day doing a clean-up job there. The rubbish dump was moved to an inconspicuous place and signs directing people to the new location were placed. At this same time the table top was covered with linoleum and some of the wood lying about the yard was stacked inside to dry out.

Although there were a few showers during the day they reported an enjoyable and satisfying day. Now they'd like a chance to use the place before anyone messes it up!

BEECHWOOD COVERED DISH SUPPER

December 8, 1951

by

Helen Field

Some of us like the long, strenuous hikes, and some like the slow, easy ones, but there's one thing that everyone in the Mountain Club likes to do, and that's to eat. We've seen some pretty fancy menus on the Trail, but the covered dish supper has so many wonderful things that I doubt if we could find anything better.

When they brought out the first course, I didn't think the table would hold it up, but it did. We piled a little of everything on our dishes, let out our belts, and then went back for seconds. (By that time, most of us had decided to stay in the dining room and help hold up the table. Anyway, Diane Conlin and her glass platter were in the living room and we were getting too weak to walk around it.) The cakes and pies they had for dessert were heavenly, and the table groaned again under their weight. Somehow, though, we finished them down to the last crumb.

Ray and Janice Catozzi brought some paper napkins with "Green Mountain Club" printed on them. They were so popular, that most of us took them home for souvenirs.

There were several distinguished guests present, whom I think I ought to mention. Five people came all the way from the Worcester section, including our old friends, the Greens. It was good to see Dart Noyes again. I guess she must have smelled the coffee cooking way down in Bennington, and decided to come up and have a taste. Just so she won't forget it too soon, we spilled a little on her to take

back. Mr. Paul Larson was there. He's a member of the younger set. Right now he does most of his settin' on his Mama's lap, but he's getting around a lot faster than last year. Our own famous inventor was there too. I guess you all remember the Valiquette stove. Harold really has a wonderful invention now. It's a new kind of glass to wear in your eye-glasses. It should be mighty useful on those long stormy hikes. I looked through his own pair of glasses myself and I couldn't see a speck of dust anywhere. I understand he's still taking orders for Christmas, with a free sample of awning cloth to every pair. Shirley Morris held up a long distance telephone call while she came. She told her party she'd call back in twenty minutes, but instead, she came to Beechwood and forgot about the twenty minutes. I always wondered why it took so long for those calls to go through.

Frances Green entertained us with colored slides of wild flowers along the Trail. They certainly were lovely, and I don't wonder that she forgot she was sitting in a brook when she took some of them. It was well worth it.

Ray Catozzi showed colored movies of the ice follies and the circus, and of our sugaring-off party last spring. It's too bad he didn't tell Eleanor Walker she was in the last ones, though, for she might not have fallen asleep and missed them. I guess that fifth piece of cake was too much for her.

Somehow or other, this annual event has become a tradition in our family. We wouldn't miss it for anything. I guess there are a lot of others who feel the same way about it, because we had a record crowd, and 55 people can't be wrong.

CLARENDON GORGE TO THE GULF
ROAD
by
Marjorie Allard

November 25th was a bright, crisp Sunday morning when eleven hikers set out on the last lap of the End-to-End hike over the Killington Section.

We started at Clarendon Gorge, well equipped with red jackets, shirts etc. as provision against trigger-happy deer hunters. Mary Jennings and Veda Knipes very thoughtfully brought a good supply of red bandannas for those who had forgotten their hunting shirts.

As we went along the Trail the views from the look-off points, and the snowy woods around us grew more and more beautiful. We met a couple of kind gentlemen who advised us, "Just follow the white paint marks on the trees. Those are blazes." Thanks to them we made it safely to Spring Lake, the lunch stop. The deer hunters appeared to be doing quite well - they bagged four deer in the vicinity of the shelter - but thanks to all our bright color, we were not mistaken for a wandering herd.

I hadn't been to Spring Lake since before the Shelter was begun, and was seeing the whole thing for the first time. The location is one of the most beautiful on the Trail, and the Valiquette stove did a very good job of warming up the place. It didn't take us too long to get dinner either. The Shelter is a grand addition to our section of the Trail !

Just before we left for Buffam Shelter and the Gulf road Harold Valiquette arrived. His coming made it eight hardy souls who had really covered Killington Section, End-to-End. Good work !

The rest of the afternoon was spent in covering the Trail to the Gulf road. There was more snow than some of us had expected (wet feet !), but we made it down to the road by sunset where we met the cars which took us home.

We all agreed that the hike was successful - perfect weather and a beautiful section of Trail. It was a good ending to the End-to-End hiking project !

END*TO*END THE EASY WAY

To be eligible for the End-to-End award the 263 miles of The Long Trail need not be done on one continuous journey. Stretches may be done here and there, connecting up one trip with where you left off on a previous one.

With the help of the Guide Book and with some thought to planning your trips on The Long Trail, the End-to-End award may be yours before too long.

According to the Guide Book, 166 hours of actual hiking time is needed. "The hiking time is based on a speed of two miles per hour, plus $\frac{1}{2}$ hour for each thousand feet of climbing. This does not include time out to rest." This estimate is for the average hiker with a moderate pack.

One of the joys of mountain climbing is that you may choose your own speed of travel. When you are under your own power, the trees do not seem to be going in the other direction as they do appear to be when speeding by in a train or car. On a mountain climbing trip you may stop whenever you wish, rest beneath the trees and be a part of the peace and contentment they enjoy.

FOUND

After the Beechwood party we found 1 red skicap, 1 red cup and 1 pyrex pie plate. Call 1910

4
TESTIMONY OF TRESPASS
ON BUTTO N HILL

Deponent - Mrs. Newhall
Party of the 2nd part-
Mr. Newhall

The following testimony is a record of an Expedition*** in which there is much truth and more feeling.

The Expedition, arriving at the junction of sundry public ways, a brook, and assorted ruts and ditches, did park their conveyance inconspicuously between a rut and a blade of grass (dead). Following white signs indicating The Long Trail, the party entered on a side road*** testimony regarding the first half mile is incoherent, deponent claiming great distress in breathing and nether limbs, but does confirm the road goes up hill.

At a decrepit sugar house, the witness regained the company of the party of the second part, hereinafter referred to as Carl to eliminate confusion. This was accomplished by diversionary tactics and moving down a slight dip at a gallop. The Trail here leaves the old road to follow an older one into a woodlot in search of Buffam Shelter. Said shelter was inspected and found to be in satisfactory condition, and in environs most attractive for summer use.

The parties passed on through pleasant wooded ways, slipping and scrambling through half-frozen snow past a wood-cutters hut, and disdained the pointing arrow of the Trail sign. With deliberate intent and malice aforethought they did turn right*** and testimony of principal witness takes note of rude and insulting remarks aimed at prominent "No Trespassing" signs stationed on trees beyond the fence. No response was noted.

Making their way on through neglected grazing ground, The Expedition floundered to a boulder and sat to view the country to south and east with great complacency, deponent again claiming extreme discomfort (an obvious subterfuge).

At this point, the snow began to thin rapidly, and presently disappeared altogether. Still moving in an easterly direction, the party next entered a wooded area, with Carl gradually gaining a lead of several furlongs (fur of a Spring-Bok used as base for computation). Witness described the terrain as rising, a phenomenon not uncommon to the locale.

Emerging into an opening, after losing a hat and part of a temper among unfriendly blackberry bushes, the deponent states she encountered no further barriers. The opening proved to be a broad band of grass and rock extending vertically to the top of the hill, accessible by a certain amount of huffing and scrabbling. Some time was lost by frequent inspections of the valley, rapidly opening up behind the climber. Party of the second part is known to have been sitting patiently on a rock at the top during much of this time.

The group reformed at the summit, and called a halt for a conference and to gorge themselves on crackers and cheese. The witness then declares they formed a flanking movement to the west, intersected The Long Trail at a point marked by skunk tracks and a beech tree, and moved rapidly down hill toward the car. Snow was again encountered, which facilitated such rapid progress.

The Expedition was considered highly satisfactory by both witnesses. We offer as corroborative evidence a firm determination to go back next spring and do it again.

IT'S CHRISTMAS TREE TIME

During the next few days thousands of people all over the country will be selecting a tree to become the center of Christmas festivities in their homes. The kind of tree popular for this purpose varies somewhat in different parts of the country. In our own section balsam fir is perhaps the best liked. Its well-shaped branches together with the ability of its needles to withstand the warmth of our homes makes it especially desirable. Black and white spruce and red cedar are also often used. In the southern states pine is the popular variety while on the west coast the douglas fir, the second largest sized tree in the U.S., is the favorite.

Whatever variety of tree you prefer there are some things to remember about its selection. In the first place, if you are going into the woods to cut your own tree make sure that you first get permission from the owner of the property. Next, make your choice carefully, considering size in comparison with where you plan to use it; evenness, and spacing of branches. Look the tree over from all sides. Be sure you have the tree you want before you cut it. Cut the tree cleanly, near the ground. Don't lop off the top of a much larger tree than you need!

When you have your tree home take good care of it until time to bring it in the house, if you expect it to last well through the holidays. Warmth and exposure to wind will make its needles drop, so keep it in a cool, protected spot outdoors, or in an unheated garage.

Once indoors your tree will last much longer if placed in water. There are commercial containers available which hold water, or one may be quite easily improvised. Placing the tree in

a pail of water with stones to keep it from tipping, and covering the pail with a wooden cover in which a hole for the stump of the tree has been bored, is one satisfactory way of providing water. One Christmas tree expert suggests adding one cup of sugar or molasses to each gallon of water. The exact theory back of this suggestion is not clear but people who have tried it claim that the needles stay on longer under this treatment.

There are many theories as to the origin of the Christmas tree custom. One popular one is that it originated in Germany when Martin Luther, a 16th century religious leader, noticed the great beauty of a forest evergreen in the winter moonlight. Impressed by what he had seen, so the story goes, he wanted to share it with his family. Accordingly, he cut a small tree and took it home where he set it up and lighted it with candles.

A popular belief as to how the custom came to this country is that the Hessians, who were employed by England to fight against the colonists, being homesick, inaugurated the idea as a link with their homeland.

Whatever your preference as to type, and whatever your belief as to the origin of the custom, if you want to make your Christmas tree 'good to the last needle' here's an idea. In the December issue of American Home, Wm. E. Bensyl describes how, after Christmas, he pruned the branches from his tree and used them to hold down leaves in his garden; cut the trunk into firewood; in the spring stripped the brown needles to mulch blueberries; and finally used the bare, twiggy branches as support for his early peas! Mr. Bensyl may not be a Yankee but that's Yankee thrift if you ever saw it!

MERRY CHRISTMAS and
HAPPY NEW YEAR.



Vol. 5 No. 1

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Jan. 1952

ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY - JANUARY 25th

The annual meeting of the Killington Section GMC will be held Friday evening, January 25th at 7:30 P.M.

Harold Valiquette has kindly offered us the use of the Green Mt. Awning Co., workshop, at 93 Killington Ave., for our meeting.

Carl Nowhall has movies and slides taken on various trips in Maine and Vermont to show us and Betty Ball has slides taken on her trip to the Gaspé last summer.

The Photography Contest will be held and the Club's collection of snapshots will be on hand to be looked over.

As an innovation this year coffee and doughnuts will be served after the meeting.

On the business side there will be reports from officers and committees and the election of officers for 1952. Craigie Perkins and Fred Field have been appointed as a nominating committee to present a slate of officers.

This is your opportunity to get up to date on the work and activities of the club and to give us your suggestions for the coming year. It is also a chance to get better acquainted and exchange ideas on subjects of common interest. So bring your cup, we'll provide the coffee and doughnuts, and join us for a good GMC session on the 25th.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Just a final reminder to bring your favorite slide and/or snapshot for the Photography Contest at the annual meeting. There will be a prize in each class. To be eligible for the prizes pictures must have been taken on the Long Trail or on a regular GMC outing sometime during the past year. The more pictures the more interest, so bring them along.

If you haven't already given any contributions you may have for the Club's collection to Janis Catozzi bring them to her at the annual meeting. She will take the prints if you care to donate them or will get prints made if you will loan her the films. It helps to have the place, date, and names of any people shown, accompany the pictures.

COMING OUTING

by
Charlotte Rutkowski

TIME - Sunday, January 20th
PLACE - Tucker Lodge

Our schedule would not be complete if we didn't have at least one winter hike into Tucker Lodge. Usually scheduled around this time, and conveniently located near Pico, Tucker draws a pretty good crowd of the skiers in the Club as well as the usual hikers. So pack your skis or snowshoes and a good lunch and away to Tucker!

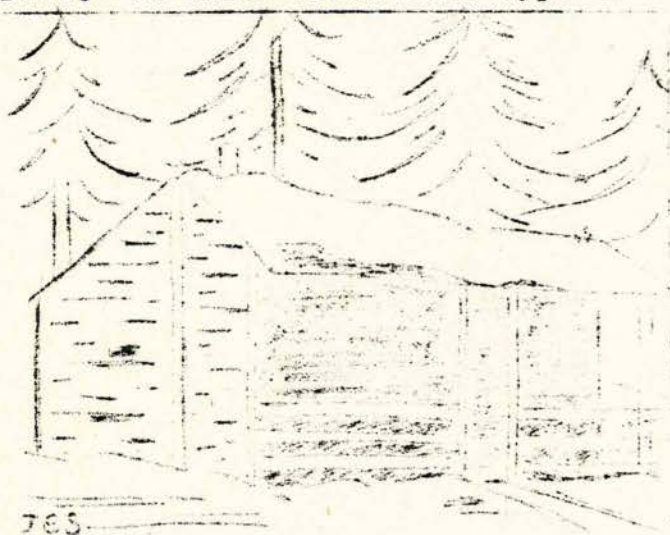
CLARENDON SHELTER NEEDS REPAIRS

2

Clarendon Shelter is an old favorite of a great many Killington Section hikers. It was built in 1921 and has weathered many a storm. Now it is old and leaky, but still a welcome sight to many who hike over The Long Trail and wish to make it a stop-over place between the Spring Lake Camp and Governor Clement Shelter.

Situated in a beautiful pine grove, close to an ever flowing brook, it is one of The Long Trail's beauty spots.

The shelter needs a new roof. It also needs some type of



CLARENDON SHELTER

wall siding. During the past years the sides have been repaired by nailing roofing paper over worn boards. While this is an inexpensive method of repairing the walls, it doesn't last very long. Perhaps it would be less expensive in the long run, to apply something more durable. This is something for the Shelters Committee to work out.

Another idea that has come to mind is, closing the shelter in to make it a more weather proof, all season camp. A window could be put in the back of the camp and hinged doors, similar to the Spring Lake camp doors could be installed. This would provide a closed camp for winter use and for summer use the doors could be swung open.

CLARENDON SHELTER BENEFIT CARD PARTY JAN. #1

Because Clarendon Shelter is in need of major repairs and because materials as well as volunteer labor are going to be needed, the Killington Section of the GMC is having a benefit card party at the home of Vera Perkins, 242 South Main Street.

The date set for the party is Thursday, January 31st.

The time set for the party is 7:30 PM.

Refreshments will be served and a prize given to the highest scorer at each table.

Mrs. Harold Valiquette is contributing a door prize.

A contribution of 50 cents from each player is requested. No tickets will be sold but a member of the Card Party Committee will call on you for your support of this worth while project.

The Committee includes the following:

Harold Valiquette, Chairman
Thelma Valiquette

Vera Perkins
Mary Jennings
Voda Knipes
Mary Perkins
Carl Nowhall

PERSONALS

We have all missed Helen Field on the hikes lately. She has had a light case of pneumonia.

Betty Ball spent the holidays with her folks in Florida. She came back with a grand tan.

Pres. Roy Woodelton was in town and at Pico for skiing during Christmas week.

As this is being written a work party is being held at Tucker Lodge. A report will be given in the next issue.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

MCLAUGHLIN FALLS

by
Diana Conlon

Where were you Sunday, Dec.
16th ?

We are beginning to think the McLaughlin Falls Hike is jinxed for weather. Last year it was scheduled the day after the big hurricane. This year, the day in question came after a heavy snowstorm and was cold, the coldest to date - something-or-other below zero. No one dared to say for sure, but my guess was about 10 below on the mountain.

Perhaps it was the pre-Christmas rush instead of the weather that kept the attendance down to seven. Crague Perkins appeared of course, and Vera, the Newhalls, Mr. Bradder, our camp host for the day, George and I, and Punch. We were all bundled up too, and above our ears. The air was crystal clear and the sun bright and warming. It was, as Vera said, "a winter day one dreams about." Actually it turned out to be one of the nicest winter hikes.

After climbing the Notch Road we travelled along unbroken snow of the Wheelerville Road to McLaughlin Falls. The view of Pico, Killington, and Little Killington along the way was really beautiful with the sun highlighting the frosted mountain tops.

Our modes of transportation varied; one on foot, four on snowshoes, and two on skis. (Trudging up the Notch Road carrying skis, I would gladly have traded my choice for a pair of snowshoes. However, the trip back was worth it. We were first down with the least effort.)

On arrival at the Fall's camp, Wil Bradder set to work to build us a roaring fire. At first we had a few qualms and doubts as Wil's bread and butter job is "Fire Prevention". Despite

this fact however, we soon had a good fire, a cozy camp and sizzling hamburgs. The boys did a wonderful job cooking while the girls toasted their toes in the oven. Cold toes were the only evidence of the weather, and they were soon taken care of.

Before leaving camp we had a short hike to view the Falls with its winter ice cap and to take pictures.

By the time we started for home the mountains had taken on a rosy glow so our return trip was fast and to the point before the sun went down.

It was a grand day and we wish you could have been with us.

A WINTER DAY AT SPRING LAKE

It was a good winter day to be out in the woods. As fourteen hikers walked up the road from the iron bridge near Cuttingsville there was some speculation as to whether snow shoes would be needed when we reached the wood road leading up to Spring Lake Camp. All but three of the hikers were carrying their snow shoes, just in case---. They were right !!

On reaching camp we found the stove-pipe removed from the stove and the grate taken out. Harold Valiquette had his stove in good working order after some concentrated effort on the part of a few of the hustlers. He also put some asbestos matting underneath the stove for fire protection.

Soon a fire was warming the camp, snow was melting in the coffee pot, and various types of food were being heated.

We sat around camp for a while discussing club plans and projects before starting for home.

At the end of the wood road, in a clearing, a game of fox and geese was a big attraction.

THE 1948 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

The first Federal Law relating to water pollution was passed by Congress in 1886. It prohibited the dumping of refuse in New York Harbor. During the next fifty years several additional laws were passed but they dealt only with those forms of pollution which might affect navigation.

We have now come to realize the value of clean rivers and lakes in connection with recreation, fish and wild life, drinking water supply, irrigation and industrial uses. But getting the necessary legislation through Congress is a very difficult matter.

In 1944 the Surgeon General was empowered to investigate methods of purification. In 1946 the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Mines were given authority to study the results of pollution. These agencies reported that an investigation should be made. They had no authority to act.

The 1948 Act has been widely advertised as a big step toward the solution of the problem. The Surgeon General is directed to draw up a comprehensive program for the control of pollution in the interstate waters only. He is directed to give out information, make available the results of research, and to encourage cooperation between the states. Up to June 1951 there had been no approval given by Congress to any such interstate compacts.

The procedure for taking legal action under the law is very complicated. If pollution enters a stream and endangers the health or welfare of people in any other state, a public nuisance is said to exist. If the Surgeon General notices it he informs the offending state. He may even make recommendations. If no action which might improve

conditions has been started within a certain time, the Surgeon General calls this to the attention of the offending state and he may threaten to bring suit.

If nothing is done the Federal Security Administration may hold a hearing on the case before a special board which may recommend that certain action be taken by the state. If after a reasonable time no action is taken, the Administration may, with the consent of the water pollution control agency of the offending state, request the Attorney General to start suit.

If such suit ever gets through the courts and pollution is found to exist, the judgement must take into consideration the "economic feasibility" of correcting conditions. In other words the public must pay for proving to the offender that he will make money by correcting the condition or nothing need be done about it.

The bill also authorizes the appropriation of about \$100,000,000 to be loaned to the states and cities to help them build treatment plants. Up to June 1951 no money had been actually appropriated.

Some survey work has been done under the provisions of this act. There are about two hundred sixty watersheds in the country, only about half of which can be reached by laws like the 1948 Act. There have been set up but few interstate compacts that provide any real control of pollution.

Of the estimated twenty thousand sources of pollution about half are municipalities and about half are industrial. Many of these need to use the water from the lakes or streams on which they are located and are in favor of controlling the pollution of others but will never stop their own pollution until compelled to by law.

It will take a much more compelling law than the badly misnamed Water Pollution Control Act of 1948.



JCS
Vol. 5 No. 2

Killington Section G.M.C.

February 1952

REPORT FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENT

Now that 1951 has drawn to a close, the Killington Section of the GMC can look back on a very successful year.

The highlight of the past season was the completion and dedication of Spring Lake Camp. Next was our working over of our complete section of the trail and putting it in good shape. Also our new program of Section "end to end" hikes was very well attended.

If we can have as much co-operation and interest this next year as we have had in the past, we can look forward to a very successful 1952.

Churchill Scott.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

I would like to thank you for my nomination and election as president of the Killington Section, Green Mountain Club.

I hope that, with the same hearty cooperation as we have had in the previous years, we can look forward to a very enjoyable year.

The following people have been good enough to lend their assistance and guidance as chairmen of standing committees:

Photography - Jan Catozzi
Trails - Craigie Perkins
Shelters - Carl Newhall
Outing - Vera Perkins

George Conlon.

KILLINGTON SECTION'S ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of the GMC was held January 25th at the plant of The Green Mountain Awning Co., in Rutland.

George Conlon was elected president; Vera Perkins, vice president; Eleanor Walker, secretary-treasurer.

Helen Field and Churchill Scott won the photography contest. Many pictures were added to the Club's album of interesting snapshots.

A sum not to exceed two hundred dollars was voted for the repair of Pico shelter.

The Shelters committee chairman, Harold Valiquette, reported that he would investigate the possibility of closing in the Clarendon shelter and give an estimate of the cost later.

The Trails committee chairman, Craigie Perkins, reported that our section of The Long Trail is in good condition. There are a few blowdowns north of Spring Lake and some young evergreens are growing up on the trail between Pico and Killington.

Fred Field reported that he had GMC insignia and Guide Books for anyone wishing to buy them.

Carl Newhall and Betty Ball showed some interesting kodachrome slides.

Coffee and doughnuts were served by Thelma Valiquette and Mary Jennings.

TREASURER'S REPORT JAN. 1, 1952

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1951	\$622.92
Int. on money in the Bank	9.63
Received from Dues	151.50
Received from Card Party	25.00
Sale of three badges	1.50
Received from Rummage Sale	106.71

Total \$ 917.26

DISBURSEMENTS

Trails and Shelters	\$ 85.28
Outing Committee	25.31
Prizes for Photo Contest	2.00
Paid to Janitor for room for annual meeting	2.00
Fred Field Ins. Co. for Ins. on Spring Lake C.	19.58
Main Club for Badges & Guide Books	4.50
Dues to Main Club 1951	31.30
Smoke & Blazes cost for yr.	50.94

Total \$ 220.91

Balance Cash on hand
Jan. 1, 1952 \$ 696.35

PERSONALS

Joseph Valequitte has returned to St. Michael's College after having spent semester vacation with his parents, Thelma and Harold Valiquette.

William Allard has returned to the University Of Vermont

Charles Sabourin has returned to the College of Pharmacy, Boston.

FN. Michael Jennings, U.S. Navy is home on a two week leave from his Navy base in South Boston.

Charlotte Rutkowski is vacationing in Florida.

COMING EVENTS

Place: Clarendon Shelter
Time: Sunday, Feb. 24th
leave Meldon school at 11 AM.

Place: Pine Hill
Time: Sunday, March 9th
leave Meldon school at 11 AM.
If the weather permits there may be skating on the pond.

For further information on these hikes call 1910, V. Perkins.

Outing Committee Chmn.

NEW SCHEDULE

The 1952 Schedule of Outings will be mailed with the next issue of SMOKE & BLAZES.

If members have any suggestions as to where they would like to go on scheduled hikes, call Vera Perkins, Outing Committee Chairman, and she will be glad to try to use your suggestion.

If you have ideas about different types of outings such as social gatherings, indoor meetings etc., let's hear from you.

PERSONALS

Dan Jennings is home from St. Michael's College recuperating from a bronchial infection.

Darthea Noyes has returned to her work after being absent for some time because of a broken leg.

Bornico Tuttle is home from the Rutland Hospital making a satisfactory recovery after an automobile accident.

We like to keep informed about what our members are doing. If you have any news for our PERSONAL column, please send it to SMOKE & BLAZES, 127 BELLEVUE AVE. Rutland, Vt.

TUCKER SERVES AGAIN

by
Thelma Valiquette

Once upon a time in the year 1952, January 20th, to be exact, members of the Killington Section left the city to join a party already at Tucker Lodge.

Craigie Perkins, the Carl Newhalls, the George Conlons, arriving at Tucker the night before had succeeded in warming the lodge. The evening was enjoyably spent popping corn etc., and then the Conlons left for Rutland.

When we arrived at noon our aforesaid party had the fire ready for our cooking needs. Betty Ball and Eleanor Walker decided they hadn't hiked enough so before eating they ventured out on the Blue Trail. By the time they came back most of us had eaten and were ready to start out again. Churchill, Vera, Mary J., and I started out on the Blue Trail, Churchill carrying his snowshoes while we attempted to wear ours. The trail being slippery from the crusted snow and decidedly on a slant at some points, we found it wiser to wear our snowshoes on our backs.

We brought hobble bush back for interior decorating.

Harold left camp and hiked to his car at the parking area, then drove around to meet us just above the Perkins' camp and brought us safely home.

Darbie Allard and Martha Hakens enjoyed the company of Balik, the Pico St. Bernard dog. Walt Hakens and the seven remaining at camp came out to their cars in the parking area at Pico.

CARD PARTY REES \$50.20

Splendid cooperation accomplished this. Our thanks go to the Valiquettes for the very special door prize; to Jan and Ray Catozzi for the napkins; the committee; the chair movers; the

sandwich makers; the contributors; and all those who attended.

THE WINTER WEEKEND

After having become more or less resigned to the idea that the 'winter' was to be lacking from the weekend this year, we were surprised and delighted on Saturday A.M. February 9th to see snow. (We always knew it was a great help to have our weather man, Mr. Kirk, with us!)

The advance guard, Carl Newhall and Craigie Perkins arrived at camp Sat. A.M. with the weekend supplies -- that all important food! By afternoon, when the rest of us arrived, camp was warm and cozy. However, not wishing to waste any of a perfect afternoon, everyone took off for the woods almost immediately. After good hikes we were all back at camp by 5:30 to greet new arrivals and serve our turns in the preparation of supper.

The evening card games were interrupted for quick trips outdoors to look for the eclipse on the moon. (We learned later it wasn't due until the next night!)

Our good luck hold and Sunday was another fine day. Everyone got outdoors soon after breakfast for hiking and skiing. By one o'clock we were all back and, with more arrivals from town, there were 22 who answered the call to an excellent fricassee chicken dinner. Then more hikes and skiing for most, though a few chose instead a Sunday afternoon nap by the fire.

The party began to break up late in the afternoon. Everyone left reluctantly, declaring it the best 'winter weekend' to date.

The Club's appreciation goes to Maxine and Carl for the good job they did in preparing for the meals; to Mary and Craigie for the use of their camp; and to all the people who made the weekend a success by coming!

4

KILLINGTON SECTION
MEMBERSHIP LIST 1952

Barbara Allard
William Allard
Marjory Allard
Elizabeth Ball
Maude Canty
Janis Catozzi
Jimmie Catozzi
Johnny Catozzi
Ray Catozzi
Dianne Conlon
George Conlon
L. Leland Dudley
Virginia Dudley
Kelley Emslie
Edith Ewald
Fred Field
Helen Field
Tommy Field
Ruth Fostman
Martha Hakin
Daniel Jennings
Mary Jennings
Michael Jennings
Anne Jones
Joseph Jones
George Kirk
Roderick Knipes
Veda Knipes
Ruth LaBrake
Carl Newhall
Maxine Newhall
Pearle Nichols
Darthea Noyes
Heather Page
Getty Page
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Francis Rice
Charlotte Rutkowski

Charles Sabourin
Jane Sabourin
Addie Spaulding
Gale Spaulding
Robert Spaulding
Marilyn Trop
Lula Tye
Harold Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
Joseph Valiquette
M. Eleanor Walker
Carlton Wilson Life Member
Matilda Goulding Life Member

To date we have a total membership of 53 paid members. Of course it is early in the year and many of last year's members have not sent in their dues. Last year the membership was 94. Let's try to increase that number by at least 30 more new members.

If you have any friends that might be interested in joining the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club, just let us know about them.

Your membership in the Green Mountain Club helps support an activity that makes the Green Mountains accessible to all who wish to hike on them. Your continued support is needed to carry on this work.

If your dues for 1952 have not been paid please detach the coupon below and mail it with your remittance to the treasurer.

If you have no need for the coupon, please pass it on to some one who may be interested.

Miss Eleanor Walker, Treasurer,
Killington Section, G.M.C.
87 Baxter Street,
Rutland, Vermont

Enclosed please find _____ for _____

_____ adult membership at \$2.00 each.

_____ junior membership at \$.50 each

For the year 1952

Signed _____



Vol. 5 No. 3

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

March 1952

COMING EVENTS

Time - Saturday, March 22nd
Place - Camp Sangamon, Pittsford

We are glad to be able to announce that the Sugar Party will be held at Camp Sangamon again this year, thanks to the kindness and hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Leone Smith. We are optimistic about the start of the sugar season and have set the date of the Sugar Party for Saturday, March 22nd.

Helen and Fred Field will be co-chairmen of the event and have as able assistants, Mary Jennings, Betty Ball, Harold Valiquette, Ray Catozzi and Craigie Perkins.

The menu, as is customary for Killington Section Sugar Parties, will consist of sugar-on-snow, pickles, doughnuts, and coffee.

We can't tell you the exact price yet as it depends on the cost of syrup this season, however this is not a money making proposition so the charge will be just enough to cover the cost - probably about 75¢.

We plan to have the sugar ready to serve about 6:30 P.M. Those who want to see something of the sugar making process and work up more of an appetite might like to go up in the afternoon. Whenever you go plan on walking in to camp from the highway as the camp road will not be open for cars.

After supper there will be Ping-pong and Square Dancing in

the Camp recreation hall - so you can all work off those extra calories!

The Sugar Party is one of those annual events to which we all look forward and Camp Sangamon is an ideal place for it. You'll be sorry if you miss this one!

Time - Sunday, April 6th
Place - Greenwall Shelter

We haven't done this one for several years and then not at this season. The Trail leads south from the Wallingford - East Wallingford Gulf road. It is anybody's guess how successful we'll be in following it this time of year as the last mile runs through open pastures and crosses several side roads. It will be wise to follow the advice of the Guide Book and "Watch carefully for white blazes on barns, fences, and rocks." A little difficulty should add to the interest however.

The distance from the Gulf road to Greenwall is only one and three-fourths miles so there should be time for getting lost and found at least a couple of times! If we get completely stymied we can always reverse our direction and visit our own Buffum Shelter.

Although wet under foot, early spring can be pretty fine overhead and, given any luck with the weather, this should be a good and not too strenuous day's outing.

NEW SCHEDULES OUT

Schedule cards showing the outings planned through July 20th are enclosed with this copy of Smoke and Blazes. We think there are some you won't want to miss. So why not check your calendar right now and plan for them?

Details on the outings are always given in Smoke and Blazes under 'Coming Events' and a reminder with starting time, meeting place etc., usually appears in the Rutland Herald. We are trying now to have these Herald notices appear on the Thursday preceding each hike. So---read your papers and don't miss the fun.

FUN WITH HOBBLE BUSH

It's not too late to try forcing a few branches for early bloom. Several members have had a lot of fun and some very nice bouquets from branches of 'hobble bush' gathered on some of the late winter hikes. It's surprising how few people know these lovely blossoms.

ADDITIONS TO THE 1952 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Martha Adams
Helen Bailey
Anna E. Berg
Madeline Bradder
Wilbur Bradder
Walter Hakin
James Hayward
Jack Martin
Janet I. Martin
George Lechaster
David Perkins
Robert Perkins
Ellen Russell
Leone Smith
Bernice Tuttle
Lucy Bishop

RIDDLE

What tree has colors wrapped
around
That can be wound up or unwound?

EXECUTIVE MEETING

At a recent meeting of the Executive committee held at the home of the President, George Conlón, the budget for the year was made up and the new hike schedule approved.

ABOUT POLLS WE KNOW

Congratulations go to Ethel and Churchill Scott on the birth of their second son.

Larjorie Allard visited in New York during a recent vacation from her teaching duties in the Home Economics Department of West Rutland High School.

Mary and Craigie Perkins are grandparents again, their second grandson having arrived on February 19th.

Charles Sabourin is spending his mid-term vacation at his home on Baxter Street.

Janet and Jack Martin will spend a few days in Rutland this month before leaving for Fort Sill, Oklahoma. They have been living in Bordentown, N.J. while Jack has been at Fort Dix for basic training.

Charlotte Rutkowski has been having her annual winter vacation in Florida.

We are glad to hear that Lu Tye expects to be back in her office again soon after having been confined to her home for more than a week with the grippe.

We suspect that others of our members have been ill recently due to the prevailing epidemic of grippe, colds, and whatnot. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Often on the first of May
Children round the table play.
(maypole)

by
Ruth A. Postman

Sunday, February 24th was one of the most beautiful winter days. In spite of the outdoor activities of the Winter Carnival in Rutland, sixteen members of the Killington Section (including Punch Conlon) left Rutland at eleven o'clock for Clarendon Shelter.

The cars were left on the highway as far out of the line of traffic as possible. In fact one was backed so far into a snowbank that it had to be shoveled out.

We all donned our snowshoes and started up the old road trail, which I am sure was at least five feet higher than it is in summer. It was perfect for snowshoeing and we took our time, looking for signs of wildlife. We saw several chickadees, one gray squirrel; heard woodpeckers, and saw rabbit and squirrel tracks.

When we slowly arrived the men had a fire started in the tricky stove. At least there was smoke so there must have been a fire. As we neared the shelter we heard sweet music coming from the upper bunks via George Conlon's bite size radio.

It wasn't long before there were two good fires roaring. We dug out the outdoor fireplace and with the good wood supplied by our axemen, Carl Newhall and the others, dinner was soon ready and so were we. The coffee was the best ever.

After dinner some took sun baths, some short hikes, some did snow sculpturing while the men looked over the condition of the shelter with the idea of estimating material needed for repairs.

As always the time comes to leave for home and after signing the new register we were on our way.

We missed Mary Perkins but understood just how busy she must have been. All in all it was a very pleasant trip.

A place not far from home is often neglected as a destination for a hike, and far off places are usually preferred. Our Sunday hike of March 9th proved that right in our own city of Rutland a walk over the wooded slopes of Pine Hill can be a delightful adventure.

There was snow enough in the woods to warrant the use of snow shoes and skis. As we walked up the hill from Evergreen Avenue we could see the homes in the city below and to the east. Talk centered around the idea of developing the Pine Hill area as a recreation center. We learned that Harold Valiquette is on the Chamber of Commerce committee that is looking into plans for the development.

When we reached Rocky Pond we hesitated a moment and wondered if the ice would be safe for crossing on it. Harold was in the lead and we decided that if it would hold him up, it would be safe for the rest of the party. We crossed the pond without a mishap and discovered that the ice was more than a foot thick.

Big snowflakes were slowly falling. The sky was steel gray with just a hint that the sun might shine. It didn't take long to get the fire going for Vera had brought along kindling. The coffee boiled in record time and knapsacks were unloaded and lunches eaten.

It is always nice to go home by another trail whenever possible so we hiked on to Muddy Pond and over the trail in back of the Country Club. We came out at the ski tow and watched the skiers for a while. Before we had started out on our hike, one car had been parked here so that drivers of the other cars could be given a ride back to the starting place on Evergreen Avenue. This worked out well for all except Ray and his shovel.

VERMONT SUMMER CAMPS

Some time ago a party of over night campers from Rutland approached a G.M.C. Camp to spend the night. The Camp was thoroughly occupied by a group from a summer camp. This group made it known in no uncertain terms that the Camp was occupied and that their Councilor did not want any other party there when they were there. These people simply did not know the rules of Camp hospitality.

While a work party was repairing a Camp roof they found carved deeply in the roofing paper the name of a summer camp and the names of several summer campers. Proper supervision would have prevented this damage.

Most of us have met on the Trail groups of twenty or more boys or girls heading for some Shelter to spend the night. Even under good leadership such a mob would monopolize the Shelter to such an extent that other hikers could not use it.

Traditionally the facilities of The Green Mountain Club have been available to all persons who use them properly. It seems that some do not use them properly, perhaps through excusable ignorance of camping customs.

In consideration of this situation the Killington Section resolved at their annual meeting that the Trustees of The Green Mountain Club should consider taking the following steps: a letter should be sent to all Vermont Summer Camps offering to them the use of our Trails and Camps; requesting that groups from the summer camps be limited to a reasonable number (perhaps eight or ten) under proper supervision; and suggesting that our slide collection be shown to their campers.

Such action should make the Camp managements feel a little more responsible without causing any hard feelings. If the campers

themselves had a more complete picture of the significance of The Long Trail they would be less thoughtless of the rights of other hikers and less destructive to Club property.

TRACES AND TRACKING

One of the most attractive books on tracks is a 683 page volume filled with pictures and diagrams. A reading of this volume by a person with no great experience, but with average intelligence, will convince him that this tract on tracks has to do only with those of the iron horse, which, if we may borrow the bird hunter's expression (thank you), is somewhat beside the point.

So let us lay our musty book aside and go out into the open air. Let us orient ourselves. Above us floats the sky. Around us are our surroundings. Directly beneath us lies the snow covered ground.

The proverbial test of the tracker is this: Can he follow an elephant in six feet of snow with a bell round his neck? Can you? With a bell round your neck! How silly!

As we look around us the first tracks we notice are our own. They go where we go. They stop when we stop. In fact they seem to be following us. But enough of such distractions.

What is this track like a backfield formation? It is the bunny rabbit, otherwise known as the varying or dyed hair. See how he goes in leaps and bounds. Sometimes he leaps. This is leap year.

The pussy cat also makes tracks. But this is not the track of the common pussy. It is that of the striped pussy. If we follow quickly perhaps we shall surprise him! But no, rather let us make tracks the other way!

To-night we shall read that new book about tracks "From Saratoga to Hialeah". It is a Bookie-of-the-Month selection. You can't go wrong for two dollars!



Vol. 5 No. 4

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

April 1952

COMING EVENTS

Time - Saturday P.M. Apr. 19th
Place - Deer Leap Circle Trail
Supper at Tucker Lodge

This should make a good afternoon trip with opportunities to suit all degrees of ambition. Our plan for the hike is to follow the Circle Trail, starting at the highway opposite the Long Trail Lodge, to where it joins The Long Trail north of Tucker Lodge, then along The Long Trail to Tucker for supper, and finally completing the circle by continuing on The Long Trail back to the highway. This is a total distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Those with a surplus of ambition might wish to go up over the Deer Leap Look-out Trail and come down onto the Circle Trail a short distance before it joins The Long Trail. This is only a little longer but is a considerably stiffer hike. We don't advise this route unless the trail is less wet and slippery than it usually is in mid April.

Those suffering with spring fever and desirous of taking it easy may go in to Tucker by the usual short route. This latter alternative would be good also for those who can't get away early but would like to join us for supper.

Tucker has good cooking facilities so why not bring a real cook-out supper. This is also a nice place to linger after a meal.

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sunday, May 4th
Place - Bradder's Camp, Tinnmouth Channel.

Come on all you fishermen here's a chance to try your luck. For several years this first fishing season hike has been to Little Rocky Pond where we have found at least four fishermen for every possible fish. We aren't promising anything about your success at Tinnmouth but you can try!

For the non-fisherman this is an equally good set-up for an enjoyable day. There is plenty of hiking territory and the camp, the surroundings, and the Bradder's hospitality are all that anyone could wish.

NEW EASTER OUTFIT

The GNC coffee pot is appearing with a "new look" these days. "T" and Harold Valiquette have provided it with a fine, new, carrying bag of dark green awning cloth. Those Valiquettes are certainly handy folks to have around!

NOTICE

This is the last SMOKE AND BLAZES to be mailed to persons not on the 1952 Membership List.

If your dues have not been paid please send them to the Treas., Miss Eleanor Walker, 87 Baxter St., Rutland, Vermont.

To save expenses, only one copy of S. & B. is sent to a family.

Sugar Party
by
Carl Newhall

To a true Vermonter, the transition from winter to spring (with days considerably warmer but nights still on the wintry side) is associated with a most wonderful product of nature... maple syrup. To say maple syrup is a product of nature is stretching the point somewhat, for it is what man does with nature's raw material that makes it something wonderful.

As is customary every year, The Green Mountain Club organized a Sugar Party, in order that the members and friends could again observe the collecting of sap and the process of boiling down sap into syrup. Although the process is very interesting, it is the opportunity to eat a heavy syrup cooled on snow that makes a sugar party really enjoyable.

On March 22, the club gathered at Camp Sangamon in Pittsford for their annual sugar party. Through the kindness and hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smith, the club had the use of the camp's kitchen, dining room and recreation hall. In the afternoon a whole bunch of us went in early, some carrying as much as a whole dozen doughnuts, or a box of napkins. Of course, we had our two pack horses, Harold Valiquette and Craigie Perkins loaded down with cans of syrup, jars of pickles, and other provisions. The rest of the crew stood by to drag them out of the mud if need be.

After completing the preliminary chores, everyone went to the sugar house where Mr. Smith was starting operations. The kids in the party took off after the collecting crew to help gather the sap, and ride back on the sled. Mr. Smith let sap into the evaporator and stoked up the

2
fires, and in no time had the sugar house so full of steam... the shutter-bugs were taking pictures of clouds of steam and very little else.

About five o'clock most everyone drifted back to the camp, where the fires were blazing and the syrup was boiling away. By the time the call to eat came, a very large crowd had gathered, and everyone dug into the sugar on snow, pickles, doughnuts... and here and there a ham sandwich, a la carte. The final count, including kitchen help and late comers, and the host's party, numbered 65.

The tables were cleared for cards, checkers, and chatter in the dining room, and in the recreation room there was ping-pong and more chatter, with a ring of chairs drawn up to and almost into the huge fireplace. As soon as the dishes were washed, Getty Page got us down to business and squared some sets for dancing. Before long, the hall was a beehive of activity, with the junior set indulging in a form of square dancing all their own...but with a little coaching and coaxing, the dancing was in full swing.

Members of the executive committee and interested onlookers discussed our Clarendon Shelter project. The meeting came to a sudden halt when a shortage of men had created such confusion in the square dancing that wives came looking for husbands with fire and determination in their eyes.

The party was a great success, due in large measure to the willing help of so many members in the kitchen and dining room. We owe a vote of thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the party a success.

We understand that several of our members have taken up square dancing and are to be in an exhibition dance soon.

April 6th turned out to be a dark rainy day so naturally nobody would want to go on a hike. Oh yeah? Well, Churchill and Scotty Scott, Maxine and Carl Newhall, Diana and George Conlin, and Craigie Perkins just didn't know any better so the hike was held after all. On reaching the Trail crossing on the Gulf Road we were surprised to find almost a foot of very soggy snow. Since all didn't have snow-shoes with them it was decided to do a "Corrigan" and go to Buffam Shelter instead of Greenwall. The road was broken out so the going to the Shelter wasn't bad. Everything was found to be in good condition with some dry wood. A fire was soon built and the assorted menus were sizzled and bupped.

While splitting wood, Carl met with, or rather was overtaken by, a slight accident which caused him to lag a little behind for the rest of the day. Nothing serious, just a case of being too nearly worn out maybe. After dinner we talked ourselves into going for a hike further up the Trail. When we got up out of the woods the snow was gone from many places so we just wandered around where the going was best.

A skunk and several partridges were seen as well as many unidentified birds. Many stones weighing up to fifty pounds were found rolled over since the snow went away. Too heavy for skunks; a bear maybe? Or did somebody want to know what was under them and left no stone unturned till he found out? About four o'clock, after another cup of coffee, we went back to the cars. On the way who should we meet but Ray Catozzi trying to make up for a late start. Another successful outing and shame on those who couldn't be talked into going along.

Another page in the book of Green Mountain Club history is turned, and sadly read, in the death of Willis M. Ross. On April 3rd, 1952 at the age of 88 his journey on the long trail of life ended.

Willis Ross played a major role in the development of Vermont's Long Trail. In its early days he did the actual work of building many miles of it as well as securing permission to have The Green Mountain Club build it across private property.

The Willis Ross Camp at Stratton Pond was named in his honor. For many years he was chairman of the Trails committee. He also served as Clerk of The Green Mountain Club for a number of years. Until a few years ago, he hiked with Killington Section groups and told many interesting stories about the building of The Long Trail.

CONGRATULATIONS

On March 15th we received a card from Helen and Fred Field announcing the arrival of their son Peter Davenport Field.

We quote from the card :

"My mother calls me "Honey".
Brother Tommy says I'm "neat".
My grandmas rave about me.
They think I'm pretty sweet.
Gramp says I'm "like a little doll",
But I think I ought to mention
My Daddy loves me best of all.
I'm his latest tax exemption."

Vera Perkins has just returned from a trip to Durham, North Carolina. She also visited in Wilmington and Southern Pines in that state as well as Washington, D. C. She spent Easter Sunday in New York city.

THE STICK ACROSS THE TRAIL

by
James P. Taylor

It's just the same whether it's the trunk of a tree or a branch of a tree or a twig from a tree, across the trail. It's a barricade, expressing hostility, swearing "They shall not pass!" or it's a symbol, a sign of warning in friendly fashion spoken, saying, "Stop - Turn aside - No gangway here!"

In every case it's a lie, a winter-made, spring-revealed, summer-spoiling lie. And now there are scores of tree-trunk barricades that lie, and hundreds of tree-branch symbols that lie, and thousands of tree-twig signs that lie. They lie! For The Long Trail is an invitation. It entices all the world to walk a mountain-high, tree-embowered, free, open and easy path that begins where Vermont begins and ends where Vermont ends.

And we, the people of Vermont who made, must every spring again complete the Trail of Welcome by removing the liars from the path. He who tosses out a twig speaks a word of welcome to Vermont. He who throws out a branch speaks a sentence of welcome to Vermont. He who carries out logs speaks volumes.

Unhappy and accursed is he who takes no part in this eloquence of greeting.

Editor's note:

James P. Taylor is no longer with us. He was the father of The Long Trail and wrote the above words many years ago. What he had to say then about "The stick across the trail" applies today just as much as it ever did. Each spring after the winter winds, there is always work to be done on The Trail.

Let's get ready to "speak volumes".

ADDITIONS TO THE 1952 LIST OF KIMMINGTON SECTION MEMBERS

Clara Newhall	Barbara Mellow
L. Larson	Joan Tomasi
Mrs. L. Larson	John Tamasi
M. E. Locke	Joy Wyngott
Mrs. M. E. Locke	Helen Frink
Dale Carpenter	

FLASH

LATEST DOPE ON CLARENDON SHELTER

After a careful study of the possibilities of closing in Clarendon Shelter, the committee has finally decided that the work can be done without too much expense to the club. It is planned to board over the part now open, leaving a door and two window-less openings in the front with a window in each end and one window in the rear. The whole building will be covered with Masonite hard board with battens and trim. The openings in the front are to have hinged shutters that can be opened downward to form tables.

Carl Newhall, Chairman.

Wet

There's water on the treetops,
There's water on the grass,
There's water in the woodpile,
There's water in the sass.

There's water in the bushes,
There's water in the bed,
There's water in the coffee,
There's water in the bread.

There's water on the hilltop,
There's water in the vale,
There's water in the pack-bag,
There's water in the trail,

There's water in our path,
There's water on our feet,
There's water, water everywhere-
We see it in our sleep.

Frank M. Post, Burlington, Vt.



Vol.5 No.5

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

May 1952

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

All members of The Green Mountain Club are invited and urged to attend the Annual Meeting to be held at the Long Trail Lodge Chalet, Saturday, May 31st.

An interesting program has been arranged. By attending you will not only enjoy yourself but will also learn more about your Club.

The program is as follows:

May 31 - 11 A.M. Opening
 1 P.M. Dinner at Chalet
 2:15 " More business
 3 " Trustees Meet.
 Hiking, visiting,
 looking at albums
 6:30 P.M. Supper -
 Sugaring-off -
 Singing
 7:30 P.M. Speaker with
 slides
 8:30 P.M. Square Dancing,
 Games
 June 1-9:30 A.M. Hike to Little
 Rock Pond.

Vera Perkins is chairman of the program for the annual meeting and has given a detailed report of the plans for the meeting in the May issue of "The Long Trail News" which you will receive in a few days. Please read these details and note the change in Killington Section's June 1st hike - the Spring Lake Hike has been changed to Little Rock Pond.

This Memorial Day week-end is a long one. Enjoy it with The Green Mountain Club.

COMING EVENTS

TIME - Saturday, May 17, 2 P.M.
 PLACE - ????????

This hike is a mystery so come along and help us solve it. Our destination (weather permitting) is a place mentioned in the Guide Book - That's the only clue we'll give you. See you Saturday, at 2 P.M. at Ieldon School.

TIME - Sunday, June 15th.
 PLACE - Stratton Pond

Those who made this trip last year remembered the 'June Pinks' in bloom near the Pond and asked for a return trip.

There is a choice of routes on this one. Those who wish may take a side trail from the highway and reach the Pond via Stratton Mt. - a distance of $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Those who prefer a shorter route may follow the Long Trail directly to the Pond - a distance of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles. However you go its a grand trip.

To reach the Trail it will be necessary to drive in from the Wardsboro end of the highway as the road from East Arlington is not now passable.

GIFT FOR CLARENDON SHELTER

Mr. W.O. Wiley of the N.Y. Section, a good friend of GMC, has authorized that bills for the reconstruction of Clarendon Shelter up to the amount of \$250 may be sent to him. Thank you Mr. Wiley.

DEER LEAP CIRCLE TRIP

by
Marjorie Allard

The hike around the Deer Leap Circle Trail on April 19th turned out to be a surprise trip for the members who made it, in giving them a combined spring and winter hike.

Eleven people started from Long Trail Lodge. We missed the Catozzis, the Conlons, and the Newhalls, but they were giving their talents to the Square Dance Festival in Northfield.

The trail was steep but not too soggy until we came around to the north side of the hill. There we found plenty of nice soft snow - the kind that holds you up for two steps and drops you in up to your knees or hips for the next three. Of course this didn't dampen our spirits, but it certainly did a job on our jeans!

Along the way we saw a bird unfamiliar to most of us. Mr. Kirk was along and Betty Ball too, so we learned the creature's name - 'yellow-bellied sapsucker'. It was generally agreed that this would make a lovely insult, so several of the group tucked it away for future reference.

The snow left off suddenly a short distance before we got to Tucker. We wasted no time starting a fire and putting on the coffee.

After supper we waited in case anyone else showed up, decided they wouldn't, put out the fire and left. So of course we met Craigie and Churchill about five minutes later. They went on to Tucker as we finished the Circle back to the cars and drove home to Rutland.

ADDITIONS TO THE 1952 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Mason
Mr. Harry Russell

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

We are glad to hear from Diane Conlon that her mother, Mrs. Gertrude MacLurray, is making a good recovery from a recent operation. We hope to see her out around again soon.

Charles Sabourin will work in the pharmacy at the Rutland Hospital this summer during his vacation from the Massachusetts School of Pharmacy.

We were sorry to learn that Marilyn Trop's mother was injured recently in an automobile accident while she was en route to visit Marilyn.

Carl Newhall's father, Carl Sr., has started on a three month trip to visit his daughter in California. He is driving out and camping all the way. This camping enthusiasm seems to run in families!

It is good to see Bernice Tuttle out and about again. We wish to extend our sympathy to her for the recent loss of her sister.

CLARENDON IS ON THE WAY

Clarendon Shelter is a gone goose....it came apart on a Wednesday night. The New Clarendon is going up as fast as the old one came down, too.

WORK PARTY SCHEDULE

May 10,	Saturday
"	11, Sunday
"	18, Sunday
"	24, Saturday
"	25, Sunday

If it isn't done by then, we'll let you know the rest of the schedule later.

Anyone who wants to help is welcome. Please call Carl Newhall, Shelter Chairman, during the week.

Trail Report

If hikers on the Killington Section of The Long Trail miss certain land marks such as blow-downs and brush jungles, blame it on Charlie Smith. That man is on the loose again. On Monday, April 28th in a pouring rain he took his pack and tools into Clarendon Shelter. Tuesday he cleared with axe and saw to the Gulf Road and walked back to Clarendon. Wednesday he mowed to the Gulf Road and walked back to Clarendon. Thursday he cleared trail to the Gov. Clement Shelter and walked back. Friday he mowed to the Gov. Clement Shelter and walked back to the Gorge where we picked him up.

"I like it," says Charlie. "I'd like to talk to some of these trail clearing committees. They go out and work their heads off and don't get anywhere just because they don't have the right tools. No, it isn't all in knowing how. Anybody can do it. You need a 36 or 42 inch pulp saw with a new sharp blade, about a number three. Take two small wedges, so you won't have to saw up from the under side of logs, or have to chop out your saw if the log sags and pinches. I like a light axe. Be sure the handle is straight grained and perfect. Sharpen it before you start and take an eight inch file with you. Don't try to work with dull tools. Take a scythe, not a bush hook, and a sharpening stone. Be careful not to bend the tip of the scythe or it will always give you trouble. Have a wrench so you can take the blade off for carrying. Go over the trail twice. First time, axe and saw; second time, mow. There's nothing to it. I like it."

So far this year Charlie has spent several days on the Bennington Section's trail, worked over the trail from Bromley to Bourn Pond for Manchester, done some work on the Forest Service's trail, and completely cleared our

Trail from the Gulf Road to the Gov. Clement Shelter. This work on the Killington Section's trail will give our boys more time for work on Clarendon and upkeep on our other shelters. We like it too, Charlie!

LUNCH FIRES

Section 7078 of the Vermont Statutes reads as follows:

"Fires in woods; penalty. No one shall build a fire in the woodlands of another without the permission of the owner, lessee, holder of right of way, or his authorized agent between April 1 and November 1. A person who builds a fire in or adjoining any woods shall totally extinguish such fire before leaving it. A person who violates a provision of this section shall be imprisoned not more than thirty days or fined not more than \$50. or both."

People hiking the Trail should build fires only in stoves or fire places at the camps and shelters. A little planning ahead will obviate the need for lunch fires. Green Mountain Club members should set a good example by complying with the law both on the Trail and on our Sectional outings.

PICTURES FOR OUR ALBUM

Janice Catezzi, chairman of the Photography committee, has requested that any one who has interesting pictures for the Killington Section's photo album, get in touch with her. She would like to borrow the negatives so that pictures could be made up.

The album will be on display at the annual meeting. If you can help to bring it up to date by adding new pictures, please call Jan at 1307-J. This is a worthwhile project and helps to preserve Club history. The pictures bring back memories of good times.

SQUARE DANCING

by
Getty Page

The Killington Section of The Green Mountain Club was well represented at the 3rd Annual Vermont Country Dance Festival held at Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont on April 19, 1952. Members of other sections were there too, but it is not the purpose of this article to cover that.

Ray and Jan Catozzi, George and Diane Conlon, Carl and Maxine Newhall, and Getty and Ann Page were the demonstrating set of the Rutland Square Dance Club under the direction of Dick Pasvolksy of the Rutland Recreation Department. At Northfield they demonstrated, with a few other selected sets, Venus and Mars, a square dance, and Haymakers Jig, a contra dance. Over 2,000 attended the festival.

The demonstrating team, above mentioned but still unnamed, started meeting in the fall and has met regularly each Thursday night since then with an occasional Sunday night rehearsal thrown in. Future appearances of the Eight Mountaineers call for exhibitions at a Square Dance Festival in Chester on May 16th, the American Legion's square dance in Rutland on May 30th and in Manchester, Vermont on May 31st.

The most unusual feature of this affair is that, while the Catozzis, Conlons, and Pages are square dancers from away back, the Newhalls had not square danced before this group started just a few months ago. This should give heart to those who say "Oh, it's too late for me to learn."

Contra or string dances originated in Vermont centuries ago, spread to all parts of the country but were then lost in most sections of Vermont. As one Vermonter put it, "It is a shame that the Californians should know more about 'The Loped Ear Mule' than we do in Vermont where it origi-

nated." One of the purposes of the Vermont Callers Association is to revive and maintain these dances which are Vermont's heritage.

Thirty years ago square dancing was a lost art except in the rural areas where it has always been popular. Henry Ford did more to revive it than anyone else and now it is as popular as any other type of dance in the cities as well as in the country.

Whether it be one set in a Vermont farm kitchen or 4,000 dancing on the Mall in Central Park (New York), it's a lot of fun, especially if the dancers look to its beauty, grace, rhythm and historical background, and not as a mere exercise or a chance to rough house.

Come dance with us !

Editor's note: Getty Page is the first and present president of the Vermont Callers Association. At the Killington Section's "Sugaring-Off" party for many years, Getty has been the caller. He also called at the annual meeting of the main Club a few years ago.

HIKE TO BRADDER'S CAMP May 4, 1952

Because of the operation "Girl Scout Camp Construction" many of our members could not attend this hike. They were busily engaged using their talents for a good cause.

In spite of the small number that came to the Bradder's Camp, a good time was enjoyed by all who came. This delightful spot in Tinmouth is a place where one may enjoy the art of loafing in beautiful surroundings, or hiking over country roads or open pastures, or collecting epitaphs from an old grave yard. These are the things we did along with reading the Sunday paper and talking about this and that. The channel was also explored by Mr. Bradder & Craigue.



V81. 5-6

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

June 1952

ANNUAL MEETING

This year's Annual Meeting on May 31st was the best attended of any in recent years. The long week-end brought out many people who had not been seen for a long time. Pres. Woodelton showed up with a box of GMC tags for people to sign and wear. He also produced a register for all to sign.

The morning session was devoted to the usual reports and dinner was served in the Old Lodge dining room. In the afternoon session there was a lively discussion of the decision of the Trustees to dispose of the Long Trail Lodge property. The Club voted to ask them to reconsider their action.

After the close of the general meeting the Trustees met and some members went for short hikes. At six-thirty sugar on snow was served by some of our more comely members.

The speaker of the evening was Robert L. Coffin of Mass. State College, who showed a large collecting of slides illustrating his topic "My World - I Hope You Like It". We did.

The Sunday hike program was washed out, but some of the people from out of town had a chance to camp out Friday and Saturday nights so the outdoor part of the program wasn't a complete loss.

Our Annual Meetings are getting better and better. Keep up the good work. Plan to attend next year.

STRATTON POND

There didn't seem to be anything unlucky about the number 13 on Sunday, June 15th. That was the number of Killington Section members who made the trip to Stratton Pond and enjoyed a fine outing. Even the weather, which in the morning showed promise of showers later in the day, remained sunny.

We had a long, pleasant drive through Weston, the Londonderrys and the Wardsboros to Stratton, where we left our cars and started hiking. About half the party decided to hike to the Pond via the side trail over Stratton Mt., while the rest followed the white blazes directly to Stratton Pond.

Along this trail were the pink Lady Slippers we remembered from two years ago, although seemingly not so plentiful. At the Pond the Mountain Pinks were just coming into bloom. Those who hiked over the mountain reported many unfamiliar wild flowers.

In spite of the ever present black flies common to the woods in June, and the fact that the hike-meter showed the trail to be a mile longer coming out than going in, we wouldn't have missed this trip.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Some people with more time than brains have already used the carpenter's chalk for scribbling and drawing on the new Clarendon Shelter. How can we educate such people? Any suggestions?

COMING EVENTS

Time - July 4-5-6

Place - Canada Line to
Hazen's Notch

It won't be long now until that big 4th of July week-end camping trip, when we hope to hike over some of the most northern section of the Long Trail.

The general plan is to set up our camp-site at the end of an old road which is reached from Jay village. This will give us reasonably easy access to the Trail. We have worked out tentative plans for the 3 days which will enable us to cover the Trail from the Canada Line to Hazen's Notch, returning to our camp-site each night. These plans are of course subject to change according to the weather conditions, wishes of the campers and so on.

The "tour" will start from Meldon school at 8 A.M., Friday, July 4th, proceed to Waterbury and north along Route 100 to Lowell and Westfield. At Westfield we will leave 100 and take the road to Jay. Just before we reach the schoolhouse in Jay we take a sharp left turn where there should be a sign "to the Long Trail"- from here on we will "follow the leader". We will take our bearings at Westfield and as we turn in Jay to make sure everyone is accounted for. Plan to take a picnic lunch for Friday noon as we hope to have our camp set up, eat lunch and be ready to start on our 1st day's hike soon after 2 P.M.

Here are the tentative hiking plans:-

1st day - Covering the Trail between Journeys End and the Jay - North Jay road.
(Total hiking distance, including to and from cars, approx. 5 miles)

2nd day - Covering the Trail be-

tween the Jay-North Jay road and Jay Camp.
(Total hiking distance Approx. 10.8 miles)

3rd day - Covering the Trail between Hazen's Notch and Jay Camp.
(Total hiking distance approx. 8.4 miles)

The total amount of hiking will be just a little more than we did in covering "end-to-end" of the Killington Section last fall. Those who would like to camp with us but think this looks like too much hiking can easily plan some short but interesting trips from camp. It will be grand for the long distance hikers to have someone in camp to get cook-fires going. These people can be helpful too in shuttling cars etc. So don't feel you should stay home if you don't plan to hike the whole distance. Each person should definitely do only what he or she feels inclined at the time.

We would like to make a few general suggestions for the trip:-

Each person is to arrange for transportation in advance.

We feel that it would simplify things greatly if people would plan their meals in groups of about 4. This means less cooking equipment, faster preparation etc. We think meals should be simple and easy to prepare. The general plan is a substantial breakfast; a mid-day lunch which can be easily carried; and a hot but quickly prepared meal at night.

Since there are a number of essentials for a successful trip of this sort it is best to make a list well in advance and be sure you have planned for everything.

We don't need to tell you that you will need to be well organized and all set by evening of July 3rd in order to make that 8 A.M. start Friday, July 4th!

MYSTERY SOLVED

by
Dan Jennings Jr.

3

Usually when planning a hike, once the destination has been determined, this aspect of the outing no longer remains the center of our attention. However, our "mystery hike" was a pleasant exception to this rule. Although many questions were answered such as how far did we have to walk?, would it be wet?, was the hike a stiff climb?, etc., nevertheless the ten Killington Section members who wanted to solve the mystery set out for parts unknown.

Vera Perkins, our capable Outing Chairman, had typed the directions for each driver to use but even with these we couldn't decide where we were going. We were to proceed south on route 7 to Danby and there take a left turn; ("no we aren't going to Little Rock Pond", our directions assured us); then follow the road to Hapgood Pond and from there follow Craigue's car wherever he would lead us. We thought that with a guide book we might be able to solve the mystery but Pearl Nichols had hers and was as much in the dark as anyone. Shortly after by-passing Hapgood Pond we parked the cars and started walking up the old abandoned Peru-East Dorset road. After walking a half hour or so, and hearing rather dubious comments from Craigue as to our location, I thought that perhaps the nail had been hit on the head by the neighbor who naively asked if those who planned the hike knew where we were going!

But after only an hour of hiking, but with a climb which took us up 600 feet higher than where the cars were parked we suddenly arrived at (have you guessed it?) the Notch (Mad Tom) Shelter. This is an attractive open front camp with a fireplace. The shelter which is so accessible is in excellent repair and fea-

tures a garbage disposal unit. The capabilities of the fireplace were well proved by an excellent supper.

On the return trip our flora lovers found several mementoes to enhance their collections, although it was somewhat disconcerting at first to hear shrieks of "I've found a boy and now I want a girl!" and vice versa.

Barbie Allard must have caused some confusion among the bird population. As we came down the mountain her whistles on a bullet shell were plaintively answered by an evening thrush.

Returning home by way of picturesque Weston we stopped to watch a member of a family of old trail friends who are so often heard at night but not always seen--a "porky". Climbing rapidly up a tree he resembled a bear cub. He seemed more engrossed in watching us than we him so we continued on.

And so the mystery hike ended but the fact that we had a very enjoyable outing should be no mystery at all. That's to be expected!

LITTLE ROCK POND

This hike, scheduled for the day after the Annual Meeting, just dissolved in the rain of Sunday, June 1st. Not even one "eager beaver" showed up to make the trip. We know enough to stay in out of the rain -- sometimes.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Billy Allard and Mr. Kirk are in Canada for a week's fishing. We hope to get a news story from Bill on this trip.

We have news of another prospective GNC member. David Perkins now has a sister Anne, born on June 6th. Mary Perkins has been spending some time with Bob, Thelma and David in Ypsilanti.

OUR TRAILS AND SHELTERS

We have it on the best authority that the outside of the Clarendon Shelter will be completed by the end of this month. Nice work! We're considering having a house warming when it reaches that stage. How about it?

The Long Trail Patrol is definitely planning to repair the Pico Shelter this summer.

Charlie Smith has recently been over the Trail from Clement - to Killington - to The Long Trail Lodge taking out blow-downs. He found Cooper Lodge in excellent condition. With this trip Charlie completed covering the entire length of Killington Section and reports it all in good hiking condition. There is some thinning between Pico and Killington to be done this season.

GROAN!

At the time of the 1951 Intersectional, Jim Green of the Worcester Section was doing a little trail clearing on the Appalachian Trail east of the Lodge. While chopping he lost the head from his axe. Although all members of the party searched for some time it could not be found. While going in to Tucker Lodge on April 19th Churchill Scott happened to look down and there it was in the mud.

In as much as the spot where it was found is a long way from where it was lost it seems likely that after flying off Jim's axe it fluttered through the underbrush for over a mile. Surprisingly enough when it landed in the mud it took root and started growing a new handle at a rate of better than 2 inches a month. When found the new handle measured fourteen inches. Jim probably won't believe this but we have the axe to prove it.

GREEN MT. HORSE ASSOCIATION

by
Madeline Bradder

Did you ever see the orange dot, the white wooden arrow with the green letters G.M.H.A. or the yellow horse shoe, while hiking on some nearly forgotten old highway?

Many times after leaving the hard top roads to travel some of nature's surfaced by-ways and trails, signs other than those of the GMC Long Trail are seen. People often ask the use and meaning of such signs.

Briefly explaining; the orange dot is the old marker for the Green Mt. Horse Association's Bridle trails. The more modern ones are white arrows lettered in green. Thus the G.M.H.A. marks trails throughout the state for riders wishing to use bridle trails for vacations and trips off the beaten path of traffic.

Many trails follow old town roads. These hilly, narrow, water-barred short cuts over mountains led to once thriving villages. These communities are now only dots on our maps. The modern methods of travel make the use of these roads unnecessary. Many of these roads are very beautiful and interesting. Travelling them on horse-back is something few people experience.

Citing one local link of the many trails is the one from Rutland via Northam, Plymouth, Bridgewater Five Corners to Woodstock. Making this trip is like reading a chapter from an old history book.

The local riding Club marks its trails with yellow horse-shoes. One marked trail, good for a short day's ride, leads from Rutland over Mendon notch through Wheelerville making a circle back to the stable.

The G.M.H.A. has booklets and maps which show all their marked trails.



Vol. 5 No. 7

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

July 1952

COMING EVENTS

TIME - Sunday, July 20th
PLACE - C.V. Camp, Chittenden

Eleanor Walker has made it possible for us to enjoy the use of the C.V. Camp at Chittenden Pond on the weekend of July 20th. We are scheduling the Outing for Sunday and the group will leave the Meldon School at 11 A.M. However those wishing to go up on Saturday and make this an over-night may do so by making reservations with Eleanor-(Tel. 2570). This is a good summer outing - you can drive to the door and be as lazy or as energetic as you wish after you arrive. You may loaf on the screened porch, swim, boat, and/or fish and there are facilities for either indoor or outdoor cooking and serving. Here is an Outing that the whole family can enjoy, so load in your family, food, and gear and come to Chittenden on Aug. 20th.

TIME - Saturday, August 2nd.
PLACE - Hapgood Pond.

This is an old favorite. We will leave Meldon School at 2 P.M. for an afternoon of swimming and a cook-out supper at Hapgood. There is a chance to work in a hike also on this one for any who wish it. It would probably be possible to drive nearly to the Notch (Mad Tom) Shelter which is not far from Hapgood. From there one could hike north on the Trail $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Styles Peak

where there is an outlook in nearly every direction. Hikers could then join the others for a swim and supper at Hapgood.

NEW HIKE SCHEDULES OUT

Enclosed with this issue of Smoke & Blazes you will find schedules for Killington Section Outings through January 1953. Your Outing Chairman has tried to include some old favorites and to introduce some new trips. We have also tried to provide enough variety so there will be something for everyone.

Those people interested in increasing their coverage of the Trail should notice especially the series in the fall which cover the section from The Long Trail Lodge to the Brandon-Rochester highway.

Mark all Outing dates on your calendars now, watch the Herald for details of starting times etc., and plan to join us as often as possible.

STRAWBERRIES AT SPRING LAKE

A small group of enthusiastic strawberry pickers and shortcake eaters made good use of the GMC Shelter at Spring Lake for a wild strawberry shortcake supper recently. The berries were large and abundant and certainly no one could ask for a nicer spot in which to enjoy them. This would be a nice idea for a GMC Outing some season if enough people were interested.

JAY PEAK EXPEDITION

Well, it all started last Fall after we hiked the entire Killington Section of The Long Trail in a series of three hikes. Somebody said, "Wouldn't it be nice if we could do some other part of the Trail the same way?" So when the new schedule was drawn up for this year the three day July Fourth week-end looked like the best time to do the most distant part of the Trail in the Jay Peak area.

After several conferences a general plan was worked out. We decided to camp near Jay Peak Approach Trail and cover the Trail between Canada and Hazen's Notch in three one day trips. Our cars were used as taxis to carry drivers and hikers to the start of the days hike, and then to bring them back after they had reached the next accessible point on the Trail. It was all very complicated but we lost neither cars nor drivers; somewhat to our surprise.

Twelve members made the trip to the camp site and seven completed the Trail from Canada to Hazen's Notch while the others enjoyed camping out and aided the hikers when they returned weary and hungry. Those making the trip were Lucy Bishop, Hilma Erickson, Ray Catozzi, Pearl Nichols, Eleanor Walker, William Allard, Vera Perkins, Maxine and Carl Nowhall, Mary and Craig Perkins, and Fred Field.

After several days of beautiful weather we feared rain for the week-end, and sure enough, on the drive up we passed through several showers. In the absence of Mr. Kirk, Billy Allard was put in charge of the weather. He soon got things under control and we didn't have a drop of rain the rest of the trip. In fact he over did it to the point where we didn't even have a dew

2
either morning we were in camp.

The camping spot chosen was a clearing on an old road running from Jay toward Hay Peak. We had hoped to be able to drive further up this road but after one car struck a reef, it was decided to let well enough alone. The location proved to be good except for the water supply which was about a quarter of a mile away. The girls staying in camp spent considerable time carrying water for the hikers. We arrived about one P.M. and in an hour or so the mountain tents were up, a level spot had been found for the Pullmans, and Fred's Statlerized Buick had been unfurled.

The rest of the afternoon and evening was spent doing our first segment of the Trail from the approach to Journey's End Camp to the Jay-West Jay road. We lost an hour trying to drive further up the approach road than the Guide Book suggested. Don't do it.

When we reached Journey's End Camp we found that The Long Trail Patrol had been through just a few days before and left Trail and Camp in the best possible condition. The Trail up to the International Boundary was steep and the day was hot, but some of us had to make it an international hike by walking around the monument marking the boarder. From here we climbed over a sizable mountain and reached the Jay-West Jay road and our cars. This road is very slightly and has a good surface as far as the hight of land from the east. Back to camp to supper and to bed.

Saturday was our big day. First we went up the abandoned Jay-Montgomery road to Jay Camp on the Trail. The first mile of this road was good walking beside a large brook. The second mile, the road and the brook sort of combined, but still it didn't look so very bad because it was covered completely with a fine crop of nettles.

Jay Camp was found in poor repair. Forkies have badly chewed the floor and bunks. Roof looked pretty good. Usable but poor.

From Jay Camp we travelled northward to the same road reached the previous day from the opposite direction. Our first objective was Jay Peak. A steady steep climb brought us out on the bare rocky summit where we relaxed and took in the view of numberless mountains, lakes, farms and villages. Too soon we had to push on down the north side of the Peak to Laura Woodward Shelter. This was found in good condition except for one bunk needing repairs. Much of the Trail this day was through thick growth of ferns, making it perhaps the greenest part of the Green Mountains.

The Trail down the side of North Jay Peak was steep and rocky but here we came upon the high water mark of the patrol and found the Trail mowed all the rest of the way out. Two or three humps later we arrived at Shooting Star Shelter which was in perfect condition. Some of us had thought this point to be the end of the day's hike, but no, there were still two miles to go over another ridge. We all made it but eleven miles is enough even without a pack.

Sunday morning we felt less lame than on Saturday. We were getting broken in rapidly. This day we went again to Jay Camp and then turned south toward Hazen's Notch. Over Double Top, Domey's Dome, and Old Splatterfoot we followed the skyline for miles without water along the Trail. Not even a soda fountain. Finally, in desperation the firm of Allard, Newhall and Catozzi converted a swampy spot into an acceptable "spring". It took them about an hour but it sure was appreciated by the thirsty hikers. Then to everyone's disgust, six small streams were crossed in the next half mile of Trail.

After going over the shoulder of Sugarloaf we slid down the long steep slope to Hazen's Notch Camp which was found in good condition. The climb from the Camp back up to the highth of land in the Notch was most discouraging after so much down grade. The high cliff on the north side of the road had recently let fall a huge block of rock which had landed close beside the road.

About seven o'clock the last car arrived to pick us up and the party disbanded. It was a fine outing and perhaps we can do another stretch of the Trail in that area next year.

IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK

It may seem in these warm July days that the fall GMC Rummage Sale is something in the dim and distant future. Don't be fooled, those things have a way of creeping up on us.

Since the Annual Rummage Sale was instituted 4 years ago it has earned a total of \$410 for our club. This is quite a substantial help in maintaining the trails and shelters of our 22 miles of The Long Trail.

We want to keep this project going. We carried over no stock from last year's sale. This means we need extra effort from everyone to help build up a good stock for our sale this fall. It is not too early to begin collecting. Why not put a large box labeled GMC Rummage Sale in your attic, cellar, or storeroom, and whenever you come across something for which you have no further use, drop it in the box? These things will then be out of your way and ready for the Sale. Remember to collect from your relatives, friends, and neighbors too.

It takes a good stock to keep customers coming to our Sale each year and the more we sell the more money goes into our treasury.

FISHING IN THE LAURENTIANS

by
Bill Allard

The Laurentides National Park in Canada is a scenic wilderness full of hungry trout, and bugs which are even more so. I went up principally for the fishing, but the scenery and particularly the bugs impressed me deeply.

The fishing was poor according to the people who know the place but it was certainly the best I ever had. Mr. Kirk and I kept enough 9 and 10 inch trout to have three apiece for breakfast every morning for a week.

Altogether we fished on eight lakes all within three miles of where we were staying. In all we caught about 500 trout between 2.5 and 10.5 inches long. These figures are presented by fishermen and are not in any case to be used or treated as scientific data. The Park is certainly a good place for a fishing vacation.

We saw quite a number of Canadian birds and animals that don't get this far south very often. Moose, beaver a Canadian chipmunk and red squirrel were the animals we saw, but also found in the area are lynx, bear, otter, and an occasional wolf. Some of the more interesting birds were; the very tame spruce grouse, Canada jay, rusty blackbirds and loons. We also encountered large predatory mosquitoes and numerous black flies. Once a mosquito lit on the gunwale of our boat and nearly swamped it. Dope was useless. I took out a bottle and before I could open it a mosquito dove down, punched a hole in the can and flew off, wobbling drunkenly, after draining the bottle.

In spite of the bugs we enjoyed the wild beauty of the virgin forest. Mostly black spruce with a sprinkling of birch, it looks dark and forboding even in the sunlight. The forest floor

4
is thick with moss and the spruces are hung with long gray lichen. It all looks very strange and different.

In between the low rounded mountains are chains of lakes mostly in their original undeveloped state. One of the most thrilling parts of the trip was to fish on a large lake with nothing in sight but the black spruce spires, a swampy patch of grass and a pair of Canada jays and know that this is the way the forest probably looked many centuries ago.

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Roy Buchanan and his trail patrol boys will be working on the Pico shelter before long.

Diane and George Conlon are off on a two week vacation camping trip to Portland Island off Cape Hatteras.

Edith Ewald has gone to Europe for the summer.

Craig Perkins has lost Vol. 3 No. 12 and Vol. 5 No. 1 issues of SMOKE & BLAZES. He would like these issues to complete his file. If anyone has these numbers and would like to give them to him, he would appreciate it very much.

Bill Allard, a junior at U.V.M. is working for the Fire Clay Co. this summer.

Vera and Mary Perkins will be in Burlington July 15, and 16 to attend The League of Vermont Writers Institute.

Helen Field and sons Tormio and Peter are vacationing at Marthas Vineyard.

Joe Valiquette, a sophomore at St. Michaels College, is working for The Green Mountain Awning Co. this summer.



Vol.5 No.8

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

2 Aug. 1952

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sunday, August 17th
Place - Little Rock Pond

This is another old favorite which has been most often scheduled about the time of the opening of the trout fishing season. This will be an opportunity to see how the place looks without its border of fishermen!

We can't remember for sure but is this the trip on which we once noted a profusion of blackberry blossoms in early summer? If so there should be ripe berries now.

Those who wish to extend this hike may do so by trying out the side trail to So. Wallingford (3 miles), on the return trip. Or if you're really ambitious, and make arrangements to be picked up on the Wallingford - East Wallingford Gulf road, you can hike north on the Long Trail to Greenwall and hence to the Gulf road (a little over 7 miles).

Time - August 23rd and 24th
Place - Daniel Webster Monument in Stratton.

This is the G.M.C. Intersectional - for details see your August, Long Trail News.

Plan to attend this outing and meet G.M.C. members from other Sections. In the past few years the Intersectional has successfully brought hundreds of members together.

Time - Sunday, September 7th
Place - Killington via the Juggernaut Trail.

After the Rutland Fair you are apt to be in the mood for getting 'far from the maddening crowd' and taking to the woods. Here is an excellent chance.

This trail is new to most of us and we don't promise anything except that Killington Peak will be the same as ever when and if we get there. If you have a little gambling spirit an like exploring just come along with us and try out the Juggernaut Trail. It should be fun.

FIRST REPORT ON PICO SHELTER REPAIRS

We have received word from Roy Buchanan in regard to the repairs at Pico Shelter. There will be a complete report given in the September issue of Smoke and Blazes.

The repair work has been completed and Prof. Buchanan believes that the shelter ought to have some more life left in it.

This is a delightful spot for an overnight. Now that the roof doesn't leak, why not take a run up there some week-end and enjoy the ship-shapeness of the shelter. Of course we are scheduled to go there Nov. 2nd but why wait 'til then.

2

MANSFIELD TRIP
by
Maxine Newhall

The first time we went to Mansfield, we drove all around it, looked at it from all sides, and tried out one short piece of trail rising vertically out of the Notch. We sampled it, and went away to other mountains less over-powering and more inviting.

This year we plunged boldly ahead, and scaled the summit on the chair-lift. That may not be the accepted method for certified mountain climbers, but for this one it has undeniable advantages. You'll find all the mountain you want to climb above the chair-lift limit.

Carl and I went in on Friday night, July 25, with Emile Boselli, an old habitue, formerly caretaker at Taft Lodge. We were the last ones up the Lift, and started a rough out-door weekend dining on Filet Mignon at the Summit House!

After such a luxurious start, the program deteriorated rapidly. We toted the calculated minimum packs along the ridge, watching the sunset, and down the Profanity Trail to Taft Lodge by the last remaining glimmers of daylight. Taft was to be our base of operations, and the theory read that we would travel light each day, and pack out Sunday night. It was an excellent theory....

Saturday was really The day. We went up the Eagle Pass by The Long Trail, and sat on Adam's Apple...where the view is magnificent. (What is there about such a vantage point that prompts people to try to identify smuggy little villages, in the face of so much else to look at?) Then... up the Chin, extolling the view to north, east or west to camouflage the shortness of wind. From thence, south over the Lips and down over the Cliff Trail, spending a few minutes in and

around the Cave of the Winds, through Wall Street, and so on; we reached the Summit House by noon, and lunched at the Octagon. It would be worth going back in winter just to stop in the Octagon and enjoy a fire in their circular fireplace...but after a close look at the Nose-dive, I shall positively leave my skis at home!

That was the morning. The afternoon took us up over the Nose and down along the west side, through Canyon and Canyon North, the Subway, the Apartments, and back to the vicinity of Profanity. Somewhere along the way, a careless suggestion crystallized into a definite plan of action, and we dashed (as well as we were able) down to Taft, gulped a quick supper and packed the impedimenta, plus firewood and a couple gallons of water. Again by the light of the sunset and the last glimmers of daylight, we trudged up through Eagle Pass, up the Chin, and slept Saturday night on the highest point in Vermont. As I said, it was a good theory....

And for all our trouble and wild anticipation, we woke in the morning in a dense fog. Visibility was a short, damp, six feet, and the whole morning passed before it finally cleared away. So we missed a sunrise view. But the fun wasn't spoiled by a little thing like that...we ate a leisurely breakfast, studied some rocks and gouged out a few crystals to bring home, and eventually arrived at the Summit House just as the sun decided on a fair day.

In order to "do" as much as possible, we took The Long Trail down to Butler Lodge, where we ate lunch and enjoyed a long visit with Dave and Sue Hagar. They had strange and wonderful things to relate about the people who pass on the Trail... as for instance the gentleman who went up the Wampahoofus Trail, and made a subsequent agonized report that in places his person hung out

over great voids... and "It is not done thus in the Alps ! It would be provided with guides before and stout tow-ropes. Ach ! Ach !" Well, I d'know. We came up that way.

It's useless to try to report what we saw. But we can, and do, recommend it to everyone. It is one mountain that can be as rugged a workout or as gentle a stroll as you want. And it is decidedly infectious. We still haven't covered all the trails, so we'll be going back again.

P.S. We caught such a bad case of mountainitis that the next Friday we dashed up the Bucklin Trail after supper, and slept on the peak of Killington. The sunset was beautiful, and the moon shone and the wind blew all night long. Next day, just like last time, murky. But---boy, the raspberries were good !

CHITTENDEN POND

It was a hot day in Rutland on Sunday, July 20th, but those of us who took advantage of the opportunity to spend the day at the C. V. Camp in Chittenden escaped the heat.

It was a perfect day to spend in or on the water and that's just how most of us spent it. We don't know what treasures Carl Newhall, Craigie Perkins and Bill and Barbie Allard expected to find on the bottom of the Pond but they spent so much time under water we expected them to sprout fins at age 100.

After lunch those invincible Newhalls just had to hike somewhere so accompanied by Emilio Boselli they set off for Noyes Pond. The rest of us spent the afternoon like the morning in swimming and boating.

We appreciate having the use of the camp for a GMC Outing and hope perhaps this may develop into an annual summer event.

HAPGOOD POND AND STYLES PEAK by

Maxine Newhall

The subject of some debate before-hand, the Hapgood Pond Trip came off approximately as planned Sunday, August 3. The schedule said Saturday, but Sunday was a better day all-round. In fact, the sun shone...which was a nice change from former Hapgood days.

However, there was one difference not so welcome. The crowd was small, and Pinky didn't even come to see us off. It made the whole thing seem dreadfully unofficial.

Vera took the swimmers in her car...Mary and Danny Jennings, and Barby Allard with two friends. Carl drove the car of hikers...Maxine, Betty Ball and Emil Boselli. Pearl Nichols and Eleanor Walker came down later in the afternoon...and that's all there were. The rest of you missed a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Barby and her friends were wet inside of five minutes, and the rest of the swimmers dispersed vaguely at the first mention of fires and coffee...and courteously allowed those most interested in the end result to supervise the coffee. Wasn't it good ? The disinterested ones came back promptly when the coffee came off the fire. Very good timing. Diplomatic relations were nearly ruptured when the coffee Superintendent found her lunch contained not a single cup...but a loan was arranged, and peace returned.

Mary put another strain on everyone's self-control when she dropped two real steaks into a sizzling fry pan...but we criticized her cooking 'till she didn't enjoy them either. In fact, we really had a lovely time.

After lunch, the hikers went off to find Mad Tom Shelter... and to our dismay drove within ten feet of the fireplace.

That is not our experience with the general run of Long Trail Shelters. We found the Shelter in fair condition, and the water was delicious; better than more elaborate beverages, and almost as good as if we'd dug the spring ourselves.

We climbed Styles Peak from the Shelter. It was pleasant, wooded, and warm all the way. There was some confusion at the signpost that pointed west and said "Long Trail -3 miles"; and still more when we passed the last rise and went on what seemed an interminable distance more or less level...with no sign of peak, nor view nor nothin' but trail. In fact, we stopped in one shady place and held a heated as well as spirited discussion over the perversity of guide books. But presently the flies drove us on, and we did come to the rocky ledge that does, in fact, provide a view to the east more or less.

We watched the swimmers at Hapgood enjoying their water, while we sat enjoying our mountain, until someone suggested it might be nice to take a swim. Lacking helicopters, we started back on foot...and paused only at the spring for a last drink. And so, by devious ways, home by night.

We have a question. Who was Mad Tom ?

DOWN UNDER

It may be interesting to hear about some of the activities of Mountain Clubs in other parts of the world. If you are interested read on.

The "Tararua Tramp" is a monthly publication of the Tararua Tramping Club of New Zealand. The following bits of information have been taken from their publication.

"Coming Tramps -- Nov. 2-3-4 Combined Clubs' Working Party-Alpha- An advanced guard will

4
go to Alpha on Friday afternoon to be ready for the air drop in case it comes early on Saturday morning. The remainder will carry up all the tools plus non-dropable material such as window frames and aluminium roofing. A start will be made with the hut foundations. Leaders, members of the Huts Committee. "

On reading this we thought how nice it would be to have an air drop to help in the building of our Green Mountain Lodges and Shelters.

"Nov. 30 Talk on Safety in the Mountains. This talk should be heard by all intending long trippers."

"There are 10,000 members of organized mountain clubs throughout New Zealand, and it is not surprising that a certain amount of congestion takes place in favorite localities especially during the summer months. The huts already built by clubs are used a great deal by deer-stalkers and Government cullers and opossum trappers. They thus serve a vital part in coping with the deer and opossum menace."

After the death of one of the Tararua Tramping Club members resulting from his crossing a flooded river, the findings committee reported - "Donald Dement would not have lost his life when attempting to cross the flooded Orongorongo River had he been tied to a rope."

"The only safe method of crossing a flooded river is that in which the person making the crossing is fastened to a rope. The handrail method is not satisfactory for crossing a flooded river."

(Mountain climbing in New Zealand involves hard trips according to the "Tararua Tramp" .)



Vol.5 No.9

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Sept. 1952

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sunday, Sept. 21st
Place - Long Trail Lodge to
Noyes Pond.

The series of three hikes covering our own section of the Trail last fall proved so successful that we decided to try a similar series this year to cover some adjoining Trail. Here is the first of that series.

We will start out over the familiar trail from Long Trail Lodge to Tucker (the Long Trail not the short cut), from Tucker follow the Trail on to the old Chittenden-Pittsfield road (better known to most of us as the road beyond the Craigie Perkins camp). This road is about the half-way point on the day's trip. After crossing this we hike along through hardwood forest and over an easy ridge to Noyes Pond. (The Guide Book gives the distance as 6.1 miles and hiking time as 3½ hours). From Noyes Pond we can follow a short trail leading down to the highway near Chittenden Pond.

These progressive hikes necessitate some shuttling of cars but the distances to the highway approaches are not too great and this can be worked out. It's been done before!

If you are interested in increasing your coverage of The Long Trail don't miss any of this series - when you complete the three you will have added 19.7 mi. If you just want a good fall hike this is for you too.

Time - Sunday, Oct 5th
Place - Noyes Pond to Carmel

For this second of our series we will go in to Noyes Pond from the highway near Chittenden Pond (as we came out on the previous hike) and take to cars again near "New Boston" (about 5 miles from Chittenden by highway).

Many of us have been to Carmel Camp and Mt. Carmel before but we have usually arrived via "New Boston". Not so many of us have hiked the 7.4 miles of The Long Trail leading from Noyes Pond to Carmel Camp. This trail should afford some nice views of Chittenden Pond and prove an interesting day's outing.

RUMMAGE!. RUMMAGE! RUMMAGE!

We haven't figured out how many shopping days there are before Christmas but we do know there are only about 30 collecting days before our GMC Rummage Sale. We hope you already have a large collection for us. The committee and the exact date for the sale will be announced in your October SMOKE AND BLAZES.

Remember this is one of our two money making activities for the year and we need the support and cooperation of everyone.

CONGRATULATIONS TO "THE ALLARDS"

Greetings to Mary Elizabeth Allard who arrived on Sept. 9th.

THE ROCKY POND TRIP

by
Emilo Boselli

A pretty good turnout on this one. Eighteen in all. Could it be that an outing with some scheduled hiking interests more people? Anyhow, after some debate on how to arrange the taxi service for the caravan we all departed for the shelter. That is, we all departed together, but some place along the way the caravan grew; not in numbers but in length. Is it safe to guess that arrival times varied by three-fourths of an hour?

On arrival we did not find the usual hordes of fishermen but were instead heralded by the gleeful shouts of a party of swimmers at the shelter. Further investigation revealed a note stating that a group of nine was returning to the shelter that day. Would this be a rather crowded day at the shelter? Evidently not, the swimmers seemed to prefer the water on the other side of the island, and our nine campers never showed up.

Lunch and coffee were promptly taken care of. There were several demonstrations of how to cook various meats by the "set the frying pan on the fire" method. Our "fire eaters" managed to make the rest of us envious with their culinary skills.

Barbie Allard and her two young mermaid friends spent the day trying to soak up all the water in the pond. All was peaceful until one of the girls managed to send Craigie's hat sailing into the pond. The rest is best left to your imagination.

Marjorie Allard was finally coaxed into the water. Seemed to enjoy it, but admits to practically drowning herself?

Of course, under the inspiring leadership of guide Carl Newhall, a party of Alpinists was formed to scale the upper ledges of Green Mountain. Carl's

"billy goats" included Ray Catozzi, Bill Allard, Maxine and Carl Newhall Sr.

The rest of the party spent a peaceful day soaking up the sunshine and discussing the merits of various agricultural crops.

Our best wishes to Carl Newhall Sr. We hope he enjoyed his hike with us as much as we enjoyed having him.

Visit us again, Carl.

NEWS FROM OTHER HIKING CLUBS

Last month we told you a little about the far away Tararua Tramping Club of New Zealand.

This month you are going to hear about the Capital Hiking Club of Washington, D. C.

Organized in 1938, the Capital Hiking Club is open to anyone interested in hiking and congenial fellowship in the out-of-doors.

Trips are scheduled for every Sunday. Hikes range up to 12 miles in length and traverse mountains, stream valleys, and rolling countryside. Many interesting hikes, not requiring strenuous climbing are also conducted in the area between Frederick, Maryland and Fredericksburg, Va. Local hikes are included to acquaint people with the natural beauty around Washington. Occasionally there are sightseeing trips to historical or beautiful spots.

Fellowship is the theme of the Capital Hiking Club and to promote this atmosphere a get-acquainted circle is formed at the beginning of each hike where everyone gives his name and the State or country from which he originally came. Coffee is served at noon on the cold season hikes, and watermelon feasts are arranged for the beach trips. Moonlight hikes and campfire parties in local parks are held in the summer time.

All this has a familiar ring!

3

INTERSECTIONAL
SMALL BUT SUCCESSFUL

by
Dan Jennings, Jr.

Seven members represented Killington Section at this year's Intersectional Outing of the Green Mountain Club. Although the entire group numbered only about 25, Barre, Brattleboro, Burlington, Killington and Worcester Sections were represented.

The camp site in Stratton proved successful. The tents were erected in a semicircle around the clearing where once 15,000 people gathered to hear Dan'l Webster. Some of the tourists (and there was a surprising number of them) who visited the monument while we were encamped eyed us as though we might be the last stragglers of the original 15,000. Surely we didn't look that odd! One lady went so far as to apologize for intruding on our "family" reunion. Mary and Craigue Perkins, arriving early Saturday, pitched tents for the other Killington members and were on hand to welcome us. However, they soon grew discouraged of greeting and welcoming arriving cars, as most of them proved to be people visiting the monument rather than GMCers.

The camp fire would have been an excellent mosquito repellent but we lacked mosquitoes! Visiting and story-telling made the evening a pleasant one. The night proved uneventful and the Buchanan alarm didn't sound until 7 a.m. It has become traditional for Prof. Roy Buchanan to awaken us at 5 but he explained that there would be more comment if he didn't than if he did, so he didn't.

Sunday found the energetic hikers setting out for Stratton Mountain and Stratton Pond. Churchill Scott, alone, upheld our record as hikers.

Those of us attending Mass at

Our Lady of the Mission in Wardsboro were present at the blessing of the first permanent Catholic chapel in that town. The interesting history of the 125 year old remodeled building which has served as a private home, Post Office, General Store, and a Fraternal Order clubhouse, was related by the missionary, Rev. George Demery, of the Fathers of St. Edmund from Putney.

An afternoon leisurely spent ended our small but none-the-less interesting and pleasant 1952 Intersectional.

OUR GOOD FRIEND CHARLIE SMITH

We received an interesting letter from our trail clearing friend, Charlie Smith. He has spent the past summer with the Forest Service at Winter Park, Colorado.

His letter states in part--
"We are almost through clearing trail here. I have learned a few things about trail work this summer and so has the ranger. He bought me a 36" pulp saw by mistake after I asked for a 42". The 36" wasn't big enough for some logs. Then he got a 3' one-man saw. That got dull, lost its set, and was hard to use. He'll get a 42" pulp saw next year!"

"I have used a machete a lot and found it best for large brush and can cut young trees several inches in diameter. I prefer it to the hatchet after trying both."

"We tried a trench shovel for improving the trail, digging water bars etc. It is way ahead of the common shovel."

"In spite of the wrong saws and my helper being slow and rather prone to fowl things up, we spent only a little over one half the money allotted. So it appears we are doing all right."

Charlie gave us some more interesting information about what he and a burro could do on Vermont's Long Trail.

KILLINGTON FROM THE WEST

by
Bill Allard

At nine o'clock Sunday morning, Sept. 7th, a small, hardy group of pioneers left Meldon for an attempt at the only trail up Killington from the west, the Juggernaut. None of us had been all the way up it before and some of us didn't expect to make it this time. We had heard that it was six miles of wet and rough brook bed; but we were in for a surprise.

We started up the road, newly opened for logging which was good walking. At the lumber camp the road branched. With unerring woods instinct, the result of many years of experience, we chose the wrong one. It soon petered out but we picked up the right one by cutting through the woods. After this the trail held a steady grade; the walking was quite good. The nicest part is where the trail goes around the north side of the mountain to Cooper Lodge. All the climbing is done by then and there is a nice view of Pico and the mountains to the west. The trail is in good condition on the lower end, but needs marking, and there are several blowdowns on the upper end.

We found the Lodge in good condition and we met a party from Woodstock who had come up the same way. We tried to talk them into getting someone to help them clear the trail; I hope something comes of it. This trail is as easy a one as there is up Killington, and only four and a half miles.

When we got to the top we were really glad we had come. It was one of those rare days when you can see a long way in any direction. After some argument we decided we could see Mt. Washington. We left in time to get out before dark. The only regret was that more hadn't been able to come.

PRE-VIEW OF PICO SHELTER

Three Killington Section members (Pearl Nichols, Eleanor Walker and Vera Perkins), couldn't wait for the scheduled hike to Pico on Nov. 2nd so took advantage of the Thursday P.M. closing during Fair week to visit Pico Shelter and Pico Peak. The shelter looked very usable after its summer face-lifting by the Long Trail Patrol and would be a welcome sight to anyone caught in a storm on the long trek from Killington.

The trail from the shelter to the peak would be much improved by some trimming out but was passable. The day was clear and there was a good view from the tower.

We recommend a hike up Pico and back before dining out. We had dinner at the Lodge and felt we'd never had a better one. (We don't know yet why Eleanor wore ear-rings on this trip.)

ALONG THE SEPTEMBER TRAIL

If you like to study wild flowers along the trail right now is a good time to do some leisurely hiking. You will find that many of the familiar spring flowers have taken on new forms. A large, single, bright red bead has replaced the blossom of the well-known Trillium. Low growing red berries appear among the moss and fern where we saw the neat, starry blossoms of the Bunchberry earlier in the season. The blue berry of the Clintonia near-by makes a nice contrast. Jack-in-the-pulpit has become a stiff, prim cluster of red berries. The Hobble-bush now flaunts bunches of orange-red berries.

You may find too the ghostly Indian Pipe and such late blooming flowers as the Touch-me-not, wild Aster, Turtle-head, and if you are very lucky, perhaps the Bottled Gentian.

Each month offers its own attractions along the trail and September is no exception.



Vol. 5 No. 10

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Oct. 1952

HOUSE WARMING AT CLARENDON SHELTER - SAT. OCT. 25th

For some time we have talked about having a "house-warming" at our new Clarendon Shelter. This is it. The G.M.C. Trustees are meeting in Rutland on this date and we are inviting them to join us for this event.

The general plan at present is to have a spaghetti supper and "divvy" up the cost among those attending - the Trustees to be guests of the Killington Section. If you prefer to bring your own supper you may do so. If you plan to eat from the "big kettle" you must make reservations with Maxine Newhall (Tel. 2716-W) by Wednesday, Oct. 22nd - and don't forget to bring your cup, plate, etc. Supper at 6:30 P.M.

For the Trustees - we are reminding you to bring along hiking shoes for the trip in from the highway - we will provide transportation to the trail and the necessary eating utensils. We need to know how many of you will be coming so after the Trustees assemble will someone take a count of those who plan to sup with us and telephone the number to Maxine Newhall by noon.

This Clarendon Shelter is really worth seeing not to mention the fun of getting together - so - come one - come all - but let us know how many!

RUMMAGE SALE - SAT.-NOV.1st

The Rummage Sale will be held in the Neighborhood Rooms and we will be there Fri.-Oct. 31st to receive material and prepare for the sale.

The following people have volunteered to act on the committee: Mary Jennings, "T" Valiquette, Betty Ball, Maxine Newhall, Craigie and Mary Perkins, and Vera Perkins. Anyone else who would be willing to assist at the sale will be most welcome - just contact one of the above.

Of course we are counting on all of you to help by getting material to us. Please get it to us Fri.-Oct. 31st between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. at the Neighborhood Rooms. If you have material but it is impossible for you to get it to us call Craigie Perkins - Tel. 907-M - before Fri.-Oct. 31st.

HELLEBORE HOLLOW TRAIL

On Oct. 5th, Emile Boscelli, Ray Catozzi, Craigie Perkins, Carl and Maxine Newhall, scouted out the old Hellebore Hollow Trail on Blue Ridge Mt. This trail leaves the Elbow Road just opposite the start of the Blue Trail to Tucker Lodge. Blazes were painted but little clearing done. There were several bad blowdowns near the spruce swamp that will require a lot of work.

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sun; Oct. 19 - 8:30 A.M.
Place - Brandon Gap to Carmel Camp.

This will be the last of our fall series of progressive hikes covering a definite section of The Long Trail. Those who have taken the first two will surely want to complete the series and others will find this an interesting hike and a good opportunity to cover this 6.6 mi. of The Long Trail. (Total hiking distance will be about 8.6 mi. as we have to hike out from Carmel Camp to New Boston).

The attendance on these hikes has been especially good - as we have noted before the stiffer hikes seem to bring out the crowd! Note the starting time is 8:30 A.M. Please be prompt.

Time - Sunday, Oct. 26th
Place - Bradder's Camp at McLaughlin Falls.

This one is an "extra Dividend" put in between the customary two-week intervals. We planned it this way for two reasons. First, we wanted to see McLaughlin Falls without its blanket of snow this time and have a chance for some exploring in that area under Mr. Bradder's direction. Second, we thought the attendance on the three preceding hikes might have been small due to their length (a poor guess, that one) and we should put in a shorter one to even things. Anyway it's everyone's good luck to have this chance to visit the Bradder Camp at McLaughlin Falls.

Time - Sunday, Nov. 2nd.
Place - Pico

This is an old favorite which hasn't been on the schedule for some time. The total mileage on this looks short (about 5 mi.) in comparison with some of the

2 recent trips. However it's still a good stiff climb to Pico so don't stay home because you think it's too easy! On this trip we will have an opportunity to look over the repair job done on the Pico Shelter this summer.

LONG TRAIL LODGE TO NOYES POND by Janet Martin

At 9:40 A.M. on September 21st, seventeen hardy GNCers assembled at Heldon school to begin the hike of the first part of the 6th Division of The Long Trail. Transportation was consolidated into three cars and all proceeded to The Long Trail Lodge where the footwork was to begin.

It was a cloudy day but fortunately for all the rain held off until the drive home through Chittenden. The bird watchers didn't have much luck as our feathered friends were very quiet. One downy woodpecker and a few other birds were reported. We took a picture of some bottled Gentians growing aside the Trail at its junction with "Craigue's Road". The rock hounds came up with a specimen purported to be a garnet schist. Carl Newhall found a stone with strange squared cavities in it but left it under a tree while awaiting transportation, so "what" will remain a mystery. Following the discussion at Noyes Pond much research has divulged that Moosewood is Striped Maple and Striped Maple is Moosewood.

All in all it was a very educational and enjoyable hike, especially to one who has spent the summer in the loudly acclaimed "wide open spaces" of Oklahoma. Quite frankly we missed Vermont and were glad to be back hiking The Trail.

I'm sure everyone on the hike wishes to join me in thanking Pearl and Ruth for the taxi service without which such a hike would be impossible.

SOME IMPRESSIONS
OF A SUMMER ABROAD
by
Edith Ewald

It was reported there were more Americans in Europe and Scandanavia this past summer than at any time in the history of travel. It was my fourth trip to Europe, but my first visit to Scandanavia. The Olympics and a World Seminar in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation in Helsinki were the chief reasons for my going in 1952.

The people who stayed at home and read the sporting news and saw the news reels were probably quite aware of what went on at the Olympics. However, it was a thrilling experience to really be present for the opening ceremony and to see over 5000 participants from 71 different nations enter the stadium, each preceded by the National flag of the country. The entrance of Nurmi, former Olympic star from Finland, and the lighting of the Olympic torch followed by the Olympic Hymn and the release of the peace doves marked the climax.

Other exciting moments were during the games, when the United States had won an event and the victory ceremony was held. At these times, forty in all, the Stars and Stripes were hoisted and the Star Spangled Banner was played by the Olympic Band.

Finland has many places for outings as does Sweden, but not until we were in Norway did we have many outings in the country (unless I were to mention the time we hiked around the palace grounds of the summer residence of the King and Queen of Denmark). The King and Queen were in Greenland so a group of us, about 20 Danes and Americans, at midnight had permission to make ourselves at home.

At Voss, Norway, birthplace of Knute Rockne, we stayed in a Youth Hostel. The building was

one which had been built by the Germans and had been used as an Officers' Club. Four bunk cabins had been added, with electric heating and individual controls of the heat in each cabin. There was hot and cold running water and a beautiful fireplace in the lounge, so it was really hostelling deluxe. Other guests at the hostel were a bunch of English girls who were really on a hiking holiday. Incidentally this is about the only way the British can take a holiday as no one is allowed more than a few pounds to spend outside the British Isles.

From the hostel some of our party hiked to the town of Voss, a distance of two miles, but took the bus back as it was raining, so we were not really hikers. The next day we had a bus trip to Ulvik and hiked about the Hardanger Fjord. This was a beautiful trip. From time to time I had said that we have just as pretty scenery in Vermont, but when we got to Western Norway with all of the Fjords, the many waterfalls and the mountainous area, I had to say, "we haven't anything like this in Vermont."

Before we arrived at Voss we were at Flam, head of the Auland Fjord. We had come down to Flam from Myrdal which lies 2900 feet above sea level and Flam 6 feet ! The trip down, a distance of 12 miles, took 53 minutes. The gradient was 1 in 18 and there were 20 tunnels. At Flam we hiked along the Fjord where beautiful big raspberries were in season and many flowers common in Vermont, were in blossom.

When we were in Bergen we took the funicular railway to the top of Floyen mountain which is 1050 feet above sea level. Here we had lunch, explored the top of the mountain, enjoyed the view of Bergen and the surrounding country, after which we hiked down the mountain. There were seven other mountains surrounding Bergen, but time did not permit a trip on all of them.

4
At Oslo we saw the famous raft "Kon-Tiki" on which Thor Heyerdal and five companions drifted across the Pacific. Nearby was housed the Polar expedition ship "Fram" which was used by Nansen and Amundson on their polar trips. We saw the early Viking ships which are in a separate museum. We went up the Holmenkollen hill, scene of the Olympic ski jumping. The place we had lunch was built into the actual lip of the ski-jump, so the jumper had to pass over the restaurant in his flight through the air. The ski museum, in the same building as the restaurant, housed many weird and wonderful skis.

It is easy to see the Norwegians have a great love of the out doors, as do most of the people in the Northern countries. My one regret after being gone over two months and after visiting nine different countries was that there was too little time for out door living. Vermont offers many similar opportunities so we should enjoy what we have all around us.

NOYES POND TO CARMEL

The second of our fall series of hikes connecting points on The Long Trail proved to be as successful as our first one. After the car problem was taken care of, (we are getting expert at this) we started for Noyes Pond from the Chittenden side; destination, New Boston.

We were off, fifteen of us, on a day that looked like rain and with a promise of about eleven miles of hiking. (We have decided that all it takes to get the Killington Section out is to offer them a good tough schedule.)

North Pond was a little off our route but many of us had never seen it so we decided to eat there.

Five members of the party, the fast hikers, those on the younger side, never found the

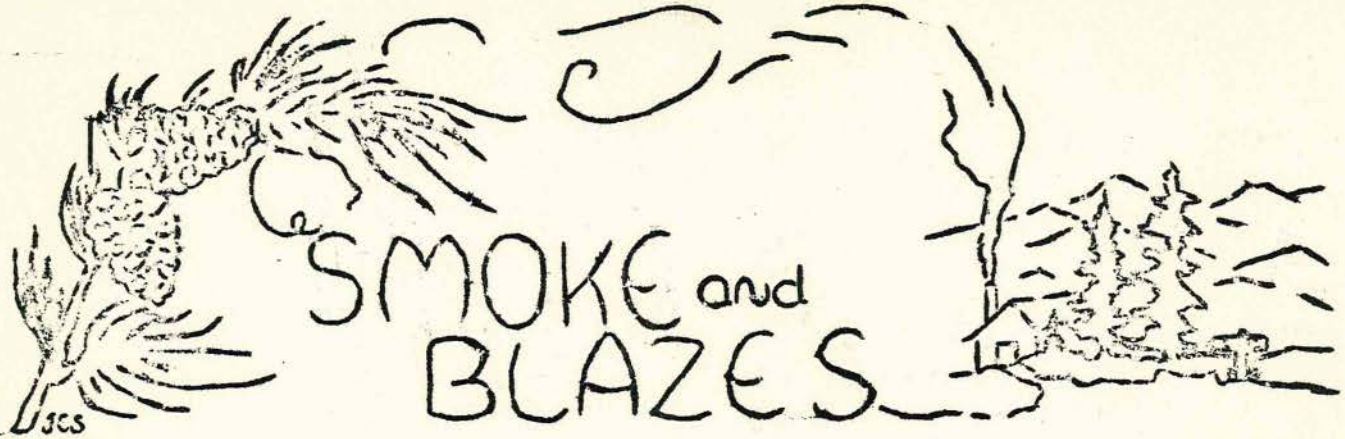
pond. They dashed on, mile after mile until they reached Carmel Camp where they ate their lunch and then climbed Carmel. When they returned to camp there still was no sign of the rest of the group. Diane Conlon and Ruth LaBrake had hiked up to the camp from New Boston with an offer of transportation to any of the hikers who wanted it. Now there were seven waiting for the strollers.

To flashback to our party at North Pond --:

We had two gasoline stoves and a good wood fire going. There was a race on to see which fire would produce boiling water first for the Nescafe. (Yes, no coffee this time - but that is a matter of opinion.)

After eating our lunch and viewing the pond we headed back to the trail. No one was in any great hurry so we just moseyed along. It had been cloudy all day but the air and conversation had been brisk and everyone was happy. The impending darkness did not worry us until about 4:30 P.M. when we estimated we had about three more miles to go. A porky had been battled with and his ears and some of his quills claimed.

Darkness comes fast in the woods especially on a cloudy day. We were walking down the last two miles to the road over a brook bed where the white stones served as guides as to where we might get a footing. Five of us were going a little more cautiously than the front five. (We learned later that they had a flashlight.) Soon the first five were out of hearing distance and the remaining five were 'lost in the wilderness' not actually, but were willing to be considered 'lost'. It has often been said that Craigie carries an unnecessary load in his pack. No one will ever again ask, "Why do you carry all that stuff?" He had a small bottle of kerosene to which he added a strip of handkerchief for a wick. Soon we had a light and away we went !



Vol 5 No. 11

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Nov. 1952

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sunday, Nov. 16th
Place - Blue Ridge

This hike offers all kinds of possibilities for adapting to the prevailing weather conditions and the wishes of the hikers.

We will leave from Meldon School at 9:30 A.M. and drive to the Craigie Perkins' Camp in Mendon. According to present plans we will start our hike from there, leave our packs at the Cascades on the way up, go on to the top, enjoy the view and return to the Cascades for dinner. After dinner we will return to camp and thence home - eventually. If the weather proves unpleasant for dining out we can return to camp for a late dinner.

Those who do not care to climb Blue Ridge may go to the camp at whatever time they wish, explore any of the various trails around there, and join the rest of the party on its return from the mountain.

This should make a good day's outing however you do it.

Time - Saturday, Dec. 6th
Place - Beechwood - Covered
Dish Supper

Just as regularly each year as Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, comes our Covered Dish Supper. The date for it is fast approaching. We shall follow the usual plan again this year: visitors welcome anytime

after 2 P.M.; supper served starting at 6 P.M.; each person or family group attending brings something toward the feast; every one brings his own plate, cup, knife, fork, and spoon. You will get your assignment as to what to bring when you make your reservation with Vera Perkins. (tel. 1910) Please make this reservation by Friday night, Dec. 5th if possible.

We plan to have a projector and screen available and would like anyone who has pictures of GMC interest to bring them along for an informal showing. Janice Catozzi will have our albums there and this would be a good time to get any pictures you have for our permanent collection to her.

From past experience we strongly advise coming in time to take a hike before supper - you'll wish you had when you see what's before you at six o'clock. At a covered dish supper you sample everything you know!

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$95.86

Thanks to the cooperation of Killington Section members and friends we had a substantial sum to add to our treasury after the Rummage Sale.

Thanks go out to all who helped in any way to make this a success.

With deep sorrow we report the death of Matilda Goulding, a Life Member of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club.

CLARENDON HOUSE WARMING

Warming, did you say? If any house was ever heated then the new Clarendon Lodge was really heated on October 25th. Fifty members and friends of the Killington Section attended the spaghetti dinner held in celebration of the building of the Lodge at the site of the old Clarendon Shelter. Nobody expected any such turnout for the affair but there was plenty of food for all and lots of help in serving it. There was no committee. Everybody just lent a hand.

During the day an advance party consisting of Carl and Maxine Newhall, Craigie Perkins and Miriam and Bennett Bell put in and creosoted the last of the trim, and washed the windows. Logs were placed around the outdoor fires for seats.

At 3:30 the fires were started and water for the spaghetti put on to boil. About dark Janice, Ray, and Fernand Catozzi with many quarts of home-made sauce arrived on the scene. This smelled so good that all hands on deck decided to eat right away.

Soon the crowd started to come by ones, threes, and sixes. Gasoline lanterns gave brilliant light both inside the Lodge and out front near the fires. There was much excitement and rushing around with cries of "She's boiling" and "Gang way! Hot stuff comin' through." The front windows of the Lodge were opened and the food was dished inside and passed out to the famished multitude. Spaghetti and sauce, cabbage salad, bread and butter, doughnuts and coffee. Yes, there were even seconds.

We didn't get a complete list of those who served the food but Pearle Nichols, Marjory Allard, Vera Perkins, Jean Whitcomb, Maxine Newhall, and Janice Catozzi were seen inside the Lodge, from which were

2
excluded all but workers (and talkers).

After all had been stuffed to capacity there was a good old jabberfest around the fires. Jim Green and Bill Mitchell, GMC Trustees from Worcester, were welcomed to the festivities, and it was regretted that more of the Trustees could not attend. Also we missed Mr. Otis Kelly owner of the land on which the Lodge stands, who was unable to be present.

No speeches were made but everyone understood and appreciated that the Lodge was made possible by the donation of \$250 by Mr. W.O. Wiley of New York, and by the almost 400 hours of labor contributed by Carl and Maxine Newhall. Hikers on The Long Trail for the next generation or so will be indebted to them for their splendid generosity.

MCLAUGHLIN FALLS

In spite of the big Clarendon Lodge celebration the previous evening, 10 members were on hand Sunday A.M., October 26th for the trip to McLaughlin Falls.

We were disappointed that Mr. Bradder was unable to spend the day with us due to the fire hazzard condition in the forests. However he accompanied us to camp, gave us information on trails, and left us on our own to enjoy the camp and surroundings. We visited the falls, discussed the rock formations, tried for some pictures, and some of us even took a pleasant, short hike.

When we assembled at camp for a leisurely dinner we were glad to welcome 'The Bells'. Later on Bill, 'Rilla, Judy, and Mary Elizabeth Allard paid us a visit.

The after dinner visiting just seemed to prolong itself and almost before we knew it the sun was going down ending a thoroughly enjoyable day, and another hike - or should we say outing - was over.

PICO HIKE
by
Barbie Allard

On a lovely fall day a group of 12 GMC hikers started out for Pico Peak.

The trail was good but a little damp. Some beechnuts were found by the trail. Many chipmunks were out gathering food for winter. In some spots there was snow. At the shelter we ate lunch before going to the top. On the top in some places the snow was eight inches deep. The wind was quite strong on top especially in the tower. It was very hazy. While we were standing near the State Police office, we heard a call come in. Some of the hikers called home by the telephone on top.

Going down we met Charlotte Rutkowski and further along 'The Bells'. After we reached the bottom some of the hikers climbed Deer Leap. We arrived home safely before dark after a day of fun. (Just for the record we'd like to add that Charlotte was wearing shorts - the date was Nov. 2nd! Ed.)

ABOUT FOLKS WE'D LIKE TO KNOW

Each month as we sort the SMOKE AND BLAZES for mailing we have been impressed with the number which go in the out-of-town pile. This led us to the thought that since we have little chance to get acquainted with many of these out-of-town members it would be fun to have a sort of "get acquainted" column in SMOKE AND BLAZES. Accordingly we picked a name at random and wrote to Miss Helen Frink of Randolph asking her to tell us something about herself for the first such column. Here is her reply:-

" To answer a few of the questions in your letter can say that I joined GMC the year pictures of the new Cooper Lodge on Killington Peak were sent out. I have hiked a portion of the trail and believe it is very worthwhile to maintain it in good condition, and wish to do a bit to help. Although I do not seem to be able to hike with you, I thoroughly enjoy reading the accounts of your trips in SMOKE AND BLAZES.

Several years ago I covered the Trail from Killington to Middlebury Gap in three different trips and also camped overnight on Camel's Hump, Mt. Mansfield and Jay Peak. Lately my trips have been confined to the vicinity of Randolph as it hasn't been convenient to go farther away.

During the week I can be found in the office of The Sargent - Roundy Corp., manufacturers of farm implements, but on Saturday afternoon my choice is a walk in the fields and woods. The data found on my driver's license is Age 41, brown hair and eyes, 5' 5", 122 lbs.

If you are looking for new country to explore, I'd suggest Mt. Chushman which can be easily approached from the village of Rochester. The view from the fire tower on the top of this mountain is marvelous on a clear day.

I'll be interested to read replies from other out-of-town members and think it would be only fair for you to publish information about the Rutland members for the benefit of the out-of-towners."

We appreciate Helen Frink's interesting letter and hope to have more such letters from members in SMOKE AND BLAZES from time to time.

BRANDON GAP TO CARMEL

4

The day set for the Brandon Gap to Carmel trip dawned chill and grey but the advance task force, undaunted, left Rutland at 7:45 A.M. on Sunday, Oct. 19th to "plant" cars at "New Boston" ready to transport hikers home at the end of the day. Helen Bailey, Vera and Craigie Perkins drove their cars up and Pearle Nichols gave up her Sunday morning nap to accompany them and bring them back to join the rest of the crowd at Melton School at 8:30 A.M.

Fifteen hikers were loaded into three cars and we were off. At Brandon Gap we left the cars and started our day's work. We had gone only a short distance on the Trail when the clouds fulfilled their promise and we were soon enjoying the first snowstorm of the season.

Because of the storm and the fact that we seemed to be making good time we decided to go through to Carmel Camp before having lunch. The Trail was in good condition and easy - especially for the first couple of hours. As snow collected on the fallen leaves it became slippery and at the same time rougher - so as time and we 'marched on' the way became longer - the snow wetter - and we ourselves colder and hungrier. Just when we, at the end of the line, were beginning to doubt the wisdom of waiting for lunch until we reached Carmel, we were suddenly there. The warm shelter and blazing fire in the outdoor fireplace repaid us for the wait.

After lunch and a comfortable rest the trail out to "New Boston" seemed surprisingly shorter and less rough than when we travelled it in semi-darkness two weeks earlier.

We like these series hikes and hope for another set next year.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Bradder is in the hospital and wish him a speedy recovery.

WHITE ROCKS MOUNTAIN

by
Jack Martin

Many of you have probably been to the White Rocks picnic area and vicinity at one time or another. How many of you have made the pleasant and rewarding hike to the cliffs on White Rocks Mountain? Jack and Janet Martin chose to try the Long Trail approach to that spot, against an attempt at the trail-less(?) Shrewsbury Peak, on Saturday, September 27th.

We followed the back or hill road to East Wallingford, from where the picnic area road branches off to the south, for about 2½ miles until we came upon the USFS Long Trail signpost. There we followed the sharp right turn for ¼ mile coming to the bar-way of a farmer's yard where we parked the car.

Seeing a bull of unknown disposition in the pasture we bush-whacked around to the west until we had put a fence between his location and ours and then began the ascent of the mountain. We emerged on the Long Trail at the side trail to the USFS Greenwall shelter. Following the Long Trail south we passed the Keewadin trail and went on up into a picturesque section of pine and fir. Reaching a sign bearing the legend "Lookout" we followed the short, scrambly side trail out onto the sharp and steeply cliffed portion of White Rocks Mt., that is visible from the picnic area. From this vantage point we commanded a view of the whole horizon from Dorset Peak on the south, past Bird, Whiteface, and Pico, to include some unidentified peaks south of Shrewsbury Peak.

Returning, we followed the Long Trail passing through a fine flock of fringed gentians where the trail breaks out into the pasture at the old Bulley Farm. The trail then descended through pasture and out past our parking spot.



Vol 5 No. 12

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Dec. 1952

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sunday, Jan. 4, 1953

Place- Spring Lake Camp

Those who went on the Spring Lake trip last January must be hoping for the same kind of fine winter day that we had on that occasion. Remember the snow covered woods, the frosty trees around the Lake, and the lively game of fox and geese on the way out ?

Spring Lake Camp is a comfortable place for a winter outing and for the many who assisted in its building there is a special satisfaction in going there. Possibly there are some disadvantages in completing these camp projects - we used to visit Spring Lake much more frequently when the work was in progress it seems. Anyway there couldn't be a better way to spend a winter day. Let's find out just how many the camp will hold on January 4th !

REMINDER: Janice Catozzi, chairman of Photography, would like you to be looking over your snapshots and slides taken this past year so that you can select and enter your best ones in the annual contest. Details will be printed in the Jan. issue of S&B.

Be thinking about whether or not you would like to have a Card Party next year. This will be discussed at the annual meeting.

The time and place of the Annual Meeting will be announced in the Jan. issue of S&B.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all Killington Section members and friends.

SUCCESSFUL SUPPER PARTY

The Beechwood Covered Dish Supper lived up to its reputation of being a huge success again. The usual mixed crowd of men, women and children, (40 total) the good eats, and the entertainment all added up to another enjoyable Killington Section Outing.

Vera Perkins as hostess, was at camp early in the afternoon to welcome everyone. The house was warm and cozy and so inviting that only a few people went for walks in the woods.

Knitting, reading, and talking occupied us until about six P.M. Then we began to long for that "covered dish supper". It didn't take long for the table to be spread and then a line formed in the dining room. Um ! Um ! Everything tasted so good ! We know we have said that before, but it really deserves repeating.

After the scramble of cleaning up the kitchen and putting away dishes, we were ready for the evening's entertainment.

Ray Catozzi showed movies of two cartoons and one reel of Ico Follies. These were enjoyed especially by the youngsters. The oldsters also got some chuckles. Emil Bocelli showed some very good slides of the Mt. Mansfield area. Janet Martin had some interesting shots of New Hampshire and Vermont that were enjoyed.

BLUE RIDGE
by
Edith V. Ewald

What happened to members of The Green Mountain Club on the Blue Ridge Hike, Sunday, Nov. 16? The Perkins' camp gave us a friendly welcome as Craigue had spent the night and had everything in fine order. We left camp about 10:30, and for the five of us, (Barbara Allard, Janet Martin, Vera and Craigue Perkins, and Edith Ewald) who made it to the top the trip was worthwhile. Deer tracks, the Cascades and other animal tracks along the way added to our enjoyment. We found some snow but the going was not bad. The view from the top was well worthwhile and very unusual because of cloud formations. At intervals we were enveloped in a light cloud which soon passed, then bright sun again. If you would like to understand how the Pico Ski Trails are laid out there is no better place to observe than Blue Ridge.

It was nice to return to camp and find hot coffee awaiting us, as we had not carried lunch with us. Mary Perkins had kept the home fires burning. Pearl Nichols and The Bennett Bells and their three children had joined her after church so in all we were a party of twelve who left for home about 4 P.M. It was a nice day, an excellent hike and we are eternally grateful to the Perkins for their hospitality.

WELL DONE, BILL ALLARD

Bill Allard will begin his studies in the Medical College at U.V.M. next fall having been accepted for admission at the end of his third year at the University. Congratulations, Bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bradder are vacationing in Florida.

2. ABOUT FOLKS WE'D LIKE TO KNOW

We wrote Clara Ekwall of East Arlington asking her to tell us something about herself for the column this month. Incidentally, we learned that Clara is 'Mrs.' and here we've been addressing her as 'Miss' for some time! Clara wrote:

'I joined GMC in the spring of 1949 while I was a Junior at Castleton Teachers College. Since then I have hiked with you only twice - to Little Rock Pond both times.

I have always loved the out-of-doors, therefore, I think it is wonderful that there is a group of people that work together to keep up a trail and lodgings for the use of all nature-lovers.

During the summer of 1950 I hiked with another of your members, Edith Ewald, and Carolyn McClosky another student at Castleton. We travelled from Manchester to Stratton Pond and then to East Arlington. We took that distance in three days. This was a slow speed but it enabled us to really enjoy our surroundings. The Swamp Pinks were in full bloom, nearly encircling Stratton Pond, so you can imagine how very beautiful and untamed this spot seemed to us!

I am now a housewife living three miles from the center of Arlington at the foot of Red Mountain (belonging to the Taconic Range). My husband and I have found that on this mountain there are also many fine places to hike.

I agree with Miss Helen Frink. I think the out-of-town members would enjoy hearing from the Rutland members.' (Looks like maybe we started something with this idea! Thank you for your interesting letter Clara Ekwall.- Ed.)

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Jack Martin sends best wishes for Christmas to the Killington Section from Gmund, Germany where he is serving with the 108th Field Artillery of the 28th Div. He reports the town lies between low mountains "(hills)" on a river. It is an old walled city of which two of the watch towers and some of the walls still show. Recently he went to Munich for a week's lectures for new officers in Europe and reported icy roads much like home. While in Munich they visited several historic spots such as the ancient home of the Bavarian kings. The men of the 108th are celebrating Christmas by giving a party for a German orphanage.

Joe Valiquette has enlisted in the Navy and is now training at Bainbridge, Maryland.

ANOTHER CAMPING TRIP

During the week of Oct. 1st, Mary Jennings, "T" Valiquette and Mary and Vera Perkins enjoyed a fall camping trip for the 4th consecutive year. Having visited most of the Vermont State Parks which offer camping facilities, we decided to venture into New Hampshire and selected White Lake Park as our destination.

This park proved to have a fine camping area in a lovely pine grove. The Lake was nowhere in sight but exploration the next day discovered it just over the hill. It is an interesting small lake with an excellent beach and Mt. Chocoura showing in the background on the far side.

The trip had been extended this year to give us two full days in camp. At first the time was passed in the usual camping activities; short hikes, boating, eating and its attendant house-

keeping - and of course the evening Canasta games. Late afternoon of the second day brought an innovation - RAIN. We had often wondered how we'd manage in case of rain - we found out!

Mary J. and "T" won laurels by achieving a ham and baked potato supper over an open fire in spite of rain. This was accomplished by dashing back and forth from the tent to the fire at strategic intervals. Fortunately we had the Perkins' umbrella tent this year so had a dry place to eat and spend the evening.

The Canasta game continued through the thunderstorm and down-pour while outside in our fireplace the fire blazed merrily. (The Park supervisors had generously brought us a truckload each of slabs and excellent larger wood.)

About midnight the rain stopped and the moon came out. We stirred up the fire, had our 'nightcap' of Nestles and went to bed thinking the rain was over. Not so, we heard it on the tents again before we went to sleep and it was still raining when we awoke in the morning.

There was just too much water everywhere to even try to make breakfast so we drove to the nearest little town for our morning coffee. We then had the task of breaking camp in the rain. This was a messy job but had the advantage of novelty and wasn't really as bad as we had expected. We changed into dry clothing in the washroom before driving home and suffered no ill effects from our 'dampening off'.

We all had a grand time and proved to our satisfaction that given the right company, equipment, and point of view, camping is fun - rain or shine.

(This report comes to you late as this is the first issue we have had room for it.--Ed.)

G.M.C. COOPERATION COMMITTEE
AT WORK

Although vandalism is less frequent than it used to be, there is still far too much misuse of the Club's Trails and Camps. A small amount of the trouble is caused by downright viciousness that should lead to punishment of the offenders. Most of our difficulties are caused either by carelessness or ignorance of Trail etiquette or Camp customs. Such things can be corrected.

Last January the Killington Section got beyond the talking stage and passed a resolution calling on the Club to take some action leading to closer contacts with the summer camps and other groups who are using our facilities more and more each year. The matter was discussed at the Annual Meeting but no effective action was taken until the Trustees met in October. Fred Field and Craigie Perkins were authorized to offer cooperation with other Clubs with interests similar to those of The Green Mountain Club.

The first groups to be contacted by the Committee will be the Outing Clubs of Vermont Colleges, Normal Schools, and Junior Colleges. The next step will be to get in touch with the Summer Camps, and later perhaps with the High School Outing Clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts, Fish and Game Clubs, and Nature Clubs.

It is planned to explain to these groups the organization and program of The Green Mountain Club and to suggest the interchange of publications. The use of the Slide Collection will be offered, and where practicable a visit to the group may be made to give a talk with the slides or to discuss Trail equipment, and clothing, Trail cooking, etc.

In this way it is hoped that these people may be made to realize the expense and labor

4
necessary to build and maintain our Trails and Camps, and so be more disposed to use them properly.

Another possible result of these activities may be a greater interest in local trails and mountains. It would be a fine thing if old trails could be reopened on the Worcester Range, the Northfield Mountains, Dorset Peak and dozens of others. Just recently the Castleton Historical Society has cleared the old trail up Bird Mountain in Ira. A little encouragement and help from The Green Mountain Club might lead to considerable development along this line.

SPRING LAKE CAMP REPAIRS

Emil Bocelli, Carl Newhall, and Craigie Perkins visited Spring Lake Camp on Saturday, November 29th to get it in shape for winter. A young man from Wallingford was staying there for the week-end so he pitched in and helped.

The first job was setting six lights of glass. It was too cold to work on them in place so the sash were brought in by that good old stove.

Then the doors had to be closed for winter. All the necessary special boards etc. were found and nailed in place so that the Summer Open Shelter became a Winter Closed Camp. One door was left so that it can be opened for winter use. A good sweep-up and the Camp looked like new.

Miss Anna Berg visited us briefly around noon on a trip over the Trail to the Gorge.

As this is being written, it looks as if snow shoes, skis, and a White Christmas may be on the program for December 25, 1952.



Vol. 6 No. 1

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Jan. 1953

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Killington Section G.M.C. will be held on Saturday, January 24th, at 7:30 P.M., at the Green Mt. Awning Co., headquarters, 93 Killington Ave.

The entertainment program promises to be especially enjoyable. Carl Newhall Sr., will be with us and will show slides taken on his recent trip across the country. We had an excellent sample of Mr. Newhall's photography at last year's meeting and can promise that this program will be a treat.

There will be the usual business meeting at which time we will have reports on the Section's activities during the past year and the election of officers for the coming year. A nominating committee consisting of Fred Field, Ch., Craigie Perkins and Harold Valiquette has been appointed. This meeting is also the time for suggestions and discussion of plans for the coming year. It is a much used saying that nothing can stand still - we either go forward or slip back. We have no intention of letting Killington Section 'slip back' so be thinking of what we should be planning and doing to make sure we progress forward.

The innovation last year of serving coffee and doughnuts proved so popular that it will be repeated this year. A committee

will be appointed to arrange for this. (Bring your own cup, please)

This meeting is an important Club activity in which everyone can participate. Show your interest in G.M.C. and the Killington Section by joining us there.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Photography Contest will be held at the Annual Meeting as usual.

This year, Janice Catozzi, chairman, has requested that all members who wish to participate will please get slides or snapshots to her a few days before the meeting. Please take note of this change in procedure.

Janice has drawn up the following regulations which will guide you in selecting the pictures to submit.

1. Only pictures taken in 1952 are eligible.
2. Pictures must have been taken on The Long Trail or on a Killington Section hike.
3. Pictures will be judged on photographic merit.

Look over your slides and snapshots and select some to enter in the Contest. The more pictures entered the more interesting it will be.

Janice would also like prints of pictures taken on Outings for the Section's album.

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sunday, January 18th

Place - Clarendon Lodge

This is our first regular scheduled outing at our new deluxe, Clarendon Lodge. If you didn't get to the 'house-warming' which we had there in the fall, curiosity should urge you to get to see this much talked of place. Those who have already seen it will surely be anxious to go back and enjoy a winter day there--so--it seems as if there should be a record attendance on this one.

As most of you know it is a short and easy trip into Clarendon Lodge, either by way of the old road or via The Long Trail from highway Route 103. Once there the surroundings are perfect if you want a lazy, relaxing day, or there is ample opportunity for further snow-shoeing and skiing if you are in an ambitious mood. The trip is short enough so that those who do not wish to start until noon or after may still arrive in time to enjoy the outing with the group. All in all it seems to be a perfect set-up for an outing which will appeal to everyone.

Time - Saturday, January 31st
Supper and evening hike out.

Place - Tucker Lodge

This one was scheduled with due regard for the phases of the moon and if we make the proper arrangements with Mr. Kirk for fine weather we should be able to enjoy a moonlight hike out.

We can remember several cozy, winter evenings at Tucker after a steak supper and there's nothing better. (We don't insist on the steak, hamburger or hot dogs will do just as well.) Warmth, food, snow, moonlight, and congenial company - what more could you ask for? Don't miss it.

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sunday February 15th

Place - ? ? ? ?

We can't give you details now on this as it will be the first on the new schedule, but save the date.

The Outing Chairman for this year will be appointed after the Annual Meeting and the new schedules will be made up in time to go out with your February SMOKE AND BLAZES.

Now is the time to get in your suggestions for Outings you'd like to have included. Give your Suggestions to the present Outing Chairman and she will pass them on.

LOOKING BACK OVER THE YEARS

It is a rainy Sunday afternoon and the soft, fluffy snow of last week is turning into a dreary looking black slush on our streets.

It is a good afternoon to stay inside and look back over the years to pleasant GMC hikes. So with this in mind we turn the pages of the old Outing Hike books and they bring back memories of places and people. The places are still with us. We visit them quite frequently. The people - some of them have been missing for a long time. Of course some of the youngsters of yester-year have moved away, married and have children. Others are away at various colleges. We miss them and hope some day they may come back and enjoy The Green Mountains again.

Then there are the old timers, not in years, but in loyalty and regard for GMC, who have been absent for some time. We wonder, have they been so burdened with the cares of this tired world that they haven't time to relax? If so, let us suggest there is no better tonic for frayed nerves and tired bodies than a trip to the top of a lofty peak or a tramp through the woods on The Trail.

SPRING LAKE IN WINTER

After the excitement of the Christmas holidays, the culmination of the wedding plans into reality, the end of the family parties, and finally when all "good byes" were said, we took to the woods.

It was a clear, crisp, sunny day with the air invigorating enough to be breathed in deep, and relished like nourishing food. The birches and the evergreens dressed in snow trimmed gowns stood tall and stately on a pure white carpet against a curtain of deep blue. This was the scene we looked on as we hiked up the road to the Spring Lake Camp.

When we left the road and turned into the field that leads to the old wood road, we put on our snow shoes. Carl, Maxine, and Emil were in the lead with Carl breaking trail for a while and then Maxine taking a turn. This little exertion should have been appreciated by the rest of the party and no doubt was.

Not a sound but our own voices, not a track but our own, to break the spell of quiet and aloneness ! Then at the last turn in the trail just before we came to the Camp a view of snow covered fields and villages that reaches to the Tachonics unfolded before us and brought forth exclamations of delight.

With many folks to help it wasn't long before a fire burned hotter than hot in the "Valiquette Special" and lunches were taken from packs and heated, fried, and boiled.

With twenty hungry hikers eating and talking there was little left of the quietness of the woods, but it was good to have the companionship of our hiking friends and to enjoy with them the give and take of conversation. We talked of coming Club events, the best equipment

3

and food to carry on the trail etc. It is at times like this when ideas are formed and sometimes worked into projects. We all agreed (of course we are somewhat prejudiced) that the Spring Lake Camp site is one of the most beautiful on The Trail and that Spring Lake Camp is rather special. Then the idea came forth - "How to make it better." It was suggested that perhaps we could at some future date line the inside walls with wall board. Well, there's the idea, anyway.

It was dark when we reached the cars. As we drove home we had that comfortable feeling that comes after a day in the woods.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

We were sorry to hear that Joe Valiquette has been ill with scarlet fever at his base in Bainbridge, Maryland. Joe was one of ten men picked from his company to be in the inaugural parade. We hope he recovers in time to make it.

Betty Ball spent the Christmas holidays in Florida visiting relatives.

Bob, Thelma, David, and Anne Perkins visited Vermont for the holidays. While here, Bob and Thelma got in a few hikes; one to the new Clarendon Lodge, and one to Tucker. Their trip from and back to Ypsilanti, Michigan was made by car in about seventeen hours each way.

Janet Martin expects to sail for Germany January 22nd to be with her husband Lt. John Martin who is stationed in Gmund, Germany.

Your editors expect to take a camping trip this week and hope to be snow bound in Mendon a few days.

WHAT KIND OF A TREE IS THAT?

Looking through a hand-book on Trees which we received for Christmas, we were impressed with how much we didn't know! Along with this we recalled many discussions we'd heard while on hikes which went something like this -

"Is that a spruce tree?"

"No, I think it's a balsam."

"I thought balsam needles were light underneath."

"Well, I don't know. Could it be a hemlock?" - and so on.

We put these two thoughts together and decided maybe a short article might serve to help us increase our knowledge and also inspire further study for everyone.

Trees are a big subject so we are limiting our study this time to a few of the conifers - that is trees with needle-like or scaly leaves. Winter is as good a time as any to start this study. Among the conifers in our locality are several varieties of spruce and pine, hemlock, balsam fir, and juniper.

One characteristic which is helpful in distinguishing trees is their general appearance. We can learn to recognize many from their form and habit of growth. For example, spruce grow straight and tall, tapering up to a point, and have drooping, horizontal branches. Balsam Fir is a cone-shaped tree whose branches tend to point upward rather than droop. Juniper is a short, clumpy, spreading tree.

Anyone who has climbed Killington or any other fair-sized mountain does not need to be reminded that environment often alters the form of trees so they are less easily recognized by the general appearance.

There are other more specific characteristics which are helpful in identifying trees. The leaves (needles to us) of the

conifers have their own distinguishing characteristics.

Fitch Pine has three needles in a cluster which stand out at right angles to the twig. Red Pine needles are a dark, glossy green and come in pairs, while White Pine has bluish green needles in clusters of 5. It is interesting to know that the needles stay on these trees for periods of from 2 to 5 years.

Spruce needles are in close spirals all around the twig and each needle is four sided. Balsam Fir has white lines on the under side of the needles. Hemlock has short, flat needles on small stalks in two flattened rows - they are darker above and silver lined underneath. Tamaracks shed their leaves in winter.

Cones contain the seed of this type of tree and these too differ. Fitch and White Pine cones have a prickly on them, while Red Pine cones are unarmed. Spruce cones are always hanging down. Hemlock cones are smaller. Tamarack cones grow upright. Junipers have modified cones the scales of which join to form a bluish berry which contains the seeds.

Observation of differences in the bark of these trees is another help in knowing them but it is difficult to consider these differences without a sample or at least a photograph.

Conifers have characteristic blossoms too. Have you ever noticed them?

Why not choose a tree, visit it at least once a month and get to know it thoroughly, bud, leaves, flowers, fruit, seasonal color, twigs and bark. The uses of its wood is an interesting study too.

Trees are all around us in infinite variety. They will stand still and let you look at them and it requires no expensive equipment to study them. This could well be an interesting and worthwhile hobby.



Vol. 6 No. 2

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Feb. 1953

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Killington Section, G.M.C. is about to launch upon another hiking season. During the past year I look upon the rebuilding of Clarendon Shelter as our greatest achievement which was accomplished largely through the efforts of Maxine and Carl Newhall. Clarendon Lodge can now be classed as one of the best lodges on The Long Trail.

Our schedule of hikes for the past year was most interesting - thanks to the efforts of Vera Perkins - our Outing Chairman. The schedule included hikes in other sections of the G.M.C. as well as in our own "hunting ground." They were all well attended and enjoyed.

The trail situation in our section is good - thanks to our Trails Chairman- Craigie Perkins. Of course this is a perennial problem and the condition of the trail quickly changes. The ravages of winter will again face us this spring.

Each year presents new problems, but somehow or other, they are solved through the co-operation and suggestions of the members. Most of the problems are solved by hard work alone - and as the saying goes, "Many hands make light work." I do hope that the ensuing year will prove as profitable and interesting as the past.

George Conlon, President.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of the G.M.C. was held January 24th at the workshop of the Green Mountain Awning Co. on Killington Avenue in Rutland, Vermont.

The following names for officers were submitted by Fred Field, chairman of the nominating committee: President, George Conlon; Vice President, Charlotte Rutkowski; Secretary-Treasurer, Eleanor Walker. They were unanimously elected.

The finances of the Section as reported by Eleanor Walker, Treasurer, are in very good condition.

The various committees reported an active year that showed progress in work and activities. Membership has remained about the same for the past few years. Ninety-six was the total for 1952.

A complete report from the Shelters Committee has been printed in THE LONG TRAIL NEWS - so it is not repeated here.

After the business meeting Carl Newhall Sr. showed some interesting slides of a trip he took this past summer to the West coast. The shots of Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, and the Yosemite Valley were outstanding pictures that showed great photographic skill.

Maude Canty and Ruth Postman served refreshments.

TREASURER'S REPORT January 1, 1953

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan.1,1952	\$696.35
Rec'd from dues	150.50
Interest on money in bank	6.78
Rec'd from Card Party	51.20
Rec'd from sale doughnuts at Annual Meeting	1.65
Rec'd from sale of food at Winter Week-end	4.00
Refund from Main Club for 1951 Intersec. exp.	3.12
Rec'd from Sugar Party	14.19
Rec'd from sale of Emblems and Guide Books	6.00
Rec'd from sale of Porcu- pine ears	.40
Surplus from Ea. Clarendon spaghetti supper	3.85
Rec'd from Rummage Sale	97.87
Donation from Mr. W.O. Wiley toward construc- tion of Clarendon Lodge	250.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1285.91

DISBURSEMENTS

Trails & Shelters - Exp. of committee	\$ 21.60
Cost of building Clarendon Lodge	393.44
Cost of repairing Pico Shelter	123.11
Outing Committee exp.	21.01
Prizes for Photography Contest	5.00
To Novak Printing Co. for membership cards	5.25
To Fred Field Ins. Co. for insurance on Spring Lake Camp & Clarendon Lodge	20.39
"Smoke & Blazes expenses for year 1952	39.83
Postage	2.96
Dues to Main Club - 1952	31.20
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$663.79

BALANCE

Cash on hand Jan.1,1953 \$622.12

Total cost of building Clarendon Lodge	\$393.44
Donation from Mr. Wiley	250.00
Actual cost to Club	\$143.44

COMING EVENTS

WINTER WEEK-END

Time - Sunday, February 22nd &
Monday, February 23rd

Place - Perkins' Camp, Mendon

With the holiday coming just right for it, we decided to try a Sunday-Monday combination for the annual Winter Week-end.

As in previous years, meals for this outing (Sunday dinner & supper and Monday breakfast & dinner) will be planned for by the chairman. Meals will be served family style - the work being done cooperatively by those attending. A nominal charge per meal will be made to cover the cost of food.

Craigie plans to be at camp from Saturday A.M. on, and says anyone wishing to go up Saturday is welcome. Those going Saturday should take food for their own meals until the group service begins Sunday noon.

Each one is asked to bring cup, knife, fork, and spoon. Those staying over night should be sure to bring their own sleeping bags or blankets.

In order to plan efficiently it is necessary to have a fairly accurate count as to how many are to be present for each meal. So-- PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS

BY FRIDAY NOON, FEB. 21st
with Vera Perkins (Tel. 1910)

This is one of the events we look forward to each year. The best snow of the season has been saved for this weekend (we hope) so bring your snowshoes and/or skis and come along. You'll have fun.

Time - Sunday, March 8th

Place - Clement Shelter

This is a place we haven't visited in a long time. There is a good chance for the ambitious to get in a good day's hiking from here. For those who prefer to relax this is a good spot for that activity also.

CLARENDON LODGE - JANUARY 8

by
Diana Conlon

This trip was scheduled for Sunday, but six of us decided to see how Clarendon would be for a winter overnight and hiked in Saturday - and permit me to add that an overnight would not be complete without our reconnaissance man, wood chopper and fire builder - Craigue Perkins, of course. We certainly were happy to find a nice warm camp to welcome us and soon settled down to relaxing and enjoying Clarendon Lodge.

Our trip in was made without snow-shoes, over hard, crusty, snow. During the night, however, we had a fresh snowfall which turned to rain and sleet. It was a sure test of the snugness and warmth (no leaks, no drafts) of Clarendon Lodge. We were all very enthusiastic and completely unanimous in our approval of this shelter for a winter overnight. Listening to the rain, wind, and sleet outside seemed to make us all the more cozy inside. We didn't even care if we did get marooned or snowed in.

Sunday morning the early bird's breakfasts soon aroused the sleepy ones. What can compare with the aroma of coffee, bacon and eggs on a wintry morning in camp?

After breakfast we had to abandon a hike up the mountain because, with every step, we broke through the crust of snow. Instead we turned our energy towards sculpturing a snow "lady". (the boys went to town on that project!)

The day was overcast and threatening rain so we were a little dubious as to whether anyone would hike in. But we ought to have known better than that. Soon the first group of hikers arrived led by Barbara Allard and Martha Hakin, and surprise

to all, our official final count was 17, which speaks well for Clarendon. We certainly are fortunate to have had Carl and Maxine Newhall on that project. Their finished job (construction of a new shelter) after hours of hard work (over 300 in all) is something to be more than proud of and I know we will all spend many enjoyable hours at Clarendon, thanks to the Newhalls.

See you all at Clarendon again, soon I hope.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

On the Uss America en route to join Jack in Germany, Janet Martin met up with a life member of G.M.C., - Mrs. Charles Bayley of Newbury, Vt. Mrs. Bayley is one of the people who made a gift in the early days of The Long Trail Lodge. This was for a cabin at the Lodge as a memorial to her husband. Janet wrote that about the last thing she expected on her trip was to meet a GMCer.

1953 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Barbara Allard	Roddy Knipes
Judy Allard	Veda Knipes
Wm. Allard	Ruth LaBrake
Helen Bailey	Jack Martin
Betty Ball	Janet Martin
Bennett Bell	Carl Newhall Sr.
Lucy Bishop	Carl Newhall Jr.
Emile Boselli	Maxine Newhall
Maude Canty	Pearl Nichols
Geo. Conlon	Craigue Perkins
Diana Conlon	Mary Perkins
Mrs. Davis Eaton	Vera Perkins
Katherine Eaton	Betsy Ravit
Stephen Eaton	Gary Taylor
Hilma Erickson	Francis Rice
Sally Edmunds	Joan Tomasi
Rosalie Falls	John Tomasi
Ruth Rostman	Jane Sabourin
Martha Hakin	Charles Sabourin
Walter Hakin	Harold Valiquette
Daniel Jennings	Joseph Valiquette
Mary Jennings	Thelma Valiquette
Michael Jennings	Eleanor Walker
George Kirk	Carlton Wilson

SUPPER HIKE TO TUCKER LODGE

by
Maxine Newhall

This event did nothing to dim our reputation as an eating club. Emphasis was laid on the supper, since nothing could be done to insure favorable weather and moonlight for hiking out to the road, and the annual Cleanup at Tucker was in capable hands anyway.

But we had neglected to take The Stove into our confidence. As it was, The Stove sulked. It didn't wait till Saturday, it began Friday afternoon. Craigie Perkins and Billy Allard started to reason with it soon after noon, and at intervals fed it with kindness and wood. In the alternate intervals, they fled weeping to chop more wood.

Their supper was warmed as much by their appetite as anything. By the time the Newhalls arrived, after dark, the smoke had subsided but there was still frost thick on the windows. Coersion was added to kindness, and The Stove burned a little better, but only a little.

Saturday morning was devoted to replacing broken windows, chopping wood, and cleaning up. The Lodge was quite presentable to begin with, and this annual chore was not as difficult as it has been in other years.

People arrived at intervals from three o'clock on, and small parties took exploring hikes hither and yon, as long as the light lasted. We had just settled down to the business of supper, and The Stove was snuffling and belching gloomily, when unexpected reinforcements appeared. Five skiers from various sections of New York came in with full packs, after what seemed like miles of cross-country touring. They had skied in from the Pass to spend the night ... and apparently had come

4

'round the Circle Trail from the other side of Deer Leap. They were welcomed appropriately, and given explicit directions for getting out to the road without retracing "the longest 2 3/4 miles in the world."

The younger generation is getting out in full force. Jimmy Catozzi arrived in a basket for his first hike, and refused any comment. Both Tommy and Peter Field were present, and their entire concern was that Father seemed to be quite slow about cooking hot dogs. On the whole, they seemed to be quite happy about such odd goings-on.

But the hike out, by moonlight... that is another story. Doubtless there have been darker nights. It would be hard to say, except that on that Saturday night you could see absolutely nothing. And the wind blew in hot gusts. And it rained spasmodically. A more complete reversal of our fond hopes could not have been achieved.

But dit that matter? After all, we went in for supper!

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

At a board meeting held at the home of the president, George Conlon, the following committee chairman were appointed:

WINTER WEEK-END Vera Perkins

Sugar Party Ray Catozzi

Card Party (tentative date

April 15) Jan Catozzi

Standing Committee Chairman:

Shelters Carl Newhall

Trails Craigie Perkins

Photography Janice Catozzi

Outing Vera Perkins

NOTICE

Now schedules of Outings are enclosed with this issue.

Charlotte Rutkowski is vacationing in Florida



Vol. 6 No. 3

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

March 1953

SUGAR PARTY - NEXT EVENT

The annual Sugar Party will be held Sunday evening, March 29th - yes, we mean Sunday - at the Deermont Grange Hall in Mendon, beginning at 6 P.M.

Finding a place for the Sugar Party presented quite a problem when it was learned that, due to lack of help and the resulting pressure of work, Mr. and Mrs. Smith were unable to have us come to Camp Sangamon this year. We shall miss our visit there which has always been greatly enjoyed, but Ray Catozzi, chairman for the event seems to have found a good 'next best' solution. It was necessary to change the date to Sunday to avoid conflict with other uses of the hall, but except for this change the party will go on much as usual. The customary sugar-on-snow, pickles, doughnuts, and coffee will be served at six o'clock by Ray and his assistants, and there will be an opportunity for square dancing afterward. A charge sufficient to cover expenses will be made.

If the weather is fine some of you might like to plan to do some hiking in the vicinity during the afternoon. Ray says it will be quite alright for you to bring along some lunch to supplement the sugar-on-snow if you feel you will need a more substantial supper after hiking. (We've known this to be done even when people didn't hike!)

Let's all join in for the usual Sugar Party good time.

GMC ANNUAL MEETING DATE JUNE 6th

Please note this is a week later than usual as Memorial Day comes on Saturday this year.

CARD PARTY - FRIDAY, APRIL 17th

Definite plans are underway for the Card Party to be held at the home of Vera Perkins on Friday evening, April 17th at 8 P.M.

Chairman, Janice Catozzi, held a committee meeting recently to start the ball rolling. Her committee consists of Diana Conlon, Jean Whitcomb, Marjorie Allard, "T" Valiquette, Eleanor Walker and Vera Perkins. (Don't worry fellows, you're not being overlooked - there's that little matter of trucking chairs and tables that's being saved for your attention.)

As the date draws near, one of the committee will call each of you so be thinking how many people you can corral to make up tables. You may play any game you prefer from Tiddle-winks to Contract - including Canasta, Samba, and Scrambles. The charge will be 50 cents per person and there will be prizes and refreshments.

The Card Party and Rummage Sale are our two money making activities during the year. There are many things we would like to do to improve our trails and shelters. If we all get together and support the Card Party it will add a substantial sum to our treasury. Incidentally, we guarantee you a good time.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT HIKE

by
Helen Bailey

On Sunday, March 8, nine rugged mountaineers and one dog set out via heated auto to "hike" to Governor Clement shelter in Northam. About $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the camp cars were abandoned and the party, equipped with motor robes, proceeded on foot up an excellent, if somewhat icy, logging road.

Upon arrival all hands fell to and collected a choice assortment of firewood. Many have said, in scorn of fireplaces, that they roast the front while the back congeals. This handicap has been overcome at Governor Clement by placing a Valiquette stove directly opposite the fireplace. However, no provision has so far been made for warming the left side, which was whipped by icy blasts, causing some of the members to pitch their camp out of doors on the sunny side of the shelter.

The principal topics of conversation were:

- (a) the relocation of the table and sleeping area
- (b) Where one might sit with propriety and not infringe upon the rights of others
- (c) whether certain members had provided themselves with an adequate and balanced lunch
- (d) why smoke came out of the chimney when there was no fire in the stove.

After eating, most of the party took a walk of about 2 miles up the road to the Congdon lumber camp. En route bird calls were imitated, but with no great response. Many tracks were inspected and there was much speculation as to whether certain ones were house cat, bobcat, or Vermont panther. The greatest mystery was what happened to Craigie's tracks which apparently disappeared entirely in a matter of minutes.

The party broke up early due

to the aforementioned wind which made an otherwise perfect March day something less than comfortable. Three members followed the Long Trail a short distance, but found the going too bad and returned to the road, where they were picked up by one of the cars.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

With this issue Marjorie Allard is joining our SLOKE AND BLAZES staff. At present she will have charge of seeing that each outing is written up and made ready for mimeographing.

A long time, loyal member of Killington Section, Marjorie is a graduate of U.V.M. and is teaching Home Economics at West Rutland High School. We are very pleased to have her assistance.

BEST WISHES

Charlotte Rutkowski has returned from Florida with her usual fine tan and a diamond on the important finger!

The lucky man is Mr. Eugene Keenan, a native of Rutland, who graduated from the Univ. of N.H. in 1950. Mr. Keenan is at present working for the Southeastern Forest Exp. Station of Ashville, N.C., doing Forestry work over a territory of about 40 miles around Atlanta, Ga.

He and Charlotte should have plenty of interests in common.

Best wishes, Charlotte.

COMING HIKE

Time - Saturday, April 11th
Place - Buffum Shelter

The days are getting long enough now to make an occasional Saturday afternoon hike possible. Buffum shelter is ideally located for such a trip.

We will leave from Meldon School at 2 P.M. and will eat an early supper at Buffum.

WINTER WEEKEND

by
Betty Ball

Crisp, sunny weather, crusted snow, plenty of hiking, good food, and Perkins hospitality all combined to make the winter weekend at Craigue's Mendon camp a joyous and memorable occasion.

Craigue went up Saturday morning, so the house was warm when next morning's contingent arrived, laden with sleeping bags and unnecessary snowshoes. The warmth was good after the keen wind, but the sun soon drew most of the party outdoors to the sheltering woods. The rarest bird of the weekend, a red crossbill, paused briefly overhead, responding to Betty Ball's Audobon bird call! The woods were almost perfect for hiking; hard-crusted snow- with the occasional soft drifts into which one plunged knee-deep only adding to the fun. After visiting the pond the party returned to the house to greet the newcomers.

The Bradders drove right up to the door, an example followed later by others. They had some excellent Kodachromes of Florida which they showed before dinner.

16 enjoyed the excellent dinner. Vera's meat loaf and apple pies were rated tops by all.

Two parties set out in the afternoon, and covered several trails, while Barbie Allard and Martha Hains coasted on the hilly fields. There was only one minor misfortune- Ruth Labrake fell into a brook, but it was near the house, and she was soon in dry clothes!

Supper was highlighted by a birthday cake for Vera, made and brought in by Pearl Nichols.

Evening diversions consisted of dozing, knitting, and other active sports. Several hot canasta games were played, with Vera and Eleanor scoring an astounding

4340 in one hand. Craigue and Carl Newhall did some clever rope and paper puzzles and tricks.

11 stayed overnight. It was midnight before all retired to their cozy bunks. Maxine Newhall, being the lightest, drew the cot most likely to fall down in the night. (Some advantages to being plump.) It didn't collapse, though.

Monday proved another fine day, even milder than Sunday, and with a less penetrating wind. Betty's before breakfast bird walk produced four redpolls, evidently attracted by the bird call.

After a prodigious breakfast when most of the people ate twice as much as they would at home, and Gary Taylor three times as much as most ordinary people, the ambitious crowd sat around the stove discussing the mountains they would climb later. When Pearl arrived, the group, led by Craigue, started forth again. Bird-walking Betty added 6 grouse and 2 red-breasted nuthatches to the list.

13 enjoyed the baked bean dinner, and started on the last hike, this time on the Blue Ridge trail (marked by tin can lids). It led through beautiful evergreen woods, and over bubbling brooks. Punch Conlon got carried over in style, but everyone else had to do his own scrambling! A woods road was finally reached, and it was decided to return on this to the main road, and then ride back. The hikers had beautiful views of Pico, Killington, and Blue Ridge as they went over roads and fields. A pileated woodpecker flew overhead. The Conlons walked back to camp, but the rest rode back in style.

The delicious supper consisted of leftovers, except for the date muffins provided by Diana. Everyone dispersed soon after supper, having voted the weekend the best ever. Many thanks to Craigue and Mary for their hospitality, to Vera for her excellent food-planning, and to all who cooperated in making the weekend a success.

HIKING VS. FISHING

by
Ruth LaBrake

Shall I go hiking with the Green Mountain Club or shall I go fishing is always difficult for me to decide, but come May 1st, fishing usually wins.

On opening day of the trout season at 3 A.M. Rutland sounds as though it were being evacuated ! We join up with the crowd early and journey to our favorite brook, having packed our lunch and gotten our equipment ready the night before. I always think the people who are still in bed miss the most beautiful part of the day.

With great anticipation our fishing day begins and by the time daylight breaks over the hills we have arrived at our parking spot. The clear, fresh morning air, the song of a bird, the sunrise coming up over a hill, and the good smell of the damp woods are all part of the joys of early morning fishing.

We don hip boots, gather up our rods, reels, flies, and yes, even a can of the lowly garden worms - tuck a sandwich in our pocket, only to be forgotten, and we are on our way-hiking.

We have to cross the long fields or pastures, or climb down a steep bank to get to the cool mountain stream, or it might be a small stoney brook or a placid flowing meadow river twisting and turning on its way. The familiar sights and sounds of the rushing waters roaring, tumbling, foaming, splashing over the rocks is music to our ears.

We wade down or up stream and over the slippery rocks casting as we go along. Sometimes we reach high falls or large rocks too difficult to pass so we must detour through

the woods and return to the stream higher up. On this detour wild flowers, and often plenty of underbrush or swamp make the side trip interesting.

When we get back to the brook again we sit in the shade near a cool, deep, green pool or on a rock in the middle of the stream and drift out our lines. Our efforts are rewarded by a "tug" at the line- a thrill experienced only by the fisherman. A greater thrill is to see a 6 to 18 inch trout dangling on the end ! (I have so !)

The world and its troubles, even time are completely forgotten. Only too soon the shadows come creeping upon us and we start for the car before darkness overtakes us.

The fisherman is a hiker ! No other sport offers more fun or greater relaxation.

Anlast but not least, the breakfast fit for a king, those fat, fresh beauties caught by yourself. (if you Do.)

Try it. Go fishing.

ADDITIONS TO 1953 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
David Perkins
Anne Perkins
Leone Smith
James Hayward
Charlotte Rutkowski

If your 1953 dues have not been paid to date, please send them to the treasurer, Miss Eleanor Walker, 87 Baxter Street, Rutland, Vermont.

If you have friends or acquaintances who might be interested in The Green Mountain Club, tell them about the Killington Section and invite them to join.

Let us try to increase our membership so that we can be a strong link in a big chain, The Green Mountain Club.



Vol. 6 No. 4

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

April 1953

REMEMBER THE CARD PARTY
FRIDAY, APRIL 17th - 8 P.M.

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sunday, April 26
Place - Bird Mt.

It is a couple of years at least since we have had this one on our schedule. Perhaps our enthusiasm for it was dampened by the pouring rain which accompanied the last trip there. Anyway we have now dried out sufficiently so we're ready to try it again.

We understand that since we were last there the trail has been re-discovered and re-marked by an interested group of Castleton people. It would be fine if some of them would come along with us on this trip.

We will start from Meldon School, leaving at 10 A.M. Don't forget that this will be the first morning of Daylight Saving Time. Better set your watches ahead Saturday night so you won't be left behind. We shall be leaving on D.S.T.

Time - Sunday, May 10th
Place - Clarendon Lodge - for
Pancake Breakfast

For quite some time a pancake breakfast appeared on our schedule as regularly as the Winter Weekend and the Covered Dish Supper. They were fun too. Omitted for several years now, they

seemed to be on the way to oblivion. We thought this an excellent time to revive them now that our Clarendon Lodge provides such a perfect locale.

For those of us not normally early risers this will be a good chance to take advantage of being up and about before breakfast to do some bird watching.

As everyone has a different idea as to what is a good breakfast hour and Clarendon Lodge is nearby, we'll try the experiment of letting each one choose his own breakfast time. Anyone unable to arrange transportation may call the Outing Chairman - Tel. 1910.

GMC coffee will be on tap from 6 A.M. to 9 A.M. Bring along your "Aunt Jemima" and the necessary utensils and we'll see you at Clarendon on May 10th.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Due to the Annual GMC meeting coming on June 6th and to requests for a Spring Lake hike on June 7th, we have made a slight schedule change. Please correct your schedules to read as follows:

June 6 - Annual GMC meeting
June 7 - Spring Lake Camp

MORE GOOD WISHES

Darthea Moyes and Alexander Emslie were married on April 4th. Both 'Dart' and 'Kelly' are members of Killington Section and come from Bennington to join in our activities when possible. We wish them happiness and hope to see them often in the future.

GREEN MOUNTAIN SUGAR PARTY

by
Jean Whitcomb

The annual sugar party of the Green Mountain Hiking Club was held at Deermont Grange in Mendon, March 29. It was a wet, muddy Sunday, and the only hiking done that day was by the snow committee who went way back up in the hills for snow.

The Grange proved a fine set-up for the party, with a roomy kitchen, dining tables, a ping-pong table (all downstairs) and a large hall upstairs which was ideal for square dancing.

The committees, headed by Ray Catozzi, arrived early for the boiling down of the syrup the Catozzi car bearing a truly noble load of pickles, doughnuts syrup, etc. etc. and 5 people!

The syrup was slow in starting to boil, so 2/3 of the syrup committee set out in search of more kettles, leaving the other 1/3, Eleanor Walker, in charge. Of course, all 3 kettles began to boil furiously then! Luckily, Eleanor got Carl Newhall to help move the kettles around. It was a little like a warm(!) checker game, keeping those kettles at the right boiling level. After many tests, the syrup was ready for serving.

By about 6 p.m. there were about 60 people, including many school and pre-school children, there. Some brought their lunches which they ate before being served the delicious syrup on snow, the doughnuts, and the pickles and coffee which added much to it all. Jan Catozzi had made sure we had plenty of the last 3 items. Maxine Newhall was kept on the run answering calls for syrup. Some of the younger eaters present probably set new records for ability to stow away the sugar (plus their other food)! Remaining syrup was stirred into sugar, of course.

While the cleanup committee did their work, Diana Conlon being in charge of dishwashing, ping-pong and musical games were played by the children and then square dancing for all, Getty Page doing the calling. There was good group participation in this, especially since we had several members of the Recreation Center square dancing group in our midst. After this, we had a coffee and doughnut session, thus ending a very pleasant and successful evening.

BUFFUM SHELTER

by
George Kirk

Their number reduced to 10 because some of the old standbys elected to go square dancing instead of trying out their leg muscles by negotiating a mountain woodroad. Members of Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club hiked to Buffum shelter April 11 and had a "cook out" over a fireplace.

Leaving cars where Wallingford: Gulf road intersects the Long Trail, the party took the mile trip to the shelter in a leisurely manner, enjoying the sunshine shimmering through the trees, still leafless but heightening in the color of early spring.

Surprise was expressed at the total absence of snow and fairly dry condition of the trail, a rare occurrence so early in April in the mountains of Vermont.

Arriving at the shelter, the hikers found a fire already built by Robert Moore and Jerry Sanborn, who had hurried ahead and were busy with axe and saw in order to leave a supply of dry wood under cover for the next occupants of the camp.

Some of the ladies preferred to sit on a log, and bask in the sunshine, while others, wishing more exercise, walked up the trail about a mile. "Pinkie" Perkins

(continued on next page)

(cont. from preceding page)
and Barbie Allard made the longest trip, inspecting "blazes" and making notes of needed improvements for a later visit. The 2 ambitious boys went along and trimmed out some brush and branches that hid the "blazes".

The cold wind made the birds quiet and the ornithologically inclined members reported only four species, chickadees, juncos, bluebirds, and a phoebe, seen.

When the hikers arrived back at Buffum, they found water boiling for the coffee, and soon everybody was ready for the hot dogs, hamburgers, and whatever else individuals preferred for supper.

After the sun dropped behind the hill to the west, the temperature fell considerably and, reluctantly, everybody packed up and hiked to the cars.

Miss Frances Green of the Worcester, Mass. section was a guest of the Rutland group on the trip.

GARMISCH - ECOMS' WINTER PLAYGROUND by Janet Martin

On March 20th with a three day pass in hand the Martins - Jack and Jan - drove off to one of Germany's foremost winter sports centers at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Bavaria, not far from the Swiss and Austrian borders of Germany and high in the German Alps.

We arrived in the mountains in time to eat lunch in a "Gasthof" in Oberammergau, a town famous for its Passion Play and wood carvings. Then we went on to Garmisch-Partenkirchen or Garmisch for short.

Since we are both good GMCers you know we didn't spend all our time riding around. Since time was limited and trails up the mountains icy, we took advantage of a cable car up Wank Mt. (6000ft.) and took pictures across the town in the valley to the Zugspitz

(9967 ft.) on the opposite side. We hope to go again and get up that lofty peak itself.

On Sunday the 22nd we had a very nice hike up the Partnach river to the gorge it has cut in the rocks. Due to the fact that the ice in the gorge itself was melting and falling it was closed by police order. Being well trained hikers we knew better than to go in so we retraced our steps until we came to a "road" which our guide book showed us went to a "Gasthof" high on the left side of the gorge. It was very icy climbing and there were several times when we wished we had some sort of cleats on our shoes. The view was well worth the struggle however.

Since we had nothing to use as brakes on the down trip we sought and found a very delightful route back which took us down into the gorge and across a steel bridge 200 ft. above the water. Looking down we could see the huge icicles hanging over the path and now and then heard a chunk crack and fall. We were glad we had understood the meaning of the signs!

After taking pictures we climbed up the right side even higher than before and were rewarded by finding another "Gasthof" where we bought ourselves some lunch. Then we followed their cart road back to the bottom. This was much more open than the other side had been and therefore not nearly so icy. It was a warm sunny day and we ate outside on the terrace.

When we got back to the hotel at 2:30 it was time to pack up and head back to Schwabisch-Gmund. Thus ended our first big weekend!

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Martha Adams	Alexander Emslie
Marjory Allard	Janice Haseltine
G. Lucius Cary	Stanley Hart
Gretta Catozzi	Mrs. L. Larson
Richard Catozzi	Lula Tye
Edith Ewald	Harry Russell
Darthea Emslie	Ellen Russell
	Irescott VanVleet

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is the last mailing of SMOKE & BLAZES to anyone who is not on the New 1953 mailing list. To be on the mailing list, dues must be paid for 1953.

NOTICE OF WORK PARTY

The first of a series of Trail Clearing work parties will be held Sunday, April 19th, and will leave Rutland at 9 A.M. Anyone wishing to help with this work should call Craigie Perkins by Friday night so that he can plan the meal for the work party. The food will be furnished by the Club, but each worker should bring his own eating utensils.

Word has been received that Joseph Valequette has been accepted as a student at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Norman, Oklahoma. Only a few men from his company were chosen for this assignment.

Joe recently spent a fourteen day leave with his parents, Harold and Thelma Valequette. Best of luck, Joe.

OUR NATIONAL PARKS

In 1872 Yellowstone Park was established as a public park for the benefit and enjoyment of the people. Since that time twenty-six other highly scenic areas have been added to the National Park System. They have been placed in the care of the government to be preserved for the inspiration, education and enjoyment of all generations. Today they are a part of the American way of life.

An unfortunate situation has developed over the past years in regard to the maintenance of these Parks. Not enough money

4
has been allocated to the National Park System to adequately keep in step with the demands made on them by the public. One ranger has to do the work of three or four. Though there is plenty of space for camp sites, usually only one large, over crowded one can be maintained. This makes the camping area so packed with young American families eager to see the wonders of their country, that it resembles the thickly settled tenement district of a large city. Even though economy may be given as the excuse for these conditions, it is not wise or justifiable to spread government (our money) thin here.

Another point to consider in relation to the National Parks is that most people believe that these Parks have remained and will remain inviolate, but this is not true. Selfish commercial interests try to introduce bills in Congress to make it legal to graze livestock, cut forests, develop mines and dam rivers for waterpower within the Parks. In some cases these interests have succeeded. These lands should never pass from the people of the country (government control) to ruthless commercializers.

The non-political, non-partisan organization known as The National Parks Association has been established since 1919 to promote the preservation of the Parks and to maintain the high standards adopted at the creation of the National Park system. This association tries to combat the evils that creep into the system. It also publishes NATIONAL PARKS MAGAZINE through which members are kept informed on all important matters pertaining to the Parks.

Membership in this Association is \$3.00 a year and this includes a subscription to the magazine. For more information write to National Parks Assoc., 1840 Mintwood Place, N.W., Washington 9, D. C.



COMING EVENTS

Time - Sunday, May 17, 9:30 A.M.
Place - Mt. Aeolus

This will be an exploratory trip as it is a new one on the Killington Section schedule. The Guide Book describes Mt. Aeolus as affording fine views near abandoned marble quarries.

Mr. O'Kane in his book, TRAILS AND SUMMITS OF THE GREEN MOUNTAINS, gives a chapter to Mt. Aeolus. He describes the trail up as climbing sometimes moderately, sometimes briskly but being nowhere steep, and gives the distance to the upper lookout as $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the highway.

The view from here includes Equinox, Bromley, Styles Peak, Stratton, Haystack, Mt. Pisgah, Ascutey, and even extends to Mt. Monadnock, 55 miles away.

Mr. O'Kane also mentions a cave of sizable dimensions with a number of rooms and passages not far from the upper lookout.

This should be a good trip.

Time - Sunday, May 31st
Place - Little Rock Pond

This is an old favorite. As most of you know it is an easy hike through very pleasant woods. We haven't usually done it quite this late in May so it should be especially interesting to see what wildflowers will be in bloom. The Pond affords a chance for a swim and if recent weather conditions prevail that should be quite an inducement. Here is a chance too for the fishermen among us to try their luck.

As this is a holiday weekend some might like to go in to Little Rock on Saturday and make it an over night trip. If you plan to do this, our advice is to get there as early as possible on Saturday P.M. as this is a popular spot.

We've always wanted to make the return trip sometime via the old road to So. Wallingford. Anyone else interested?

Time - Saturday, June 6th
Place - Long Trail Lodge -
ANNUAL MEETING

Details on the Annual Meeting are given in your current copy of THE LONG TRAIL NEWS. This meeting affords you an opportunity to keep in touch with the plans and activities of the parent club and to meet members from other sections. Let's have a good representation there from the Killington Section.

Time - Sunday, June 7th
Place - Spring Lake Camp

Coming on the Sunday after the Annual Meeting, this activity was planned especially to give us all an opportunity to enjoy an outing with G.M.C.s here to attend that meeting. Spring Lake Camp was chosen at the request of some of our visiting members.

This is an ideal spot for a pleasant day of visiting and exchanging news of section activities. It is also well located to offer an opportunity for hikes of varying lengths.

Be on hand to spend a pleasant day with congenial people!

CARD PARTY HELD

The annual GMC card party was held at the Perkins home on South Main Street on April 17. Heavy competition from other local activities cut the attendance from last year's high count, but there was plenty of pleasant company, and the club treasury was swelled by \$20.60.

Not only were Rutlanders present, but folks from West Rutland and Castleton were with us too. In fact, it was Edith Ewald's group from Castleton that won the door prize. Very neat little potted plants were given as table prizes, and the famished card players were refreshed with hot coffee and sandwiches.

Since the Newhalls were soon to leave us for the State of Maine, President George Conlon presented each of them with a gift- (on behalf of all of us)- a lantern for Carl, and an air mattress for Maxine. We all hope that they'll have a chance to use them back in Vermont before too long.

Jan Catozzi deserves a commendation for the work she and her committee did in collecting enough tables, chairs, and sandwiches for everyone - with the men's muscular assistance in furniture moving. The party was well planned; those who came enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

BIRD MT. HIKE RAINED OUT

Our scheduled hikes to Bird Mountain seem to be especially attractive to the little white (??) clouds that cry. With spirits, at least, undampened by the last soggy trip, we planned to try again on Sunday, April 26. However, a steady downpour that morning promised only pneumonia. Well, maybe next time,...

THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

by
Barbie Allard

After a lapse of several years, the pancake breakfast was revived at Clarendon Shelter. It couldn't have been a more perfect spring day and it was too early for flies and mosquitoes to be out in force.

"Pinky" and Emil Boselli went down Saturday to get the camp ready for the morning. On Sunday Betty Ball arrived first to hear the "early birds". Everyone else started to come about 8:30. Soon pancakes were cooking on an outdoor fire and were really delicious with maple syrup.

A hawk circled around overhead as if looking for a chance to swoop down and grab a bite of pancake... Finally, giving up, he circled away. Besides those already mentioned, the Hakins family, the Andersons, 3 Allards, Eleanor Walker, Pearl Nichols, Vera and Mary Perkins, and Gary Taylor were there. The Andersons, Davy, Martha, and Missy Hakins, and Barbie and Judy Allard waded in the brook. Andy Anderson acted as life-guard and patrolled the water front.

The party left Clarendon for home or for further expeditions. One group hiked to Spring Lake-- Pinky and Emil cleared the trail of brush and blowdowns; Marjorie Allard touched up the white blazes along the way (ending with more paint on herself than she put on most of the trees). It was a warm day, and the spring water at the end of the trip was really welcome. Lunch was eaten and feet were cooled under a lakeside pine tree while we watched fish jumping, and humans swimming, boating, and fishing.

There was still time to open Spring Lake shelter for the season, and to discuss what the place needs before leaving - for the road, where Pearl picked us up and drove us back to the other cars- the end to a day of good hiking.

The first work party of the season was held on Sunday, April 19th. Emil Bascilli, Maxine and Carl Newhall, and Craigie Perkins worked the Cauty trail on Blue Ridge. Since this piece of trail hadn't been cleared since the 1950 hurricane, there was a full day's work to be done. The lumbering operation of a few years ago let wind get at the remaining trees and a number fell across the trail. However, they have now been removed and the blazes well painted.

On Sunday, May 24th, there will be another work party to the Spring Lake Camp to prepare it for the summer season. The Long Trail will be worked from there to Button Hill. We hope there is a good turn out for this one and for the others planned on the week-ends when there are no hikes scheduled.

STATE PARKS ARE CALLING

It is picnic and camping time again and our State Parks are calling ! Whether you want to go with youngsters and a picnic lunch or with the grown-ups and camping equipment for a week-end or more, you can find a Park in Vermont to fit your needs.

The Calvin Coolidge State Forest is situated 23 miles east of Rutland in the towns of Plymouth and Shrewsbury. At the entrance to the Pinney Hollow-Bradley Hill recreational areas of this forest is a large picnic shelter with a stone fireplace and sanitary facilities. This is often used for group picnics. From here a good road leads to the top of Bradley Hill where picnic spots have been developed.

At an elevation of 1940 feet in a spruce grove, with an excellent view of Killington and Shrewsbury

the picnicher will find an ideal spot for his day in the woods. Piped spring water, single and double fireplaces, tables, a semi-open log shelter with two fireplaces and fuel wood available all add to his enjoyment. There are swings, slides, tecters, and horseshoe courts for those who wish to use them.

For those who wish to camp, Shelter Village, located in a white birch and spruce woods has much to offer. The lean-tos are located on the rim of the plateau so that each has an individual view overlooking forests, hills and valleys, and are situated to give privacy yet near enough to the next to be neighborly. Each lean-to is provided with a reflector fireplace, table, half-log benches, movable shelves and fuel wood. This camping area has piped spring water and two toilet buildings, one with showers and laundry trays.

If you wish to pitch your own tent, there is a camp site for this with tent platforms and the above mentioned facilities except the showers and laundry.

Bathing may be enjoyed in a mountain brook near the forest entrance.

A service and maintenance fee of 25 cents per day is charged for groups of five persons or less entering the area with or without a car.

Camping fee: tent camping, 75 cents per day; lean-tos, \$1.00 per day for groups of five persons or less. No weekly rates. Tent and lean-to sites can be reserved in advance by applying to the Vermont Forest Service or the Caretaker at the area. The camping fee must be paid in advance for the period during which reservations are made. No refund will be made unless cancellations are received five days prior to beginning date of reservation.

More information may be had by writing to Vermont Forest Service, Montpelier, Vt.

LET'S LOOK FOR WILDFLOWERS

One of the intriguing things about searching for wildflowers is their differing preferences for certain locations. Of course different parts of the country have their own native flowers, but which flowers, native to any section, you will find depends largely on when and where you look.

Let's suppose the time is about now and you are crossing a rocky pasture sloping up toward the woods. Here you will find the stunted little field violet, and along the out-croppings of weathered stone are patterns of gray and green lichen. Although not the "stone breaker" which its name implies, saxifrage loves to grow in the crevasses of the rocks and this too you will find.

As you approach the line of the woods there may be red and yellow columbine. Within the open woods where the leaves are not yet big enough to make much shade, are bloodroot, windflowers, blue and yellow violets, trillium, and bellworts. A little earlier you would also have found here the dainty hepaticas.

Wherever the soil moisture is increased by a depression or an underground spring, yellow adderstongues (dog-tooth violet or trout lily) and the pink veined spring beauties will appear. Here too you may find the feathery foliage and creamy white pantaloons of Dutchman's breeches and the trailers of the partridge berry.

If there is a brook running through the woods skunk cabbage may be found along its banks. If you follow along this brook to where it perhaps widens out into a sunny swamp, your day will be brightened by the golden marsh marigolds.

These are but a few of our common wildflowers to be found each in its own locality in

spring. Other seasons will reward you with other flowers in these differing locations. A day's hike along The Long Trail can afford you a chance to find them all.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Anna Berg
Madeline Bradder
Wilbur Bradder
Janis Catozzi
Ray Catozzi
Johnny Catozzi
Jimmy Catozzi
Virginia Dudley
L. Leland Dudley
Helen Field
Fred Field
Tommy Field
Peter Field
Helen Frink
Grace Hayward
Barbara Mellow
Cigred Patch
Bernice Tuttle

AN ADDRESS YOU'LL WANT TO HAVE

The inevitable finally happened and Maine exerted her priority and recalled Maxine and Carl Newhall. We know that Killington Section members are anxious to keep in touch with them so here is their address at present:

51 Pearl Street
Augusta, Maine.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

We are generally apt to take the names of our mountains for granted without stopping to think about how they originated. In Mr. O'Kane's book we found an interesting explanation for the origin of the name Mt. Acolus. He credits it to students of the senior class of Amherst who climbed the mountain on a very windy day in 1860 and accordingly named it Acolus, god of the winds. A bottle of water was broken over the rocks and the christening done with due ceremony.

Anyone know any name origins?



Vol. 6, No. 6 Killington Section Green Mountain Club June 1953

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

The annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club was held Saturday, June 6th at the Long Trail Lodge. Seventy-five members attended from the various sections.

President, Roy Woodelton presided. Reports were given by committee chairmen and section representatives.

The most important part of the meeting was the discussion and voting on the recommendation by the trustees of the Club to sell the Long Trail Lodge property. The Club members voted to sell this property.

Miss Lula M. Tye was re-elected corresponding secretary. Mrs. Lillian Lodge was elected clerk.

After lunch and the conclusion of the business meeting, last year's officers were re-elected at the trustees meeting. President, Roy Woodelton, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Vice President, John Vondell, Amherst, Mass.; Treasurer, Earl A. Boyce, Proctor, Vermont; Auditor, Theodore Goddard, Old Bennington, Vermont.

The evening program consisted of a sugar party, an interesting talk by Caroline Parmentier, The Fire Warden on Pico, and the showing of some excellent slides by Frances Green.

Twenty-five members stayed over to hike with the Killington Section into Spring Lake camp Sunday morning.

NEW SHELTER CHAIRMAN

Emile Boselli has been appointed new Shelter Chairman to take the place of Carl Newhall who has left the State.

Under the new chairman's direction, work parties to Spring Lake Camp have been held. Twenty 4 X 6 ft. Masonite panels have been carried up to the camp. Emile, Craigie Perkins, and George Conlon performed this little stunt, carrying the boards on their heads. The plan is to line the inside of the camp with the boards, putting them over the paper that is there now. This will improve the looks of the camp as well as making it more weather tight.

Cinder blocks have been brought into camp and placed in under the stove. This should, to some extent, relieve the fire hazard of having a hot stove close to the wood floor.

Charles Sabourin will be married Saturday, June 20th to Miss Paddy Hughes at St. Peters Church in Rutland.

Miss Hughes has been employed as nurse at the Rutland Hospital.

Charles, a Killington Section member of long standing, recently graduated from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Starting July 12th, he is to be employed to do research work for Irwin Neisler Drug Co. in Decatur, Ill. Best wishes from Killington Section.

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sunday, June 21 - 9 A.M.
Place - Killington - via the
Juggernaut Trail

Those who made the trip up Killington from the East for the first time last year are looking forward to this repeat performance. Perhaps it was because the trail was new to us or maybe we were just having a good day, at any rate it seemed like a less arduous approach than usual. Of course you climb to reach the top of Killington by any route but in this case most of the climb seemed to come fairly early after which we followed along the ridge through very pleasant woods.

If you didn't make it last year better come along this time and see how you like it.

Time - Friday eve., July 3rd -
Sunday eve., July 5th
Place - Hazen's Notch to Parker
Camp (or to Coddington Hollow)

The time for another 4th of July camping trip, tried so successfully for the first time last year, is fast approaching.

This year we plan to do a stretch of The Trail south of Hazen's Notch. To do this it seems that it will be best for the group to leave Rutland Friday P.M. after work and set up camp that night - leaving us two full days for hiking. Some of us who could would leave earlier Friday and have a camp site located and established for the later arrivals. To do this effectively it will be necessary to know who is coming. So please be sure to notify Vera Perkins (1910) or Craig Perkins (1383-W) by Thursday, July 2nd, if you intend to trip with us over the 4th.

Our plan is to camp near Frying Pan brook which is located near where The Trail crosses Route 118 between Edon and Belvidere

Corners. From here, using a similar system of car shuttling as was used last year, we will hike as follows:

Saturday - Covering The Trail from Rte. 118 to Parker Camp or to Coddington Hollow. Which we will do will depend on approach trail possibilities to Parker Camp (we plan to have an advance scouting party look into this before the date of the trip); weather conditions at the time; and the wishes of the hiking group. Total hiking distance, including to the cars - to Coddington Hollow, approx. 14 mi. to Parker Camp, approx. 10 mi.

Sunday - From Rte 118 to Hazen's Notch - hiking distance - approx. 10 mi.

Two suggestions for shorter hikes for those who do not plan to take the long trip would be to go to Ritterbush Camp and return (the Guide Book describes this as near Ritterbush Pond and having a fine view) - a round trip of about 5 mi.; or up Belvidere Mt. which would be a round trip of not over 3 mi. Of course campers may prefer instead to just enjoy camp life and explore the surrounding countryside by car. We certainly enjoyed the company and appreciated the service of the "campers" last year and hope to have them and additional ones with us this year.

We make the same general suggestions as for last year:

Each person arrange for his own transportation in advance.

Plan meals and cooking equipment in groups of 4 if possible.

List the essentials for this sort of trip in advance and be sure you have planned for everything.

For the long trip hikers we suggest that you plan for a substantial breakfast, a mid-day lunch which can be easily carried and a hot but quickly prepared night meal.

REMEMBER TO REGISTER AS REQUESTED BY THURSDAY, JULY 2nd
if you plan to make this trip.
Let's go!

LITTLE ROCKY POND

DATE- May 31

On the last day of May, nine hikers made the trip to Little Rocky Pond. The trail was, as usual, in good shape.

Many flowers were found along the way. To everyone's pleased surprise, June pinks (wild azalea) were in bloom. We had never before hiked in at just this season, and thus hadn't realized that they were there. Usually it's at Stratton Pond that we expect to find them.

The shelter was in good condition. Its previous occupants, three young men from New York, were setting out for Bromley. We hope they made it alive; the bugs are definitely making their unwelcome little presences felt along the trail now.

Some of our sporting members let down their hooks into the lake in hopes of tempting a fish or two. However, the fish weren't having any that day, so the fishermen had to get along without them.

In the afternoon a party made a trip to the cliffs, meeting, of course, hordes of bugs. Those who stayed behind contented themselves with afternoon tea (that's right, tea!), thus gaining strength for the trip back.

Betty Ball, Pearl Nichols, and Vera and Craigie Perkins returned via the old road to South Wallingford. It follows a pretty brook through the woods. In spite of the bugs, the hike to Little Rocky was, as always, a good one.

(By the way, if you haven't yet seen Frances Green's excellent article on Little Rocky Pond in the recent Vermont Life, you will probably be interested in looking it up.

ADDITION TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Mr. E. K. Gleason

SPRING LAKE

DATE- June 7

This hike was made at the close of the annual meeting, with a goodly representation from the various sections- better than at the last intersectional, in fact! The Killington Section was represented in quality if not in quantity by Craigie Perkins and Churchill Scott, and by Mr. and Mrs. Dudley from Belmont, who formerly belonged to the Worcester Section. They hope to attend more hikes in the future; we would certainly enjoy seeing more of them.

The hikers got off to a late start, having temporarily mislaid Roy Buchanan and Larry Dean. When they turned up, all set out though the clouds were lowering and rain appeared imminent. Any hopes anyone may have had as to the rain's holding off were dashed; as soon as the party left the cars the downpour started; it lasted until 2 in the afternoon.

Having arrived at the shelter, and wrung themselves out somewhat, the folks started two fires- one in the stove, which actually worked right for once, and the other outside in the rain.

Everyone was glad of the commodious quarters afforded by the shelter. With 25 people inside, you can imagine why. You can imagine, too, that things were far from dull there, though the weather dripped outside, discouraging would-be swimmers. The latest crop of porky stories was related. (Has anyone ever thought of making a collection of these priceless tales? A Porky Anthology would, no doubt, be an overnight sensation in the literary world.)

When the time came to leave, the sun came out. We hope those who had to make the long journey home in damp clothes didn't suffer too many after-effects, and will be able to return before too long.

BEAR BROOK STATE PARK, N.H.

For the benefit of those who like to camp in State Parks, we are taking you this month into the southern part of New Hampshire in the Merrimack Valley Region.

Bear Brook State Park is located north of Manchester, N. H. and may be reached by turning off route 28 at the park sign a few miles east of Suncook.

This 7,000 acre park is open from May to October and is one of the most completely developed parks in the State. If you are planning a vacation of a few days or a week or more you will find a variety of things to do to make your stay here enjoyable.

At a three acre pond near the park entrance water sports are provided for with a big, modern bathhouse that contains checking facilities and dressing rooms. Boats, umbrellas, beach chairs, and towels may be rented at the bathhouse. There is a play area near the beach for croquet, horse-shoe pitching and other sports.

If you like to hike, and most Green Mountain Club members do, there are more than twenty well marked trails through the park, which make every corner of this fine reservation accessible to public use. For the nature student there are many interesting shrubs and flowers, rock formations, beaver colonies and an abundance of wild life. The New Hampshire Conservation Camp, which is devoted to teaching young people about conservation of natural resources such as water, forest, grasslands and wildlife, is held in this park each year.

The forest cover includes large stands of oak, beech and maple as well as beautiful pine groves. There are small ponds dotted with lily pads, and brooks that tumble and wind through deep forest shade.

Riding horses are available and many miles of woods trails provide another sport for those

who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity. Arrangements may also be made for those who wish to take riding lessons.

A moving archery course considered one of the best in the country, is found in this park. The course ranges a half mile through interesting country, offering targets for a variety of shots.

WORK PARTIES

To date the Killington Section's trail has been cleared and painted from the Wallingford Gulf Road to Clarendon Lodge. Axe and saw work have been done through to Governor Clement Shelter. The stretch from Clarendon to Clement still needs clipping, mowing and painting.

Trails chairman, Craig Perkins has been out several times with small groups, not more than three, to work trail. He would appreciate more help with this work so if you are interested, get in touch with him.

The trail from Spring Lake Camp to the top of Button Hill did not require a great deal of work. There were only a few blow downs. The blazes were re-painted and a few new ones added. The day this area was worked on was a beautiful day to be in the woods. The spring flowers were at their best and large patches of columbine and violets were seen growing on the slopes. Also on this day Vera Perkins brought in a new broom and dust pan for the Spring Lake camp, swept the camp out and made it ready for guests.

While clearing trail from Governor Clement to Clarendon, it was noted that another piece of the trail has slid into Cold River. This will have to be re-located higher up on the bank. Lumber operations have been going on both above and below the lower road. The trail has been used in getting out the logs making a nice wide trail that won't need clearing for some time.



Vol. 6 No. 7

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

July 1953

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sunday, July 19th
10 A.M.
Place - C.V. Camp, Chittendon
Pond.

Once again Eleanor Walker has been kind enough to invite us to enjoy the C.V. Camp facilities with her on Sunday, July 19th. We well remember the cool and comfortable day we spent there last year in the midst of a 'hot spell' and the grand swim we had.

This is a chance for one of those do-as-you-please days so perfect for a summer outing. You may cook indoors or out, or just enjoy a picnic lunch. There will be G.M.C. coffee on hand as usual.

Those who hesitate to undertake a possible struggle with the black flies, no-see-ums etc., sometimes prevalent in the woods can relax and prepare to enjoy the day on the large screened porch. There is a chance for boating and swimming and any who feel that they really must hike can strike The Long Trail at Noyes Pond and go as far as they like.

The group will leave from Meldon School at 10 A.M. but any who wish to join us at the camp later will be welcome.

It's an easy drive right to the door so this is a splendid opportunity for our non-hiking members to join with our hiking members for a good Killington Section get-together. We'll be expecting you!

Time - Saturday, August 1st -
1:30 P.M.

Place - Helen Bailey's Camp -
Charlestown, N.H.

Here is a new and special event! Helen has issued a cordial invitation to all Killington Section members and friends to foregather at her camp on Saturday P.M. August 1st.

This outing will offer interesting variety - a pleasant drive; a glimpse of N.H.; hiking from the camp if you wish; not to mention visiting and, of course, eating. Bring your cup and utensils as usual and whatever you like for supper. Don't bring too much as Helen has requested that she be allowed to furnish dessert and beverage. (She didn't say what kind!)

We plan to leave from Meldon promptly at 1:30 P.M. so to have a long afternoon and evening. If you can't make it that early but want to join us later at Helen's call your Outing Ch. (Tel. 1910) and get directions for the journey.

Helen says there is plenty of room for camping on her premises and if any would like to bring camping equipment and stay over Saturday night she would be glad to have them.

We seldom journey outside our own state on our outings and this is really a chance to get into new territory.

This outing seems to have all 'the makings' of a grand good time!

NEW SCHEDULES OUT

Your new Outing Schedule is enclosed with this SMOKE AND BLAZES.

2

KILLINGTON VIA
THE JUGGERNAUT TRAIL-
June 21
by
Barbie Allard

On a Sunday morn four brave people set out, regardless of the dangers, for Killington. Mr. and Mrs. Craigie Perkins, Vera Perkins, and Barbara Allard climbed to the top. On the way up we met a group of hostellers on their way down. We put up arrows and painted blue blazes.

The first part of the trail was good, after we crossed the brook. The trail was very buggy and we took to carrying a few ferns to swat the bugs. The top was reached with little trouble save climbing over, crawling under and going around blowdowns, which were plentiful.

Inside the camp we rested at last free of the flies. The only ones there were houseflies and bees that were trying to get out. Soon, after a refreshing meal and a drink of frozen lemonade and orange juice, we started to the peak. We hoped to be rid of the flies. The view was hazy and a cool wind was blowing, but the bugs came too.

Then we came down and started home. The flies were buzzing around us so that we almost missed seeing a bees' nest which we all missed by about one and one-half feet. Farther on we saw a "por-ky" that ran up a tree. The only other animals were the two horses at the lumber camp.

The ride home gave us plenty of time to talk of the nice time we had.

WORK PARTY NEEDED

Craigie Perkins recently took a trail checking trip from Clement toward Killington and found that lumbering operations above Clement have completely confused trail markings. It will be necessary to get a good work party out in the near future to relocate the Trail in that area.

A CAMPER'S VIEW
OF THE BIG WEEKEND
by
Lucy Bishop

Of course the "campers but not hikers" didn't get quite as much exercise on the Fourth of July weekend as the hikers did, but we had a grand time. Eleanor Walker, Pearl Nichols and I drove up Saturday morning, arriving at about 10:00 A.M. at the camp site selected by the hikers, who had long since been on their way.

Vera had left a note for us with directions for finding a spot about ten minutes' walk from the camp, with everything conducive to relaxation- sun, flat rocks, a gorgeous view. Sounded good to us, relaxation being our aim, so after inspecting the camp and organizing our belongings, we decided to look the place over. Since we started off without consulting the note again, we were a little hazy about details, the one thing we were all sure of being that the walk took about ten minutes. We strolled along the trail through the woods, finding the climb easy and the woods delightfully cool. Taking into consideration the speed at which we were travelling and the number of times we stopped to investigate, we expected the tour would take us about fifteen or twenty minutes, but when we had walked for half an hour and still not found the sunny opening, we had a slight suspicion that we were heading in the wrong direction. Another ten minutes confirmed the suspicion, so we headed back down the trail, the camp coming into view at exactly the right moment- lunch hour!

We enjoyed a leisurely meal, congratulating ourselves all the while on having accomplished a hike on our own, however brief and unscheduled. Following lunch we found the place we had been looking for in the morning - it was ideal! A cool breeze offset

(Cont. on next page)

(Continued)

the sun, and the flat rocks were meant for lazing around with a book, also for sandwiching a cat nap between chapters!

Despite the lazy afternoon, we had keen appetites for dinner. Just as we were finishing our dessert the Fields- Helen, Fred, Tommy and Peter drove in, swelling the number of campers to seven. Not too much later the hikers, also seven strong, arrived, none the worse for the miles they had tramped. After they had finished eating and cleaning up, we all sat around the campfire rubbing on insect dope and exchanging notes on the day's experiences- until the flies and mosquitoes decided it was time for us to retire and saw to it that we did.

Sunday morning, after seeing the hikers off on the trail, and the Fields on their homeward way, we ate breakfast and proceeded to continue our program of sunning, napping, and reading from the point where we had dropped it on Saturday. Again, surprisingly, our appetites were definitely present at noon, and we stowed away a huge lunch.

When we had accomplished the necessary cleaning up and packing away we set out to spend the afternoon hiking through the countryside- via Pearl's car! It was an A-1 hike with perfect weather, good roads, breath-taking views and double-decker frozen custard cones!

Target- one perfect weekend. Mission accomplished.

FOURTH OF JULY HIKE

Our second annual Fourth of July hiking and camping trip covered that part of The Long Trail from Hazens Notch to Parker Camp. Nineteen and one half miles of Long Trail and two miles of approach trail were covered in two days of hiking.

The weather was perfect:

bright, cool, and enough breeze to keep the flies away.

Camp was set up Friday, where the Trail crosses Vt. 118 at Frying Pan Brook.

As before, some people hiked and some stayed near camp. The Trail party consisted of Emil Boscelli, Mary and Craigie Perkins, Ray Catozzi, Vera Perkins, and Maxine and Carl Newhall. Maxine and Carl, now living in Maine, drove 200 miles to make the outing. It sure was good to see them again.

On Saturday we started south from camp. The Trail led up over a bare ridge with views to both east and west and then through the woods for a mile and a half to Ritterbush look-out on a cliff overlooking Ritterbush Pond.

After a few minutes rest we went down to the pond, around the north side of it and up a little way to Ritterbush camp. This is a fine location with a good view.

Not far beyond the camp, the Trail passes through Devil's Gulch. This is a gorge of tumbled rocks between two mountain walls.

By easy grades we climbed over Bowen and Butternut Mountains. From the top of Butternut there is a fine view to the northwest. All day we had been travelling through hard wood forest but on starting down Butternut we found a forest of spruce, balsam, birch and mountain ash that closely resembled the woods high up on Pico and Killington.

About four o'clock we reached Parker Camp. This is a fine camp built twenty years ago and still looks almost new. Unfortunately two near by lumber job shacks spoil the location.

From Parker Camp we went out by the approach trail to the east to where we had previously parked our car. So back to camp and supper. This was a rather easy day.

On Sunday we drove up to Hazens Notch and hiked south

toward our camp site.

The Trail climbs very steeply out of the Notch to Haystack Mt. We gained 1200 feet in altitude in going 1.8 miles. There are several good views from the ridge of Haystack. Then down Haystack and up Tillotson by another steep trail and more fine views to the east and southeast.

A half mile down the south side of Tillotson Peak we came to Tillotson Camp, another excellent camp in a good location.

Not far from Tillotson Camp, the Trail passed by tiny Tillotson Pond nearly covered with water lillies.

From here the Trail climbs for two miles to Belvidere Mt., where there is a cold spring a short distance from the top.

Belvidere is the highest peak in the area and from the Fire Look-out Tower the whole Green Mountain Range from Canada to Killington can be seen.

After a good rest here we started down toward our camp by what we expected to be an easy trail. We found that for about a mile all the big spruces had been blown down in a tangled mess. A trail had been marked through this area which led us over and under the tree trunks, around upturned roots and over bare ledges. It was so crooked that we expected at any time to overtake ourselves. This would be a bad place to be caught at dusk with a heavy pack. The Trail Patrol or whoever marked The Trail here should be congratulated on finding a way through at all.

The last mile to camp was easy going and we arrived at seven o'clock ready for the long ride back to Rutland.

This part of The Trail from Hazen's Notch to Parker Camp has good camps, fine views, and better supplies of drinking water than some other sections. It should be travelled by more hikers.

THIS AND THAT

The 1953 Intersectional will be held at Fay Fuller Camp, August 22nd and 23rd. You will have details on this outing in your LONG TRAIL NEWS, but mark the date now on your calendar.

Fay Fuller can be reached by car so plan to take your camping equipment and be there for the Saturday night campfire. This is a chance to see old friends, make new ones, and have a good talk-fest on The Long Trail and GMC - with a few Tall Tales thrown in!

Barbie and Judy Allard are vacationing in New Hampshire. "Brother Bill" and Mr. Kirk are in Canada on a fishing trip.

It was good to have Carl and Maxine Newhall back hiking with us on the 4th of July weekend trip.

Emile Boselli has started work on 'resurfacing' the walls of the camp at Spring Lake.

Fran Green of the Worcester Section spent a couple of nights on Pico recently with Caroline Parmentier. She then joined other members of her section in an outing at Little Rock Pond.

We have heard of two picnic suppers lately where the facilities of Killington Section shelters were used - one at Spring Lake Camp and one at Clarendon Lodge. At Spring Lake it was the occasion of the annual strawberry shortcake supper of the group attending.

Incidentally these picnic suppers at nearby shelters are a lot of fun. Why not get a group together sometime and try it?

We felt sad to find that the broom and dustpan so recently provided for Spring Lake Camp had already disappeared. We wonder who needed them that urgently.



Vol.6 No.8

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

August 1953

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sat. & Sun., Aug. 22 & 23
Place - Intersectional at
Fay Fuller Camp.

Details of this have been given you in The Long Trail News. At the risk of repeating we give you the following information recently received.

"Fay Fuller Camp is on The Long Trail about 8 miles from Bennington. You can drive to it by turning north on a gravel road from Route 9, the Brattleboro highway. This gravel road is part of The Long Trail and is so marked.

Fay Fuller Camp holds 12 but there is ample camping space in the field next to the camp."

Trips in the neighborhood include:- Glastonbury on The Long Trail; to Bald Mt. (trail now in bad shape); to Sucker Pond by way of Dunville Notch and return by The Long Trail; to Little Pond.

This should make a good weekend trip whether you wish to hike or prefer just to camp. In either case there will be congenial company. We'll be looking for you.

Time - Sunday, Sept. 6th
Place - Mt. Cushman.

This is a new trip on our schedule and should prove interesting.

Mt. Cushman is east of Rochester and is reached from the Randolph Gap road. It has an elevation of 2640 ft. This is higher than Bird Mt. or Okemo and just slightly less than Moosalamoo, if you're interested in comparisons.

A road of sorts which was the main highway from Rochester to Randolph 50 years ago passes over near the summit. You will be wiser however not to try to drive to the top.

The mountain was apparently named for Artemus Cushman who many years ago erected a building 30 ft. by 40 ft. (now demolished) on the summit for parties and dancing.

Here is an opportunity to do a little exploring in new territory.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Our GMC people seem to be travelling about Europe just now. We recently received a card from Edith Ewald from Interlaken, Switzerland. She had been up on the Jungfrau and had also enjoyed a boat trip on Brunz Lake. Earlier in the summer she spent a week in Biarritz for the Folk Festival and about ten days in Paris.

News from Jack and Janet Martin is that they have just enjoyed a 7 day leave in Switzerland.

We hope to have details on both these trips for you in a later issue of SMOKE AND BLAZES.

Charlotte Rutkowski will be married to Eugene Keenan on Sept. 5th. Best wishes, Charlotte.

A CHITTENDEN COOLER

The weather on July 16th was about the hottest of the summer to those who stayed at home--they could scarcely summon enough energy to turn the pages of their Sunday paper. However, the brainy GMCers who took advantage of Eleanor Walker's hospitality at the CV camp in Chittenden found themselves in an ideal location for outsmarting the weatherman--fine swimming and boating, a large screened porch, and seclusion--all these were available.

Only four people started out at Meldon, but as the day wore on, almost a dozen others made their way to Chittenden. Mary Perkins brought along her granddaughter Judy; the Fields arrived with Tommy and Peter. Fred tried fishing in one of the camp boats, but the only fish captured was a dead one which Tommy picked out of the water and wanted his mother to cook for him.

When we did get around to eating, we found the club beverages in a new form--iced tea and iced coffee! A few stayed for the evening meal as well, and came home in the early evening.

All in all, it was as pleasant a way to beat the heat as anyone could imagine.

A GLIMPSE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The only thing lacking on Saturday, August 1st, when we set out for Helen Bailey's camp in New Hampshire, was the crowd which such a fine outing deserved. However, as the saying goes "it's quality not quantity" etc., and those who went enjoyed the good time they had anticipated.

It was a perfect summer afternoon, and the ride over the mountain to Ludlow, on down through Springfield and across the Connecticut River via the toll bridge couldn't have been better. After crossing the bridge we were soon following a pleasant country road--by negotiating a few turns for which we had been given detailed directions, we soon arrived at the

designated hole in the fence. To be sure, the tour director of one car misread 3/10 mile as 3 miles on the last hitch; but soon discovered the error, and rejoined the rest of the party.

The camp, situated off the highway and across Little Sugar River, is in a grove of pines and hemlocks interspersed with some hardwood. If you are in the least camp-minded, a tour of Helen's is guaranteed to make you want to find a likely spot and start building.

We were offered a climb up a perfectly good near-by mountain with a view from the top, but apparently its attractions couldn't compete with the hammocks and easy chairs under the pines.

After a couple of hours of pleasant chatting, our attention turned toward supper. The table was laid in the camp living room and with its dark green cloth, varicolored pottery, and big bowls of berries it looked like a picture page from Good Housekeeping.

The beverages provided by the hostess proved to be lemonade and coffee--not a choice, but both! Then for dessert...blueberries, honest-to-goodness wild ones--blackberries, cookies, AND cream puffs.

Soon after supper some of the party set off for the homeward trip, while the overnights took their places before a cheerful fire for an evening of Canasta. Time passed quickly and it seemed only a short while until we were settled down for the night with the whisper of pines as a pleasant substitute for the in-town whirl of passing automobiles.

The next thing we knew, it was Sunday morning and time to begin to think of leaving. First, though, a leisurely breakfast, and a final chat under the trees.

Although the early morning was a bit cloudy the sun soon came out and made the ride home a pleasant ending for a most enjoyable outing.

Now aren't you sorry you missed it? Remember, we warned you!

CHANGES AT PLEIAD

by
Bill Allard

On Sunday, the 16th of June, nine stalwart members gathered at Meldon for the trip to Lake Pleiad. Vera Perkins' car developed a flat tire before we left the school, but this was the only serious misfortune that occurred, unless Gary Taylor counts his unscheduled dip in the lake as a serious misfortune.

It was a beautiful day for the trip up and the short hike in. We found the trail rather difficult to follow due to lumbering operations, but soon arrived at the camp. Since the collapse of the Middlebury section the camp has not been kept up. The roof looks sound, but the windows are out. The porkies have gotten in to eat everything in sight, including a good deal of the floor; the camp didn't look like a pleasant place to stay.

We continued to the lake and found it prettier than ever. It seemed cleaner and freer from old treetops, etc. Some trees have been cut back from the edge and it makes the spot better lighted.

After a satisfying midday meal, an afternoon of swimming, boating, and just lying in the sun satisfied even the most energetic. Craigie brought in the rubber boat, which, together with a rowboat already there, provided exercise and fun for whoever took them out on the lake. Bird-watchers had a good chance to observe a kingfisher, which flew around the lake, giving its odd call and occasionally diving for a fish.

After a quick trip out to the cars, we enjoyed the triphome through the late afternoon light.

ALONG THE AUGUST ROADSIDE

It often seems that all the glory and attention goes to the first spring wildflowers. By the time August comes along we are taking a profusion of wildflowers more or less for granted. The gorgeous flower show which this month puts on for us really deserves more attention.

We made a list of the flowers seen in an afternoon's walk from Craigie Perkins' camp to the beaver dam a few days ago. This list is incomplete as we know we didn't see them all, and there were some we were unable to identify then or later.

We are going to give you the list and let all you people who take pride in knowing your spring wildflowers see how many of these you would surely recognize.

Here is the list:-

Jewel Weed
Pale Jewel Weed
Turtle Head
Yarrow
Wild Mint
Joe-Pye Weed
Wild Parsnip
Bunch Berry -(we saw the blossom and the berry on plants of this not 3 ft. apart!)

Chicory
Wild Aster
Self Heal
Burdock
Stick Tight
Purple Orchid
White Banberry
Rough Bedstraw
Buttercup
Daisy
Black-eyed Susan
Goldenrod

We are willing to venture a guess that every one of you (Mr. Kirk excepted) have found at least one flower on this list which is new to you. Are we right?

The following was taken from the May issue of CONNECTICUT Woodlands. We think it deserves some thought.

"LITTERBUGS" AND THEIR CONTROL
John L. Wright

The clean-up of roadside litter, carelessly or deliberately cast along the highways by travelers, has become a very serious highway problem. The almost unbelievable amount of debris resulting from a week-end of favorable motoring weather not only counteracts the sincere efforts of landscape and maintenance engineers to provide pleasing and attractive roadsides; this litter, if not removed from highways, may be a potential factor in the spread of diseases. It frequently clogs drainage ways, and bottles and cans hidden in roadside grass may cause extensive damage to mowing equipment. Furthermore, it is not an uncommon sight to see motorists changing tires which were cut on the jagged edges of beer cans or broken bottles.

It is, therefore, essential to keep the roadside as free of debris as possible. This task annually costs the highway departments thousand of dollars - money sorely needed for other highway purposes.

The habit of tossing cigarette butts out of car windows is most serious. It is safe to say that at least 75% of these discarded cigarettes are lighted - each one constitutes a potential fire hazard. In wooded areas, innumerable fires destroying a large acreage of valuable timber can be attributed directly to this source.

It can hardly be expected that the day will ever come when roadside litter is no longer a problem. Nevertheless, through intelligent programs of public education, this problem can be lessened considerably and cleaner, more attractive roadsides, at a lower cost to highway departments will result.

4
Along the same line we quote from TRAIL AND TIMBERLINE

"Patrol For Beauty"

"The rustic beauty of a campsite location, winding trail, or lofty peak top, that we all appreciate is sometimes completely destroyed by the sight of "tourist evidence," such as a tin can, candy bar wrapper, worn out shoe or wad of tissue.

"Let us consider the average mountain club trip. It is quite possible that the most careful camper will roll down the car window and throw out orange peel, kleenex, film container, etc. to clutter the road and countryside through the mountains. There is the false theory that wind, moisture, other erosion and animals will destroy this refuse. Instead, the next tourist, camper, or climber will see this refuse in its various rotting stages the rest of the season.

"The following disposal procedures meet the needs of an aesthetic area. The main object is removal or permanent concealment of refuse. Burn everything combustible such as paper, food scraps, and thrown out clothing. Tin cans may be burned to destroy food traces, then smashed flat. If you lunch on the mountain top, carry the flattened tins back to camp to bury or to put in the provided trash container there. You have the alternative of depositing them away from the trail out of sight. Be sure they are hidden. Others may wander right where your footsteps have led.

"Let's make ourselves a CMC patrol for more habitable camping areas, aesthetic hiking trails, and attractive mountain top scenery."

Editor's note: The CMC in the above refers to Colorado Mountain Club. The letters GMC could be substituted and the advice followed which would lead to the improvement of our own camps and trails.



Vol.6 No.9

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Sept. 1953

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sunday, Sept. 20 - 9 A.M.
Place - Wallingford Gulf Road to
Little Rock Pond

This is the first of our series of three hikes planned to cover a consecutive section of the Trail. Last fall we did 19 miles of Trail starting from the northern end of the Killington Section. This fall we plan to cover about the same distance from the southern end.

For this first hike we will take the Trail where it crosses the Wallingford - E. Wallingford highway and follow along to Greenwall, White Rocks, and Little Rock Pond; then out to cars on the highway at Black Branch crossing. (Total dist. approx. $9\frac{1}{2}$ mi.)

This section of Trail, at least from Greenwall is new to many of us and the Guide Book promises fine views.

It is the ideal season for hiking - cool weather and no black flies. Don't miss this opportunity for a good day's outing and a chance to cover a sizeable piece of Long Trail.

Time - Sunday, October 4th
Place - Black Branch Crossing to
Griffith Lake

Taking up where we left off on the previous hike we will continue south to Old Job Shelter and Griffith Lake, a distance of 7 miles. From Griffith Lake we will take an approach trail

down the mountain to Rte. 7, south of Danby - probably about 3 miles more of hiking.

This day's trip covers territory which once saw more activity than it does to-day. There was once a prosperous lumbering village, called Griffith, where Old Job Shelter is located. At Griffith Lake there was formerly a hotel. This should make another interesting day.

WANT SOMETHING NEW?

Looking for an excuse to buy a new dress or set of dishes? Are the children's overalls getting shabby? GMC RUMMAGE SALE offers a chance to kill 3 birds with one stone:- gets rid of your older things; gives our "customers" some needed good bargains; and nots some money for Killington Section treasury. START COLLECTING!

Watch for further details in your October SMOKE and BLAZES.

MT. CUSHMAN RAINED OUT

New hikes on our schedule seem to run into bad luck - first Mt. Aeolus and now Mt. Cushman. Never mind, we'll do them yet!

COMING NEXT MONTH

Four Killington Section members made an over-night trip to Killington recently. Because of lack of space we could not give you their report on it this time. You will find it in your October issue.

FIFTY-ONE ATTEND INTERSECTIONAL
by
Dan Jennings, Jr.

Fay Fuller herself would be proud of the genuinely gracious hospitality extended to GMCers during their Intersectional meeting, held at the site of the camp bearing her name! Acting hosts for the Bennington Section were Mr. and Mrs. Paulson who certainly did everything possible to make our outing a successful and comfortable one.

Much preliminary brush cutting and trimming had been done to establish a clearing in an old abandoned orchard, the site of our tent city. Five sections were represented by familiar old timers-- from Burlington were Prof. and Mrs. Buchanan, Larry and Alberta Dean. From Worcester were Jim Green, Prof. and Mrs. John Vondell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mitchell, Mr. Storey and others. Killington section members included Criague and Mary Perkins, Vera Perkins, Mary Jennings, Thelma Valiquette, Betty Ball, Bill Alford, Churchill Scott, and Dan Jennings, Jr. From Bennington besides the hosts came Miss Hardy and Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett and grandchildren. Representing Brattleboro were our old friends the Dunklees, whom we hadn't seen for some time, and three of their children.

The Saturday night campfire featured the usual (but always enjoyable) visiting and telling of trail tales, the verity of which we never question (?). Larry Dean held us in suspense for several minutes with what seemed to be a thrilling ghost story, but come to find out, he was telling it to us only to see if anyone could tell him the ending!

As the beautiful near-full moon rose over the mountainside, Jim Green led us in Kate Smith's theme song (first giving us the pitch on his newly made willow flute). Several old favorite tunes followed until we discovered it was after 10:30 and well

past a good hiker's bed time.

Prof. Buchanan failed to give us the traditional reveille call, and one hiker claimed to be disappointed because she woke up purposely just to be sure to hear that horn go off at 5.

The day began at dawn as two car loads went to Bennington for early church services. A leisurely breakfast hour followed, after which "the hikers" (to be distinguished from "the campers") loaded into the back of Mr. Paulson's truck. We expected to revolutionize mountain climbing, but this trend in travel didn't last all the way. We climbed to Thendara camp and then followed along the trail to the lookoff on Harmon Hill, with its splendid view of Mount Anthony and the Bennington valley. Then we continued along the trail down (and we mean down) the other side of the mountain to the highway; Jim Green shuttled us back in relays to camp, where we feasted on corn prepared by Mrs. Paulson --and delicious German fried potatoes, provided by the Bartletts. Both items were meticulously served by Mr. Storey.

Soon tents began to be folded, and folks said their goodbyes. Thus ends the tale of another truly memorable and enjoyable weekend. The moral of the story is: Don't miss the next one!

ADIRONDACK WEEK-END

by
Betty Ball

The week-end of Aug. 15-17 proved perfect for hiking in the Adirondacks. I met a N.Y. State friend at Adirondack Loj, about 9 miles from Lake Placid. The Loj itself is quite small, but there are several lean-tos, and campsites connected with it. The setting is lovely, right on Heart Lake, at the end of the road and with mountains all around it.

Mt. Jo rises right back of the Loj and we decided to climb it, only 700 ft., for sunrise. One of the girls in our bunk-

room and her friend, climbed it at 3:30 A.M. but we waited until 5 A.M. There are two trails up Mt. Jo and we chose the short steep one. It was brisk on top and the two girls who had been there since 4:30 were nearly frozen. Although there were too many clouds for much of a sunrise, there was a fine view from the top and Mt. Marcy to the left was clear. The clouds were heavy over the MacIntyre range, whose highest peak, Algonquin, we had wanted to climb, so after a hearty breakfast we decided on a valley walk instead.

The first two miles were easy, a wide woods trail to Marcy Dam which is a truly delightful place to camp. Five large lean-tos provided camping space for all willing to back-pack camping equipment that far. The trail to Mt. Marcy goes off to the left here, a five mile climb, but we headed for Avalanche Pass. The excellent trail went along the bank of a rushing stream, passed Avalanche Leanto, and then headed up the pass. Great boulders and tossed tree trunks showed the effects of past avalanches and storms. Avalanche Lake huddled between the sheer cliffs of Mt. Golden and Caribou, or Avalanche Mt. The trail used to be difficult, according to the guidebook, in and out under boulders. Now it is great fun, over bridges, up and down ladders, and through a small cave. In two places the trail goes out over the lake on floating bridges. The largest of these is called "Hitch-up-Matilda." There are several legends as to how it got its name. The one I like best follows.

In the early days Indian guides led the hikers into this wilderness. When they came to these fords, there were no bridges then, the guides carried the lady hikers on their backs through the water. One Indian had a rather stout woman, Matilda. She began to slip, so the Indian guide behind shouted, "Hitch-up, Matilda, hitch

up Matilda." So the bridge was called by that name.

The whole scene here is very dramatic and beautiful. We turned back at the end of Avalanche Lake and did the five miles back to the Loj in about three hours, just ambling along.

The next day, Sunday, we climbed Algonquin. The trail wasn't particularly beautiful until we came to the evergreens which I like, but there were some nice flocks of birds, and a laughable sight of a baby winter-wren, with his tiny tail about as big as a fingernail. When we got to the rocky part near the cone, the trail wasn't too well marked, but we scrambled over the ledges and boulders, and finally had a magnificent view. On one side was the Lake Placid area, to the east the Avalanche-strewn slopes of Mt. Golden, and farther away, Mt. Marcy, the Gothics, and other ranges. Little lakes below enhanced the scene. We ate our lunch in a grassy spot made vivid by bottle gentians, and started down the back side of Algonquin. We had had many versions of this trail, some describing it as "ghastly", "rough", or "terribly steep" and others as "scenic and fun." We found it wonderful fun going down, but I'd hate to go up it. The greater part of the trail is along a brook bed, dry at first, but plenty of water later. Cascades and little waterfalls are all along the way. It was jump from one rock or root to another and step down all the way. It certainly isn't dull!

It was 3:30 this day when we came out again at Avalanche Lake so we hurried the last five miles to the Loj. This makes a good eleven mi. circuit, somewhat strenuous, but never difficult, and you only climb about 3000 feet.

Early mornings turned out to be good for birding, and flocks of warblers included some uncommon ones, like mourning

warbler and bay-breasted. One morning a beautiful, white-winged crossbill, appeared briefly right near the Loj.

Monday morning we took a brief woods walk as we wanted to be off by noon, and went through fine woods, I believe virgin timber, to the Rocky Falls lean-to, by the lovely, cascading, clear, Indian Pass brook. A longer walk on the trail would have brought us to Indian Pass, about 6 miles from the Loj.

There were no Vermonters on the register but the place is pleasant and easily accessible, with both camping and Loj accommodations, and both good climbs and easy walks. The mountains are more dramatic of course than most of our Green Mts. So I think an Adirondack week-end will be included in all my summer plans from now on.

CLARENDON TO WALLINGFORD HIKE by Arnold R. Swanson

Fourteen Juniors and four Counselors, of the Pathfinder Club of the Rutland Seventh-day Adventist church, enjoyed a splendid over-night hike on The Long Trail August 16th and 17th.

Meeting at ten O'clock in the morning we had all of our food supplies and bedding etc. packed and down to the beginning of the trail (Rutland-Bellows Falls highway) by noon. Each hiker carrying a bag lunch, we entered the trail and sat down alongside it and enjoyed a nice meal together before starting the hike

Most of the Juniors were around 12 years old, but we had two that were only 7, and they did an excellent job of hiking and carrying their packs. By 1:15 we were ready and we started across the Mill River bridge. Naturally with such a group we hiked slowly, and rested quite

4 often. Midway from the highway to Spring Lake Camp, we met a lone hiker northbound. He had spent the night at Buffum, and was planning to hike as far as Breadloaf Mt. on this trip. It was of great interest for each Junior to meet a real hiker on the Trail, such as we did.

At three o'clock we caught a glimpse of Spring Lake Camp and the Lake. Reaching the camp, it was quickly swept out, and bedrolls were put in order. Then off to the spring for water went the water brigade. Several, not only wanted water to drink, but chose to have a plunge in Spring Lake. Now all refreshed, supper was prepared and eaten in a manner showing that everyone had a good appetite.

At sunset the group gathered in the cabin for a song-fest and evening worship before retiring. Some chose to sleep outdoors, but a good shower came up soon after the group retired, so everyone spent the evening in the cabin.

At 4:30 a.m. the Hikers were up. Breakfast was eaten about 6:00 o'clock. Then a refreshing plunge in the lake, packs put in readiness and finally at 9:00 a.m. we were off again.

Blackberries in abundance were found on the way to Buffum shelter, but still we had good appetites here as we stopped for dinner.

By 3:00 Monday afternoon, we had all safely hiked to the Wallingford-East Wallingford highway, and there we found transportation in a short while.

It was a most pleasant and enjoyable experience on The Long Trail for everyone. We were very happy for the good trail, the camp and shelter provided by the Green Mountain Club. This was our fourth hike on The Long Trail this summer, and we are looking forward to many more in future years.



Vol.6 No.10

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Oct. 1953

RUMMAGE SALE - FRIDAY, NOV.6

The date of our annual Rummage Sale has been set and we'll be ready Thursday, Nov. 5th to receive all those things you've assembled for us. As usual we will be at the Neighborhood Rooms from 9 to 5 that day to set things up for the sale.

Why not break down and bring in all those things you almost gave us last year? Contact your relatives, friends, and neighbors and see what you can collect from them too. We will need plenty of things to sell to give our treasury its usual boost.

If you have things but no way of getting them to us, call Mary or Craigue Perkins (1383-W) before Thursday, Nov. 5th.

We will need some help both in getting ready and in carrying on the Sale, so if you can spare some time on Thursday, Nov. 5th, or Friday, Nov. 6th, please let us know.

REMEMBER - THE SUCCESS OF THE SALE DEPENDS ON YOUR EFFORTS!!

COMING EVENTS

TIME - Sunday, Oct 18 - 8:30 A.M.
PLACE - Mad Tom Shelter to Griffith Lake.

This is the third and last of our "series-hikes" on this schedule. With the completion of this hike those who have done all three will have covered 21.6 miles of The Long Trail.

We will start from Mad Tom

and the lunch stop on this one will probably be Griffith Lake Shelter - 4.5 mi. from Mad Tom. From Griffith Lake Shelter to the Lake is .7 mi. and from there to the cars, by the Lake Trail is 3 mi. more - making the day's total 8.2 miles.

This should be an interesting trip as it includes Styles Peak and Peru Peak. We are hoping for a clear day so we can enjoy the view from Styles Peak.

Better try this one even if you didn't make the first two.

TIME - Sunday, Nov.1 - 11 A.M.
PLACE - Tucker Lodge

Those who have found the last few hikes a bit strenuous can relax and enjoy this one. Here is a chance to spend a good day in the open without much effort.

However, if you feel the urge for more exercise, you can reach Tucker via the Circle Trail. If you still want more, when you leave you can hike through on the Blue Trail to the road beyond Craigue Perkins' camp.

So, come early or late; take it easy or make it as strenuous as you like; but join us at Tucker anyway for the traditional GMC coffee and conversation.

Charlotte and Eugene Keenan are camping for a few days near Jay Peak while he is on Forestry business in that area. They plan to climb the mountain while there.

GULF ROAD TO BLACK BRANCH ROAD

2

In spite of threatening weather, 12 optimists met at the Meldon School on Sunday, Sept. 20th for the first of the fall "series-hikes".

We drove to the point where The Trail crosses the Gulf road and after parking our cars hiked south through open pastures toward Greenwall Shelter. We had barely started hiking when the weather carried out its earlier threat and rain apparel was in order.

After a brief stop at Greenwall, which is a short distance off The Trail, we retraced our steps to The Trail and set out for our lunch stop, Little Rock Pond, 5.2 miles away.

In spite of the rain which continued intermittently, allowing us about time enough to partly dry off between showers, we enjoyed this piece of Trail. It is well brushed out through open woods as it climbs gradually and continues along the ridge of White Rocks Mt.

Everyone was more than ready for lunch by the time we reached the familiar trail near Little Rock Pond. About this time the weather decided to cooperate. The rain stopped and in a surprisingly short time coffee was ready to serve.

We spent a pleasant hour and a half around the campfire before completing the last lap out to the highway at Black Branch Crossing. There we were met by Pearl Nichols and Eleanor Walker who transported the drivers back to the cars on the Gulf Road.

Everyone voted this an easy 9 miles and went home filled with pleasant anticipation of resuming the journey in two weeks.

BLACK BRANCH ROAD TO GRIFFITH LAKE

Another good Fall hike was enjoyed by eight Killington Section members on Sunday, October 4th when they hiked from Black Branch Road to Griffith Lake.

While driving down route 7

toward Danby, a most unusual cloud was observed. Through dark glasses the colors edging this cloud took on brilliant hues. Even with the naked eye they could be seen but weren't as bright as seen through the glasses.

This stretch of The Long Trail is in the National Forest and is in very good condition. It is also, perhaps, one of the easiest parts of The Trail to hike for the climbs are all gradual. At Old Job Shelter we met two men with a jeep and trailer. They offered to give anyone who wanted it, a ride to Griffith Lake. We all proved to be hikers and the offer was not taken.

By the time we reached Griffith Lake, also known as Buffum Pond, it looked like rain so we decided to eat on the lake shore and then be on our way back without stopping at the shelter. We would make that, next trip, to or from Mad Tom.

We had just finished lunch when a shower pelted us just long enough to make us hurry and be on our way without giving us a chance to investigate or explore the upper end of the lake. Oh, well, we'll be back in another few days!

We returned by way of the Lake Trail and found it to be rather down hilly; a drop of over 1500 feet in about three miles. We were glad to be going down instead of up. However we don't recommend going down any trail arm in arm. It's apt to lead to a bad fall. In fact it did! (no serious results)

When we came off the trail it was good to see Pearl Nichols' car waiting to take the drivers of the hikers back to Black Branch Crossing to pick up their cars. Pearl and Eleanor Walker came along in a few minutes. They had been walking up the road a ways. We sure are glad to see these girls when we come off the trail. We appreciate their services and their loyal club spirit. Thanks girls!

THE FOURSOME CAMP IN N.Y. STATE

This camping trip makes the fifth consecutive Fall Camping expedition made by the group of GMCers known as the Foursome; namely, Mary Jennings Thelma Valiquette, Vera Perkins, and Mary Perkins. Past camp sites have been located in Vermont and New Hampshire State Parks. This time the Foursome headed for New York state with three locations in mind. The idea being to select the one that offered the best facilities; wood, water, and a good place to set up tents.

We took off in the rain and cold at nine thirty, October 7th. The weatherman had predicted "fair and colder" weather for the remainder of the week so we were in an optimistic mood as we drove out of Rutland. Our route took us north west to Lake Champlain Bridge where we crossed the lake and ate a picnic lunch at the Crown Point State Park. The foliage was beautiful but we missed not having the sunshine.

As we drove on in New York state, we sighted one mountain peak covered with snow. This didn't bother us for we all had double sleeping bags and were sure we could keep warm enough.

Our first inspection tour was at Paradox Lake State Park. The water had been turned off here, and there was no wood available. The camp site was not to our liking so we drove on to Sharp Bridge State Park. Here, again, we were disappointed - no wood, no water, but we did like the pine grove setting.

It was four P.M. when we reached Eagle Point on Schroon Lake. The water was on and there were plenty of good camp sites. The caretaker could not supply us with wood but told us where we could get slash from a lumber mill near by. It had stopped raining by this time. We set up the tents and then two of the

campers went to get the wood. They loaded the trunk of the car with all it would take of wet, no good wood, but perhaps better than nothing.

Mary Jennings and Thelma deserve credit for getting such a good dinner that night on a smoky fire that refused to make coals for cooking. We ate inside the big tent by the light of the gasoline lantern, then cleaned up camp and played canasta until ten-thirty. By that time we were a little chilly, had a cup of hot cocoa and crawled into our bags.

The next morning after the camp chores were done, we went in to Pottersville, about five miles from camp, to see if we could buy some dry wood. We were lucky. For one dollar and a half we purchased enough to fill the trunk of the car with some of the best fire wood we ever had. Back at camp we built a roaring fire, toasted ourselves for a while, had a light lunch and then went off to bask in the sun. It was too cool down by the lake so we found a sunny location up near the entrance of the Park and spent a few hours there until it was time to go back to start dinner.

The food on these outings is something to write home about ! Mary Jennings and Thelma know their outdoor cooking ! ! Wish there was space enough here to list the menus - we'd have you drooling !

Two games of canasta were played on the second night out . We set the card table close to the fire and took turns roasting ourselves ! We popped corn, had some fire-side chat and turned in about midnight.

The third day, Friday, bright and a little warmer, was somewhat similar to the previous day except we didn't have to go into town for wood. We varied the program a bit by going on a picnic down by the lake. Two of the campers missed not going to town so when we had lantern trouble, they went in to a

garage to get it fixed. They sure did get good service and are now ready to add New York state to the list of states of friendly people. Canasta was played again and we should mention the champs; Mary J. and Tholma. These games are never taken seriously though of course it is fun to win.

Saturday was to be our last day at camp but that didn't hurry us. We took our time about breakfast, had hair sets for those in need of them, packed a picnic lunch and then started to break camp. At one o'clock we started for home and varied the route a little.

We took a cross road over to the top of Lake George where we ate lunch at Rogers Rock State Park. This is one to add to our collection. We liked it very much. At Ticonderoga we were back on our old route. It was getting toward sunset when we crossed Champlain so we drove across the bridge as slowly as possible to enjoy the view. We reached Rutland about six P.M. entirely satisfied with our camping trip and with the thought, "where will the Foursome go camping next year?"

A TRIP TO KILLINGTON

Bill Allard, Craigie Perkins, Barbic Allard, and Martha Hakens left Rutland at 4:30 one afternoon and drove to Brewers Corners to hit the trail for Killington and an overnight.

The trail was better than we had expected to find it. Someone had painted a few blazes and the worst brush had been cut. Due to the dry season there was no water along the trail and we feared the spring at the camp might be dry, but all was well when we pulled into the clearing just before dark.

Cooper Lodge was clean and a good supply of wood was on hand, but on this expedition we burned no wood. A pint of kero-

sene in the Primus stove cooked the meals and heated all the dish water.

Supper consisted of a huge macaroni salad (Orilla Allard), pears, cocoa, and filled cookies (Isabell Hakens). The men folks washed the dishes. About nine o'clock we set out for the peak, taking an extra flashlight, jackets, and one sleeping bag for padding the rocky summit.

Because of the misty atmosphere we could see nothing further away than Rutland. But the stars were all out and sure enough the moon came up red in the north east. Some shooting stars were seen. About 11:30 the wind began to feel a little too cool so we stumbled back down to the camp. And so to bed.

Up at 6:30 to a breakfast of sausage and griddlocake. Again the men folks did the dishes. Then up to the peak again to spend most of the day in the sun. The seeing was very poor but time was spent exploring the rocks, and looking at the lumber operations on each side of the mountain. One hiking party came by camp about noon but didn't visit the peak. We heard another group for some time but they never appeared.

At 3:30 we went down for dinner of hamburgs and potato, with peaches for desert, and more cool cookies. This time the ladies washed the dishes.

After a good clean-up we started back to the car. Being somewhat delayed by ripe blackberries, we didn't arrive home till about eight o'clock.

Other highlights of this trip included: 1. On the way we saw two porkies. Billy went out after we reached camp and killed one. 2. The liver of Billy's porky. 3. The large flock of Crossbills eating with a chipmunk. 4. Martha's first trip to Killington. 5. Barbic's first trip sleeping overnight.



Vol. 6 No. 11

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Nov. 1953

COMING EVENTS

TIME * Sunday, Nov. 15 - 10 A.M.
PLACE Bald Mt.

Here is an old favorite back on the schedule after an absence of several years. This trip is one especially well known for its unpredictability. We have been in December when we enjoyed an afternoon of sunning on the rocks in balmy spring temperature. On the other hand, Bald Mt. was also the scene of the oft-told experience of coffee freezing in the cups before we could drink it - likewise in December !

We can't vouch for the condition of the trail, at the time of the last first hand reports it was far from good. So, come prepared for anything. At least it shouldn't be dull.

Time - Sun., Nov. 29 - 9:30 A.M.
Place - Blue Ridge

This is just about the most adaptable outing you could find. In the first place the weather doesn't matter - if it isn't good for hiking we can just change to an indoor outing and enjoy the hospitality of Mary and Craig Perkins' camp.

For those who want to hike some but are not in mountain climbing mood or condition, there are plenty of walks of varying distances and interests around camp.

Those who do hike up the mountain will enjoy one of the

most rewarding views in comparison with the amount of energy expended that can be found anywhere.

Everyone can be assured of a warm cozy place to relax and enjoy lunch after hiking, and any who would like to join us just for this part of the program will be most welcome.

What more could one outing offer ?

Time - Saturday, December 12th.
Place - Beechwood - Covered Dish Supper.

This eating-party has become so well established as an annual event that it no longer seems to need much explanation.

For the benefit of any who may have missed it or who have poor memories we'll outline the general procedure.

Since it's a "covered-dish" affair those planning to attend should call in stating the number in their party and getting their assignment as to what to bring. Call by Saturday A.M. at the latest (Vera Perkins - 1910) - an earlier call will be appreciated.

It helps in many ways if each person brings his own plate, cup, knife, fork, and spoon. So tie a string around your finger and try to remember them.

The latch string will be out and the home fires burning any time after 2 P.M. If you come early you can get in a hike or just relax. The grand tour around the supper table will start at 6:30 P.M.

For the evening program this

we have the opportunity to view a collection of colored slides loaned by William and Raymond Bartlett of Salisbury, Conn. These brothers, one of whom is now a medical student in Conn., recently received their "End-to-enders" award and these pictures were taken all along The Trail.

We guarantee you won't be sorry if you come - unless you eat too much.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$98.08

Once again the Rummage Sale has added a tidy little sum to our treasury. Each year we wonder where the material for the next sale is coming from but each year finds us with a good supply. This is entirely due to our loyal members and good friends who remember to save for us during the year. For several years this comparatively painless method of raising money has helped us materially in carrying out our projects. Our thanks to all of you who have helped make these sales successful.

We want to say an extra "thank you" to Isabelle Hakens, Thelma Valiquette, Miriam Bell, and Eleanor Walker who answered our call for volunteers to help in carrying on the sale.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Latest report from Janet and Jack Martin is that they are spending Jack's current 15 day leave in England and Scotland.

Jan and Jack are certainly taking advantage of every opportunity to see the country around about. The latter part of the summer they spent a leave in Switzerland. This trip included the Black Forest, Bern, Grendelwald, which Jan describes as a "story-book town high in the mountains with its Bavarian type houses perched high on the hill-

sides", over the Susten Pass and down into William Tell country, Lake Lucerne and Lake Constance.

Janet writes that in a small town near Bern they stayed in a "Gasthof" with no running water but nice and clean, where the charge of about \$5 for two included dinner, overnight, and breakfast - and for dinner they had steak!

They didn't get to do any mountain climbing as the weather wasn't cooperative at the right times. However, they did some walking as they planned to arrive at each overnight stop in time for a couple hours walk about the surrounding country before dinner.

MAD TOM TO GRIFFITH LAKE by Helen Bailey

Sunday, October 18, six cars (three with passengers and three with drivers only) left Meldon School for what was to most of us a "mystery hike". We proceeded south beyond Danby to the marble quarries. Here we took a dirt road east to a group of abandoned houses where we in turn abandoned three of our cars. Their drivers climbed in the other three cars and we headed north again to Danby, where we took the road over Mt. Tabor to Hapgood Pond and thence to Mad Tom Shelter. Here we parked two cars, dismissed one (Pearl's) and set out along The Long Trail to Styles Peak. After guessing at the identity of several haze-shrouded mountains, we went down again and up over another mountain which we were told was Peru, but which the sign-post said was Mt. Tabor, dropping down from there on Griffith Lake Shelter, where we enjoyed our lunch and a rest.

All who would were encouraged to drink water. The others shared one teaball and two or three teaspoonfuls of Nescafe. The group of thirteen included

four younger members who, fortunately, had brought their own drinks, so everyone appeared to be satisfied.

We then continued to Grif-fith Lake to which we could give but scant attention due to the rapidly sinking sun. Shortly after leaving the lake we came to the cut over the crest of the range and for the rest of the way down had a breathtaking three-way view - a. straight down at the valley at our feet; b. across the ravine to the opposite slope which was covered with white birches; and c. straight ahead to the west hills bathed in the setting sun. Although we had scuffed most of the way through the fallen leaves, they were still on the trees here and added greatly to the effectiveness of the scene. We were told we were following the bed of an ancient railroad, and, as the angle of descent forced our toes against the end of our boots, we almost wished it were still there. However all made it out to the road in good season and two of the cars took off immediately for home. The other car took two of us back to Mad Tom via Lancaster and Peru, then home through Weston. Everyone agreed that the third and last of this year's "series" had been a real success.

TUCKER LODGE
by
Maude Canty

The Weather-man promised Sunday, Nov. 1st to be a bright, clear day and so it was, off and on - a pretty day in the woods with the everchanging shadows.

Fourteen hikers met at the Meldon School and late comers swelled our number to twenty before we left Tucker Lodge. While waiting for the group to collect, two young gentlemen (teen-agers) stopped by and asked to join our ranks. We waited while they went

home for their lunches and swapped church clothes for others.

It was our good fortune to have our friends from the Worcester Section, Jim and Frances Green and Bill Mitchell, with us - Craigie wouldn't have been able to repair Tucker roof had not Jim Green been on the other end of the pole holding the cement for him.

Found the Lodge in good condition, it made some of us wish that we could stay and take some hikes from there, coming back to Tucker each night for supper and a cozy time around the fire. Some day we hope to do just that.

Does everyone know that one doesn't disturb a flower or a grasshopper found on The Trail? A lone little violet that dared to bloom on this November day is still fresh and fragrant here in the city. Count that day lost if something isn't learned.

Everyone seemed to be having a good time rambling around searching for checkerberries or ferns for their respective greeneries.

It wasn't too long before the coffee was just right, groups collecting for eats, some out of doors and others inside at the table. Isabelle Hakens treated us all to one of the nicest cakes and did it taste good!

That good old coffee pot still shines, regardless of past arguments for and 'agin' keeping it scrubbed and shiny.

The teen-agers proved to be good campers, taking their turn in getting up the wood pile. Future members? Who knows?

Missed seeing more of our other members - the two Larys, (Jennings and Perkins), "T" and Harold Valiquette, Diane and George Conlin, and others.

We all agreed that The Long Trail is the best way to travel and see our mountain tops but the man power needed for keeping the trails open depends on the faithful few.

IF LOST IN THE WOODS

You could get lost in the woods ! It could happen, but it is very unlikely on a regular scheduled GMC hike with a group such as usually attends. However, because this could happen, we feel it might be helpful to give a little advice on this subject.

If you are ever lost in the woods, don't get panicky. A person inexperienced in the woods is liable to get scared and tramp along through the underbrush until he drops from exhaustion. It is much better to sit still for a while and analyze the situation. In this way you won't break any bones or tire yourself out.

Don't worry about wild animals. Any animal near you would be just as scared of you as you are of him. He would hasten to get out of your way.

When you have discovered that you are lost, look around for some landmarks, like a stream or telephone or electric light line.

Don't try to cut across country. Most people unused to the woods find themselves walking in circles.

Walk downhill. When you find a stream or power line, follow its downward course. It will lead you to open valleys, settlements or highways.

Don't travel by night. Travel at night in woods you don't know may lead you to dangerous, rough terrain.

If you can locate open fields or clearings in woods, stay there. Searchers, especially airplane searchers, could see you there more easily than in the thick woods.

Clear an area of inflammable material and build a signal fire to send up smoke. Make sure the fire is out when you leave.

When you see a plane, remember everyone waves his arms at an airplane so to attract attention, signal in some different manner. A shirt or large kerchief with a color contrasting with the ground could be used to good advantage. Another method of attracting an airplane's attention is to flash a polished cigarette case or mirror.

It is comforting to know that the Department of Public Safety, The State Director of Aeronautics, the Fish and Game Department, State Forester, Civil Air Patrol and local law and forest groups all join in searches for lost persons.

In addition to radios in all state police cars, each state police area has at least one smaller "handy-talkie" for use in searches through the woods.

With searches so well organized on the ground and in the air, a person lost in the woods has little to worry about if he follows the above advice and keeps his head. He will be found very shortly.

Of course the best rule to follow in regard to woods walking is, Don't Get Lost. It is always a good plan to hike with at least one other person. When you are with a group, never get too far out of sight or sound of the group.

Some people like to walk alone in the woods. If you are one of those people, know your area, and keep on a well marked trail or path.

Whereas being lost in the woods for a few hours or overnight may not cause any great hardship on the individual, it might be well to give some thought to the folks at home who would be going through mental torture. So, don't get lost. But if you do, keep your head and you'll soon be found.



Vol. 6 No. 12

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Dec. 1953

COMING EVENTS

TIME - Saturday, January 2nd
PLACE - Spring Lake

Please make especial note of the date and place of this one. It is a Saturday trip and was planned with the hope that some of our absent members, home for the holidays, might attend.

The place is changed from that shown on your schedule card. We've shifted dates with the Clarendon trip. The reason for this is that since the problem of moving Spring Lake Camp arose, we heard, via our private grapevine, that some members would be willing to help if any work was to be done on it during the holidays. We couldn't afford to pass up an opportunity like that -- so Sat., Jan. 2nd is a chance for a good get-together and also to get some needed work done at Spring Lake Camp.

We're setting the starting time at 9 A.M. but any who can't make it then may come along at their convenience.

Coming as it does the day after New Year's you should be recovered from your New Year's Eve celebration and ready for a day in the open. Join us for a day of fun and work. Let's make it a record turn-out.

TIME - Sunday, January 17th
PLACE - Clarendon Lodge

We haven't had as many scheduled trips to Clarendon Lodge as such a fine shelter would seem to warrant. However

we've been saving this for winter as it is so perfectly adapted to such outings.

We shall hope for snow at this time as this is an ideal snowshoe trip. It is short enough to be accessible to practically everyone yet there are opportunities for as extensive a trip as the most ambitious could wish for.

It is a pleasant spot for a day's outing even minus the snow, so, whatever the weather, plan on spending Sunday, January 17th with us at Clarendon Lodge.

BALD MT. TRIP
by
Helen Field

On November 15, nine of us brave souls, wearing red hats, kerchiefs, and jackets, to warn the hunters that we were people and not animals, set out to scale the heights of Bald Mt.

Being slightly out of condition, I thought this would be an easy trip for me, but there were so many windfalls on the upper half of the trail that I think we climbed more miles over and under than we did up and down and round about. Our main trouble was that we all followed Craigie like a flock of sheep and he followed his nose. We should have picked a man with a straighter nose. There was no chance of finding the north side of a tree by the moss growing on it, because the trees were pointing in every direction.

Finally we did find a clearing and we were able to get our bearings from that. By follow-

ing along the top of the ridge we managed to retrace our steps to the top of the mountain.

Barbie Allard proved to be an expert fire-maker. The two men went after water while the rest of us gathered more wood.

The view was a little hazy but it is always nice to be on top of a mountain looking down at the rest of the world anyway, and the weather was unusually warm for the time of year.

We found our way back much easier than we expected, picking up the trail again about half way down.

Two conclusions were reached before our journey was over - one is that we could stand to have a lot of work done on that trail by someone who is really ambitious, and the other is that the shortest distance between two points is, but definitely, a straight line.

However, we parted with the same thoughts we always have after a GMC trip, no matter what the destination - we all had fun and we all want to go again.

BLUE RIDGE AGAIN

The weather looked somewhat unpromising on Sunday, Nov. 29th when 12 hikers met at the Meldon School to start for Blue Ridge via Craigue Perkins' camp. However only one lazy-bones used the excuse of "slippery walking and probably no view" as an excuse for spending the morning loafing cozily at camp. (It was perfect!)

Both those premonitions proved to be true and with no view to lure them to linger, and the trail slippery enough so they could slip instead of walk most of the way down, the hikers made the trip in record time.

During their absence the party had been increased by new arrivals so that by lunch time there were 17 of us. During the afternoon three more people hiked

in for a short visit thus making a good total attendance for a gray, November day.

Actually it was a fine day to hike or be at camp. Hiking around the woods in the afternoon we found the evergreens still dusted with the light snow which had fallen the previous night. The weather was not cold but just crisp enough to make camp especially inviting after a hike.

Just as the early dusk was settling down we left for home, reluctant, as always, to leave camp and bring to an end another good GMC outing.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

The usual hungry crowd (41) was on hand at Beechwood to collect their suppers from a well laden table. A few arrived in time to enjoy a nice afternoon outdoors or a chat by the fire, but the crowd really assembled at the supper hour. It was once more evident that Killington Section GMC has good cooks as well as hikers. The dishes were so empty at the end of the first course that we feared some might have to go home hungry. By the time the cakes, pies, and cookies had appeared and disappeared, however, we were no longer worried.

After the clean-up hubbub subsided, which process, incidentally, seemed to get done in record time, we enjoyed colored views of The Long Trail. Our thanks to Fred Field for procuring the slides and equipment, and showing them for us.

We were glad that Marge Allard was home for the weekend. We surely appreciated her efficient help in serving supper. Thanks are due also to our ever willing dish-washer Eleanor Walker, and to the many others who cheerfully helped in serving and clearing up.

It's working together at these parties which helps to make them so much fun. We'll be looking forward to this same event next year.

SPRING LAKE CAMP TO BE TAKEN DOWN

3

When the Spring Lake Camp project was started Mr. Ralph Congdon of Wallingford gave us permission to place the Camp on his property. The walls and some of the rafters of the Camp came from the abandoned Blue Triangle Camp near the present Clement Camp. They were trucked to the end of Spring Lake, taken across the ice on sleds and toboggans, and laboriously carried up the steep hill to the campsite. About \$100. worth of new lumber for the roof, floor and bunk, plus roofing paper and stove were carried by hand a quarter of a mile from the head of truck traffic south of the Camp. The construction period extended over about two years.

During this time two suggestions were made to Mr. Congdon for the protection of his property. One was that he purchase at the Club's expense "Keep off" signs to be posted around his camp on the lake so that people from the Trail would not annoy him by hanging around his camp, dock, or boats. Another suggestion was that he build a tight, locked cover for his spring at Club expense to prevent thoughtless campers from dipping out of his supply. He did not adopt either of these suggestions.

Since the completion of the Spring Lake Camp it has generally been found to be in better than average condition as regards cleanliness.

Without preliminary warning or discussion, Mr Congdon has suddenly ordered the Killington Section to remove the Spring Lake Camp from his property by March 1, 1954.

Jim Green of the Worcester Section consented to talk the matter over with Mr. Congdon. He did so and reported that the trouble seemed to be caused by a long series of minor irritations. Mr. Congdon stood by his ultimatum.

The Section Executive Committee met and proceeded to take steps to comply with Mr. Congdon's demand. Vera Perkins, George Conlon, and Emil Boscilli called on Mr. Wayne Sarcka of Spring Lake Ranch. Permission was given to reestablish the Camp on the flat about one-half mile south of its present location. The spot selected has a good outlook and a spring nearby. The wood road to the site will be closed after reconstruction is finished.

The present plan is to take down the old camp with as much care as possible. The roof, floor, and bunk boards, all new lumber, can certainly be salvaged. Then we will decide whether the old side sections are worth the expense and labor of moving, or if it would be better to put more money into new sides and rafters.

Regardless of whether or not we think Mr. Congdon was justified in taking the action he did, in the way he did, this episode should bring about a long needed change in our attitude toward the GMC trails and shelters in our Section at least.

We have been entirely too nonchalant about the maintenance and protection of our facilities. Hikers, campers, picnickers, hunters, fishermen, Scouts, and commercial resorts use our trails and shelters without realizing that they themselves have any responsibility for their care. Many who know and use the Trail never heard of The Green Mountain Club.

Certainly our facilities should be open to the public without restriction as to "who," but there should be more definite restriction as to "how". Land owners have given us the privilege of having the Trail cross their property and of maintaining camps. It is our duty to do everything possible to prevent the abuse of this privilege.

We should maintain in every Camp an official register in which all persons using the Trail are required to register. This register should contain the rules

for the use of the Camp. The registers should be uniform in style and marked as the property of the Club. Persons found in Camps without having registered should be required to leave. The rated capacity of the Camp should be stated and all comers up to this capacity should be allowed entrance.

A regular systematic patrol system of our trails and camps should be maintained with as great a frequency as conditions and manpower permit. This would lead to early knowledge of bad trail conditions or need of camp repairs.

We can not expect the public to take an interest in the maintenance of our trails and shelters unless we show a greater interest in them ourselves. Let's let the public know that somebody does care.

Notice of the date of the annual meeting will be given in the next issue of SMOKE & BLAZES.

No photography contest will be held this year as there has not been enough interest in picture taking on any of the hikes. However, Janice Catozzi, chairman of Photography will be glad to receive any pictures a member might wish to contribute to the Section's album.

Mary Perkins and Prescott VanVleet have been appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee.

The staff of SMOKE & BLAZES takes this opportunity to wish all its readers a Happy Christmas.

This brings to mind the point that the original staff members of this paper, Vera, Mary, and Craig Perkins are still on the job after five years of writing the news of Killington Section month after month. We thank the many members who have contributed stories to the columns of the paper. SMOKE & BLAZES is published at 129 Bellevue Ave., Rutland, Vt.

"WALKING AND CAMPING ETIQUETTE"
(from Appalachian Trailway News)

"PRIVATE PROPERTY: Respect it as an uninvited guest; leave gates, fences, signs, intact. Pick no cultivated fruit; damage no timber.

WILD FLOWERS: Pick none; let others enjoy them too.

FIRES: Make them small and safe on mineral ground. Put "deadout", smothered, before leaving.

DON'T SMOKE WHILE WALKING trails; wait until you rest.

DON'T DROP LITTER, cans, paper, or glass on trail; hide it.

GREEN TREES: Cut none. Don't waste wood. CONSERVE.

LUNCH AND CAMPSITES: Leave them cleaner than found.

MARKING TRAILS: Don't paint, or axe cut any existing trails or make new ones.

MARKERS AND SIGNS: Don't destroy them.

FALLEN BRANCHES: Develop the habit of removing them.

FIREARMS AND DOGS: Leave them home for safety's sake.

FOLLOW THE GOLDEN RULE TOWARD MEN AND NATURE.

These suggestions would seem elementary but it is astonishing to find how many persons do not observe one or more of them."

FLAMELESS HEATING

The Army has recently developed a flameless heating unit for warming canned rations. The experimental fuel unit is wrapped around the canned food, ignited, and heats the contents to the proper temperature.



Vol. 7 No. 1

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Jan. 1954

ANNUAL MEETING
KILLINGTON SECTION
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23rd
7:30 P.M.

The Annual Meeting of our section will be held on Saturday evening, January 23rd, at the Reserve Officers Armory on Court Square. Pres. George Conlon advises that the meeting will begin exactly at 7:30 P.M. Our good friend and club member, Mr. Wilbur Bradder, will be on hand to give us a showing of colored slides from his collection. This entertainment will be the first event on the evening's program as Mr. Bradder has to go on to another meeting. This makes it necessary to start our meeting promptly. So, don't forget that the meeting will start at 7:30 P.M. whether you are there or not. You won't want to miss any of the slides so be on time.

Following the entertainment the business meeting will be held. This will include committee reports, election of officers, and discussion of plans for the coming year.

Last, but by no means least, refreshments will be served under the direction of Jan Catozzi. Remember it's standard procedure to bring your own cup.

Let's make it a real get-together of hikers and non-hikers. If you know of a prospective member why not bring him along as a guest?

A YEAR OF OUTINGS

The outing held at Clarendon Lodge, Sunday, brings to a close another year's outing schedule. Here are a few items summarized from the year's hiking activities.

Exclusive of the Sugar Party and the Covered Dish Supper (att. on these totaled 91), there was a total attendance of 290 on hike outings. This makes an average of 13 plus per outing. (Don't ask who the plus is we haven't found out yet.) There were 85 different people who participated in these hikes.

We didn't dare get so personal as to ask the age of our oldest hiker but we can give you data on the youngest division. Tommy and Peter Field camped with us on the 4th of July trip, and on our recent Spring Lake hike David Perkins, age 3½, made the trip doing his own hiking which totaled a good 3 miles during the day.

The largest attendance was at the Spring Lake outing following the parent club's annual meeting in June 1953. Curiously enough, the attendance of 25 on that one included only 2 Killington Section members! The next largest total was 23 also at Spring Lake in January 1953. Prize for the smallest attendance goes to the Killington hike via the Juggernaut trail with only 4 hikers.

Three hikes were completely rained out, one an old favorite, Bird Mt., and two new ones, Mt. Aeolus and Mt. Cushman. This

brings up the question of, when is a hike rained out? The general slogan is that Killington Section hikes, rain or shine - however in actual practice if it rains sufficiently hard before we start to make the foolishness of going so evident as to be inescapable, we consider the hike "rained out" and stay home. Anything that comes up in the way of weather once we're started doesn't count.

For special trips we had:- the 4th of July camping trip with 7 hikers and 7 campers, when we did the 19.5 mi. of Trail between Hazen's Notch and Parker Camp; the trip into N.H. to Helen Bailey's Camp; the fall "series hikes" which covered a total of 21.6 mi. of Trail, on which there were 8 who did the complete series; the Intersectional at Fay Fuller Camp which brought out 9 Killington Section members.

All these statistics have perhaps no special significance except to point up the outing program of the section and make us aware that more people are enjoying the outings than we realize when we consider each one alone.

WHERE ARE YOUR PICTURES ?

Photography Chairman, Janice Catozzi, reports that she has received very few pictures lately for the Section's picture album.

We all enjoy looking over these albums but it takes a continual supply of pictures to keep them going. If each hiker could provide even one snapshot taken on an outing during 1953 it would give us a good picture record for the year.

The annual meeting would be a good time to bring these pictures to Janice. Remember she will take your film and have a print made for the book or if you prefer to bring in the print she will reimburse you. Look one up now and bring it Saturday evening.

CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY

News from Jan and Jack Martin tells of the pleasant and interesting Christmas day which they spent in the home of a German family in Offenburg. Jan wrote, "A German Christmas is much like ours except that they eat and drink continuously - coffee and cake (not frosted fortunately), wine and cookies, dinner of soup, meat, potatoes, vegetables, bread and butter, with wine or beer and home canned fruit to top it off - then coffee with cake and cookies and then you start over with wine again. For each change they use a different tablecloth - that is, the regular cover does for the wine, a plastic one for coffee, and a white one for meals."

Janet's family had correspondence with this family as a CLRE family for several years. She and Jack had visited them earlier in the year and were fortunate enough to be invited back for Christmas.

WINTER BIRDS

If you have a bird feeder and have been seeing a bird looking like an overgrown sparrow but with white stripes and white over its eye, it is probably a purple finch (female), according to our bird enthusiast, Betty Ball. The male of this species is easily recognised as it is a raspberry red.

The birds especially appreciate feeding stations right now when every thing is covered with snow. Betty says that evening grosbeaks and snow buntings have been seen at feeders and she has seen the snow wren which is unusual for Vermont at this time of year.

Betty participated in a bird census in Burlington on January 2nd and reports that 47 species were noted there that day. This census is taken each year at about this time all over the U.S.

SPRING LAKE CAMP IS NO MORE

It was a good camp while it lasted. We had fun building it. We had fun using it. And now we have had fun tearing it down.

The first work party went up on a beautifully warm, sunny Sunday in December and tore out the bunk, took out the windows, removed and burned the roofing paper and pried off the roof boards.

The second work party went up on a beautifully cold, windy Wednesday and tore up the floor, unbolted the sides, and let them settle slowly flat to the ground. All boards and rafters were neatly piled ready for trucking out to the new site.

Arrangements were made for a truck, and on January 3rd a gang went up to move the remains. However, the truck had no chains and we worked until nearly two o'clock getting it in the road as far as possible and getting it out again. Things looked very black. Then Harold Valiquette showed up with a four-wheel-drive Combat Vehicle and chains. Just the thing! Before dark we had brought out two loads of boards and rafters.

This life saver was loaned by our very good friend Olive Smith. The chains were loaned by Harold Eddy. Without this equipment the job could not have been done. We borrowed it one more day, hired a couple of men, and brought out the sides, sills, and all loose odds and ends. Lucky the heavy snow held off so long this year.

The entire establishment now rests at the new site ready to be reassembled. We hope Harold hasn't mislaid that "blue-print".

The people who have worked on it so far are Emil Bosolli, Miller, Janice Hazeltine, Harold Valiquette, Craig Perkins, Prescott VanVleet, Pete Perkins,

Bill Allard, Dan Jennings, and Bob Perkins. Don't forget George Conlon on the planning and Vera and Thelma Perkins on the coffee. We just can't wait to get started on rebuilding.

What will we call it? Can't call it Spring Lake any more, it is too far from the lake. Everybody got busy and make suggestions. If you don't, maybe we will call it "Dis Lodge" as Billy Allard suggests, or maybe Camp Christmas Tree because it is set up on a Noel. See you at the Annual Meeting.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Harold Valiquette was operated on at the Rutland Hospital this week. He is making a satisfactory recovery and is expected home in a few days.

Betty Ball spent the Christmas holidays with her folks in Florida again this year.

George Kirk is up and around again after a few months of inactivity.

Bill Allard had a vacation from his studies at U.V.M. where he is in Med. College.

Marjory Allard was home from Bishop DeGosbriand Hospital School of Nursing.

Danny Jennings was home from Boston College Graduate School.

Michael Jennings was home from his Navy base in Boston.

Joe Valiquette was home from the Navy Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn.

Bob, Thelma, David, and Anne Perkins were in Vermont for the holidays. They drove in from Michigan where Bob is employed at the University of Michigan.

PUBLICITY FOR THE GREEN MT. CLUB?

What are we as members of The Green Mountain Club, and the Killington Section in particular, doing to promote our Club or even to keep it alive? Every now and then the thought occurs to us that not much is being done along these lines.

The following is a story, the action for which, was not sponsored nor known about by the Club until the details were read in the RUTLAND HERALD.

"RUTLAND SCOUTS ACTORS IN STATE PROMOTION FILM.

"Sixteen Boy Scouts of Troop 5 did their good deed yesterday as movie "extras" for a film promoting the Green Mountain state being made under the auspices of the Vermont Development Commission.

"The boys were photographed in color film coming off The Long Trail at Rte. 4 in Sherburne.

"The sequence was shot through the co-operation of the Boy Scout Council and the Chamber of Commerce. The movie is being made by the Bay State Film Co. of Springfield, Mass.

"Robert Dailey is the scout-master of Troop 5.

"Scouts photographed for the movie were....."

All this is very good and we are glad The Long Trail will be pictured by the Vermont Development Commission. But what we would like to know is, does the Vermont Development Commission know there is such a thing as The Green Mountain Club? Does the Commission know the story of how The Long Trail and shelters have been and are continuing to be built and kept up?

We are happy that the Scouts can use our trails and shelters, but we think a picture showing how they are built, showing the sweat and strain and labor required for their building and upkeep could be used as chapter one.

4 MORE ALONG THE SAME LINE:

The Vermont Forest Festival is held every fall at various places in the State. It might be a good idea for The Green Mountain Club to get invited to be on the program. We are interested in the forests of Vermont. We do have something to offer. Why couldn't the presidents of the Sections, or the president of the main Club, authorize a committee to look into this?

GETTING BACK TO THE SCOUTS:

These young boys and girls could be the potential adult members of The Green Mountain Club in a few short years. If something was done about it today, they would know more than just the facts that there are trails and shelters on Vermont mountains where they may go and enjoy hiking and camping. If scout leaders would obtain one membership for themselves, this could be used as affiliate membership for the troop. The leader, with the help of Club officers, could offer his troop something valuable in the way of a better hiking and camping program. This could also be applied to schools and church groups.

IF THE ABOVE IS NOT FEASIBLE:

If in the opinion of those in charge, affiliation does not seem feasible, then let us go to work at once and do something about a large junior membership. In the long run, this would perhaps be a better plan anyway. It would involve more leadership on our part and the question of transportation on hikes might be a serious one. Parents could be pressed into service!

This page was written as "food for thought." If you have any ideas for the good of the Club, we shall be pleased to print them.



Vol. 7 No. 2

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Feb. 1954

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once again the Killington Section GMC is starting out on a new year of activity. As always at this time of year we are filled with enthusiasm and hopes are high for the accomplishment of many worthwhile things during the year. Let's try to maintain this enthusiasm and see that these hopes are fulfilled. There is only one way we can do this - by cooperation.

We have a small organization for the size of the job we have to do. Several special projects have already been listed as "musts" for 1954. These include the painting of all blazes; relocation of The Trail above Clement Shelter; repair of the Clarendon Gorge bridge; placing registers in all shelters; new stoves in at least two camps; - and - the rebuilding of Spring Lake Camp. These projects represent some of the most crying needs. They also represent a large expenditure of time and man power.

In addition to the regular work of the club - maintaining the trails and shelters in our section - we have our club outings and social activities. These are important too. You know the old saying about "all work and no play" etc. However, sometimes in our enjoyment of these activities we tend to forget that they don't just happen. It takes time and effort on someone's part to plan and carry these out.

We plan to have board meetings at least every other month to check up on things accomplished and outline work ahead. We would welcome your suggestions. The next meeting will be held about mid-March.

We have a capable group of committee chairmen anxious to get things done. They need and want your help. Given this help, your officers and committee chairmen will do their best to make 1954 a pleasant and profitable year for the Killington Section.

Vera Perkins, President.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of The Green Mountain Club was held January 23rd at the Reserve Officers Armory.

President George Conlon presided and called for reports from the secretary, treasurer, and various committees.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers to be elected for 1954:
President - Vera Perkins
Vice President - William Allard
Secretary-Treasurer- Eleanor Walker
These members were unanimously elected to office.

Mr. Wilbur Bradder showed interesting slides of Florida.

Janice Catozzi served refreshments of coffee and doughnuts.

NOTICE NEW SCHEDULES are enclosed

COMING EVENTS

by
Betty Ball

TIME - Sunday and Monday,
February 21st and 22nd

PLACE - Perkins' Camp - Mendon

The annual winter weekend at Craigue and Mary Perkins' camp in Mendon is a favorite event, so don't forget to make your reservations with Mary early. Let her know by Thursday, Feb. 18th at the latest how many meals you will want. Everyone shares in the work and the cost. Meals start with Sunday noon and end with Monday noon. If you stay over night, bring your own bedding. Please make your own arrangements for transportation.

Good snow shoeing and skiing may be expected with the road up to the beaver dam and the Blue Ridge trail favorites for trips. A warm house and good company will attract those who do not like to hike far in winter.

TIME - Sun., March 7- 10:30 A.M.

PLACE - Buffum Shelter

By the looks of the present snow cover there may still be snow for the trip in to Buffum. Whatever the weather though, the expedition should prove pleasant. It's not far to the shelter and it should be protected enough for a comfortable picnic. There will be plenty of time too for farther exploration up The Trail.

CARD PARTY HELD - NETS \$21.60

In most clubs there are a few people who can be depended upon to come through and take over a job that everyone wants done but no one wants to do. Killington Section has its share of such members and Fred Field is one. The group at the annual meeting decided that they would like to hold a Card Party and settled upon a date. Fred went on from there.

On Wednesday night, February 10th our first social event for 1954 was held and GAME NIGHT was enjoyed by about 40 members and friends.

Miss Helen Koltonski allowed us the use of the large meeting room at Riverside and catered for our party. Refreshments of sandwiches, as good as they looked, and coffee were served.

We missed some of our good friends who were unable to be there but appreciated the support many of them gave us.

Besides being a very enjoyable get-together, this affair netted \$21.60 for our treasury.

To all who assisted in any way to make this party a success and especially to Fred Field, we say, "thank you".

TUCKER AGAIN

On Sunday, Feb. 7th, about 20 hikers made the trip in to Tucker Lodge. It was one of those perfect winter days when, as you snow shoe along the trail, you can think of no place you'd rather be and nothing you'd rather be doing. You even feel a bit smugly sorry for those stay-at-homes who think winter is just something to be endured!

At Tucker the pleasure of being outdoors was enhanced when fire making resulted in filling the camp with smoke. However in due course everything was under control, coffee was ready, and the air cleared sufficiently for lunch.

After lunch some went for walks and made the annual collection of hobble bush for forcing, some indulged in strenuous snow ball battles and some enjoyed chatting leisurely in the now comfortable shelter.

Reluctant, as always, to leave we re-travelled the trail in the late afternoon already looking forward to the next outing - the winter weekend - and hoping for just such weather.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Jan.1,1954

3

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand 1/1/53	\$622.12
Rec'd from dues, 1953	138.00
From Winter weekend	2.30
Contrib. from Helen Frink	3.00
From Sugar Party	.75
From Card Party	20.60
Reimbursement from Main Club for Ins. paid on Tucker Lodge	8.70
From Rummage Sale	98.18
Int. on money in bank	5.55

Total Receipts \$901.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Exp. of Shelters Com.	\$ 86.35
" " Trails Com.	19.21
" " Outing Com.	39.23
Ins. on Tucker Lodge	3.70
Ins. on Spring Lake and Clarendon	15.06
Dues pd. Main Club	28.80
Cost of "Smoke & Blazes"	39.93

Total disbursements \$237.28

Balance of Cash on hand
January 1, 1954 #663.72

MEMBERSHIP LIST - 1954

Barbara Allard	Janice Haseltine
Judy Allard	George Kirk
Marjorie Allard	Jack Martin
William Allard	Janet Martin
Helen Bailey	Gretchen Miller
Betty Ball	Raymond Miller
Emile Boselli	Pearl Nichols
Janice Catozzi	Craigie Perkins
Jimmy Catozzi	Mary Perkins
Johnny Catozzi	Vera Perkins
Ray Catozzi	Edward Pike
Diana Conlon	Roger Pike
George Conlon	Marjory Roche
Kendra Day	Chas. Sabourin
Edith Ewald	Walter C. Scott Jr.
Fred Field	Harold Valiquette
Helen Field	Thelma Valiquette
Peter Field	Joseph Valiquette
Tommy Field	Prescott Van Vleet
Geo. Fitzsimmons	Michael Jennings
Martha Hakens	Carlton Wilson
Eleanor Walker	

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD

The first Killington Section Executive Board meeting for 1954 was held at the home of the president, Saturday evening, January 30th.

The first business of this meeting was the drawing up of a budget for the year. After this had been accomplished Betty Ball presented her schedule of outings. Other matters considered included: a report on the progress of having a sponsor for each shelter to make frequent checks of conditions; consideration of methods of acquainting possible members with the purposes and activities of the club.

The Executive Board consists of the officers and chairmen of Standing Committees. The following committees have been appointed:

Standing Committees:

Trails - Craigie Perkins
Shelters - Emile Boselli
Rebuilding Spring Lake Camp - Harold Valiquette
Outings - Betty Ball assisted by Janice Haseltine
Photography - Janice Catozzi
Publicity - Ray Catozzi
Smoke & Blazes - Mary Perkins
Craigie Perkins
Vera Perkins

Special Committees:

Card Party - Fred Field
Winter Weekend - Craigie and Mary Perkins
Sugar Party - Lucy Bishop and Hilma Erickson
assisted by Harold Valiquette
Churchill Scott
Janice Catozzi
Junior Activity - Barbie Allard and Lartha Hakens

PAINTING BEE

Anyone who can wield a paint brush will be welcome in Craigie Perkins' collar, with brush, at 7:30 P.M. Monday, Feb. 15th to help paint directional arrows for The Trail.

LIGHT-WEIGHT PACKS FOR WOMEN

Back-packing trips by women on The Long Trail need not be slighted because of fear of having to carry too heavy a load.

Two women hiking together and carrying twenty-five pounds each would have sufficient gear and food within that weight limit for a four day hike.

The first two days of hiking with a pack are conditioning days. After that, you hardly know you are carrying a pack.

Your gear-in common should include:

- 1 light axe with long handle
- 1 nested cook kit
- 1 chore-boy scrubber
- 2 forks, spoons, knives
- 1 swirl shaker for powdered milk
- 1 roll gauze for towels etc.
- 1 pr. work gloves
- 1 flashlight
- 1 jackknife
- 1 can matches
- 1 canteen
- 1 guide book

Your personal gear should be shaved down to the minimum:

a small cosmetic bag that would hold all your toilet necessities; extra socks; wool shirt; rain jacket; underwear; sleeping bag; camera; pencil and paper.

In regard to food, it is smart to sacrifice variety for light weight and convenience. You could use the same food for all meals as much as possible. All food can be carried in polystyrene bags (available at all deep-freeze establishments). They are transparent, tough, cheap and almost weightless. Dried food can be carried in them and several hours before being cooked, can be soaked; water can be added and the opening of the bag secured with a rubber band. The bag can then be carried safely in the knapsack without spilling water, and the food is properly soaked when camp is reached.

4

Here are some menus for light-weight pack trips:

BREAKFAST:

Mixed cooked dried fruit; oatmeal with rasins, sugar, powdered milk; coffee

LUNCH:

Hot bouillon; cheese and pumpernickel; carrots; chocolate; mixed dried fruit uncooked.

DINNER:

Hot bouillon; chipped beef with macaroni; dried vegetable; dried mixed fruit cooked; candy or cookies; coffee.

A WORD OF CAUTION

For anyone going into the woods for a long or overnight hike, an axe is a necessary tool. With it you cut wood for fires to cook your food, warm your body, and cheer your spirits.

It takes skill to use an axe to the best advantage but anyone, skillful or not, should use good judgment and caution in handling an axe for it is a dangerous tool.

When not in use it should have its blade sheathed in leather, or it should be struck into a log or stump. It should never be left upon the ground or set up against a tree to endanger the legs or feet of a camper.

Your axe should be kept sharp and clean, and not used to cut any object lying on the ground where there is danger of the blade of the axe going through the object and striking a stone.

Procedure for chopping:
Grasp the axe with the left hand, close to the end of the handle; with the right hand grasp the handle close to the head of the axe, then bring the axe up over your shoulder and as you strike the blow, allow the right hand to slide down naturally, close to the left hand. Be sure no one is behind you when you swing your axe.



Vol. 7 No. 3

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

March 1954

ANNUAL SUGAR PARTY - MARCH 27th

The annual Killington Section sugar-on-snow party will be held on Saturday, March 27th at the Rotary Field House. As this is an easily accessible place we hope that many of our non-hiking members will take the opportunity to join with us for a social evening. Members of Recreation Department groups have been invited to participate in this activity with us if they wish to do so. Come and bring your friends.

Hilma Erickson and Lucy Bishop will be ready to start serving at 6:30 P.M. As has been customary the menu will consist of sugar-on-snow, pickles, doughnuts, and coffee. In order to plan efficiently and keep the cost to a minimum we need to know how many are coming - so make reservations with Hilma by Friday evening, Mar. 26th. (call her anytime except Friday A.M. Tel. 5-5179). The charge for the party will be just enough to cover the cost - not over 75¢ per person.

Jan Catozzi is arranging for Square Dancing with Betty Page directing and there will be an opportunity for cards and similar games for those who prefer that type of activity. This will also be a good chance for plain, old-fashioned visiting. All in all it should be a pleasant evening for young and old. Let's make it a date - 6:30 P.M., Saturday, March 27th, at Rotary Field House.

SPRUCE KNOB HIKE CLIMB

by
Betty Ball

Spruce Knob in Middletown Springs used to be an annual trip several years ago, but has not been climbed for some time now, so should be a different trip for newer members. Mr. Carl Provost, a former member of the Burlington Section of G.M.C., now teaching at Middletown Springs High School, will lead the trip. Members of his High School Outing Club have been invited to join us, too. Mr. Provost warns that the trail will be muddy so boots are necessary. We will leave Meldon School at 10 A.M. and go to the four-corners in Middletown Springs where we will meet Mr. Provost.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MARCH 15th

A regular meeting of the Exec. Board will be held at Craigie Perkins' home on Monday, March 15th at 7:30 P.M. You will notice (as you read further in *SMOKE & BLAZES*) that this date coincides with the next painting-boo. Yes, we meant it too. After the Board meeting all who can are cordially invited to stay and paint! Wear your old clothes.

Mr. Harry Russell a long-time member and a former vice-president of our section will be missed. We extend sympathy to his family.

ROSIE THE ROASTER

Tucker Lodge is now equipped with an honest-to-goodness full sized kitchen range in perfect condition. Here's what it took:

Fred Field spotted the prize in an upstairs apartment. We don't know how he induced the owners to abandon it, but he did. Maybe a five dollar bribe had something to do with it. Anyway a hurry call to the "strongbacks" department brought out a full half dozen stove lifters. (They weren't really full).

By dividing Rosie into 26 parts we were able to get her through a narrow door and down the stairs to Harold's truck. It was decided to take advantage of the remaining snow and drag Rosie in to camp on a toboggan. So we borrowed Pete Spaulding's long toboggan, put Harold's short toboggan on it sort of pick-a-back style, and tied Rosie and all her various parts on top.

Unfortunately there were about two inches of fresh, sticky snow. When everybody pulled on the several ropes nothing happened. It was necessary to rock the toboggan from side to side before it could be started. This became standard procedure every time we stopped to rest, and that was often.

About half way in we were just discussing the advisability of dividing the load in two when the reserves arrived. That did it, and we finished the trip without a single upset.

At Tucker the old stove was dismantled and the new one re-assembled with no pieces left over. A fire was started "just to prove." Considering her reluctance, Rosie looks very happy in her new home. At least ten people have stayed in Tucker over night since the stove was installed and all report good results with very much less wood chopping.

The boys working on this

project were Harold Valiquette, Fred Field, Bennet Bell, Craigie Perkins, Churchill Scott, Prescott VanVleet, Walter Hakins, Jerry Sanborn, Ralph Farwell, Raymond Miller, and Roger Pike. When the boys turn out like that, we can really get things done !

THE WINTER WEEK-END

The Washington's birthday week-end which for the past many years has been the time for the "winter-week-end" at the Perkins' Camp, was as usual, enjoyed by all who attended. This year the Junior members predominated in attendance. We were pleased to discover how well these young people took over the many jobs delegated to them.

Thirteen members stayed over Sunday night and that number was swelled to twenty-one by Monday noon.

There was no schedule of events, but time didn't drag for anyone. The weather wasn't perfect but it could be called "passable." The woods were covered with about a foot of snow that held us up without snowshoes on Sunday, but the next day the warm weather had penetrated enough so that it was easier going on snowshoes.

Aside from the hiking that was done intermittently, canasta games were played by the adults in the living room, while Craigie and the Juniors took over the dining room to play Twenty Questions and other games.

Veda Knipes and five boys from her Sunday School class came up Monday afternoon and hiked in the woods.

Billy and Marjory Allard dropped in long enough to say, "Hi" but stayed longer than they intended to for their car got stuck down on the road. They didn't get back to Burlington as early as they had planned.

BUFFAM SHELTER TRIP

Twelve hikers went in to Buffam Shelter on Sunday, March 7. It was a fine hiking day with bright sun and a brisk March wind. Ice was breaking up in the streams and patches of bare ground showed through the thinning snow, giving the woods their characteristic early spring appearance.

We found the shelter in generally good condition, although the stove pipe badly needs replacement. In fact, a new stove would be a desirable improvement. (Anyone know the whereabouts of a small second-hand chunk stove?). In spite of the vagaries of stove and stove-pipe, there was little danger of suffocation in an open front shelter and we were soon having lunch. This is always enjoyed on a hike no matter what extraneous flavors may have crept in during the preparation!

After dinner we started out along The Trail toward Button Hill. We soon discovered that The Trail has become considerably confused by recent lumbering operations. Some new markings will be needed here in places. We eventually arrived at the top of the hill by a somewhat devious route. The return trip was easier and we enjoyed the fine view to the west which is not so evident in summer.

The ride home afforded some striking glimpses of our higher peaks with the sunlight reflected on their covering of snow, making a perfect ending to another good day in the open.

WE'RE GETTING READY FOR THE HIKING SEASON

Two painting-bees have already been held which resulted in getting two coats of white paint on 125 directional arrows and about 30 plain sign boards. The ground work being done, we are

now ready for the next step - the lettering.

These painting-bees were carried on in Craigie Perkins' cellar. Beside the painting which was accomplished, these occasions offered an opportunity for discussion on a wide variety of subjects ranging all the way from mountain peaks to submarines, with about as many differing opinions on every subject as there were people present!

Mary Perkins rewarded our labors and saw to it that everyone went home happy by serving us coffee and appetizing snacks at the end of each evening.

Those who have checked in on the painting project so far are; "T" and Harold Valiquette, Fred Field, Churchill Scott, Mary and Craigie Perkins, Vera Perkins, and Ray Catozzi who cut the arrows.

The next session will be held - same time (7:30 P.M.); same place (Craigie Perkins' cellar) - Monday, March 15th.

ADDITIONS TO THE 1954 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Louise Adams
Austin Gibson
Rody Knipes
Veda Knipes
Daniel Jennings Jr.
Mary Jennings
Joseph Patton
Ann Perkins
David Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Jane Thomas
Joan Tomasi
Lula Tye

This is the last issue of SMOKE & BLAZES to be sent to the old mailing list. In order not to miss your April issue, send your dues to Eleanor Walker, Treas. 87 Baxter Street, Rutland, Vermont, before April 15th.

A JUNIOR MEMBER REPORTS ON THE WINTER WEEK-END

Once again the Green Mountain Club went to Perkins' Camp for the annual "Winter Week-end". There were several Junior members there. As usual the food was good.

It snowed a little during Sunday afternoon and most of the Junior members brought their sleds to go sliding but the snow was too deep. Some went snowshoeing through the woods. This turned out to be more successful. Later in the day, the snow changed to rain so we were confined to camp for the evening. The rain didn't prevent us from having a good time, because there were plenty of cards and games for everyone.

Almost everyone woke up bright and early next morning. The weather was fine and we all had a big, hearty breakfast. During the day some people went on hikes to enjoy the outdoors while others stayed around camp playing cards.

The work was divided so that everyone did his share, and we had fun doing it.

Martha Makins.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Our best wishes to Shirley Morris who was married in Albany, N.Y., on Sunday, February 28th to William Lashoff of Albany.

Welcome home to Janet and Jack Martin who are in Rutland again after more than a year in Germany. We hope they may be located permanently in this vicinity. We can use them!

Joe Valiquette has returned to duty after a short leave spent at his home. Joe has just graduated from the Naval Aviation Electronics School at Memphis, Tenn. He is now at Norfolk, Va.

SPONSOR SYSTEM FOR SHELTERS

Under the direction of our Shelter Chairman, Emile Boselli, a system for sponsors for shelters in our section has been set up. The idea is to have each shelter "adopted" by some member. A sponsor will visit his shelter at, we hope, frequent intervals to check on conditions and report needed work and materials required for such work. We hope too, that when making these visits sponsors will do routine clean-up and pick-up jobs as needed.

It is hoped that under this system a close enough check can be kept on how our shelters are being used to greatly reduce their abuse. At the same time the system will aid greatly in the efficiency of work parties for making repairs on shelters.

Of course the success of this plan will depend entirely on the dependability of each sponsor to regularly check his shelter.

The sponsor list to date is as follows:

Tucker - Prescott Van Vleet
Iico - Churchill Scott
Killington - Craigie Perkins
Clement - Ray Catozzi
Clarendon - Emile Boselli
Buffum - ?

???? - Harold Valiquette is sponsoring the rebuilding of the former Spring Lake Shelter and we hope will continue to sponsor it when it is completed and re-named.

An immeasurable amount of effort has gone into the building of these shelters. They can not be easily replaced. It is up to us to keep them in as good condition as possible.

Every member who uses a shelter should still feel responsible to report undesirable conditions and to leave a shelter in a little better shape than he found it.

It is our hope that the sponsor system will guarantee that each shelter gets visited often enough to keep us really informed on the condition of our shelters.



Vol. 7 No. 4

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

April 1954

COMING EVENTS

by
Betty Ball

Time - Sun. April 25th - 9 A.M.
Place - Gov. Clement Shelter

Lumber jobs can do a lot to confuse a Long Trail hiker, as the hikers to Buffum Shelter a few weeks back found out. It seems that The Trail north from Gov. Clement Shelter needs a bit of relocating due to lumber operations in that vicinity. This scheduled hike to Clement should offer a good opportunity to get this needed reestablishing done. Accordingly, we have set the time early for this one - 9 A.M. - to give plenty of time for work. We will gather at the shelter for lunch so if any of you can't make it early you may join us there later.

Clement is a pleasant spot for a spring hike and for those who prefer some work to a plain hike this is the perfect opportunity. We really need a good turnout to get the desired work done. Try and be on hand to help on this.

Time - Sun. May 2nd - 10 A.M.
Place - Bradder's Camp, Tinmouth

Once again the Bradders have kindly invited us to their camp on Tinmouth Channel. Those who have been there before do not need to be told that a delightful day is in store for us. Here is an opportunity for various types of hikes; for canoeing on

the Channel; and of course the fishermen and fisherwomen will have noted that trout fishing will be in full swing on this date. It is an ideal spot for sunning and loafing too, so come along and take your choice!

Time - Sun. May 16th - as soon as you're up!
Place - Clarendon Lodge for a Pancake Breakfast.

The pancake breakfast is another event that many enjoy. The earlier you come the more birds you will see but any time is a good time for an outdoor breakfast. After breakfast the party will proceed to the spot where the lumber from the former Spring Lake Camp lies. There will be plenty for all hands to do. Once again work and play will add up to a good day in the open.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

From time to time a somewhat vague idea has come floating around that it might be desirable to award some sort of insignia to those members who have hiked the entire Killington Section of The Trail. This idea has recently come to the surface again.

One suggestion is that this insignia might be some sort of stripe with the word Killington on it which could be used with the regular GMC insignia.

If there seemed enough interest to warrant it, something definite could be worked out and

the presentation might be a part of our Killington Section Annual Meeting next January. This might be an added incentive to members, who have not already done so, to cover all The Trail in our section.

How about it? Are you interested? The only way we have of knowing is if you tell us - so if it is something you would like let us know and we will go ahead on plans. Otherwise, we will just let the idea sink out of sight again. It's up to you.

BOARD MEETING AND LETTERING BEE

Nine members attended the double feature meeting held at Craigie Perkins' home on the evening of March 15th. At this time the Executive Board considered ways of increasing membership. Ray Catozzi reported on the leaflet he is preparing for the Section. This will contain information on GMC and on Killington Section and include an invitation to join. We expect these will soon be ready for use. It is planned to give them to newcomers who attend outings and also to mail them to likely prospects. Any suggestions of names which might be included on such a mailing list would be helpful and most welcome.

Eleanor Walker, treasurer, reported that she planned to send out dues reminders to members of the last year or two who had not renewed their membership for 1954 as yet.

In the absence of Shelter Ch., Emile Boselli, no report was available on the progress of preparation of registers for the shelters and the shelter sponsor plan.

One other important item of business was transacted at this meeting. This was the adoption of a new regulation regarding the use of Killington Section shelters. This regulation spe-

cifies that persons under 18 years old desiring to use the club's shelters should be accompanied by an older person or should obtain permission to use a shelter in advance. It was felt that this would help us to know who was using the shelters and when, and would aid us in keeping them in good condition. It was planned to try and publicize this regulation through the school papers. It will also be stated in the shelter registers.

At the close of this meeting those who could stay for the second feature adjourned to the cellar and put in a couple of hours work there lettering signs. Members who assisted on this project were Craigie and Mary Perkins, Eleanor Walker, Betty Ball, Vera Perkins, Helen Bailey and Churchill Scott. (Helen and Churchill waited patiently all through the Board meeting to get a chance to go to work!)

Except for those signs which have to wait for the naming of the former Spring Lake Camp for their lettering, the Trail signs are now ready to be placed and much to the surprise of everyone who worked on them they look pretty good!

ADDITIONS TO 1954 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Anna Berg
Lucy Bishop
Madeline Bradder
Maude Canty
G. Lucius Carey
Gretta Catozzi
Richard Catozzi
Virginia Dudley
Leland Dudley
Darthea Emslie
Kelly Emslie
Hilma Erickson
Ruth Fostman
Austin Gibson
James Hayward
Joseph Jones
Allogra Milano
Carl Newhall Jr.

Gotty Page
Heather Page
Sigrid Patch
George Tappan
Jane Thomas
Grover Wright

SUGAR ON SNOW

Another successful Sugar Party was held this year, Saturday, March 27th at Rotary Field House.

The committee chairmen who carried this event off so that fifty people enjoyed a pleasant evening were Lucy Bishop and Hilma Erickson. They were assisted by Harold Valiquette and Janice Catozzi. It was through the efforts of Janice that we were able to have the Square Dance part of the program. Our thanks go out to Dick Pasvolski for calling the numbers and loaning equipment for this event.

Eleanor Walker volunteered again this year and her work in the kitchen stirring the syrup, and watching it come to the right consistency sure was appreciated.

Our thanks also go to the City of Rutland Recreation department for the use of Rotary Field House. This was an ideal location for the party. Being situated so that folks could drive right up to the building, we hoped many of our old timers would be present. However, we missed seeing a great many of them.

One of the purposes of these social activities sponsored by the Killington Section of the GMC is that our inactive members and their friends may have an opportunity to join in some of our program. We expect to continue to have these activities along with our scheduled hikes and will continue to hope to see a greater participation.

A REMINDER

Now that you are doing your spring cleaning, REMEMBER THE RUMMAGE SALE. This money making event will be held in the fall. Now is the time to start packing in a box anything you can't use. Bring it to the sale in the fall and we will collect pennies, nickels, dimes and dollars for our club.

RAINY WEATHER

This column was left open to report the April 11th, Spruce Knob hike. Due to rainy weather, the hike was cancelled. So instead of talking about Spruce Knob, we'll talk about the weather.

Mark Twain has said that "tho everybody talks about the weather, nobody does anything about it." We know that isn't quite true. With cloud seeding for rain and snow making, something is being done about the weather, but we won't go into that here.

Spring in Vermont brings a strong desire on the part of hikers to get outdoors and start getting in condition for some mountain climbing. Muddy roads and trails are expected at this time of year and they can be taken with a smile. When cold rain is added, we don't like to walk right into it unless we have to.

However, under some conditions a hike in the rain could be very pleasant. Take for example a hike on a hot day from Jay Peak going south to Hazen's Notch without much of any water along the way. After a few miles of ups and downs here, a nice cooling off from a shower of rain would be greatly appreciated. It would feel so good and be so refreshing.

Take another day, hiking in the rain when the weather is cool, but not too cool, keeping warm enough from the exertion of hiking, getting soaked to the skin, but walking along with the knowledge that at the end of the day's hike a cabin or shelter would be waiting. A place to get dried out. Such a rainy day could be quite companionable.

We like to listen to the rain on the roof of a shelter, too. We like rainy days but if we have a choice, we do our hiking when the sun shines; especially in the spring.

Spruce Knob will make a good hike again some time.

THE QUEEN OF MOUNTAINS

Though we may be a little late, late in writing a story about the conquest of Everest, we say, "better late than never."

What really set us off was a recent visit to Boston where we saw the motion picture "The Conquest of Everest" in technicolor. "The New York Herald Tribune" described the picture as 'the peak of adventure' and "Time" magazine, 'fascinating'. To these descriptions we add, "Don't miss it. It is well worth seeing."

The picture starts off showing Sir John Hunt, leader of the expedition, in England getting ready for the climb of the 29,002 ft. mountain. The testing of equipment and the detail planning gave an inkling of the tremendous task of preparation.

When the tons of supplies were shown at the end of the line of mechanical transport, and the Sherpas had to take over, carrying up to sixty pounds on their backs, it gave some idea of how valuable these men were to the expedition. They were sure footed. They had to be for some of the crevasses they had to cross were killers. One The picture was full of surprises and revelations. We learned that even at 20,000 feet the heat of the noonday sun was a problem. Of course we knew that altitude had a weakening affect on a climber, but to actually see the slow steps and the laborious breathing of the climbers, gave us a vivid picture of what high altitude climbing involved. The extensive use of oxygen in the success of the conquest of Everest was evident.

The picture ends showing Sir John Hunt going out to meet Hillary and Tenzing as they came into the last base camp after successfully climbing to the top of Chomo lungma, the Tibet name for Everest, meaning "mother goddess of the world."

It was quite fitting that a Sherpa should be one of the men who had the honor and the glory of sharing in the conquest of Everest. It was especially fitting that Tenzing Bhutia, also known as Tenzing Norkey, was the Sherpa for he is known as "the greatest of them all."

He was born in Nepal 39 years ago and lives in Darjeeling with his wife and two daughters. He is a "tiger," a title given with a medal, by the Himalayan Club only to Sherpas who have gone above 25,850 feet. There are only five others who hold this honor. He has great endurance and is said to be utterly fearless.

Edmund Percival Hillary is from Auckland, New Zealand. He is six feet three inches tall and 34 years old. In New Zealand he is a beekeeper, and on Everest he carried some of his own honey. During the war he served with the Air Force. He has made four Himalayan expeditions in three years and was in excellent condition. His comment regarding the successful climb of Everest was, "It was a beautiful day with moderate wind. ----I felt damn good at the top."

John Hunt was born in India in 1910. He spent many summers of his youth in Switzerland where he got interested in mountain climbing. As he grew older his experience in this activity increased and he was engaged in many mountainous regions of the world; India, Africa, Italy and Greece. More recently he has been on the staff of SHAPE. His skill in developing good working teams showed in the 1953 expedition. From a collection of schoolteachers, businessmen, doctors, scientists and army officers he kept things going smoothly.

The accomplishments of these three men were outstanding but it was the combined teamwork of the entire party that brought success to the expedition of the final assault to the top.



Vol. 7 No. 5

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

MAY
June 1954

GMC ANNUAL MEETING

Time - Sat., May 29th - 10 A.M.

Place - Long Trail Lodge

It's almost time for another GMC Annual Meeting. The detailed plan for the day's activities given in our LONG TRAIL NEWS looked so interesting that no further urging to attend should be needed.

Many members will travel a considerable distance to attend this meeting. Surely we of Killington Section who are near-by should not miss the opportunity. Remember the date - May 29th - and plan to join with us for the entire day beginning with the coffee hour at 10 A.M.

Here is a chance to learn more about what is being done and planned by the various sections and by the club as a whole. Here also is an opportunity to spend an interesting day in pleasant surroundings, among old and new friends all with a common interest - The Green Mountain Club and its Long Trail.

COMING HIKES

by

Betty Ball

Time - Sun., May 30th - 9:30 A.M.

Place - Little Rock Pond

Azalea-time at Little Rock Pond should bring out a host of hikers, from our section and

other sections, too, - at this post-Annual Meeting hike.

Fishing, hiking, birds, and flowers, offer a variety of attractions on this easy, but scenic hike. Anyone who read Frances Green's interesting article on Little Rock, published in VERMONT LIFE last year, will surely want to visit or re-visit this pleasant spot.

The group will leave from Meldon School as usual.

Time - Sun., June 5th - 9:30 A.M.

Place - Mt. Aeolus

We are still anxious to get some first hand information on Mt. Aeolus so this trip, which was rained out last year, has been scheduled again.

This mountain is reported to afford some fine views near abandoned marble quarries and there is said to be a cave of sizable dimensions not far from the upper lookout.

Mr. O'Kane in his book, TRAILS AND SUMMITS OF THE GREEN MOUNTAINS, gives a chapter to Mt. Aeolus. He credits the naming of it to some seniors from Amherst College who visited it in 1860 on a very windy day, and so christened it Aeolus - god of the winds.

This mountain, located in East Dorset, is part of the Taconic range. The hiking distance from the highway to the summit is given as $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

This combined hike and work party was held on April 25th. The road in to the Shelter was surprisingly good for this time of year, but the more timid left their cars a quarter mile below the bridge where the Trail leaves the road.

When the Shelter was reached, we found there a group about to go up Killington to spend the night. They were very skeptical about there being any snow on the peak but we have heard since that they found plenty, and that they enjoyed a mixture of rain, sleet, and snow in the air as well.

Roger Pike, Churchill, and Scotty Scott went to work putting up the new stove pipe we had carried in. The rest of the party divided into two groups to mark the Trail. One group painted blazes and put up arrows from the bridge to the Shelter, while the other group started remarking the Trail toward Killington.

About noon it began to drizzle so a council of war was held. It was decided to go back to the Shelter for a slightly early lunch in the hope it would stop raining in the afternoon.

We found the coffee water boiling on the fireplace grate, and all set to for a leisurely lunch while the drizzle continued to drizzle outside. There was plenty of time to check the repairs necessary to the Shelter: a new table; rebuilt bunks; patched roof; and wouldn't it be nice if we could dump a few loads of gravel on the muddy dirt floor !!

Enough of that. It was time to get back to work on the Trail so we just told Barbie Allard she was in charge of the weather. Believe it or not, the rain stopped and a little later the sun came out.

Back up the Trail we all went. The project was to mark a route through the debris of a big lumber operation. Some of us scattered ahead to find traces of the old Trail while others painted a few blazes on stumps so that hikers could find their way through. No attempt was made to really clear the Trail. To make it more confusing, some of the lot lines were painted white. More than once Betty Ball's trained eye kept us on course. She has been accused of seeing birds that no one else could see, but when she sees blazes she can lead you over and show 'em to you.

We gradually worked our way through about a mile of tangled tree tops and concluded that the worst part of the chopping had been crossed. We still have the job of clearing it.

Gene Bamforth of Montpelier, a GMC Trustee, was with us and we enjoyed a good visit. Another new comer was Mary Ellen Ryan. Come often, Mary Ellen.

ADDITIONS TO 1954 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Martha Adams
Helen Frink
Walter Hakens
Stanley Hart
Dr. Earl Johnson
E. H. Locke
Mrs. E. H. Locke
A. C. Mason
Ellen Russell
Addie Spaulding
R. Gale Spaulding
Robert Spaulding

We have a total of 91 members. Let's try to bring the list up to 100 by the time the next issue of SMOKE & BLAZES goes out.

On Sunday, May 2nd, the weather appeared to be on the side of the fishermen as rain seemed imminent when we left Meldon School for Mr. Bradder's Camp on Tinnmouth Channel. However we knew a warm, cozy camp awaited us, so, providing ourselves with Sunday papers to read and maps to study, we set forth, prepared for, if not reconciled to, a day indoors.

Arrived in Chippenhook we found Mr. and Mrs. Bradder awaiting us and learned that some of our fishing enthusiasts were already out trying their skill. We had just about time to get a quick look at the beauty of the spring country-side from the camp dooryard when the expected rain urged us indoors. There we relaxed comfortably with our indoor amusements, and the rest of the morning passed quickly and pleasantly.

About this time, frustrated by our apparent unconcern over its behavior, the weather showed signs of coming out of its sulks. The sun was shining when we had finished lunch. This was the signal for everyone to get outside and the afternoon was spent in taking walks, exploring the Channel via canoe, and loafing in the warm sunshine.

It was five o'clock before we realized it and another of the many enjoyable days provided by "the Bradders" at their camp was at an end.

Incidentally, the various fishermen checked in and out at intervals during the day but where were the fish?

HOW ABOUT IT ? ?

How about our Killington Section insignia idea?

Wanted: someone who can find the trail and lead a group of senior Girl Scouts and Camp Staff members up Bald Mt. sometime during the period between June 28th and July 2nd, - exact time to be arranged to suit convenience of said leader. In return for this service the Girl Scouts will undertake the improving of the trail as one of their summer projects.

Mrs. Viva Whitney, Girl Scout Executive, is anxious to find someone who will go up Bald Mt. with a party of Senior Scouts and Camp Staff members. Girl Scouts tried to make this hike during the camp season last summer but were unable to follow the trail due to blowdowns etc. Mrs. Whitney would like to have this mountain, the nearest one to the Scout Camp, available for hikes by the campers. The Staff and campers would make it one of their summer projects to improve the trail if they could once get it sufficiently marked so they could follow it.

Senior Scouts and Staff members are to be at camp from June 28th through July 2nd and they would arrange a date during that period or on June 27th, to suit the convenience of the leader.

Bald Mt. has long been a favorite hike for Killington Section. We would all enjoy having the trail put back into better condition. This would seem to be an opportunity to do ourselves and someone else a good turn at the same time. How about it? Don't think the "other fellow" will probably do it. Get in touch with Mrs. Whitney at the Girl Scout Office if you'd be willing to help out. She'll tell you if the job is already spoken for!

A VARIED DAY OF WORK AND PLAY

The hike of May 16th was one of many colors: rain and shine; work and play; and fun for all.

Saturday afternoon Craigie Perkins went in to Clarendon Lodge and did a little Trail work in that area. He did some trimming, cut a few blazes, and also checked the Trail from the Gorge to the top of the hill in back of the Lodge. He reports that there are no blowdowns, and that this part of the Trail is in good condition.

However, in spite of this, the next morning one member could not find the Trail after crossing route 103. We recommend a directional arrow at this point.

Craigie spent the night at Clarendon Lodge, and had the fire going and water hot when the first early GMCers arrived Sunday morning. Then he had to take off.

By 9:30 the count was up to eleven, not including a man and his son from Boston who were enjoying the week-end at the Lodge.

The morning started off cloudy with a few sprinkles of rain which no doubt discouraged some hikers from participating in this early morning outing.

After breakfast when the Lodge was in good order, eight of the group decided to make a day of it, so they went over to the new camp site of "What's its name?" to do some work. Vera Perkins, Eleanor Walker, Janice Haseltine, Prescott Van Vleet, Edith Ewald, Barbara Allard and her two guests all put in some time and work. Nails were taken out of the floor boards, one half of the back section was taken apart and nails taken out, and the spring hole was made deeper.

There was also time for loafing in the sun, short walks, and a trip to the lake. As has

happened before on some of our hikes, the cloudy morning turned into a beautiful, warm, sunny day.

Discounting the previously suggested names for the camp of "Christmas Tree Lodge" and "Dis Lodge" we now have a serious suggestion: "Sunnyside Camp." How do you like it? We would like to hear from members in regard to a name for our new, old camp. Please send in your ideas to the Editors, SMOKE & BLAZES, 129 Bellevue Ave., Rutland, Vermont.

MORE TRAIL WORK

Trails chairman, Craigie Perkins has been over the Trail from Buffam Shelter to the new camp site. He painted blazes where they were needed and put up directional arrows in some blind spots. Just north of the Shelter where a lumbering job has been going on, quite a bit of work was required. From the top of Button Hill down to the new camp site, The Trail was found to be in excellent condition.

Another day was spent on the Trail from Long Trail Lodge to two miles north of Killington. Blazes were cut and painted and signs were placed a Pico Junction. Work that needs being done was noted. There are three blowdowns that should be removed from the Trail, and some two to three foot evergreens should be cut out to widen the Trail in spots.

There are a few wet spots on this part of the Trail that could be easily taken care of if a worker had a hoe along to divert the flow of water to some other place besides the middle of the Trail. Hiking up or down a dry brook bed isn't the easiest kind of hiking. Hiking over a wet one is worse.

The Trails chairman hopes to complete the Trail to Killington soon.
work



SMOKE and BLAZES

COMING HIKES

Time - July 3,4,5

Place - Parker Camp to Smugglers Notch

It is time again for our annual trip to the northern part of the Long Trail. On the two previous expeditions we completed following the Trail from the Canada Line to Parker Camp. This year should bring us down to Smugglers Notch.

The base camp will be set up a few yards north of a road from Waterville to Johnson on the Long Trail where it enters the road from the north.

To reach the campsite from the west (the best), take Routes 108 and 109 north from Jeffersonville toward Waterville. Just as you enter Waterville village, take a square right turn immediately beyond a house on the right with a low white picket fence. This is a good road shown in the Guide Book but not on the state highway map. About two miles up this road bear right at a fork. About a mile from this point make a left turn from the highway through a blind opening in the bushy fence row. This is the camping spot, and the place where the Trail enters the road. If you see white blazes as you drive along the road you will know you have missed the proper turn-off, so, shame on you, go back and find it.

To reach the campsite from the east turn north from Johnson between a church and a bank. (Avoid Route 100 C) Cross a concrete bridge. Go about a mile and branch left on a good road. After a little over a mile you should cross a bridge at a place called "Hillside School" on the Hyde Park sheet of the Geological Survey map. The school is there. Take the road just to your left of it. About two miles from here the Trail comes in from the left and follows the road a short distance to a blind right turn through the bush fence row. This is the campsite. Drive in and make yourself at home.

The Saturday Hike will be 4.9 miles from the campsite to the point on Route 15 where the Trail leaves it to the south. The Sunday Hike will be from the Davis Neighborhood to Parker Camp and back to Base Camp. The distance will be 9.6 miles. The Monday Hike will be 11.6 miles from Route 15 to Smugglers Notch. This last day will be a bit rugged.

Each individual should make his own arrangements for transportation, equipment, food etc. People planning to take in the Saturday Hike should have camp set up and be ready to start by 3 P.M. at the latest. The Sunday Hike should start by 10 A.M. Churches are available in Johnson and Morrisville. The Monday Hike should get started by 8 A.M.

NEXT OUTING

Spring Lake - Sunday, June 20th.

Many hands will be needed before the Spring Lake Shelter is up again and ready to re-name, so it is hoped there will be a good turn-out on the work-hike on June 20th. Come out for the hike through pleasant woods, for the good companionship, and the feeling of achievement when the work is done. We will leave from Meldon School at 9:00 A.M. for the early workers - others can join us later at the new location.

Betty Ball, Ch.

GMC ANNUAL MEETING

The GMC Annual Meeting held at Long Trail Lodge on Saturday, May 29th was, as always, an interesting and enjoyable affair. Since the various phases of the meeting will be reported on in detail in your next LONG TRAIL NEWS, we will give you here only a general birdseye view.

The crowd started to assemble shortly after 10 A.M. and the sociability of greeting old and new friends was augmented by the excellent coffee and doughnuts served "on the house".

By 11 o'clock there was a good attendance for the opening of the business meeting. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, and reports from the various committees and sections represented, took up the remainder of the morning.

At 12:30 we adjourned to the main Lodge for dinner. This was another opportunity to renew acquaintance and exchange ideas with members of other sections.

The meeting reconvened at 2 P.M. to complete the business of the day. This included a re-

port on the plans for the sale of The Lodge property and the election of the Trustees.

Nature hikes had been planned for the latter part of the afternoon. Rain interfered however, and most were content to stay indoors and fill in the time with bridge, canasta, and visiting. A few of the more venturesome did get in short walks just before supper.

For the evening program Prof. Roy Buchanan showed slides illustrating his talk, THE LONG TRAIL AS I HAVE SEEN IT. If you know Prof. Buchanan we don't have to tell you how good this was - if you don't know him - well - you've surely missed something worthwhile.

The evening closed with a reminder of the activities planned for the next day and an admonition by the new GMC president, Craigie Perkins, not to be bothered by the weather (pouring rain at the moment) as it would be gone by the next day.

Sure enough, he was right. Sunday proved a perfect day for the expeditions to Little Rock Pond, Killington, and Lico. Good too for relaxing at the Perkins camp, a sort of general headquarters to which the various groups returned for a pleasant evening.

Monday was another fine day. Those who could stay over enjoyed trips to Blue Ridge and to the beaver dam.

From the point of view of this reporter the only thing which marred an otherwise perfect Annual Meeting week-end was the small attendance from the Killington Section. We appreciate the interest of those who did come. We were sorry to have so many of you miss a pleasant experience, so we hope that when the Intersectional comes along Killington Section will take advantage of the opportunity and be on hand.

LITTLE ROCK FOND

by
Roy Buchanan

A trail trip is a difficult thing to write about unless some serious catastrophe livens up the proceedings. As I thought about the May 30th hike to Little Rock Fond, that seemed to be exactly the case. And then I remembered the two dire events of the day and I set to work with this result.

The first one is bad and it concerns you, gentle reader, (if you do read so far) and me also. It was so serious that I hesitated for days and days before doing anything about it. Come with me behind the kitchen door and I'll tell you all --- Vera Perkins told me that I must write an account of the trip --- and that you must read it. Doesn't that spoil the day for both of us!

The other catastrophe concerned an innocent porkie. Someone killed him and dumped him in the pool of water that occupied the toilet. "Ding dong bell! Porkie's in the well. Who put him in? Little Johnny Green. Who pulled him out? Great, strong Jack Stout." We know the identity of Jack Stout and so we give him credit for pulling the porkie out and for leading him far over the hill and leaving him there with the proper ceremonies so that he can waste his sweetness on the desert air. But if we know Johnny Green, we would dispose of him also, far away and with the proper ceremony.

Well, anyhow, the trip in to Little Rock was all that we expected and the stay there on the rocks was very pleasant and restful. The day couldn't have been better. Flies were present but

but a nice breeze kept them off enough so that they bit just enough to make us appreciate how nicely the breeze kept them off.

Four Burlington GMCers wandered in to the fond where five Rutlandites plus two Rutland-Benningtonites welcomed the northerners and made their visit enjoyable.

Thanks for your hospitality.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The May meeting of the Ex. Board was held Monday evening, May 17th at Craigie Perkins' home.

One of the main items of business was the consideration of what trail work we should have done by the Patrol. The money which we voted for this purpose at our annual meeting will buy about 2 days work. We want to get as many of the most important needs taken care of as is possible in that time. Trails Ch., Craigie Perkins, was able to give us advice on this as he and Mary Perkins have been over a large part of our section this season, erecting directional signs and repainting blazes. The following work was decided on as of primary importance for the Patrol to do if possible:- take out 3 blow-downs between Sherburne Pass and Pico; trim out small encroaching evergreens along The Trail between Pico and Killington; clear trail from Pico Shelter to Pico Peak and down to the Junction; clear trail on the last mile to Killington from the north; clear trail above Clement.

At this meeting several possible solutions to the problem of what to do about the bridge on The Trail at East Clarendon were discussed.

Harold Valiquette reported progress on preparations for our

"What's-Its-Name" rebuilding project. He plans to have some work on this lined up for us for the June 20th outing.

Unfortunately, we had no report from the Shelter or Publicity Chairmen.

Our treasurer, Eleanor Walker, reported that as a result of dues reminders which she sent out she had received renewal memberships to date amounting to \$36.

The names of two prospects for junior membership were suggested and copies of the current **SMOKE & BLAZES** sent to them.

The next Board meeting will be held in mid July.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Mrs. Margaret Bonnländer
Mrs. Grace Hayward
Carol Ann Martin
Bernice Tuttle
Wm. S. Tuttle
Gerald Wheeler

SOMETHING TO INVESTIGATE

Investigations being popular these days we offer you something which seems to have possibilities.

Churchill Scott made a visit to Tucker Lodge the other day and, finding a sizable hole in the foundation, plugged it up by wedging a stone in as tightly as possible. The next day, being in the vicinity, he visited Tucker again and there was the hole all clear. Question - who, or what, has a residence under Tucker? No reward offered and no hearings will be held but if you find any interesting clues let us know.

We were sorry to learn of the illness of Mrs. Grace Hayward. We wish her an early recovery.

CAMPING OVER THE FOURTH

If you do not care to do any hiking on our July 3, 4, and 5 trip, why not come along and enjoy a good camp out. The campsite selected is ideal for this. It is located in a field with a good brook at the back end where the Long Trail goes into the woods.

Barrows Camp is only about a quarter of a mile up the Trail; a slight climb but not steep. This would make a nice spot to walk to and have lunch. The camp is attractive and in good condition.

From the campsite you are not far by car from Mt. Mansfield. Another suggestion is, drive over and take a ride up the chair lift for a wonderful view.

Our past experience of camping and hiking has proved enjoyable for both parties, so come along and enjoy the fun.

TRAIL PATROL WORK

Our Killington Section Vice President, Bill Allard, is working as captain of a trail crew under the supervision of Prof. Roy Buchanan. No doubt we shall see the result of the work he and the three other young men working with him are doing when we hike up north in July.

We know Bill has been working hard at his books at the University of Vermont Medical School this past school year. The woods and trails can act as a sedative all summer so that when fall comes around again he will be ready and glad to hit hard at the books again.

BALD MOUNTAIN TRAIL

Churchill Scott has agreed to help the Girl Scouts with their summer project of trying to improve the Bald Mountain Trail.

MT. AEOLUS

Last year we canceled the Mt. Aeolus trip because of rain. This year we made it in spite of rain. At starting time there were several patches of blue sky and prospects for clearing weather were bright. Once we were on the mountain however, it started to drizzle and continued off and on all day.

Armed with a topographic map and O'Kane's "Trails and Summits of the Green Mountains" we drove to a point near Manchester where we left Route 7 for the back roads. After an assortment of "lefts", "rights", "bridges", and "hills" we arrived at what we thought was the "Old McLaughlin Place." Then we left our car and started toward Mt. Aeolus following an abandoned marble hauling road.

The mountain seems to be covered with a net work of wood roads of all ages and we soon lost all track of the several turns described in the book. We visited three abandoned marble quarries but which was "One", "Two", or "Three" referred to, we hadn't the least idea.

The walking was good though somewhat damp. A deer was seen. The plants along the trail were quite different from those seen commonly along the main range of the Green Mountains. There were many yellow lady slippers and we found several vine like plants with purple and white bell shaped flowers about an inch long. Even the ferns looked different. Probably the limestone soil was responsible for much of this strangeness.

At last we came out on a ledge from which we could look down on East Dorset and the neighboring valley. It was so misty that much of the more distant landscape had to be left to the imagination.

Only a short distance above this point our trail led us to the mouth of the cave. It was really open enough so that a hay wagon could be driven in; although that wouldn't be such a good idea.

We built our fire at the mouth of the cave where the overhanging rocks protected us from the continuing drizzle. At this point we were welcomed by a white-footed mouse who came boldly within a foot of the fire and, after a little teasing, took crumbs from Barbie Allard's hand.

The coffee pot boiled in record time in spite of the wet. After dinner a party was organized to explore the cave. The first big room slants steeply down for one hundred fifty feet with a domed ceiling and broken rocks for a floor. At the lower end several narrow passages lead off somewhere maybe. We squeezed into the most promising for ten feet but it was wet, cold and dirty so we postponed further research till another day with better lights and older clothes.

Coming down we followed any road leading downhill and came out on the road within a mile or so from our car.

Next time we want less rain and more visibility but it was an interesting adventure in new territory. You should have been there.

A NEW HIKER

We were pleased to receive an announcement introducing "A New Hiker On The Road To Life."

Jack and Janet Martin are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Carol Ann, born June 11th, 1954.

***** **

A suggestion for the name of former Spring Lake C.: "Menni Moov" (Many Move) by Allegra Milano .



COMING EVENTS
by
Betty Ball

Time - Sunday, July 18th
Place - C.V. Camp Chittenden

A day at the C.V. Camp on Chittenden Reservoir is becoming a pleasant annual event. Swimming, loafing, eating, hiking, are all part of the program. Eleanor Walker is the hostess for the day. The time of leaving Meldon School is 10:00 A.M., but the group may be joined at the camp at any time.

Time - Saturday P.M., July 31st
Place - Wallingford - Elfin Lake, White Rocks, and Ice Caves

This Saturday afternoon outing has lots of variety, and can be joined at several places. Cars will leave Meldon School at 1:30 P.M., probably for a swim at Elfin Lake. It has been suggested that cars will park at the White Rocks parking area after the swim, and hikers take the Ice Caves path from that spot, returning to White Rocks picnic area for supper. Other combinations of activities are possible and may be arranged to suit the wishes of those attending. Cliff-side Trail is a nice little scramble. Watch for the duck hawk that usually nests on the cliff, the peregrine falcon of the days of knighthood.

Time - Saturday P.M., Aug. 14th
Place - Texas Falls

Here is another Saturday

afternoon picnic place that should provide a cool place on a hot day, (if we have any such this summer). There is a little hike around the Falls, and a place to swim, rumored to be cold and deep, but this will mostly be a nice ride, a social hour, and good eating. Hikers can drive to the top of the mountain and try some of The Long Trail, to Lake Ileiad, or in the other direction, to work up a good appetite. Swimming in Lake Ileiad is another possibility.

Cars will leave Meldon School at 2:00 P.M., but again anyone can join the group at any time.

KILLINGTON WORK PARTY
SUNDAY, JULY 25th

A work party is being planned for Sunday, July 25th. The objective is to make much needed repairs on the roof of Cooper Lodge, Killington.

As you know this is a long trip and it would be nice to have enough people out for work so that only this one journey would be needed to get these repairs done.

This isn't a "for men only" party. We won't ask the 'gals' to work on the roof, but there is plenty of window washing and similar work right in their line which needs to be done. So, come one, come all, let's have this work party set an attendance record and get the job finished up in this one trip.

It is important to contact Craigie Perkins by Saturday, July 24th if you plan to be one of the party. He will give you starting time and necessary details.

OPERATION SUNNYSIDE

The outing scheduled for Sunday, June 20th, was planned with the hope of getting out a sizeable party to carry forward the building of SUNNYSIDE Camp. Harold Valiquette, chairman of the project, was on hand to get the day's work started. It was somewhat disappointing to find such a small group assembled at Meldon School ready for work. However, those attending proved to be capable and ambitious workers and an appreciable amount was accomplished during the day.

Holes for the foundation posts were dug, the path to the spring was well brushed out, and further work done on deepening the spring hole and diverting surface water from around it.

It wasn't all work either. There was time out for visiting, a relaxing lunch hour, and short hikes by some along shady portions of The Trail near-by.

Although there were some of the so-called "friendly flies" around, in general the fly situation was not so bad as it often is at this time of year.

This Sunday proved to be one of the quite hot days so far this summer and by the end of the day we were more than ever convinced that SUNNYSIDE is well named.

There will be more work parties here in the future when the summer rush in the awning business lets up and Harold has more time. We hope that some of you who have not yet been able to lend a hand to this project will try to be around for some of these later efforts. We'll let you know when they are scheduled.

This camp is going to be a particularly nice objective for winter outings when it is completed and the sooner we have it done the sooner we can enjoy its use.

NEW NAME-PLATE

For our August issue we will have a new design for our SMOKE & BLAZES name-plate. Hilma Erickson is the artist to whom we will be indebted for our 'new look'. This will be the fourth name-plate design to appear on our publication. The previous artists have been Janet Martin, Ray Catozzi, and Jane Sabourin. The big reason for a new name-plate every now and then, isn't just that we like a change, it's that the stencil wears out! We appreciate the help all these people have given us by keeping us supplied.

TRIP TO BALD MT. MADE

Churchill Scott has made one trip on to Bald Mt. to conduct a group of Senior Girl Scouts and Leaders and aid them in starting a project on remarking and re-locating a trail up this popular mountain. We understand that this party covered about 2/3 of the distance and another trip will probably be necessary to complete the location of the trail. After this the Girls Scouts plan to continue to work on improving the trail, and hope to use it extensively during their camping season.

This is a good illustration of a cooperative project which will be of advantage to both the cooperating organizations.

NEW SHELTERS CHAIRMAN

Prescott Van Vleet has been appointed as Shelters chairman. Van takes over from Emile Boselli who finds he is too busy at present with his Archery Club activities.

NEW SCHEDULES ENCLOSED

You will find your copy of the Outing schedules for the last half of the year enclosed with this issue.

Our third annual July 4th trip was voted a huge success by the six hikers and two campers who made it. Twenty-four more miles of Long Trail were covered from Parker Camp to Smuggler's Notch.

Eleanor Walker and Pearl Nichols camped out with us, and provided much needed taxi service. The hiking party consisted of Vera Perkins, Emile Boscelli, Ray Catozzi, Barbara Allard, and Craigie and Mary Perkins.

We set up our tents Saturday in a field next to Judevine Brook about a quarter of a mile south of Barrows Camp, and right on the Long Trail. Roy Buchanan is to be thanked for suggesting this excellent spot.

Saturday afternoon we hiked south from camp to Route 15 near Johnson. This took us over Prospect Rock from which we could look down on the Lamaille River. This was an easy hike.

Sunday morning we drove up to the Davis Neighborhood School site, and hiked up the approach trail to the Parker Camp where we left off last year. This day's route led along the ridge of Laraway Mountain to its famous cliffs. We hated to leave that lovely view. The trail down Laraway follows ledges close under the cliffs and should be on everyone's list of "favorite spots." We cooled our feet in the stream in Coddling Hollow and walked into camp in time for a good supper before dark.

Monday was the big day; 11.6 miles from Route 15 to Smuggler's Notch. Not too much in distance but we climbed 3215 feet from Route 15 to the top of Whiteface in 6.5 miles, all up hill.

Just after we started it began to rain and kept up till about two o'clock. We were soon soaked and stayed soaked till we got back to camp at night.

Walking in the rain wasn't so bad after we got used to it, and that didn't take long. The clouds did partly interfere with the view from the top of Whiteface, and the wind was a little cool up there, but that situation was not successfully.

It was a long pull over Madonna Peak and we began to race against time to get out of the woods before dark. Emile went on ahead and started a fire at Sterling Pond Camp for us to warm up but we couldn't stay long. Luckily the trail down to the Notch had just been worked by the Patrol and was in good condition so we got back to camp before dark.

Bill Allard and his crew were staying at Barrows Camp Monday night so we had a visit with them.

We missed Carl and Maxine Nowhall who have been with us on former July 4th expeditions.

Next year we will be doing Mansfield. That should bring out a larger crowd. Six is fun but twelve is funner.

ABOUT SECTION MEMBERS

Michael Jennings has returned to his home in Rutland after serving in the U.S. Navy for four years.

Daniel Jennings recently received a Masters Degree from Boston College and is to be called into Service soon.

While doing Long Trail Patrol work about a mile south of Taylor Lodge on Mt. Admiral Clark, Bill Allard found a camera near a blow-down. Miss Tye had received a letter in regard to the lost article. It wasn't long before camera and owner were together again and everyone was happy.

Betty Ball has left for a six weeks vacation. The west coast is her destination.

HIKING IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

The appalachian Mountain Club of Boston, Mass. announces that its nine modern huts, built for the enjoyment of the climbing public in the White Mountains, opened June 20th for their 66th summer season.

These huts are unique mountain hotels offering many of the luxuries of home, substantial family-style meals, and a chance to travel light for as long as one wishes. They are located an easy days' walk apart all the way from Lonesome Lake Hut above Franconia Notch to Evans Notch Hut on the Maine-New Hampshire line in Stowe, Maine. In traveling this chain, the hiker walks over the backbone of the White Mountains, and need only to bring clothing and personal articles to enjoy a grand vacation.

The all-inclusive day rate charged at all huts is \$6.60. Special rates are made for organized groups of eight or more with confirmed reservations made in advance.

It is suggested that those desiring more information on any of the huts, write to J. B. Dodge, Hut Manager, Pinkham Notch Camp Gorham, New Hampshire. Booklets are available from him on "The A.M.C. Summer Huts", "Pinkham Notch in Winter", or "Suggested Climbing Trips in the White Mountains".

NEW OUTDOOR BOOKS

Tent Camper's Guide to New England and New York State Camping Areas - 60 p., \$1.00 from Outdoor Publishers, P.O. Box 55, Rocky Hill, Conn. Essential information on location, facilities, and activities of camping areas.

Songbirds In Your Garden - 274 p., illustrated - \$3.95 by John K. Terres

WHY I CLIMB

by

Ija N. Korner

(taken in part from APPALACHIA Ija N. Korner is a professor of Psychology and psychiatry and in this article seeks to probe into the spiritual values of climbing and to evaluate the reasoning of climbers.)

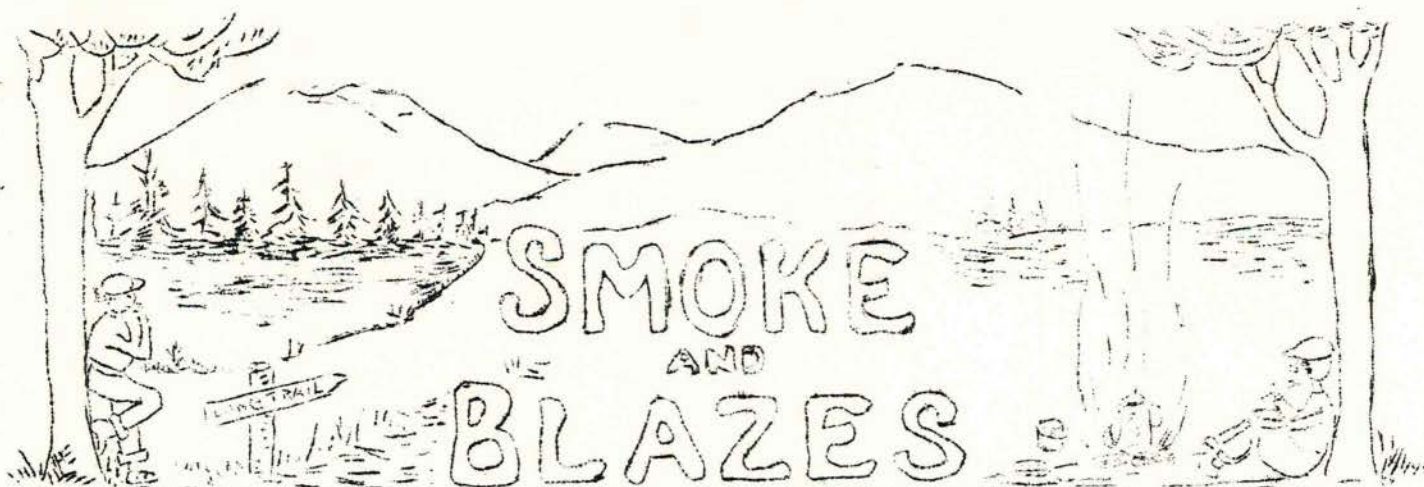
Climbing does not involve solely physical activity, but also provides me with great emotional satisfaction. I climb because mountain country is beautiful. The beauty of nature means more to me in its manifestations in mountains than in any other geographical shape.

Climbing means to me the society of people who have values, ideas, and a style of living similar to my own. I enjoy company where I do not have to explain myself, where I can assume that a great deal of my enthusiasm is shared.

If the peak is well chosen for the level of my climbing capacities, its attainment is associated with a maximum use of my physical ego.

I climb because it gives me distance from the problems, involvements and tensions of everyday living. In climbing and living the life of a mountaineer I obtain that unique peace which we seek and find only in the mountains.

A climber is a man who knows his strength and is willing to live by and on it. His goal is clear and well defined; it is without doubts and conflicts. He has friends with whom he is united for the same purpose inseparably. His rewards are inexhaustable. He obtains beauty, serenity and peace - for a well paid price in labor. And if "it happens to be there," I'll climb it also.



Vol. 7 No. 8 Killington Section Green Mountain Club August 1954

COMING EVENTS

by
Betty Ball

Time - Aug. 28-29 Sat. & Sun.

Place - Mt. Tabor

INTERSECTIONAL CAMP OUT

Here's the chance to get acquainted with hikers and campers from other sections. You can camp beside your car in a pretty section of Vermont, with lots of good hikes accessible. There's a nice hike up to Griffith Lake, with a fine look-out over the valley. The Mt. Acolus hike is fun, with a large cave to explore at the top. Long Trail hikes to Little Rock Pond, and to Griffith Lake from Mad Tom Shelter, or from the Peru road are easy to do with a bit of riding at the start. Another possibility, which might be a new hike for the veterans who have done all of the above, is the Stapleton Trail from Styles Peak to Griffith Lake. So there is lots of variety possible.

Time - Sunday - September 5th

Place - Killington Peak

A favorite hike with a wonderful view. This time we will again approach from the West Bridgewater approach trail. A party from Glens Falls plans to join us, so we'll have another chance to meet new hikers. We will leave Meldon at 8:30 A.M. to give us plenty of time on top. Let's hope for a clear day.

KILLINGTON SECTION TRAIL REPORT

The two big projects of the Trail Committee this year were to make a trail through the lumbering operation north of Clement Shelter and to repaint blazes on the whole section of Trail.

One large Section work party and one day's work by the Long Trail Patrol have pretty well taken care of the lumber slash.

Blazes along the Long Trail have been repainted in both directions with the exception of about three miles from Clarendon Gorge to Sunnyside. The Bucklin Trail to Killington has been painted in one direction only, and no painting has yet been done on the Juggernaut.

About half of the lettered signs and many directional arrows have been put up at approach places. Three more trips should complete the remarking project. This might not have to be repeated for three or four years.

We have had no bad reports on the condition of the Trail between the Gorge and Sunnyside. The rest of the Trail has been visited by the Committee. Last year's winter damage was very light and the Trail is in generally good condition. There are very few troublesome blowdowns.

Brushing out is needed in several places. The worst place is between Pico and Killington. The Bucklin Trail is badly overgrown and so is the Juggernaut. This work will probably have to be put over to next year.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A regular Executive Board meeting was held on Wednesday evening, August 4th.

Craigie Perkins reported that the re-painting of blazes on the Killington Section of The Trail and the placing of directional signs had been nearly completed. This work will be finished by the end of the season.

Ray Catozzi presented the material he has prepared for use in acquainting more people with the background and purpose of G.M.C. in general, and the activities of the Killington Section in particular. The Board considered this material excellently prepared and authorized Ray to investigate the cost, possible format etc., for having it printed. We hope at the next Board meeting to be able to take some definite action on this.

New Shelters Ch., Prescott VanVleet, is starting a record of statistics on shelters, including items such as window sizes, table sizes, etc., to facilitate the making of repairs when they are needed. He also plans to consider further the matter of registers for shelters.

It was decided that the Section's present bridge over Cold River at Clarendon Gorge should be abolished as it presents a definite hazard. Some other method for crossing the river at stream level will be worked out.

The need for a different stove in Cooper Lodge, Killington was considered. Due to the effort involved in getting a stove to Killington it seemed best to buy a new stove for this purpose. The type of stove most desirable which it would be feasible to install was discussed. Craigie Perkins was authorized to purchase such a stove where most

readily available.

It was decided to employ the Long Trail Patrol for another day's work in Killington Section if possible before the end of the summer. This day to be spent in the construction of the toilet house at Clarendon for which the lumber is already on hand.

Croosoting of the lumber at Sunnyside location has been done and this fall will show further progress on this project.

We appreciate the attendance of officers and committee chairmen at these meetings. We feel that they help to keep us all in touch with what is being done and what needs doing. We would be glad of suggestions from the membership at any time.

C.V.CAMP - CHITTENDEN

Again this year we were favored with weather just right for this type of outing. While not a really hot day it was warm enough to make swimming, sunning, and boating most attractive. Also it was a day, rare this summer, without rain - well almost. There were a few sprinkles at one time, just enough to cause one of our members all dressed for swimming to wrap up carefully in her bath towel!

The camp with its roomy screened porch and view of the Pond provided a pleasant place for enjoying lunch.

In addition to the "regulars" we enjoyed having the Fields - Helen, Fred, Tommy, and Peter - with us again. We are always amazed that there are not more of our members on hand to take advantage of this opportunity. It isn't every weekend that one can have the use of a cottage on a lake, with all equipment including a boat, for free! Thanks, Eleanor for making this outing possible for our group.

This hot Saturday afternoon was made to order for a swim - so thought most of the GIC group assembled at Meldon School at 1:30 P.M. on July 31st. Arrived at Elfin Lake we lost no time in getting into bathing suits and into the water. It was just as delightful as had been anticipated, but we were no sooner thoroughly enjoying ourselves than it became evident that a storm was brewing. In spite of the storm warnings everyone, of course, waited until the last possible moment to dash for the shelter of the locker rooms to wait out the worst of the rain, wind, thunder, and lightening. From then on the afternoon was spent in alternate swimming and dodging in out of the repeated downpours. In spite of these interruptions the swimming really was perfect.

During the worst of the shower we speculated on the fate of two of our party who had elected to hike from the White Rocks picnic area to the Ice Caves instead of stopping for a swim.

As supper time approached it seemed that an outdoor picnic was not quite the best choice so our old stand-by, the Perkins Camp in Mendon was selected as the supper rendezvous. One carload drove first to the White Rocks area to advise the two absent members in case they were still there. They weren't. We learned later that our hikers were on "The Rocks" when the storm broke, with the obvious result. We weren't suprised they hadn't waited for us at the picnic area!

It cleared up in the early evening and some took a walk while others enjoyed a sunset from the porch of camp. On the way home a deer stopped beside the road while we had a good look, making a perfect ending for the day.

Dart and Kelly Emslie sent greetings to GMCers from Tuscon, Arizona, where they have been vacationing.

Lucy Bishop went to Bermuda for her vacation trip.

Betty Ball is spending six weeks travelling in the West with a friend who is also a bird enthusiast. A card from Betty from Yosemite National Park sent greetings and reported having seen, "an albatross from the coast and lots of other fine birds." Betty is also doing some hiking having climbed Sentinel Dome. Her next stops were Crater Lake and Mt. Rainier.

Helen Bailey is in Paris, France, this summer studying at the Sorbonne. Before classes began she had time to do a bit of travelling, including a trip by car through Brittany. One of the things Helen mentioned in writing of this trip was that it was wise to have a calendar along. It seems that parking regulations are a bit unique - on the even numbered days one parks on the right hand side of the road and on the odd numbered days on the left.

Earlier in the summer Jim Hayward and Mrs. Hayward visited their daughter Carol and family in Anderson, Ill., and their son Edward and family in Racine, Wis.

Congratulations to Charlotte and Eugene Keenan on the birth of their son, Michael. Another prospective hiker we hope!

An interesting little folder on Bird Mt., has been prepared by Minnie A. Rice of Castleton and is available from her at 20¢ per copy.

THE PARKS MUST GO !

So, say the leaders of progress !

All across the country, and Rutland is no exception, parks are being done away with or defiled to make way for parking areas, garages, or super highways. To anyone who loves the trees, it is a sad sight to see them fall.

Depot Park in Rutland was a small spot of beauty in our down town area. It was beautiful because the majestic trees made it beautiful. Now they are gone, never to be replaced -; a spot of beauty gone forever.

Bostonians have been fighting for some time the threat of having an underground garage on Boston Common. Destruction of shrubs and trees would be practically complete if construction were undertaken here. Let's hope this will never happen.

San Francisco's Union Sq. in the midst of hotel and shopping district has been completely destroyed by the construction of a four story underground garage. A roadway, increased pavements for walking, and tubbed palms and shrubs have converted the park into a glorified roof garden.

There are other proposals and threats to parks in many places. An underground garage has been projected for Travis Park in San Antonio, Texas. In this case a suit has been brought to prevent the construction of the garage and the project is at a standstill pending court proceedings.

In Washington, D. C. there are proposals to take over land that was purchased for parks and use them for six-lane expressways.

We are indeed shortsighted to sell our park heritage throughout the land for a mess of parking areas, garages, and express highways.

MORE ABOUT TREES

To talk about trees in general is somewhat like talking about people in general. It is much more interesting to be specific, so let's talk about the Elm tree.

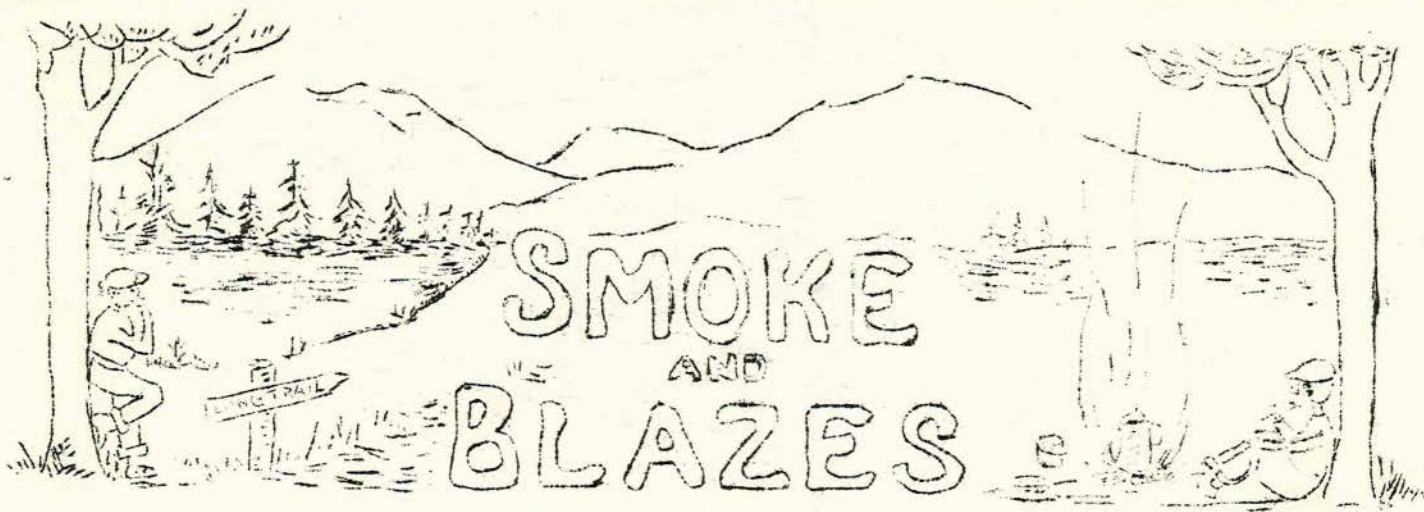
A great old Elm gives the appearance of a fountain - the trunk as the primary jet gushing upward and branching as it rises, then more jets that appear to be a hundred streams that become a thousand streamlet twigs and a million drops of spattering foliage.

Because of its architectural form and beauty, this is the ideal street tree. Its branches meet across the road in a vaulted arch that does not hinder the passage of high trucks. Perhaps one of the best loved features of the Elm is the dappled shade that it gives. A big old specimen will have about a million leaves, and will cast a pool of shadow one hundred feet in diameter.

George Washington's diary shows that he was constantly searching the bottom-lands along the Potomac for wild Elms to transplant on the grounds of Mount Vernon. Today four of those that he set out still stand, the largest of them on Bowling Green.

There were many Elm trees in Abraham Lincoln's life - the Elm above his mother's grave in Indiana, the Elms on the White House lawn, the Lincoln memorial tree at Atchison, Kansas, where the large crowd that had gathered to hear him, and could not be accommodated inside the little church, sat under the shade while he spoke by the open window.

There is an old Elm in Le Claire, Iowa known as The Green Tree standing today because the citizens of that town refused to let a railway pass through unless it routed its way around The Green Tree. Too bad there are not more LeClaires scattered over the country.



Vol. 7 No. 9

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Sept. 1954

COMING EVENTS

by
Betty Ball

Time - Sun., Sept. 19 - 9:30 A.M.
Place - Long Trail- Goshen Pass
to Sucker Brook Shelter

The series of Long Trail hikes each fall have proved among the most popular of the year. Each year we do a section not done before by the club, hoping to cover the whole Long Trail eventually with the summer camping trips and fall hikes combined. This year we start at Goshen Pass, climb Mt. Horrid, stopping briefly for the view from the cliffs over Brandon Gap, then take off for territory not known to many of us. We'll go as far as the Sucker Brook Shelter, and then try to find the Sucker Brook Trail back to the Goshen road, where a car or two will be parked somewhere near the end of the trail.

Time - Sunday, October 3
Place - Long Trail - Middlebury
Gap to Sucker Brook Shelter

This part of The Trail as far as Lake Placid is familiar to many, but there will be miles more that most of us don't know, so come exploring and see new country. We'll have to back track again on the same trail, as the Goshen road at the end of Sucker Brook trail and

Middlebury Gap are too far apart to be convenient for car exchange. However, views are different when going in the opposite direction so it shouldn't be too dull. Fall coloring should be fine so don't forget your color cameras.

RUMMAGE SALE COMING

It won't be long now, so keep your collection of articles for the sale growing. The date and committees for this event will be announced in our October issue.

AND SO IT RAINED

Sunday, Sept. 5, was a special date on our Outing Schedule. On that day members from the Glens Falls Sec. of the Adirondack Mt. Club were to join us for a trip to Killington via the Juggernaut Trail.

The day came, the visitors came in good numbers - also the rain came. After waiting 45 min. for signs of clearing it was unanimously decided we were in for an all day rain and the party dispersed. So, of course, it cleared! We hope we can get this trip in at some other time.

TRAIL TRIP

In August, Allegro Milano, husband, "Susan" and "Susan's" daughter covered The Trail between Long Trail Lodge & Little Rock Pond.

OUR TRIP TO TEXAS FALLS

by
Prescott VanVleet

Saturday, August 14th - a beautiful day - and off we went. Up Woodstock Ave., and over Hendon Mountain. The entourage of two Greyhound busloads, one Vermont Transit full, and 7 cars, rolled up and down the hills. We all turned to port at Sherburne Stage and on to Pittsfield. Through Rochester, not daring to stop at the village green to take in the carnival. On to the thriving metropolis of Hancock where the caravan went straight ahead and, lo and behold, the last two cars happened to contain 5 GMCers who turned left and dusted along the dirt road for a mile or two or three and then swung right for a mile to a very clean and well situated picnic area; the setting of which resembles "Grasslands" - a state picnic area east of Hapgood Pond.

Our party consisted of Mrs. J.B. Newton of Wallingford - her two daughters, Louise M. Adams of Rutland and Helen M. Ehlert of Detroit, - Jan Maseltine and "yours truly". Mrs. Newton relaxed in the car and tended to her knitting while the four of us took to the wood trail from the parking area to "deep in the heart of" Texas Falls. There was not too much water flowing but that afforded a better look at the water-shaped rock formations which looked as smooth as a piece of finished marble. After climbing around on the rocks our appetites got the better of us so we footed to our picnic table at the edge of Hancock Brook where we were joined by a sixth member in the form of a rather tame chipmunk. After enjoying a supper with all the trimmings, including coffee scented with burnt birch bark, the evening dampness fell rather noiselessly, so we retraversed the same route to Roches-

ter where the Newtons decided to investigate the "World's Fair" of Rochester. Texas Falls can be listed as a very delightful picnic area for everybody.

INTERSECTIONAL WEEKEND

Your next issue of THE LONG TRAIL NEWS will give you a full account of this weekend, so we'll give you only a general summary - just enough to make you want to read more!

The weather man was kind to us until late Sunday 1.P.M. and gave us one of the pleasantest weekends of the summer.

Fred Field and a few other campers were on hand Friday night. By 9:30 A.M. Saturday, a "tent city" was springing up and a good crowd had gathered for the Marble quarry trip. Another group chose instead to go to Griffith Lake. The quarry visitors were back by noon and after lunch most of them followed the Lake trail to the lookout point.

Back at camp once more we were glad to greet new arrivals, have supper and gather around the crackling bonfire for the campfire meeting. Larry Dean kept things moving briskly. Forester Wm. Wentz "visited" with us most entertainingly about the National Forest program; there were the usual good stories of experiences on and off the trail; group singing to which the junior members added greatly; and finally a corn roast to finish the evening.

Sunday's hikes included, Little Rock Pond, Griffith Lake by side trail or Long Trail and Mt. Aeolus Cave.

By mid afternoon hikers were returning to camp for a late dinner. Soon it was time to break camp.

Congratulations are due to Co-chairmen Fred Field and Larry Dean for a most successful Intersectional. These outings are a lot of work for someone but are surely a highlight of the GMC year to those who attend.

ALGONQUIN PARK

West of Ottawa and south of the Ottawa River lies Ontario's Algonquin Provincial Park.

The Park occupies 2700 sq. mi. of forests, lakes, and rivers. This area is roughly equal to all of Vermont south of Rutland. There are no villages. Supplies may be purchased at three places. There are two post offices, and gasoline is obtainable at only four places.

There is but one road through the Park, Route 60, with a half dozen short, dirt side roads leading to some of the hundreds of lakes.

The only practicable way of visiting much of the area is by canoe or power boat. Fishing and camping are the principal sports.

About seventy-five years ago this part of Ontario was heavily lumbered, and uncontrolled fires finish the destruction of the original pine forest. Now the area is covered with a second growth forest of white and red pine, black spruce, poplar, white birch, and a small amount of hard and soft maple. Most every white pine is misshapen from weevil damage, and there are many dead spruces. There is less underbrush than in our woods, and fewer species of trees.

The animal life in the Park is about the same as that in Vermont. They have a few wolves and an occasional moose. There is a heavy deer population and "beggars" can be fed and petted any time of day along the highway.

An excellent museum contains mounted specimens of the bird and animal life in the area with good outlines of their life histories.

There are two public camping areas in the Park; a small area at Tea Lake with few facilities (and few campers), and a large developed area at Lake of Two Rivers.

Here about one hundred acres of level forested land on the edge of the lake have been cleaned up for campers and picnickers. There are two large, new, tile service buildings with toilets and washing facilities. Drinking water is obtainable from two pumps. Fireplaces are built from slabs of local stone uniformly two inches in thickness. Wood is obtained by driving down the highway a short distance, parking the car and cutting down a dead pine or spruce. When split up this is very satisfactory for most purposes. If ease of obtaining natural fuel is a measure of the wildness of a place, then the Park is still wild.

There is a long sandy beach on the lake. The water is usually on the chilly side but quite swimmable.

People taking canoe or boat trips through the Park can make arrangements to use any of the several small camp sites along the canoe routes. A whole summer could be spent exploring the miles and miles of lake shores.

There is no camping charge in the Park, and short term fishing licenses are inexpensive. Many campers leave camp early in the morning and return about dark after spending the day at some hidden lake deeper in the wilderness.

It is unfortunate that eight hotels and nine summer camps operate in the Park area. Canada is such a big place it is too bad the Park cannot be kept free of commercialization.

HOW ABOUT IT ?

If you hunt ducks you have to buy a Federal Duck Stamp. The income from these stamps is earmarked for the purchase of land for wildlife refuges. Less than 10% of the money has been spent for this purpose. The rest has gone for maintenance, law enforcement, and research. There is no point in setting up refuges that can't be protected and developed, but doesn't nine to one seem like a pretty high ratio for this type of project ?

The Bureau of Indian Affairs manages, on a sustained yield basis, sixteen million acres of Indian forests. Now this land is to be gradually turned over to the Indians. Will this be good for the forests, for the Indians, or for the public ?

The East Texas Chamber of Commerce has called upon all American citizens to join with them in a crusade to bring about the sale of the National Forest lands to private purchasers. They mean all National Forest land, but they cite conditions in Texas in particular. They complain that the Government (us) is competing with the taxpayers (them). Since less than 2% of the forest land of Texas is in National Forest this doesn't sound like the whole story. 90% of the Texas National Forest land was bought from Texas lumber companies after it had been denuded. Now it is beginning to recover under protection and the lumber companies want it back. The idea of abolishing the National Forests is being promoted on a nation-wide scale. Will they get away with it ?

The Governor of the State of Washington appointed a committee to consider whether the Olympic National Park should be reduced in size. Of the fourteen men on the committee, five said "No". The other nine suggested that the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture designate two men to make a recommendation. If the Park is pared down, would that establish a precedent ?

Eleven million acres of farm land in Colorado and Kansas have been damaged by the prolonged drought in that area. This is the second time in a generation that heavy damage has occurred from this condition. Would it be better if this land were returned to grass and the loss in food production made up by more irrigation or better farming methods elsewhere ?

The National Recreation Association has made a survey showing picnicing to be the favorite outdoor recreation in every section of the country. Couldn't we say that "local papers" seem to substantiate that conclusion ?

The proposed construction of a dam at Echo Park in the Dinosaur National Monument has been kicked around for several years. While conservationists are absorbed in fighting this proposal, wouldn't it be a good time to slip over a dozen or so fast deals in other places ?

A bill, R.H. 8880, was introduced at the last session of Congress that would permit the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain National Forest lands if he thinks they are better adapted to private use. Did this bill pass ?



Vol. 7 No. 10

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Oct. 1954

COMING EVENTS

by
Betty Ball

Time - Sun., Oct. 17 - 8:30 A.M.
Place - Long Trail - Middlebury
Gap to Boyce Shelter.

We'll leave at 8:30 A.M. to give us plenty of time on the last lap of this fall's Long Trail series hikes. Perhaps we won't get wet this time but we should be used to that by now. We hear there has been some lumbering on this section of The Trail so some of it may be hard to find, but that just makes it trickier. The Burnt Hill Trail to Breadloaf that we'll come down is supposed to be in good condition. Not many of us know this country and it will be fun to explore.

Time - Sun., Oct. 31 - 9:30 A.M.
Place - Bird Mountain

This hike usually gets rained out or is taken in the rain, but perhaps the fates will give us a clear day and a good view this time. This is nearby and a shortish hike, so should be easy for all. We'll leave at 9:30 A.M.

Time - Sunday, November 14th
Place - Mooselamoo

We have a choice of trails on this one, if we can find them!

Perhaps we can go up one and come down the other. One trail goes near the Cascades which should have plenty of water in them. This trip hasn't been on the schedule for several years so will seem different.

WEATHER NOTE

For some reason we had a feeling we'd been getting a lot of rain on our G.M.C. outings lately. Just for fun we checked back. Since April 1st we've had only 3 outings without rain at some time during the day! This must be some sort of a record but enough is enough - sometimes too much.

RUMMAGE SALE - OCT. 29

On Friday, Oct. 29th, the Neighborhood Rooms will be the scene of our annual money making event - THE RUMMAGE SALE. We need a stock of things to sell, so get out those garments and nic-nacs you wish you'd given to the last Rummage Sale (we know there have been several already) and let us have them. Collect things from your friends too.

We would like your donations on Thurs., Oct. 28th and will be at the Neighborhood Rooms all that day to receive them. Call Craigie Perkins before then if you need help to get things to us.

Let's see if we can't do even better than last year!

SUCKER BROOK LODGE
VIA MT. HORRID

By
Dan Jennings, Jr.

There is only one word in our heading which is not apropos to our outing of September 19th and that is "lodge". The inclement (to put it mildly) weather made the Mount quite "horrid" and by the time we reached the brook all eleven of us certainly felt like quite a catch of "suckers". However, when it comes to the word "lodge", there we agree with our friend Vera, and say we must draw the line.

Congratulations are in order to Craigie for his success in getting a good fire going as our survival would have been questionable if we had not had that hot coffee to revive us for the trip home. Having Pearl meet us with her car to help transport drivers to where the cars had been left was a great service although at one point it was rather confusing as we tried to plan the most efficient way of doing it. I still can't decide whether we could have done it a better way but anyway we all got home.

We do not wish to sound bitter about this outing because actually many advantages can come from such a trip. For example, we discovered what less fortunate humans have known for years -- what wonderful insulation and warmth can be obtained from old newspapers worn inside a coat or jacket. Then too, it isn't every day that you get so wet that you have that "it doesn't make any difference now anyway" feeling as you walk just as contentedly in the middle of a raging mountain stream as you would on the trail (and sometimes it's hard to tell the difference). One scientific theory was debunked and that is that it just isn't true that after you're

2
so wet, you can't get any wetter. You can !

Well, I've got to go and change the paper in my shoes so that they'll be dry in time for the next hike. See you there.

MIDDLEBURY GAP TO
SUCKER BROOK LODGE

By
Tholma Valiquette & Dan Jennings, Jr.

Seven of the eleven GMCers whomade this year's initial "trail covering series" hike had dried out sufficiently to turn out for the second outing. The hikers entered the trail at Middlebury Gap, ate lunch at the now memorable and familiar Sucker Brook Lodge, and came out in the direction of Brandon Gap.

Long Trail lore contains many interesting and unusual tales concerning the improvising of clothing necessitated by rain and other mishaps but we understand that a new trend is developing whereby one changes attire while on the trail.

All this may sound rather mysterious but those who desire further clarification are advised to consult with "T" Valiquette, who in one easy lesson, can show you how to stay cool when the trail gets hot.

Although a hiking club, Killington Section occasionally has its difficulties with automotive transportation. At one point of transfer on our way home, Vera's car refused to cooperate and with much shifting of positions we managed to get it to East Middlebury for repairs and ourselves home (if not for repairs, at least for recuperation!). A few more of these hikes and the ranks of our transportation volunteers will undergo a sharp increase.

But anyway, look for us at the next hike, 'cause guess what ? -- we'll be there !

HIGHLIGHTS ON MY WESTERN TRIP

by
Betty Ball

I was lucky to be invited on a birding-camping trip to the Far West this past summer. The other members of the party were three excellent ornithologists so we didn't miss many western birds.

I joined the party in Arizona, flying from New York the middle of July. Tucson was hot, but a drive up Mt. Lemmon soon brought us to cool pines and flower-bordered, twisting roads. We saw three kinds of humming-birds among the brilliant beds of pentstemon. The curious rock formations attracted our attention, and we topped the day off with a blazing sunset as we came down the mountain.

We rode all night from Tucson to Salton Sea, to escape the terrific desert heat. Birding at Salton Sea, below sea level, was fine, with flocks of birds coming from the salt lake to feed in the flooded fields, but by 7:30 A.M. we were ready to leave, as the heat was growing intense.

The California coast was beautiful, especially the coastal highway from San Simeon north, and the 17 mile drive along the Monterey peninsula. We even saw albatross in the Monterey area. The cypress trees and rocky cliffs were most photogenic and the two days along here were among the finest of the trip. We splurged on an abalone dinner at the Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey, and went to summer theatre there.

From the coast we headed for Yosemite, one of my favorite National Parks. We found a nice campsite and from there took a narrow road across Badger Pass. One of the rarest birds of all, a great gray owl, had been seen on this road a year ago, and there

it was in the same meadow! The next day we went to the Mariposa Grove of big trees. Tuolumne Meadows was our next campsite. We could see snow in the High Sierras around, and tried a brief swim in Tanaya Lake at about 7000 feet, but it was too chilly for lingering in the water. At Tioga Pass, about 10,000 feet, we watched the Clark's nutcrackers, birds of high altitudes. Our hiking so far was limited to short walks near the roadsides, but we didn't have to walk far to feel away from civilization.

The Tioga Pass road down from Yosemite is a thrilling cliff-side road, and a dramatic way to enter or leave the Park. We headed north to colorful Lake Tahoe and spent the night camping not far from Donner Pass. The next morning we hiked up to the Sugar Bowl, a glacial cirque, surrounded by high headwalls, before heading north to Lassen National Park. There we found the first of the self-guiding nature trails with numbered stakes and printed leaflets explaining the significance of each stake. We learned a lot of natural history. This trail brought us to Dumpass Well, with fascinating hot springs and mud pots, steaming and boiling. Here we camped under majestic red fir.

The next afternoon we arrived at Crater Lake. Here we saw our first coney, a little mountain animal with round ears, and I saw a frisking baby bear. The rim drive around the lake was fun. Crater Lake is certainly a deep blue.

We saw our first Alpine flowers at Mt. Hood. Bear grass, also called basket grass, as squaws make baskets from its leaves, was plentiful on the road up to Timberline Lodge. We walked on snow above timberline level, admiring the colorful, little flowers which grew on the ridges. Mt. Hood was a beautiful sight, looming snow-clad just above us. The trip down the Hood River Valley to the Columbia was fine, with glimpses of Mt. Hood behind us as we sped north.
(continued in November)

HOW ABOUT IT ?

The October "Nature Magazine" prints a condensation of a talk given by Frank E. Egler, a Research Associate of the American Museum of Natural History.

Mr. Egler questions the propriety of all-over spraying of roadsides and powerline rights of way for controlling the growth of brush. He admits that young trees must be kept from such areas. Where all-over spraying is used practically everything but grass is kept back from the roadside as far as twenty-five feet. Mr. Engler feels that this is destructive to birds and other wild life, wild flowers, and the beauty of our roadsides in general. He suggests hand spraying of individual saplings, thus leaving a ground cover of shrubs, herbs, and berry bushes instead of grass.

Off hand this sounds very expensive, but it is claimed that new tree seedlings cannot so easily become established in this bushy cover as they can in a grass cover. If this is correct, later sprayings would be less frequent.

As for the destruction of habitat for bird and animal life, the area affected by spraying a fifty foot wide swath along all the roads in Rutland County would amount to about one percent of the total area. Some forms of wild life, such as mice and woodchucks, do better in grass land than in woods.

Another thing, in travelling along a road we often catch just a glimpse of a flower, or a bird, or an animal, with not quite enough time to identify it because we so soon pass by. If there were a twenty-five foot strip of grass beside the road we would have five times as much time to look as we would have with brush only five feet away.

From a highway safety standpoint, an open area beside the road would provide opportunity to pull off the highway in case of accident or mechanical trouble.

Maybe there are two sides to this question.

Remember those blood suckers at Lake Pleiad ? Well they are probably still there because leeches sometimes live for twenty years.

They can and will attach themselves to fish, frogs, turtles, or other animals, puncture the skin, and withdraw enough blood to provide them with food for several weeks. The blood is kept from coagulating by a chemical secreted by the leech.

Leeches can be kept in an ordinary aquarium filled with pond water and containing stones to aid the leeches in shedding their skins. Water plants should be present to supply oxygen, but of course no other animals can survive in their company.

Tropical leeches assume a position in readiness to attack if a warm object is brought near them, or if the light on them is reduced as when some animal casts a shadow on them.

Are our native leeches attracted in the same way? Sounds like a good project to carry out.

Much of the country's lumber supply has come from the huge forests of Washington and Oregon. To judge from the ads of the big lumber companies, we would think these forests were being operated as tree farms. In small areas this may be true, but at the present rate of replanting it will take a hundred years to restock the cut-over lands in these two states.

Who is kidding whom ?



Vol. 7 No. 11

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Nov. 1954

COMING EVENTS

by
Betty Ball

Time - Sun., Nov. 28 - 10 A.M.
Place - Blue Ridge Mt.

Another old favorite for a dubious time of year. If warm and sunny, an Indian summer day, we can climb to the top, enjoy a wide-spread view for not-too-much effort, and eat by the Cascades. If cold we can eat at the Perkins' camp, or we can eat there anyway. These lovely evergreen woods will provide lots of shelter if its windy and good birding too. We will leave from Meldon School.

Time - Sat., Dec. 11 - 2 P.M. on
Supper at 6:30 P.M.

The date is wrong on the printed schedule, so be sure to come on the 11th, Saturday. You are sure of lots of good food at this covered dish supper, good comradeship, and a pleasant entertainment. Jan and Jack Martin will show colored slides. Be sure to let Vera know if you are coming and find out what to bring. It helps to bring your own dishes. If you come early there are several very nice hikes nearby.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$112

Thanks to you all for the cooperation which provided the articles and so made the sale successful. Extra thanks to Isabel Hakins, Ruth Postman, Eleanor

Walker, and "T" Valiquette, who with the perennial Rummage Sale committee - Mary, Craigie, and Vera Perkins - worked in preparation and at the sale.

BIRD MOUNTAIN, SUNDAY, OCT. 31

by
Janet Martin

Sunday dawned bright and clear so with an extra hour's sleep 12 hardy souls braved the, by 9:30, threatening weather to climb Bird Mt. This group came from far and near - home towns being as far west as Glens Falls, N.Y., and as far east as Bremerhaven, Germany, via Ludlow to the south.

The fates were with us and it turned out to be a beautiful day with good views from the summit. The peaks of the Coolidge range were covered with snow intermittently highlighted by the sun. Betty spotted an Osprey and a Crimson Grosbeak and felt her day was complete.

Everyone enjoyed a leisurely lunch at the spring. Since some of us were curious about how close the new trail was to the old we made our descent by the latter. We found that they were not too far apart at the bottom of the hill and that the old one was in quite good condition.

The hike ended with a leisurely chat at the cars before we all turned homeward. We hope our friends from out of town will be with us again soon.

2

GREEN MOUNTAIN COUNCIL B.S.A.
APPLACHIAN TRAIL EXPEDITION
by
Gene Tappan

This summer the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, sponsored an expedition designed to cover 2100 miles of the Appalachian Trail from Mt. Katahdin in Maine to Mt. Oglethorpe in Georgia. Every local council that the trail passes through, organized a group of hikers to tramp the part of the trail assigned to them. This amounted to an average of 40 miles per group. The trail was divided into four sections of roughly 500 miles each. Each section had its own log book which was carried by and added to by each hiking group. The Expedition was started in each section about July 4th.

The last leg in the first section was started on August 21 by twenty-one Explorers and their leaders from the Green Mountain Council (covering Addison, Bennington, and Rutland counties) at Hanover, N. H. They hiked to the Dartmouth Outing Club's Newton Cabin near Norwich, Vt. for that evening's camping. The next day after church the group pushed on past the DOC Happy Hill Cabin and into the White River Valley east of West Hartford where Sunday night's camp was made.

Good time was made on Monday over the rough terrain through the Bunker Hill and Pomfret area. Evening camp was pitched along the Barnard Brook $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of S. Pomfret. By chance the Scouts came out of the woods on the property of Mr. Louis Lamborn, a Scouter for many years and now a member of the National Council. He allowed the group to use a small hay field which was indeed fortunate for an important reason. This was the middle of the trip and the rations had run out. The Scouts were using prepared packs of dehydrated foods weighing 16 lbs. each and containing three complete

meals for eight men. But in order to conserve energy and space, only two days supplies were carried. Alan D. Sheaffer, Field Scout Executive for the Council, had made arrangements with authorities at Ethan Allen Air Force Base to have the rations for the last half of the hike dropped in by helicopter. When the 'copter arrived it attracted quite a group of citizenry from the neighboring farms and provided an interesting bit of excitement out of the regular routine of the hike.

With a new supply of food, the hikers started out on the last half of the trip and soon picked up blue blazes of The Green Mountain Club trail. Much to their surprise and joy considerable work had been just done on the trail and it was freshly cleared of a terrific tangle of overgrowth and was well blazed.

The rugged ascent of Cobb Hill and the Pinnacle slowed up progress especially since it became warm and no water was found along the trail. The 1933 edition of the Appalachian Trail Guide Book which was used as a supplement to the maps showed its obsolete nature here. Everyone was hoping to be able to climb the lookout tower which was supposed to be at the top of the peak to the south of Lakota Lake. But no such structure was found and not even a sign gave evidence of where it was supposed to be or used to be. This was most disappointing. The only disappointment about the GMC section of the trail was the absence of mileage markers and signs which would encourage the hiker along the long and uninhabited regions.

The last evening's camp was made at Stony Brook south of Notown where most of the boys took a refreshing and cooling splash in the pools. By this time the weather had proved so beautiful that no one bothered to erect shelters as on the first two nights. Everyone slept under the stars.

A beautiful Wednesday morning found the group hiking the last few miles to Sherburne Pass. Lunch was

cooked on the banks of the Ottauquechee River where a few brave souls took another dip. For August the water seemed very cold but those who went in, enjoyed it very much.

The climb to Long Trail Lodge was made in good time and everyone emerged from the woods in good spirits and fine condition after 40 miles of hiking.

The log book for Section 1 of the Appalachian Trail Expedition was closed at 4 PM August 25th with a note about the wonderful spaghetti dinner which was cooked for the hikers by Richard T. Wales, Chief Scout Executive, who met them on the trail.

MIDDLEBURY GAP TO BOYCE SHELTER

On Sunday, October 17th, nine hikers took the last of the fall Long Trail hikes. It was a good day for a change and the trip was enjoyed very much. The Trail was in good condition but that can not be said of Boyce Shelter. This Shelter looks as if it had seen its best days. Perhaps it could be restored to usable condition but that is debatable.

One contributing factor that left us in an unfavorable frame of mind was that we almost sat on a dead porcupine wrapped up in cellophane and left on the floor of the Shelter. Why do people do such things?

Another uncomfortable situation was that outside of the Shelter (where we all agreed was better than inside) we couldn't find a dry spot to sit down to eat our lunch.

When we were back on the Trail and headed for the cars, the joys of hiking were with us again.

TRUSTEES MEETING

The trustees of The Green Mountain Club met Nov. 6th at

the Club's office in Rutland, Vt. A report of this meeting will appear in the November issue of "The Long Trail News."

DETOUR - BRIDGE OUT

That is the sign you will see soon at Clarendon Gorge. The bridge at the head of the Gorge is no more. During the last three years we had had several complaints that it was unsafe. Two other times repairs were made to the planking but finally the main girders began to sag. That was too much! Permission was obtained to burn the bridge and on November 10th it went up in smoke.

This bridge was purchased from the town of Shrewsbury several years ago when the old road was closed!

What will we do now? Well, temporarily signs will be put up indicating a detour west by road one half mile to a covered bridge over the river. Or of course the river can often be crossed by stepping stones or wading. Next year some sort of a bridge will be constructed just up stream from the old bridge at stream level.

SUNNYSIDE WORK PARTY

On November 6th and 7th Harold Valiquette captained two work parties at the new Sunnyside location. Besides Harold, Joe Hadeka and Raymond Miller worked both days. Churchill Scott, Roger Pike, Walter Hakins, and Crague Perkins worked one day each.

The cedar posts were all set in the ground, leveled, and sawed off. Two by six sills and sleepers were spiked to the posts. The next job is to set the floor joists.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could get this new camp finished this winter?

HIGHLIGHTS OF MY WESTERN TRIP
by
Betty Ball

(con't. from Oct. issue)

From the mountains we headed again to the coast, this time to the country near Tillamook. We arranged for a fishing trip and joined a group at 4:30 A.M., in Garibaldi. Six fishermen caught ling cod, sea bass, and sea trout, while the four of us were delighted with the colorful tufted puffins which flew and dove nearby. Their large red bills and buffy tufts were conspicuous. We went close to the three arched rocks and could see through the arches. Great numbers of California murres were on the rocks while sea lions roared and splashed off-side.

We went up the coast, ferried to Washington, and camped with skunks in our campsite for company. The next day we visited the Hoh River Rain Forest, with trees as much as 270 feet high. Another fine nature trail here explained the features. The State Park that night, Bogachiel, was outstanding for its hot showers. Washington looked much like New England as we headed north.

Olympic National Park turned out to be much more beautiful than I expected, especially the exciting Hurricane Ridge trip. The road is narrow, steep, and twisting, but a better one is in process of being made. At the top we came out on beautiful mountain meadows, some studded with white avalanche lillies, some blue with lupine, some a mosaic of many colors, and all with the dramatic backdrop of snow-capped peaks. A Bairds sandpiper suprised us by lighting on the road at 5000 feet, and running about over the snow-drifts. Some of the plants came up through the snow.

We spent a couple days going to Canada, shopping in Victoria, and taking a boat trip to the San

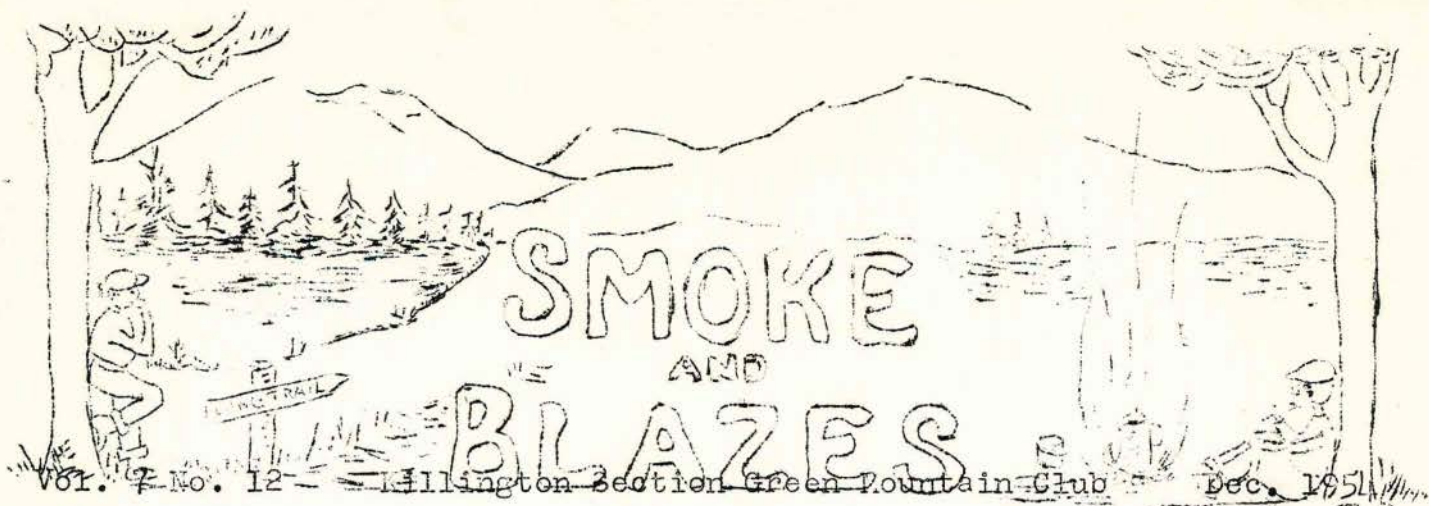
Juan Islands, then headed for Mt. Ranier, the handsomest single mountain of them all. There we took a $5\frac{1}{2}$ mile hike mostly over snow with masses of mountain flowers between snow patches. We watched 8 roped mountain climbers far up on the top of the mountain. An avalanche tumbled over a cliff in the far distance, sending clouds of snow into the air. At Yakima Park on the other side of the mountain we drove nearly to timberline, and an easy hike to Frozen Lake brought us to country completely barren of trees. Flowers were tiny here and the rosy finches flew by. We promised ourselves a longer hike here the next day but dense fog drove us down the mountain.

Now we headed east until we came to Glacier National Park. After staking a claim to a good campsite at Avalanche Campground we drove on to Logan Pass where we saw rosy finches and the white-tailed ptarmigan which look so much like rocks it is hard to distinguish them. The next day we drove up the North Fork of the Flathead River and saw many interesting birds.

From the mountains we headed for the praries, where the sloughs produced interesting ducks, shorebirds, and terns. We finally arrived at the Grand Tetons, sharp peaks and pinnacles making them the most dramatic range of all.

Yellowstone was our last national park, with fine views of moose, trumpeter swans, coyotes, and sandhill cranes. We were lucky to see the Giant Geyser go off. It only goes off every 60 hours and often at night.

We left Yellowstone by a dramatic canyon and came to the Big Horn Mts., in the afternoon. This huge, columnar mass of rock proved a fine last sight for an exciting trip. I left the party in South Dakota after a six weeks outing that I'll never forget.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR

COMING EVENTS

by
Betty Ball

Time - Sunday, January 2nd
10:30 A.M.
Place - Clarendon Lodge

Make a New Year's resolution to come on as many of the club hikes as possible, and start the New Year right by coming on this hike, one of the loveliest of any on our winter calendar. These thick evergreen woods can provide comfortable hiking in the windiest, bitter weather, as the club discovered last year, and the fine lodge is snug when lunchtime nears. Also other trails and woods provide a variety of further exercise. Snowshoes or skis will probably be helpful.

Time - Sunday, January 16th
10:30 A.M.
Place - Girl Scout Camp

Here's a new one. Mrs. Whitney, Girl Scout Director, has offered the use of the Girl Scout Camp to the club for a winter outing, and we can snowshoe about this forested area. This too should provide sheltering evergreens to moderate any possible winter winds, and gives us a new locale.

SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE

We have frequently remarked that while there is no difficulty in getting out a good crowd for the covered dish supper in December, when it comes to our Annual Meeting in January we are apt to have a very small attendance. Should we conclude from this that it takes a supper to bring people out? If so, should we attempt to inaugurate a supper as part of our Annual Meeting? If we did this should we give up the Beechwood covered dish party, at least at this time of year, and transfer this type of party to a place in town and hold it in connection with our Annual Meeting? Or should we try to find some group which would put on a simple supper for us at a moderate cost at the time of our Annual Meeting?

Your Executive Board would like your reactions to these suggestions and would welcome any other suggestions you might have. In the past we have occasionally asked for suggestions with no visible results. Why not change that this time and let us hear from you? Don't put it off - get your suggestions to Vera Perkins right away by mail, phone, or personally, as there will be a Board meeting soon after Christmas.

MT. MOOSELAMOO

Many comments on the weather, mostly uncomplimentary, have been noted in reports of hikes this past season. Any of these would have applied to the outlook, weatherwise, when 9 optimists met at the Maldon School on Sunday, November 14th for the trip to Mt. Mooselamoo. However, by the time we had reached the point where hiking began, the outlook had improved somewhat.

After parking the cars we followed up the pipe-line back of Lake Dunmore to reach an old road from which a trail to Mooselamoo leads off. At one point Yankee ingenuity was tested when the wide and fairly rapid stream had to be crossed on rocks not too conveniently spaced for some members of the party. This problem was solved by two agile members, one on each side of the stream, supporting a fallen sapling between them thus forming a "hand-rail" to assist the less sure footed in the crossing.

As it ascends the mountain the trail is on the steep side in places, and with fallen leaves covering the rather rocky path it was wise to watch one's feet quite closely. In spite of this a deer was sighted high up on a rocky ledge. The steep pitches were not too extensive and it was not long before we were ascending to the lookout. On a clear day this point should provide fine views. We were only able to distinguish Silver Lake and some of the nearer mountains, south of us. As the wind was cold, the visibility poor, and the trail ahead not too evident, we decided against proceeding further to reach the actual summit.

Accordingly we retraced our steps to the bank of the stream where the woods gave shelter from the wind and a plentiful supply of rocks made the construction of a fireplace quick and easy. Here we enjoyed an outdoor meal around a

2

cheery fire. As we returned to the cars for the drive home, we agreed that though cool and windy this had turned out to be a good hiking day - one of the many days when it is actually much nicer to be out in the woods than it would seem from indoors in town.

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN HIKE

by

Jim Scribner

A hardy group left Maldon School on schedule, 10:30 A.M., Sunday, November 28, to climb Blue Ridge on what promised to be a dark and gloomy day. The younger members of the group showed us clearly that their mothers had not slipped when it came to giving them some of Vermont's best energy-giving maple syrup, or we would never have reached Craigie Perkins' place. Thanks for the push, boys.

We set out to hike up the rugged slope of Blue Ridge and at certain parts of the trail covered with six inches of snow, three steps forward and two backward gave a net of one. We flushed a few grouse, and there were signs that the deer had been told they could romp over the rugged Vermont slopes unmolested for another year.

When we reached the top we were rewarded by a wonderful view, for God had sent his pipe lines down through the clouds to drink heartily of the water he had so generously given a few days before.

After returning from the mountain we enjoyed our meal in the warm surroundings of the Perkins' camp.

(Editor's note: Jim Scribner is a new GMC member. He is currently living in Whitehall where he is an engineer for 'Champlain Spinners.' He drives an extra 60 miles in order to join our outings. Think that one over.)

PRE-CHRISTMAS SUPPER AT BEECHWOOD

The annual covered dish supper held at Beechwood on Dec. 11th has again lived up to its reputation as one of the high spots of the Club's year.

The weather came as ordered, a crisp, December day, ideal for hikers.

On our way in after crossing Stratton Road, we noted a big change in the scene. Old Man Winter had left huge piles of snow on the evergreens and elsewhere, making a Winter Fairyland. Some of us chose to walk in from Stratton Road, having some doubts about road conditions.

Beechwood offered several alternatives, to sit by the log fire and knit, games of various kinds, to strike out through the woods on one of the various trails, or just sit by the fire and chin.

Members continued to straggle in at all hours. The supper call was for 6:30 and at one time we thought that Betty Ball (our Coffee Lady) might be stuck in a snow-drift. She soon appeared, however, and when the coffee was declared ready, all hands fell in line for the dining room.

Such an array of good food and such varieties. What made the coffee so good? A new formula known only to a few?

After stacking all this food away, those who were able signed the register, 24 members signing.

In the Kitchen, Janet Martin made music in the dishpan while husband Jack played his accordion in the living room. Christmas songs and carols drifting out to the kitchen made for the real Christmas spirit. 'Just 11 more shopping days before Christmas,' was forgotten.

Later in the evening 'the Martins' took us on a tour (via colored slides) to various European countries. The German countryside was most interesting, especially the small villages.

War-like castles in the different countries, perched on steep mountain sides, spoke of early times and struggles.

After climbing the Alps and other mountains, we arrived home via S.S. AMERICA, and found ourselves at Beechwood, a castle more to our liking and way of life, perched on the side of East Mountain, Rutland County, in the good state of Vermont, U.S.A.

Many thanks from all of us to 'the Martins' for a pleasant evening and to our hosts for their generous hospitality.

Merry Christmas, everyone,

Maude A. Canty.

WORK PARTY AT SUNNYSIDE

On Sunday, Dec. 5th, Harold Valiquette and George Conlon had a two man work party on our reconstruction project - Sunnyside Camp.

They were able to drive only as far as the last pitch as snow and overhanging, snow-laden branches finally proved too much for Harold's truck. Here they unloaded the 2 x 4's they were hauling in and went the rest of the way on foot.

Arrived at the camp site they measured the snow on the platform and found there was 14 inches. They shoveled the platform, put up one section, reinforced the bottom of one, and still having some energy left over, carried in part of the 2 x 4's.

Harold hopes to have more work parties soon and needs manpower in getting up the sections. How about contacting him and arranging to lend a hand?

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sabourin and their new daughter, Patricia Ann, will be in Rutland for the holidays from Decatur, Illinois.

Dan Jennings, Jr., will be home for Christmas from Camp Dix.

"FARMER'S ALMANAC"

Have you got your copy of the Hart Wright company's "Farmer's Almanac for 1955"? Well, get it then.

For some unknown reason newspapers, magazines, and radio commentators have suddenly been giving this publication a big build-up. Of course the "Weather Predictions" are meant only as good, clean fun, but it seems some people take them seriously.

Let's see if we can predict how good their predictions will be for next year. Turn to the January page and let's study the fine art of weather guessing.

The month is divided into eight periods of three or four days each. This cuts the necessary guesses from thirty-one to eight, a big saving in mental effort.

For each period there is a general prediction and then some regional comments. After throwing out remarks applying to other regions we find that of the eight periods four have only "general" predictions. As these are meant to apply to the whole United States, there is no doubt but that they will be true somewhere. No matter what happens here they may still be right.

Now during a four day period in Vermont we can and often do have all kinds of weather. If they can hit it for just one of the four days that's good enough.

Take that 1st to 3rd "Storm period." There will probably be seven or eight storms during the month, and the chances are about three to one that one of them will come in this period.

4th to 7th. "Fair weather. Cold winds in the New England States. Much colder." Fair

weather usually follows a storm and the wind is apt to be cold.

8th to 11th. "Local... storms." They don't say what locality so no matter what takes place they will be right.

12th to 15th. "Cold wave. Fair and cold." With five or six cold snaps probable in the month their chances are good. Certainly if it is fair it will be cold.

16th to 19th. "Unsettled weather." Now there is a sure thing. If the weather doesn't change during four days this isn't Vermont.

20th to 23rd. "Pleasant period. Windy and milder." That looks like the best sporting proposition of the lot. Of course "pleasant" doesn't necessarily mean "fair".

24th to 27th. "Fair weather." Another "general" prediction. All they need is a good day out of four to be right.

28th to 31st. "Storm period. Very windy with snow." We are not likely to go four days without a storm in January, and if it storms we are likely to have snow. Besides, the skiers will want it.

It looks as though the "Farmer's Almanac" will do all right as usual. Let's check up on them this year. Sort of keep score.

And just to be fair let's make predictions of our own. We haven't had a hundred and thirty-seven years of experience so we can't expect to do as well, but let's try. Here goes.

January will be a sunshiney month, especially above the cloud cover. Moonshine will be expensive. Precipitation will be mostly in the form of rain and snow. The north wind will blow predominately toward the south. Driving will be hazardous, and if you haven't switched to your long legged ones, you had better.

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Binder #1	1948 - 1954
Binder #2	1955 - 1962
Binder #3	1963 - 1975
Binder #4	1976 - 1983
Binder #5	1984 - 1991
Binder #6	1992 - 2001
Binder #7	2002 - Date

A Note About Numbers

Smoke and Blazes started in 1948 as a monthly publication and continued so until about 1959 when it became a bimonthly. In about 1967 it switched to quarterly publication. Occasionally issues were skipped, especially in 1970 and 1971.

In general each calendar year was assigned a new "Volume" and "Numbers" were assigned consecutively from "1" through each year.

There is some lack of consistency in the months of publication, and there are some out-and-out errors in the numbering.

The following Table of Contents lists the issues in this binder showing the Volume, Number, and Date as printed, and, where different, what the Volume, Number, and Date probably should have been.

Dedication

This set of copies of Smoke and Blazes is donated to the Rutland Historical Society in memory of my parents, Mary and Craigie Perkins and my aunt, Vera Perkins. They conceived the idea for a Killington Section newsletter in 1948 and served as editors and publishers for the first several years of its existence, cutting stencils, and running mimeograph copies in our living room. They continued as frequent contributors to the publication and as active members of the Club for over a half century. Fortunately, Dad had a pack rat proclivity which I seem to have inherited. By combining his collection of Smoke and Blazes with mine, I have been able to put together this complete run of the publication.

Bob Perkins
Rutland, VT
April, 1999

Table of Contents

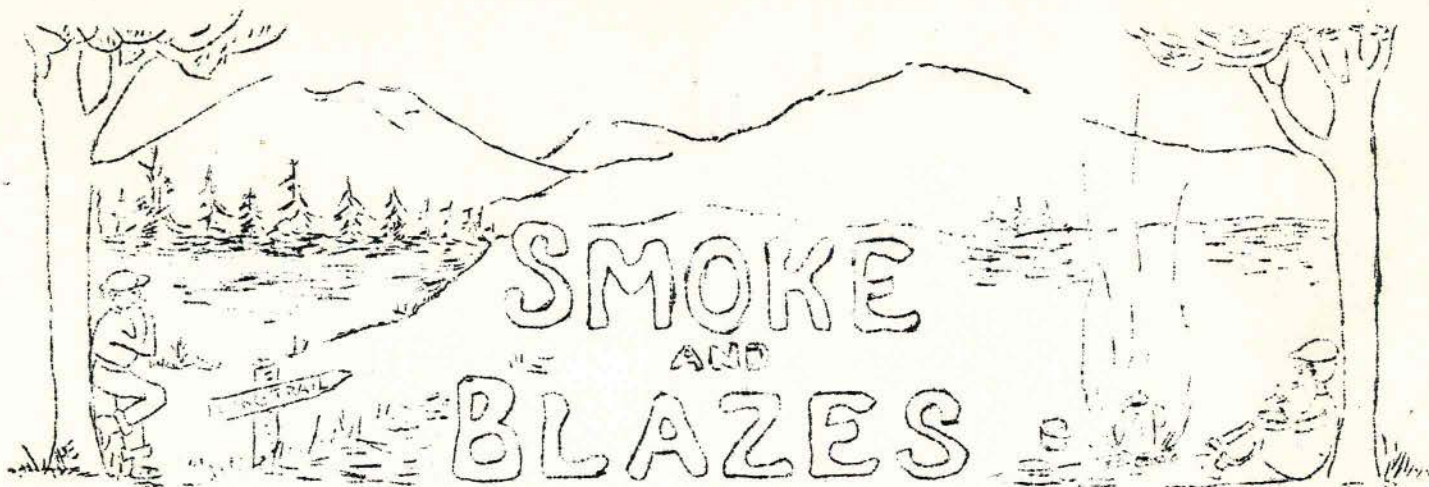
Smoke and Blazes

Binder #2

As printed				Probably should be			
Vol.	No.	Issue	Year	Vol.	No.	Issue	Year
8	1	Jan	54	8	1	Jan	55
8	2	Feb	55				
8	3	Mar	55				
8	4	Apr	55				
8	5	May	55				
8	6	Jun	55				
8	7	Jul	55				
6	8	Sep	55	8	8	Aug	55
8	9	Sep	55				
8	10	Oct	55				
8	11	Nov	55				
8	12	Dec	55				
9	1	Jan	56				
9	2	Feb	56				
9	3	Mar	56				
9	4	Apr	56				
9	5	May	56				
9	6	Jun	56				
9	7	Jul	56				
9	7	Aug	56	9	8	Aug	56
9	9	Sep	56				
9	10	Oct	56				
9	11	Nov	56				
9	12	Dec	56				
10	1	Jan	57				
10	2	Feb	57				
10	3	Mar	57				
10	4	Apr	57				
10	5	May	57				
10	6	Jun	57				
10	7	Jul	57				
10	8/9	Aug/Sep	57				
10	10	Oct	57				
10	11	Nov	57				
10	12	Dec	57				
11	1	Jan	58				
Spec Issue	23	Jan	58				
11	2	Feb	58				
11	3	Mar	58				
11	4	Apr	58				
11	5	May	58				
11	6	Jun	58				
11	7/8	Jul/Aug	58				
11	9	Sep	58				
11	10	Oct	58				
11	11/12	Nov/Dec	58				
12	1	Jan	59	12	1	Jan/Feb	59
12	2	Mar/Apr	59				

Vol.	No.	As printed Issue	Year
12	3	May/Jun	59
12	4	Jul/Aug	59
12	5	Sep/Oct	59
12	6	Nov/Dec	59
13	1	Jan/Feb	60
13	2	Mar/Apr	60
13	3	May/Jun	60
13	4	Jul/Aug	60
13	5	Sep/Oct	60
13	6	Nov/Dec	60
14	1	Jan/Feb	61
14	2	Mar/Apr	61
14	3	May/Jun	61
14	4	Jul/Aug	61
14	5	Sep/Oct	61
14	6	Nov/Dec	61
15	1	Jan/Feb	62
15	2	Mar/Apr	62
15	3	May/Jun	62
15	4	Jul/Aug	62
15	5	Sep/Oct	62
15	6	Nov/Dec	62

Vol.	No.	Probably should be Issue	Year
------	-----	-----------------------------	------



Vol. 8 No. 1

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Jan. 1954

1955

OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 25th
Madison St; Recreation Center
6:30 P.M.

Yes, it's Annual Meeting time again and we do mean 6:30 P.M. It was decided to try the suggested innovation this year and have a supper in connection with our Annual Meeting. The next question was how and where? Then along came Jan Catozzi and said she'd be willing to put on a spaghetti supper for us at cost. This was too good a proposition to pass up so this is the plan. We will have a Spaghetti Supper at 6:30 P.M., Tuesday evening, January 25th - price not over \$1.00 each; after supper the business meeting and program. All this to take place at the Recreation Center on Madison Street.

At the business meeting officers for 1955 will be elected, reports on the past year's activities given, and plans for the coming year made.

For the program we will show the Club slide collection and we hope to have some Trail experiences related by an "End-to-End". If you have pictures or slides taken recently on the trail bring a sampling along.

Since Jan will need to know the approximate number you will each be contacted by telephone about the 21st or 22nd. If you

have friends who would like to come please extend them an invitation and give in their count with yours. Jan will also need a little help on Tuesday P.M. so some of you will be invited for that time. (In case any of you are worried - there will be no dishwashing required - we're planning to employ someone for that.

This is your opportunity to find out what the Section is doing and hear of our plans and our problems. If you are interested enough to be a member we feel you must be interested in knowing these things. Are we wrong? Tuesday evening, January 25th will give us the answer.

COMING EVENTS

by
Betty Ball

Time - Sun; Jan. 30 - 10:30 A.M.
Place - Tucker Lodge

Here is another old favorite. January wouldn't seem like January without a trip to Tucker Lodge. It's a short trip and an easy one, with a closed shelter for warmth. Snowshoes are usually needed but the snow may be crusted enough for easy walking. Trails beyond may tempt those who wish further exploration. Last year singing, pine grosbeaks lent an added interest and since a number of these beautiful birds are around this year, they can be looked for with a good probability of being found.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD

A meeting of the Executive Board was held on Thursday evening Jan. 6th at Craigue Perkins' home. We were very pleased to have so many of the board present.

Much consideration was given to the plans for the Annual Meeting. The result of this cogitation you will find elsewhere in this issue.

Publicity Ch., Ray Catozzi, brought in a report on the cost of printing the folder he had previously prepared. He reported that 1000 copies could be obtained for \$35 while 500 would cost \$30. It was voted to have 1000 copies printed which would probably be at least three year's supply. This folder gives information on The Long Trail with special emphasis on the Killington Section; its relation to the main GMC, and its activities. It is planned to use this folder to attract new members by mailing them to prospects and giving them to people who show an interest by inquiries or attendance at activities.

The poor condition in which Clarendon Lodge was found on January 2nd was discussed. This again emphasizes the importance of visiting our camps frequently in the hope that in this way we can help to control such conditions.

Some suggestions were made in regard to next year's activities: - (1) that in order to distribute the social activities more evenly the Card Party might be pushed ahead to next fall since the Annual Meeting is to include a supper this year; (2) that alternating outings, including all day ones, be held on Saturdays; and (3) that Work Parties, particularly for shelter work be interspersed with the hiking outings. You will have an opportunity to consider these suggestions at the Annual Meeting.

SUNNYSIDE

The biggest work party in a long time spent Saturday, January eighth at Sunnyside. Those present were Austin Gibson, Raymond Miller, Joe Hadeka, Roger Pike, and the creaky squad, Churchill Scott, Prescott VanVleet, and Craigue Perkins, Harold Valiquette

It was a beautiful sunny day and those who could move fast enough weren't cold. First the good old truck was driven in about a hundred yards beyond the barn. Then all the tools, grub, and supplies, including eight two by fours, were lugged to the Camp. (We used to call it a camp-site but now it is a Camp.)

The ice and snow were shoveled off the floor and dug off the camp sections lying on the ground. Then one at a time the sections were lifted up onto the platform and bolted together. This is absolutely the last time this will be done. The poor old things couldn't stand another operation like that.

About then everybody attacked the dinner of beans, ham, pie, and coffee that the boys had prepared. Complete victory!

When all six sections were up, the long plate across the back of the Camp was constructed and lifted to position. Much time was spent bracing all sides so that the wind wouldn't undo the work accomplished.

Next will come ridge pole, front plate, and then studs for the back. Looks like more lumber will have to be carried in.

Never mind. The more we see of the place the better we like it. It is much better protected from the wind than the old spot, and the sun surely does pour in there. Let's try to get it built before the Annual Meeting next June. We can if we try.

TRIP TO CLARENDON LODGE

It seems we used to have a reputation of carrying out our scheduled hikes, rain or shine. On some occasions of late we have been accused of having slipped a bit on this. However, we think that during the last few months we have gone a long way toward redeeming ourselves. Another step in that direction was made on Sunday, January 2nd when six hardy - or should we say Fool-hardy, members began the New Year right by starting for Clarendon in the rain.

As we hiked up the old road toward the Lodge the rain changed to snow, and with the several inches already in the woods, this area presented winter scene we always associate with Clarendon Lodge in January. After the hustle of the holidays the quiet winter woods were particularly appealing.

We were distressed to find our top-ranking shelter in a very untidy condition. The broom was missing but a little work with the fire shovel and several trips to the dump with bottles, tin cans etc., remedied the untidiness. More serious and less easily corrected were such things as 3 broken window panes, marks on the walls apparently made by knife throwing, a broken door spring, initials carved and names written on the walls and the like. The framed poster with rules for the use of Long Trail shelters had been pulled from the wall and was no where in sight. Such unnecessary destruction makes maintaining our shelters for the use of the public a difficult and discouraging project.

After the clean-up had been accomplished we were able to enjoy our lunch and relax for a pleasant hour or more of visiting around the camp stove before returning to our cars.

AIKEN FOREST

Sunday, January 16th found 12 hikers assembled at Meldon School for the scheduled trip to the Girl Scout Camp at Aiken Forest. We proceeded in cars to the foot of the "Notch" where we parked. We were out for a hike and found it much pleasanter to hike up the hills under our own power than to attempt to drive up them. There was enough snow to give the surroundings that clean winter look and the air was just brisk enough to be stimulating.

Just as we arrived on foot, Mr. Whitney arrived by truck, sent by Mrs. Whitney to make sure that the keys worked and we had no trouble in getting in. We appreciated this extra thoughtfulness.

The fire seemed to need a great deal of coaxing and urging, suffering, no doubt, from too many theories as to the best system of management. Eventually it took hold, the stove began to throw out heat, and coffee water was ready. During this interim some of the ambitious got exercise by chopping wood, while others played "fox and geese".

After a lunch which might be described as fairly substantial, for some members at least, a few rounds of "20 questions" (so called) were enjoyed.

It was soon time to close camp and start the return trip if we wished to make it in while there was sun.

This walk down is always pleasant, especially in winter as one can enjoy a fine view of the city and the west mountains all the way. The blue of the mountains with their bright patches where the sun touched them and the white of the snow covered valley made a lovely winter picture. All too soon another hike was over.

WHAT ? NO GUIDE BOOK ?

On Jan. 8th the HERALD carried a nine inch "news story" entitled "Towering Mts. Pique Interest of Publicists." It's a mystery story folks ! Chuck-full of suspense ! Holds you breathlessly biting your nails while you hurriedly read on to find out if our Leaders win through to Victory. (They do, you betcha !)

Here's the plot. The Chamber of Commerce, looking around for some new source of publicity, see for the first time snow covered Killington, Pico, etc. against the sky.

Ah, like a flash their keen minds fumble at an idea!! But wait. Egad !! They don't know the names of the mountains ! This is known as a dilemma, or getting caught with your omniscience down.

Do our Leaders falter? No ! Do they dissimulate ? No ! With characteristic modesty they Face the Problem and set out to Find the Answer (Rules for Success, No. 17). Cleverly, they ask somebody.

We now reach the climax of the story. In the words of the HERALD, "And They Couldn't Find Anyone Who Really Knew." This contre fois (that's French for hellofanote) would have discouraged weaklings, but not our Sterling Leaders ! Duller minds, (if there be such) would not have hit upon such a brilliant solution. In a word-- Maps !

In no time at all a map is spread among them. (Other end up, Men, can't ya see the arrow ?) Rope by rope the mystery begins to unravel. They all talk at once. (See how democratic they really are ?) Like burps from a burp-gun the names are called out.

"Pico Peak 3967, Killington Peak 4241, Mendon Peak 3837, Little Killington 3591, Shrewsbury 3731." (They only got two wrong on a par five hole. The HERALD would have taken at least six on this one, so we think

it was our Leader's error).

But do they stop with half a victory ? No! (Come on, keep to-gether !) Right away they are map experts. Someone reports that Uncle Sam aint done right by our mountains, and with utter fearlessness they vote to reprimand the nasty bureaucrats. (Whoops! Wrong administration.)

Resourcefulness and Perseverance ! That's what makes America great ! Grand Finale ! Everybody on stage to sing "God Bless the Chamber of Commerce."

Next year maybe they will get Hillary to make the first ascent of Killington in a sweat shirt with "Chamber of Commerce" in letters a foot high across the back.

At least that would prove the mountain was real. We have always supposed that since the Chamber of Commerce causes the sun to rise and set, the water to run, and the grass to grow green, (well, it ought to grow green) probably those shiney white mountains were painted up there by the Chamber to advertise the Pico Ski Development. (Jess Tootoo, artist; paint contributed by Stirrum and Kurse, "Top quality paints half way down in every can.")

Well, fellas, come up and see us some time.

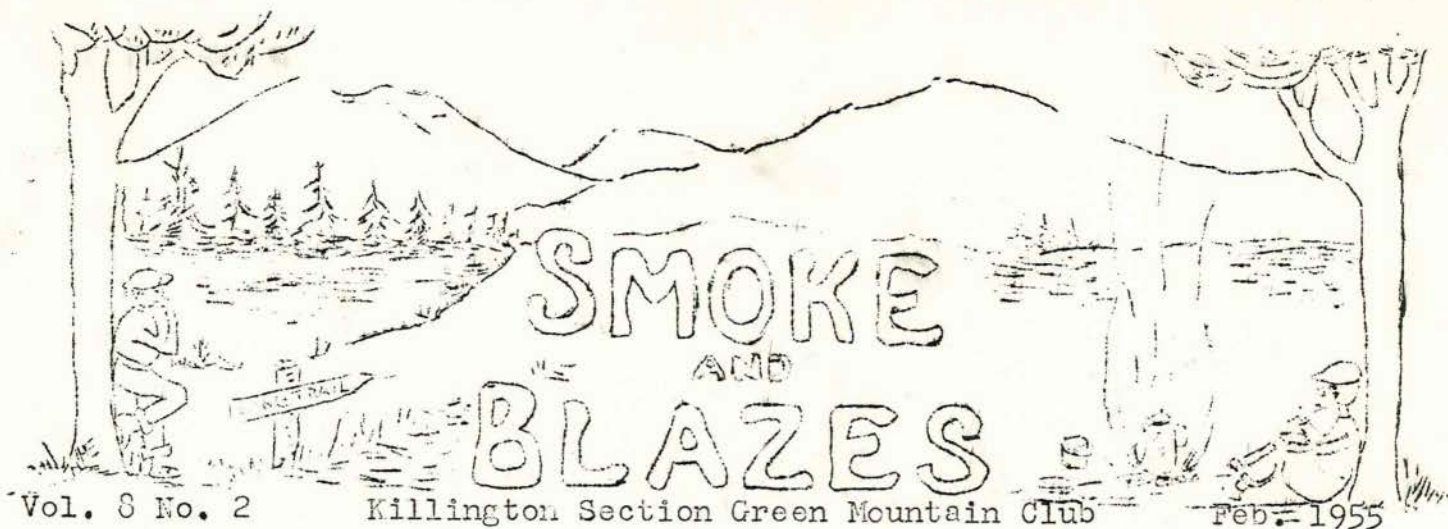
Join the Green Mountain Club and see what is behind the mirror.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 1955

Pearl Nichols, Chairman.
Maude Canty
Ray Catozzi

CONGRATULATIONS

Joseph H. Valiquette, stationed at the Naval Air Base in Norfolk, Virginia, has been promoted to third class petty officer.



COMING EVENTS

Time - Sat. & Sun., Feb. 19 & 20
Place - Perkins' Camp - Mendon

Reservations for the Winter Week-end should be made by calling Mary Perkins, 3-7954, by Thursday noon. Let her know how many meals you wish to stay for and if you plan to stay overnight.

Meals start with Saturday noon and end with Sunday noon. The work and cost is shared by those attending.

If you plan to stay overnight, bring your own bedding.

At this writing it looks like good snowshoeing weather so those who are looking forward to this sport should come prepared. The woods in back of camp offer opportunities for short walks and of course Blue Ridge is always there.

Time - Sun., Mar. 6 - 9:30 A.M.
Place - Buffum Shelter

It's anyone's guess what travelling equipment will be best for this one. At present it looks as though Skis and snowshoes might be in order. But who knows? We may need rubber boots. In any case it's not far so we should be able to make it whatever the conditions.

Although too early in the season to do the needed roof repairing, this will be a good time to take in and install the new stove pipe, also needed. There

is always clean-up and pick-up work which can be done around a shelter and there is a good opportunity here for further hiking for those who wish it. All in all this should be an interesting outing and a chance to get a bit of work done.

SUNNYSIDE

9 A.M., Sunday, January 30th, found a group of 7 ready to start for Sunnyside. The object of this expedition was to excavate the lumber there which was buried under several inches of ice and snow.

It was a cold day, but arrived at Sunnyside, the workers found no difficulty in keeping warm as they shoveled snow, pried boards loose, knocked off ice, and finally set the boards on end around the outer walls of the shelter to drain and dry out in the sun.

The old "Valiquette Special" in spite of having stood outdoors for over a year, put on one of the best performances of it's career. Water for coffee was hot in record time, and the well-known heat from the stove's sides made the lunch hour in a 3-sided, roofless shelter, in near zero weather, very comfortable.

After lunch we moved the boards inside the walls, lest they be scattered by a high wind.

It was a fine day to spend outdoors and we returned home with a pleasant feeling of accomplishment after an enjoyable day.

REPORT OF KILLINGTON SECTION'S ANNUAL MEETING

Something new was added to Killington Section's Annual Meeting this year. Janice Catozzi acted as chairman of a supper committee that put on a spaghetti supper at the Rutland Recreation Center on Madison street, Tuesday evening, January 25th.

After the supper which was enjoyed by forty members, President, Vera Perkins took over the business meeting.

Reports of officers and of Committee Chairmen were read, Section business was discussed, and papers were passed out for members to fill in suggestions for activities and membership participation in Section work.

A tentative date for a moonlight snowshoe hike to Tucker Lodge was set. The scheduled January 30th hike to Tucker was transferred to a work party to Sunnyside for that date.

Pearl Nichols, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers for 1955 :

President - Vera Perkins

Vice Pres. - William Allard Jr.

Sec. Treas. - Eleanor Walker

These nominees were unanimously elected.

For the evening's entertainment, The Green Mountain Club's slides were shown by Craig Perkins assisted by Janet Martin. George Tappen showed some of his pictures of a recent hike, and Ray Catozzi also had some interesting slides on hand. Edith Ewald also had a few to add to the collection.

SLIDE COLLECTION PLANNED

A small sum of money appropriated each year would enable us to acquire duplicates of some desirable slides and in a few years we would have an interest-

2
ing Killington Section collection. We would like this collection to be a varied one of general interest not just a "memory book" type for our own enjoyment only. We hope it can be developed into something which gives a picture story of hiking in the Killington Section.

Janice Catozzi, Photography Ch., will be in charge of starting this collection and has been budgeted \$10 this year for that purpose. If you have slides which you think she might be interested in for this purpose, she'd appreciate hearing from you.

MOONLIGHT HIKE TO TUCKER LODGE

It is often difficult to plan the right time for the necessary conditions to make an event a success; especially when the moon, the temperature, and that white fluffy stuff enters into the picture.

We were lucky Saturday night, February 5th !! The right conditions prevailed as fifteen hikers snowshoed in to Tucker Lodge. As we hiked in single file along the trail, the pleasant chatter and the "crunch, crunch" of snowshoes were good sounds to hear, and the invigorating air acted as tonic to town nerves.

When we reached the Lodge, it didn't take long to get the stove smoking. The boys went out after wood which was added to the dry split wood back-packed in by one of the group. Soon a good fire was burning. A cup brigade, carrying in snow to make water for coffee, kept the coffee pot filled. Before long, we were all enjoying coffee and doughnuts.

We discovered that some of the boys have good voices and the thought came to us that a song in the camps in the woods or on the Trail brings added joy to a Green Mountain Club hike. We missed a few soprano voices !

TREASURER'S REPORT
January 1, 1955

1955 MEMBERSHIP LIST

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand 1/1/54	\$663.72
Rec'd from dues - 1954	149.50
Rec'd from sale of food at Annual Meeting	1.55
Rec'd from Card Party	21.60
Credit balance from Winter Week-end	2.90
Int. on money in bank	12.16
Credit balance from Sugar Party	7.95
Contributions	4.00
Rec'd for sale of badges	.50
Rec'd from Rummage Sale	1112.00
Total Receipts	\$975.88

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for 3 stoves	\$ 25.00
Exp. of Trails Com.	4.84
Materials and supplies for Sunnyside	115.45
To Main Club for work of Patrol	76.50
Exp. of Outing Com.	19.31
Stationery	2.02
Postage	.99
Binder for Sec. reports	.59
To Main Club for badges	1.05
Insurance on Sunnyside and Clarendon Lodge	15.06
Cost of "Smoke & Blazes"	47.80
Dues to Main Club	31.95
Total Disbursements	\$340.56

Balance of Cash on hand 1/1/55
\$635.32

STANDING COMMITTEES

The following committee chairmen will serve this year:

Shelters	- Prescott VanVleet
Sunnyside	- Harold Valiquette
Trails	- Craigie Perkins
Outings	- Betty Ball
	Janice Haseltine
Photography	- Janis Catozzi
Publicity	- Ray Catozzi
Sugar Party	- Hilma Erickson
	Lucy Bishop
Smoke and Blazes"	Mary Perkins, Craigie Perkins Vera Perkins

Louise Adams
Barbara Allard
Judy Allard
Marjory Allard
William Allard, Jr.
Betty Ball
Larry Beale
Maude Canty
Janis Catozzi
Jimmy Catozzi
Johnny Catozzi
Ray Catozzi
Leland Dudley
Virginia Dudley
Edith Ewald
Austin Gibson
Janice Haseltine
George Kirk
Roddy Knipes
Veda Knipes
Carl Martin
Jack Martin
Janet Martin
Raymond Miller
Pearl Nichols
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Roger Pike
Marjory Roche
Mary Ellen Ryan
Charles Sabourin
Mary Pat Sabourin
Jim W. Scribner
Mrs. Leon Smith
Leon Smith
Prescott VanVleet
M. Eleanor Walker
Carlton Wilson, Life member.

THANK YOU

We wish to express our appreciation to the people who signed up at the Annual Meeting signifying their willingness to help on some activities during the year. We need you.

NEW SCHEDULES OUT

Your copy of the Spring and Summer Outing Schedule is enclosed with this issue. Check the dates on your calendars and join us as often as possible.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Executive Board was held at Craigie Perkins' home on Monday evening, February 7th.

A budget for the year was adopted.

The suggestion sheets filled out at the Annual Meeting indicated that the majority of those present wished the usual annual activities of the Section to be continued and these are being planned for. A tentative schedule of Spring and Summer Outings was presented by Outing Ch. Betty Ball. This was considered and adopted with a few minor changes.

Our publicity folders were still not available but we hope to have them by the time you read this. They will be sent to people whose names were suggested to us as well as to those who have shown an interest in our activities. We would appreciate receiving the names of people who might be interested at any time.

It was decided to start a Killington Section collection of colored slides. (See details of this elsewhere in this issue.)

Whereas there is much other work which we'd like to accomplish, the following items were decided on as things which should be done this year without fail: bridge across Cold river at the Gorge; trail clearing from Pico to Killington; painting and trail clearing from the Gorge to Spring Lake; needed repairs at Clarendon; new stove and window glass at Killington; completion of Sunnyside.

A NEW BABY GIRL

Congratulations to Fred and Helen Field on the arrival of Lucinda who has recently come to join the Field family.

ESSAY on the DESCENT OF MAN

It was not exactly torrid
The day we climbed Mt. Horrid,
But we thought it would be fun
to get some air,
So although the snow was crusty,
And our joints somewhat rusty,
We set out to reach the cliff-top
grey and bare.

As the mountainside grew steeper,
Our breathing grew much deeper,
And our snowshoes slipped and slid
at every step.
Though we grabbed the trees and
bushes
To assist with pulls and pushes,
Very soon we lost our early
morning pep.

How the sweat poured down our faces
As we stopped to tighten laces.
We slipped back about two steps
for each one gained.
Then we came out on the ledges;
Crawling over where the edge is
We gazed downward from the height
we had attained.

For ten minutes we looked 'round us,
But then Old Man Winter found us,
And we'd had enough exertion for
one day.
If we wished a happy ending
In the process of descending,
We would have to take great care
and pick our way.

As we on our snowshoes squatted,
Our icy course was plotted.
We hoped to miss the roots and
rocks and trees.
But shades of Issac Newton !
We came down that mountain tootin !
While the scenery whizzed by us on
the breeze.

No longer were we riding.
We were twisting, rolling, sliding,
When at last we hit a patch of
softer snow.
We almost burned our brakes out !
If you'd like to try it sometime,
let us know.



SUGAR PARTY - SUN., MAR. 27

Spring is here, (so they say), and with it comes our annual Sugar Party. Again this year, through the courtesy of the Recreation Dept., we will be able to have it at the Rotary Field House.

The usual pattern will be followed; sugar-on-snow, doughnuts, coffee, and, of course pickles, will be served about 6:30 P.M. (Please note we say about but we will try to have it ready on time!)

Jan Catozzi is taking care of the evening program and thanks to her, arrangements have been made with Dick Pasvolski to be on hand to call for and direct square dancing. Those who prefer may play cards, Scrabble, or the like -- please bring your equipment for these and come prepared not to mind if the corner we find for you isn't too quiet!

The price as usual will be determined by expenses and will be planned just to cover cost. Last year it was \$.75 and the chances are good it will be around that same figure this year.

This is a club activity at which we hope to see many of our non-hiking members as well as the hikers. Guests are also welcome.

Hilma Erickson and Lucy Bishop are co-chairmen again this year. They need to have

your reservations in advance so they can do their buying on the basis of these. Be sure to make your reservation with Hilma Erickson, Tel. Hemlock 8-2276, by Friday evening, March 25th. Let's make this a real get-together.

COMING HIKES

by
Betty Ball

Time - Sat., March 19 - 9:30 A.M.
Place - Clarendon Lodge

This favorite winter hike will include some work as well. Several minor repairs are needed at the Lodge and it is hoped that they can be taken care of at this time.

Whether slush or snow underneath, the woodland will be beautiful and perhaps some spring birds will put in an appearance.

If you can't make the 9:30 start plan to join us there later in the day.

Time - Sun., April 3 - 10 A.M.
Place - Diddie's Knob

Here is a hike we haven't done for several years, so it will be new to some of us at least. It is a chance for a bit different type of hiking where you more or less pick your trail as you go along. The approach is usually from Whipple Hollow vicinity.

This is a place you might not visit except on a scheduled hike, so don't miss the opportunity.

BUFFUM SHELTER

On Sunday, March 6, we made the trip in to Buffum, taking with us the needed new stove-pipe.

The travelling proved to be excellent with the snow stiff enough to make snowshoes unnecessary.

We soon reached the shelter and found it in quite good condition. We knew that roof repairs were needed but those will have to wait until the several hundred pounds of snow and ice have melted off.

The stove-pipe was duly installed and it was not long before smoke was pouring from its top, and coffee water was hot.

About noon large snowflakes began sifting gently down outside and as we sat around the fire looking out through the grove we decided we had never before fully appreciated the Buffum location. It is a pleasant, short hike in and the open grove and nearby brook make the surroundings most attractive. We hope this shelter can be kept in usable condition for a long time to come.

LOST!

Lost: sometime between last fall and the present date, at least 6 or 8 good hikers belonging to Killington Section GMC. If found please bring to the Meldon School at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, March 19th.

Seriously, what has become of our hiking members? With the exception of the winter week-end, the last several hikes have brought out a very small number. We know of good reasons for the absence of a few, but what about the rest?

As noted under **COMING HIKES**, the next hike will be a combined Outing and Work Party. It will also be the first of our scheduled Saturday outings. Come on every

body, how about making this the time when you turn over that new leaf and get started hiking with us again? You know you'll enjoy it once you get going!

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

This is the last issue of SMOKE and BLAZES which will be sent out from the 1954 mailing list. In order not to miss an issue be sure to renew your membership before April 15th.

Perhaps some of you who find it impossible to take part in many of our activities may ask yourselves, "Why continue my membership?". We can answer that one with a number of good reasons. Here are a couple.

We like to have you with us in our effort to do our bit toward maintaining The Long Trail and its shelters. Not only does your membership fee help in this but your interest and moral support also help.

True we would be happy to have a larger percentage of 'active' members but here again you can help. Maybe you know someone who would make us a good 'active' member and who would enjoy the GMC. If so, make sure he knows about us and try to interest him in joining. If you don't already know such a person perhaps you could look around and find one. Every member so added would in itself be a valuable contribution to the work of our club.

These reasons should assure you that from our point of view it is definitely worthwhile to have you renew your membership for 1955. During the year we will try, with your help, to accomplish enough to make you too feel it was worth while. So, if you have not already done so, send your dues to our treasurer, Miss Eleanor Walker, 87 Baxter Street, Rutland, Vt.

WINTER WEEK-END

On Saturday and Sunday, February 19th and 20th, the Killington Section of The Green Mountain Club held their annual winter week-end at the Perkins Camp at the foot of Blue Ridge Mountain in Mendon.

Barbara Allard must have put in a good word to the weatherman for both Saturday and Sunday were beautiful days. The deep blue sky was cloudless, the sun was bright and warm, and the air had a touch of spring in it.

Craigie and Mary Perkins arrived at camp early, started the fires, and warmed up the house so that when the rest of us arrived, everything was comfortable.

Until sundown all the campers took advantage of the good weather to break out snowshoe trails up the Elbow road and through the woods. The large amount of fresh snow hanging from the evergreen trees made the walks a beautiful sight.

After a hearty supper, the kids worked it off playing "chase" in the snow until time for the girls to leave for home. The older folks had an enjoyable evening playing "Scrabble," "Bali," and "Canasta." Speaking of "Canasta" there is a rumor that some GMC members frown on those who play the game.

Bright and early Sunday morning, "Old Faithful" Craigie, prepared a good hot breakfast with all the fixings which gave us strength for the day's activities. We all set out once more to explore the various trails through the nearby woods.

A group of young men led by Ted Talbot, New York Section's Trail Chairman, visited the camp Sunday afternoon. They had driven up from Wilmington, Del.

and camped Saturday night at Tucker Lodge.

Craigie and Ted discussed many Section problems, and the boys told of working on the Monroe Sky-line trail last summer. At last "good-byes" were said and they left for their 425 mile return home trip. Meeting with this group made us realize that some people are willing to travel many miles to hike on The Long Trail.

The week-end activities came to a close with tea being served by Mary and Vera Perkins as we sat in the sun on the snow covered lawn in front of camp.

Churchill Scott

A NEW SECTION?

Fred Field, as chairman of the Section Service committee, has been doing a lot of good work up and down the state of Vermont to promote interest in and knowledge of The Green Mountain Club. His efforts have already started to produce results.

On Wednesday evening, March 16th, a meeting is to be held in Montpelier, Vermont for the purpose of establishing a Montpelier Section.

Representatives from the Killington Section, The Barre Section, and the Burlington Section are going to be present at the meeting.

Results of this meeting will be published in the May issue of THE LONG TRAIL NEWS. We hope to be able to report a new Section.

SUNNYSIDE

At this writing it looks as if Sunnyside may be officially opened at the time of the annual meeting in May. Work is progressing steadily.

SHELTER SPONSERS

Again this year we will use the system of a sponsor for each shelter. Shelter chairman, Prescott Van Vleet, has announced the following sponsors:

Pico- Churchill Scott
Cooper Lodge- Craigie Perkins
Clement- Ray Catozzi
Clarendon Lodge- Walter Hakins
Buffum- Eleanor Walker and
Vera Perkins
Sunnyside- Harold Valiquette

It is hoped that sponsors will visit their shelters fairly regularly and keep "Van" informed as to the condition they find them in and work that seems to be needed.

ADDITIONS TO 1955 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Helen Bailey
Bennett Bell
Rachel Bell
Anna Berg
Diane Conlon
George Conlon
Daniel Jennings Jr.
Mary Jennings
Michael Jennings
Anne Lyne
Horace Lyne
Carl Newhall
Cigred Patch
Anne Perkins
David Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Walter Scott
Harold Valiquette
Joseph Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
Gerald Wheeler
Gary West

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

We are glad to have Betty Ball and Helen Bailey back in circulation again after enforced 'vacations'.

Martha Adams is spending several weeks in Florida.

WALK IN THE WOODS

You don't have to have legal possession of a piece of open woodland to walk in it and take possession of it in spirit, and to claim title to it in your heart. So why don't you do just that?

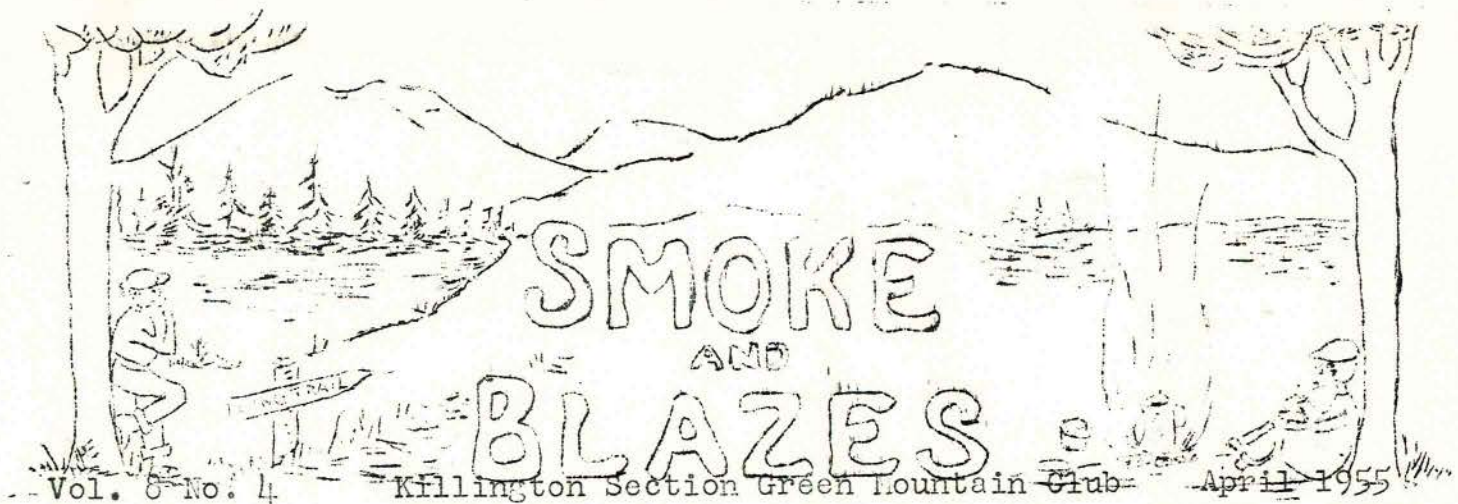
It should be easy to find a spot that appeals to you; perhaps in the hardwoods, or maybe in the evergreens - a spot that you choose to call your own.

Walk slowly in your woodland and discover the serenity that the trees can bring. Discover that the carpet of the woods is much softer and easier to walk on than the hard roads and walks of city streets. Leave your cares behind you. Let the wind blow through your hair, and the warm sun shine down on you. Raise your eyes to the tops of the majestic trees and salute their splendor.

On this particular walk in your woods, you need no sumptuous banquet to satisfy your appetite. But so that pangs of hunger will not spoil the pleasures of your walk, it may be well to pause for a little while. Sit down upon a rock, a blowdown, or a tree root, and take an apple or a sandwich from your pocket. Eat this lunch while you are enjoying the beauty all around you.

You have left your cares behind you but that doesn't stop you from thinking of pleasanter things; this beautiful woodland world you have entered and all its mysteries. To know about the trees, to learn their names and uses would be an interesting project. They could become your friends. Then after you got to know them real well, you could get acquainted with the birds, the flowers, the soil, the rocks, and the insects.

You never need to have a dull moment, and best of all you will acquire a zest for life.



COMING EVENTS
by
Betty Ball

Time - Sun., May 1 - 9 A.M.
Place - Gov. Clement Shelter

Some trail work needs to be done here so we have planned an early start to get at it. Lumbering jobs can play havoc with trails and trail signs so we will want a lot of help.

If the 9 o'clock start is too early for some why not join us later? There should be lots of birds and spring flowers on this one.

Time - Sat., May 14 - for breakfast.
Place - Clarendon Lodge

Come when you want for the Pancake Breakfast. Bring your own batter and 'fixin's', but coffee will be served as usual.

After breakfast we plan to move on to Sunnyside. There is still plenty to be done there, especially the laying of the bunks. There is also trimming of bushes around the outside which can be done. It is hoped that many will go there and help with the completion of the fine job done at Sunnyside.

SHELTERS CHAIRMAN LEAVES

It was with much regret that we learned we were losing Prescott VanVleet to California. Van was our Shelters Chairman and

an active participant in our various club activities.

We wish him the best of luck in his new position and assure him he will be greatly missed by Killington Section.

COFFEE - 1955 STYLE

This is definitely the age of streamlining and GMC coffee has succumbed to the general trend.

There was a time when one could count on a good part of the lunch period of any hike being spent in arguing the pros and cons of such weighty matters as hot water vs cold for starting the coffee; and the bag method vs the dump-it-in-loose method. There were also, of course, such side issues as how much coffee to use, the desirable strength, and how long boiling is required to reach it. The fact that eventually the coffee was put in, when, as, and how much, suited the current charge d'affaires never detracted any from the fervor of the discussion. Most amazing of all the resulting coffee was always the best ever brewed.

Gone are those days with their ardent partisans and their often rugged coffee. Came Nescafe - with a can of that and a kettle of hot water each one becomes his own coffee expert.

We may sometimes feel a nostalgic longing for the good old days but in the main we like the system. There is still the matter of the black vs the shiny coffee pot to be argued and the coffee still tastes the best ever.

HIKE AND WORK PARTY AT CLARENDON LODGE

The system of combining a hike with a work party proved quite successful on Saturday, March 19th when twelve Killington Section members went in to Clarendon Lodge.

It was a good winter day. Good for hiking or working and so a little of both was indulged in.

When the stove got through smoking, and the camp was warm, it really was quite comfortable inside. The men and boys went to work on the needed repairs; setting window glass, and fixing the chimney. The women swept out the Lodge and tried, with some success, to wash windows and walls.

A game of Canasta was started without very much enthusiasm. The hikers wanted to be out hiking so away they went - up the road.

On the return trip home, we went by way of the Trail for a change instead of walking down the road.

ANOTHER HIKE-WORK PARTY AT SUNNYSIDE

The scheduled hike for Saturday, April 3rd, was for Biddie's Knob but on that day there was up to a foot of snow in the woods and the sky looked as if more was on its way. It wouldn't be pleasant trying to eat our lunch without the protection of a shelter. We all agreed that we could accomplish more by going to Sunnyside.

So Sunnyside it was ! We had to walk up the road from the iron bridge at Cuttingsville. After all we are hikers so that didn't bother us. Craigie had some tools in the trunk of his car - just in case ! There was plenty of work to be done with hammer and saw and the men folks (4 men and 3 boys) got at it. The bunk frames were put in.

The old "Valiquette" special did a good job of keeping us warm. We could hear the wind howling outside and were glad we had a roof over our heads and a stove to keep us from feeling the cold, wintry blasts.

On leaving, we noticed that about three inches of snow had fallen since we reached camp. We walked down to the cars facing the wind, and joking about spring time in Vermont.

ADDITIONS TO 1955 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Margaret Bonlander
Emile Boselli
Wilbur Bradder
Lucius Carey
Gretta Catozzi
Richard Catozzi
Hilma Erickson
Fred Field
Ruth Fostman
Helen Frink
Stanley Hart
James Hayward
George Tappan
Lula M. Tye
Harriot Bryant
Miles Bryant
GMC ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 28th is the date of the Annual Meeting of The Green Mountain Club. It is to be held at Long Trail Lodge in Sherburne. Remember this is your Club. You, as a Section Member, are a part of this big organization.

Plan to attend the meeting and get to know members from other Sections as well as your Club's officers and Committee Chairmen.

The coffee and get acquainted hour starts at 10 o'clock. The meeting will be called to order at 11 A.M.

Dinner and lunch may be had at Long Trail Lodge, and there will be an entertainment in the evening.

SUGAR PARTY

On Sunday, March 27th, a blustery wind was circling the corners of the Field House and swirling clouds of snow across the yard in wintry fashion. In contrast, inside was warm and bustling with preparations for a spring festivity - our annual sugar-on-snow party.

This year the committee got really scientific and, using a candy thermometer, cooked the syrup to exactly the temperature recommended by the experts. What we need now is for some brain to work out just how long it takes for a gallon of syrup to reach that temperature. If anyone figures this out before the next sugar party please let us know. Maybe then we'd be ready to serve at the appointed time! It was agreed anyway that the end results were worth waiting for and we're all for the scientific approach.

After everyone was filled to capacity, tables were cleared away and square-dancing began. Dick Pasvolksi was on hand with his fine repertoire of records and calls. Those who danced were obviously enjoying themselves while those who looked on were well entertained watching the interesting variety of dances.

We missed a number of our members who were unable to attend but were glad to welcome many newcomers. These included a group from the Glens Falls, Adirondack Mt. Club. We hope they all enjoyed the party and will come again.

Beside those who contributed to the success of the party by attending we wish to thank all those who made the party possible by their assistance in planning and carrying it out. This includes the chairmen, Hilma Erickson and Lucy Bishop; Jan Catozzi; Dick Pasvolksi; Eleanor Walker Mary, Perkins, **Jim Scribner**, and Joe Hadeka; and of course the city Recreation Dept.

GREENWALL

Saturday, April 16, proved a good day for the Greenwall hike. Nine members were on hand for the 10 o'clock start and by the time we had parked our cars where The Long Trail crosses the Gulf road the April skies were beginning to clear.

The trail was wet in places with frequent patches of snow. We looked in vain for early spring flowers but found only a sign here and there that they will be along soon now.

The shelter was in fine condition and its location is especially attractive at this season as the absence of leaves allows glimpses of a really fine view.

After a leisurely lunch we enjoyed sitting in the sun and during this period our number was increased to 12 by the arrival of Janet, Jack, and Carol Martin. This was the first trip on The Long Trail for Carol and she did the hike the easy (for her) way - via pack-basket.

As we crossed the open pasture in the first part of the return trip we were facing a beautiful mountain view. All in all it was a good trip and since it brought out several hikers who can not usually make the Sunday trips we are more than ever convinced that these Saturday hikes are a good idea.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

"T" and Harold Valiquette spent a week with relatives in N.Y., recently, where Joe, on leave from his Navy duty joined them for the Easter week-end.

Dan Jennings Jr., spent last week-end at home on leave from Camp Dix where he is currently stationed.

Martha Adams has returned from a several weeks stay in Florida.

A HIKING TRIP THROUGH THE AUSTRIAN ALPS

It is interesting to hear what other mountain clubs do in the way of hiking so perhaps the following will appeal to some Green Mountain Club members.

The Appalachian Mountain Club is sponsoring a two week hiking trip through the Austrian Alps this August. The group (it is expected that 30 people will participate) will leave New York by plane August 6 in the early afternoon and arrive in Amsterdam the next morning. A connecting plane takes them to Zurich where they will stay overnight in a pension.

August 8 - Morning spent in vicinity of Zurich. Afternoon Arlberg Express train to Innsbruck, Austria. Accommodations in pension.

August 9 - 11 Headquarters in Innsbruck. Here is an opportunity to enjoy Tyrolean dances, museums, medieval churches, yodeling contests, and a side trip to Brenner Pass. Innsbruck, situated at 1,886 feet is the capital of Tyrol and is 700 years old. Situated at the foot of steep glacial mountains, it is known as the "mountaineer's" town for it offers a variety of hikes and one-day walks to mountain huts and peaks. The party will use this area to become gradually acclimated to higher altitudes. An experienced Austrian guide will accompany the party for higher altitude hikes.

August 12 - By rail or bus to Heiligenblut. Overnight in pension.

August 13 - 17 Everybody up the Grossglockner (12,464 ft.) Austria's highest ! The hikers will live for five days at high altitude accompanied by a trained mountain guide who will provide proper equipment and instruct beginners on snow and ice.

4 After starting with easy walks, he will guide the group on an ascent of Grossglockner and at least one other neighboring peak. The group will have reservations for four nights at Alpine Club huts with lodging and sumptuous meals provided, so that only light packs need be carried.

Those not desiring the more strenuous high altitude experience, will have the convenience of a private bus for transportation to rewarding hikes and trips planned in the picturesque valleys, passes and lower summits.

August 18 - By bus to Salzburg. It is hoped that a block of tickets may be procured for the whole party for a musical concert this evening - part of the Salzburg Music Festival.

August 19 By train to Munich and Stuttgart.

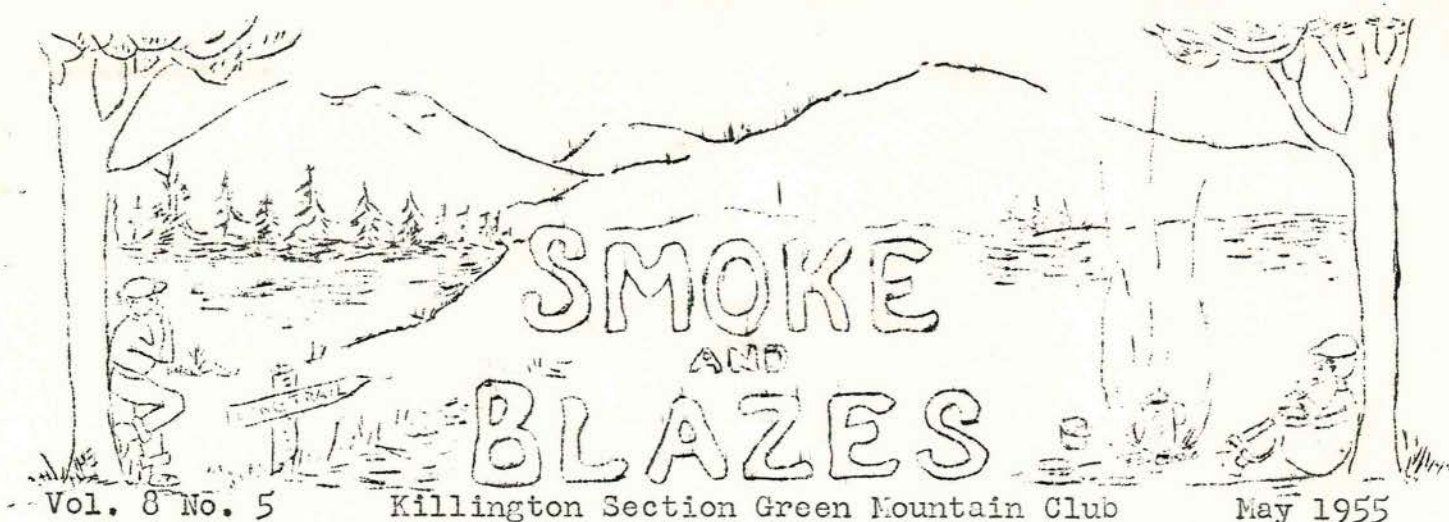
August 20 Check in at airline terminal. Then spend one-half day in this art and culture center of Southern Germany, museums, art exhibits, and shopping. Board the plane in the evening for Amsterdam for connection with the plane home.

August 21 Arrive in New York in the early afternoon.

Sounds good doesn't it ? Best of all, the cost has been kept way down ! The total cost of the trip is \$750. which includes everything round trip from New York except for personal expenses such as laundry, postcards, and refreshments not included in regular trip requirements.

The deadline for registering for this trip is April 15th so we aren't giving the name or address of the leader. However, if you are seriously interested, call the editor for further details. There may be a space left on that plane.

If you can't go to Europe to climb mountains, why not climb Killington or Mansfield ?



PASS IT ALONG, PLEASE

Enclosed with this issue of your SMOKE & BLAZES you will find a copy of Killington Section's new folder which contains information about the GMC in general and the Killington Section in particular. We know that you don't need this information but you may know someone who would be interested if he knew more about us. Will you try and think of such a person and see that he or she gets this folder? This would be a real service to our Section. Perhaps this seems like a small thing but the folder you pass along may be just the one that brings us a new member. If you know of more good prospects additional folders are available from SMOKE & BLAZES headquarters at 129 Bellevue Ave., Rutland, Vt.

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sat. & Sun., May 28 - 29
 Place - Long Trail Lodge - Sat.
 Killington or) Sun.
 Sunnyside)

This is a big GMC week-end. The Annual Meeting of the main Club will be held Saturday, May 28th, at Long Trail Lodge. You have just received details on this meeting in your LONG TRAIL NEWS. Here is a chance for a pleasant and interesting day. You will meet members from other Sections, hear what is going on in those Sections, learn of the business of your parent Club,

and have an opportunity to offer your ideas and suggestions on that business if you wish. Beside all this dinner and supper will be available at The Lodge and there will be an interesting evening program. If you can't be with us for the whole day consult your NEWS for times and activities and join us for whatever part of the day you prefer. GMC members come as much as 250 miles to attend this meeting. Killington Section members are only 10 miles away. Don't miss this opportunity.

On Sunday Killington Section will act as hosts on two hikes; one to Killington; the other to Sunnyside. Since this is a three day week-end you'll still have Monday to do those odd jobs you've been saving up, so take your choice of destinations but plan to come along Sunday.

Time - Sat., June 11 - 7:30 A.M.
 Place - Buck Mt., Lake George, N.Y.

This will be our first hiking visit to New York State and should prove interesting. We will meet and hike with members of the Glens Falls group of the Adirondack Club. This is a sort of return visit as a number of this group came over for our scheduled Killington hike last spring (rained out!); hiked with us to Bird Mt., in the fall and attended our Sugar Party.

Please note that the date is a change from that appearing on your schedule card - we go on Saturday, June 11th instead of

Sunday, June 12th. Note also the starting time - 7:30 A.M. from Meldon School. We are to meet the Glens Falls group at 9:30 A.M. at the point where the West Fort Ann turn-off meets Route 9L. Mr. Cary has provided us with an excellent map and directions for reaching this point.

Buck Mt. is on the east side of Lake George and affords an excellent view. This is pretty country and it will be a nice drive as well as an interesting and rewarding hike. Some who do not wish to hike might like to bring their picnic lunch and come along for the ride. You'll be sorry if you miss this one.

A NICE IDEA

We understand that Ray Catozzi paid a visit to Clarendon Lodge recently and did a little clean-up work. The results of his efforts were very apparent to those who went there for the Pan-Cake Breakfast. Everything was in perfect order, both inside and out. It appeared that even the door-yard had been swept! It's amazing how much a clean-up job will do for the general attractiveness of a shelter.

We feel too that keeping our shelters looking as though we cared about them may have some influence on the attitude toward them of others who use them. Thanks Ray, for a good job.

NEW SHELTERS CHAIRMAN

Jack Martin has consented to take on the job of Shelters Chairman for Killington Section for the remainder of the year. We feel lucky to have been able to find such a good replacement for "Van". Jack will be living in Rutland after July 1st. This will make it easier for him and Jan and Carol to hike with us.

IT'S SCHOOL TIME FOR BIRDS

Did you know that birds spend about three months of their average three year lives on schooling? According to an article by Robert S. Lemmon in the June issue of FLOWER GROWER they do and the summer months are school-time for young birds.

What do young birds have to learn? 'Safety-first' for one thing. "By the time fair sized pin-feathers have developed, any young robin has learned to 'freeze' at a danger signal from its parents and remain motionless until the all-clear comes.

To leave the nest and fly off on their own is another lesson. This is often accomplished by vocal encouragement and demonstration. The parent birds fly back and forth about the nest until one after another the young birds decide to try their wings. Sometimes an over-timid young one has to be almost pushed out.

Once out of the nest the young birds start learning to find and get their own food. Up to now they have received it via free-delivery from their parents. At first they lack the urge to get food for themselves but they tag along and soon learn by imitation. Mr. Lemmon notes interesting variations in the methods of different species. For example, he has observed that woodpeckers bring only one bird at a time to a feeder for training, while fowl-like birds will scratch among the leaves and issue a general call to 'come and get it'.

Finally when the parent birds feel their young are ready to shift for themselves they refuse further assistance.

These are some of the many interesting things going on right around us which most of us never take time to observe. Why not watch some of the birds nesting near your home and check on their learning cycle for yourselves? It could be fun for the whole family.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER AND VICINITY

Nine hikers including Carol Martin in her father's pack-basket hiked in to Governor Clement Shelter Sunday, May 1st.

It was the first day of fishing so we didn't expect to see too many hikers. The quality crew showed up and trail clearing was done from the upper road in Shrewsbury to Governor Clement Shelter and from the Shelter up the south side of Killington about two miles or more. No serious damage to the Trail was in evidence and it is hoped that the rest of the Section's Trail will be as easy to clear.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

This annual affair really started on Friday afternoon when members went in to Clarendon Lodge to gather firewood etc. Surprise, surprise ! A big pile of dry wood and the place all slicked up for company. About nine P.M. there arrived three boys from Wallingford !!! on horseback. (I told you you should have been there, girls !)

At daylight the Wallingford boys took off for home, and the dawn patrol waited for the early risers to come in for breakfast. They waited, and waited. Finally they went back to bed for another snooze. At last five breakfasters straggled in making a total of seven. What's the matter gang ?

After everything in sight had been eaten up, we started for the Gorge and the bridge project. The new lumbering job near the Clarendon Lodge cuts across the Trail at only one point so far and is not a problem. We went out by way of the Trail to check and all is well.

The tools and equipment were

carried down from the cars to the river and the actual site for the bridge selected. There was plenty of water still pouring through the Gorge and the bridge idea looked a little doubtful.

By this time the warm sun was out and the girls started the sunbath routine while Joe Hadeka, Bonnet Bell, and Craigie Perkins concentrated on the bridge.

Two daring adventurers waded across the river, cut an eighteen foot log and lugged it down to the water's edge. A rope-end was thrown over, and all hands pulled the end of the log across.

After lunch two more logs were cut and placed, making a bridge wide enough to cross with your eyes shut. In fact that is the most satisfactory way to cross.

As a temporary measure, about five hundred pounds of rocks were piled on each end of the bridge to hold it down in case of flood. Soon chains or cables will be attached.

An inspection trip was made to the Ol' Swimmin' Hole a few rods below the bridge. It is a fine spot for a dip on a hot summer's day.

What started out as a pancake breakfast turned into a long day of working and sunning. The only disappointing feature of the outing was that nobody fell into the river.

Please note in THE LONG TRAIL NEWS the request of the publicity chairman, Louise Goeres, for black and white pictures of hiking groups in action, to be used for publicity purposes promoting The Green Mountain Club. If you haven't any pictures, get out your camera and take a few on the next hike. Send them to Miss Goeres at Glen Place, N. Haledon, N. J.

TIMELY WORDS OF YESTERYEAR

On September 12th, 1931 The Green Mountain Club held a birthday party at Long Trail Lodge celebrating the termination of 21 years of the Club's existence. Three hundred persons were present. They listened to speakers and took part in the day's events.

Governor Stanley C. Wilson of Vermont, was one of the speakers. He received greetings that were brought over the Trail from the Governor of Massachusetts and the Prime Minister of Quebec.

Dorothy Canfield Fisher of Arlington, Vt., the distinguished novelist and author, addressed the group. In her talk she answered the time worn question of "Why do people climb mountains?"

She said in part, "The struggle of the human race has been to conquer material obstacles. The machine age, together with citylife, has cut that out of human beings. Therefore it is necessary for people to get a vacation from sophistication and find some material obstacles to conquer."

In answer to "Why The Long Trail?" she replied, "It offers city people a chance to get out in the open and breathe pure air."

"Another great necessity of human life is that of silence. Modern life has almost no silence what with radios, automobiles and all the noises of city life. It has been discovered that excessive noises, even though they do not awaken the sleeper, lessen the value of sleep so that he does not get the needed rest. The sleep that one gets on The Long Trail is the sort of sleep that refreshes."

"Another thing which you get on The Long Trail is the sense of having plenty of room around you - spaciousness. That has a lot of value through life. If packed too closely with their

fellowmen, people develop nervous difficulties.

"Then you have not only the spaciousness of space, but you have the spaciousness of time. All modern life is a slave to the clock. We have to catch trains, we have to be at the office, the bank and school. One of the two eyes is always fixed on the clock. The relaxation that comes from an existence of a few days - a few weeks where there is no clock is a real vacation."

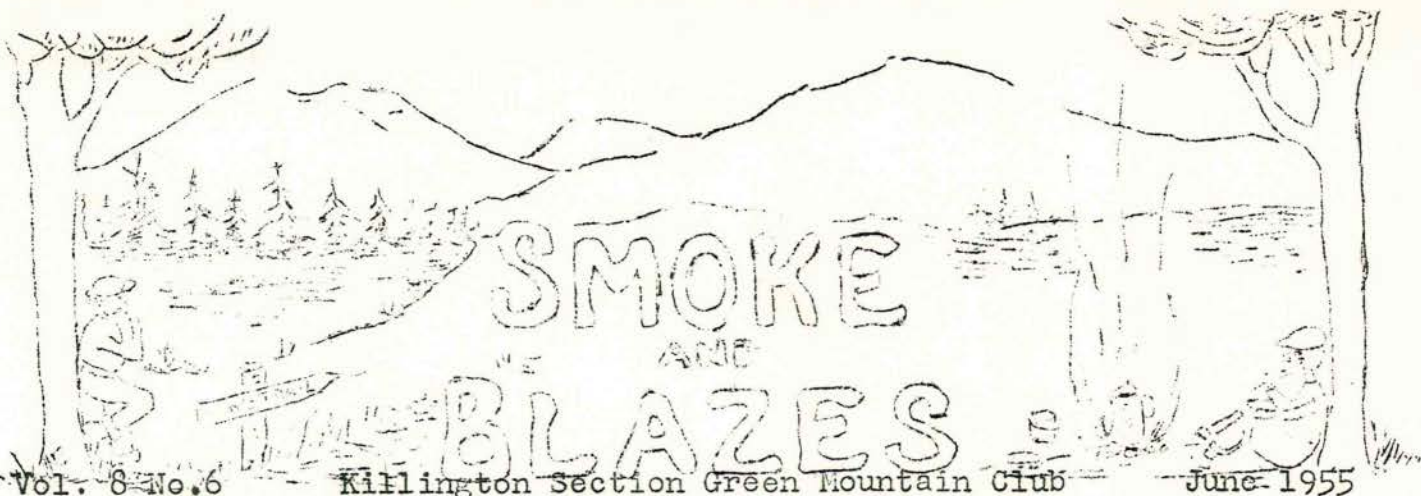
"Then there is another element. You know the human race is gregarious, and cannot bear to be alone, but we need to get away occasionally and have time to think. Hiking on The Long Trail gives us time to think."

"Then another thing - there is no buying or selling on The Long Trail. In this modern day there is a cry of "money, money" all the time and incidentally we come to have the feeling that everything is measured by it and we can't get anything without having it. On The Long Trail human values are not cash values and there you can go 24 hours without shopping."

"Finally, the moral value of The Long Trail is that it is a sort of retreat, where one can recognize the value of spiritual life - an occasional retreat - a retreat from the material side of life, where we will have an opportunity to feel deeper things, which the average modern life, active as it is, does not offer. How can a man who is always hurrying to catch a train have time for spiritual values?"

"Human beings need that stirring of the soul that comes from a mystic experience. A trip on The Long Trail gives time for the stirrings of those deeper parts of your nature, which is one of the goals of life."

All this is a true today as it was in 1931 when Mrs. Fisher spoke at the GMC birthday party.



COMING EVENTS

by
Betty Ball

Time - Sat., June 25 - 9:30 A.M.
Place - Little Rock Pond

Here's another old favorite, at its best in azalea time. Photographers will find plenty of beauty spots to take, swimmers may enjoy a swim, hikers will enjoy an easy, leisurely hike, and there should be winter wrens and yellow-bellied sapsuckers for the bird-lovers. Sometimes a different way back is nice to provide variety, and that can be arranged.

Time - July 2 - 4
Place - Mansfield Area

Another July camping trip is being planned, with a chance for would-be End-To-Enders to complete another log on the length of The Long Trail, and for all to enjoy the hiking along this particularly fascinating part of Vermont.

Members will camp at the public campground on the eastern side of the mountain. The general plan is to go from the road as far as the hotel by Trail and take the lift down the first day; take the lift up and go down to Lake Mansfield the second day; and from Lake Mansfield do the 12½ miles to Bolton on the third day. There may be a car available on top for some to ride down on the first night. Anyone

who wishes might vary the program by staying at the hotel on Saturday night, to see a sunset and sunrise from the top, and have more time for the fascinating trails that lead off The Long Trail.

Non-hikers or those who just want short hikes, can find plenty of variety by taking the lift to the top, and taking any of the trails, easy, medium, or hard, that give such wonderful lookouts from the top and side of the mountain.

Botanists and bird lovers will enjoy the mountain fauna and flora, that differ from those of most of our hikes in many respects. One of the delights of Mount Mansfield is the Bicknell thrush chorus at twilight.

There is endless variety possible in this weekend, as the first two days allow time for extras. A short side trip up the Adams Apple on the first day up, gives some nice views. A side trip up the nose is lots of fun. Many will want to go down to the Cave of the Winds. So be prepared for a grand weekend with a maximum of views and a variety of hikes.

NEW SCHEDULES COMING SOON

The next Outing Schedule which you will receive with your July SMOKE & BLAZES is now in the planning stage. If there are outings you would especially like to have included get in touch with Outing Chairman, Betty Ball and let your wishes be known. Your suggestions are always welcome.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Dr. E. E. Johnson
Minerva Hinchey
Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Locke
Allegro Milano
Paul B. Newcomb
Jean Whitcomb

ANNUAL MEETING

The GMC Annual Meeting held at Long Trail Lodge on Saturday, May 28 proved to be, as always, an interesting and enjoyable day.

Coffee Hour at 10 A.M. was the starting point bringing together again many hiking friends who had not seen each other since the last Annual Meeting or Intersectional.

At 11 A.M. the business meeting got underway with reports of activities from the various Sections represented, - one of the highlights.

The dinner recess provided a further opportunity for renewing acquaintances and exchanging news and ideas.

We are not reporting here the business in detail as that will be given in your next issue of THE LONG TRAIL NEWS, however, the meeting continued in the afternoon with further items of interest regarding the Club's activities and plans.

At the close of the general meeting, while the Trustees were in session, some members took short hikes while others enjoyed relaxing and visiting on the Chalet porch.

After a Baked Bean Supper, the group reassembled in the Chalet where Mrs. Lillian Lodge entertained with a showing of excellent colored slides taken on her recent western trip.

We regretted that there were not more Killington Section members present to share in this important main club activity. Plan now to attend next year so that you may get to know your Club.

THE KILLINGTON TRIP

On May 29th eight members of The Green Mountain Club took the annual hike to Killington Peak. As usual we took along a saw and axe for from past experience we knew there would be some blow-downs to clear. The trail up Pico was very good due to the hard work of Miss Parmenter.

Pico shelter is in good condition for such an old camp, offering good water, firewood, and a solid roof to keep one dry. From here to Killington the brush and small evergreens got more dense and we all agreed that the Killington Section would have to spend one and possibly two days clearing there this summer.

Jim Green, of the Worcester Section, did all the work cutting out blow-downs. We tried to get him to shift off but all he would say is "No matter where I go there is always something for me to do, and I guess it is too late for me to change."

We arrived at Cooper Lodge in good season and were greeted with a very messed up camp which is usually the rule in the spring of the year. But with a couple of trips to the dump with tin cans, and a good sweep down, the place looked much better.

After a good hearty meal, some of the group rested and others hiked to the summit where they got about one minute to see the view, then the clouds closed in.

At Pico Shelter, on the way home, we said "Goodbye, see you in August at the Intersectional." to the Worcester Section members who planned to stay overnight on top of Pico.

We continued on down Pico to our waiting cars, and none too soon, for in just a few moments the heaviest thunder shower of the year poured down from the black clouds. We were glad to be out of the woods.

Churchill Scott.

SUNNYSIDE

3

The start of the Sunnyside trip on May 29, the day following the Annual Meeting, at first seemed to indicate that a very small group would enjoy the Outing. However, additions appeared by ones, twos, threes, and fours, until the final count in the hike register was 20.

The weather was fine until mid-afternoon with a good breeze, always especially welcome at this season for its discouraging effect on the black flies.

The first contingent finally left from Meldon School numbering 13, with 12 deciding to take the short route in and 1 electing to hike the Long Trail route, via the Gorge.

Arrived at Sunnyside, after a short, pleasant walk, we were happily surprised to find that since our last visit, about 1/3 of the bunk floor had been laid, the table had been repaired, and the doors put in their summer position.

While some hiked over to see the view and cool their feet in the Lake, others collected wood and water and started a fire in the out-door fireplace.

During the lunch hour the second section arrived consisting of "the Larry Deans" and 5 Buchanans. The certain fellowship which exists among hikers was demonstrated by the youngest set, Carol Martin and Bruce Buchanan, who seemed greatly to enjoy each other's company.

The last hiker to arrive brought the sad news that the recently placed bridge over Mill River had completely disappeared. The heavy rain of the previous week had evidently been too much for it. So that little(?) job has to be done over again!

The party broke up early as "The Deans" and the "Roy Buchanans" were leaving for an Appalachian Trails meeting in New Hampshire;

some were returning to Massachusetts that afternoon; and others were going back to the Perkins' Camp for the night. "The Andy Buchanans" and Bob and David Perkins made the return trip by Long Trail to the Gorge. We understand the afternoon shower caught up with them, and also that they can substantiate the evidence that the bridge across the river is gone!

These Post-Annual Meeting Outings are always a lot of fun, bringing together, as they do, members from other sections. We are looking forward to seeing them all again at the Intersectional in August.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

After a few weeks stay at his home on Highland Ave., Michael Jennings has gone to the DeVRY Technical Institute in Chicago where he will study Electronics.

Dan Jennings Jr., is en route to San Francisco where he will be stationed at the Letterman Army Hospital. Dan recently received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant.

Bob, Thelma, David, and Anne Perkins left recently after spending a vacation at 129 Bellevue Ave. From Rutland they headed for Los Angeles where Bob will begin work in a new position.

They are travelling by car and making it an extended camping trip. Having allowed about a month to complete the journey, they plan to visit places of interest along the way.

While in Vermont they took advantage of the opportunity to get in some trail hiking, visiting Sunnyside and Blue Ridge, and taking a week-end hiking and camping trip to Stratton Pond.

Bill Allard Jr., is vacationing from UVM Medical College at his home on East Washington Street.

BUCK MOUNTAIN TRIP

The acceptance of the invitation to hike with the Adirondack Mountain Club in the beautiful Lake George area brought together twenty-five persons, June eleventh, to climb Buck Mountain on the eastern side of the lake.

An overcast day added to the comfort of the climbers, at the same time giving a quiet panorama of continuous mountain outlines.

Fellows of all ages and interests at the foot of a mountain become of one age and desire, and sensitivity to the harmony of the green woods and gray slopes evokes the finest values in people as they go out together. To each his own delight, whether it was an awareness of the closeness and abundance of scarlet tangers to one resting on the trail, the relation of plant life to its surroundings, a small child's joy, or the final emergence of the summit, with its broad rocky top and fringes of graceful white cinquefoil, inviting rest and refreshment, or the exciting discovery on the down trail of a very rare orchid.

To those interested in plants this partial list may be useful:

Pinus resinosa, *Vaccinium pensylvanicum*, *Pyrola rotundifolia*, *Viburnum acerifolia*, *Sasparilla nudiflora*, *Aspidium marginale*, *Cornus cirnata*, *Arctostaphylos*, *Diervilla lonicera*, *Woodsia ilvensis*, *Houstonia caerulea*, *Vaccinium canadensis*, *Rosa blanda*, *Gaultheria procumbens*, *Myosotis stricta*, *Lysimachia quadrifolia*, *Vicia tetrasperma*, *Corydalis sempervirens*, *Spiraea latifolia*, *Comandra umbellata*, *Viola fimbriatula* and *Liparis liliaefolia*.

Dorothy Wyman Kirk

THE CALL OF THE TRAIL

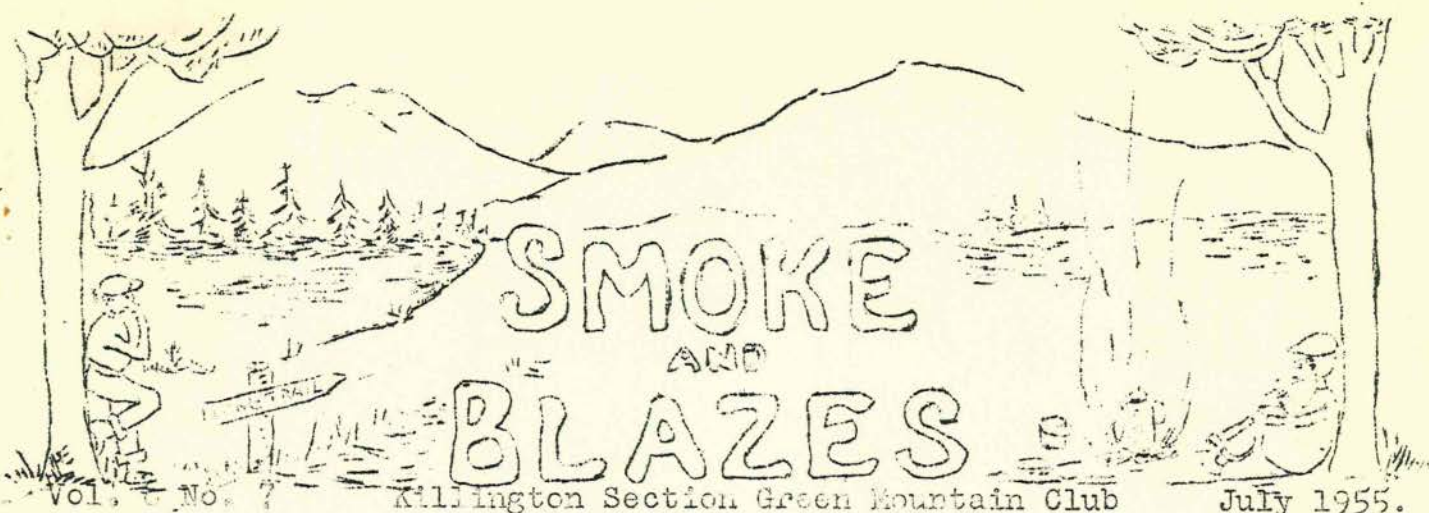
They've inveigled me back, and
they've taken my pack;
They've encircled my neck with a
collar;
With my bald plateau in a modish
chapeau
I trail the elusive dollar,
For the spell of the town has
settled me down
To the grind of the old treadmill,
But - the days and the nights on
the mountain heights !
Their spell is upon me still.
Now I've panted and pawed at a
mountain's facade
Till my hob-nails began to perspire
And wet and profane in a mist or
a rain
I've shivered a draft for the fire.
With a thirty-pound pack on a
desk-ruined back,
I've skidded on slippery rocks;
I've twisted my pins, put dents
in my shins,
Kicked porcupine quills through
my socks.

But I've knelt at her shrine, been
warmed by her wine,
And kissed by her quickening chill;
I'm a faithful knight of the
Mountain Sprite,
And her spell is upon me still.
So never you weep, Green Mountain
Bo-Peep,
Like the sheep, next summer will
find me
Beating it back by the Long Trail
track,
A-trotting my pack behind me.

Lew Evans

The above was taken from the December 1924 issue of THE GREEN MOUNTAIN NEWS. The next year, 1925 that paper changed its name to THE LONG TRAIL NEWS.

We don't know Mr. Evans but we like his poem and feel that the sentiments he expressed in 1924 are applicable in 1955.



COMING EVENTS
by
Betty Ball

Time - Sun., July 31 - 10 A.M.
Place - C.V. Camp, Chittenden

Here's a chance to relax, swim, boat, picnic, and thoroughly enjoy a lazy, sociable day at the C.V. Camp with Eleanor Walkee in charge. Anyone who feels very energetic can climb to The Long Trail beyond Chittenden Dam or to Mt. Carmel.

We will leave from Meldon School as usual but join us at the camp any time if you prefer.

Time - Sat., Aug. 13 - 8 A.M.
Place - Lake George - Steamer Trip.

We were so impressed with beautiful Lake George on the Buck Mt. trip that we thought another trip in this area would be nice. A steamer trip on a hot summer day sounded good.

The steamer leaves the town of Lake George at 10:40 A.M. and returns at 4 P.M. The price is \$3 the round trip with half price for children 5 to 12 yrs. old and children under 5 yrs., free. Most of us will take picnic lunches to eat on the boat. There is a chance for a swim at the Park beach at Lake George after the return.

This outing is an innovation on our schedule and affords a good opportunity for hikers and non-hikers to enjoy a pleasant day together.

KILLINGTON SECTION TO STAFF
GMC BOOTH AT FAIR

The Publicity Committee of our main club has decided to sponsor a GMC booth at the Rutland Fair this year. We often receive reports that many people - even right here in Rutland - have never heard of GMC and The Long Trail! It is hoped that this booth at the Fair will be a step toward changing this situation. Killington Section has agreed to arrange a display and to staff this booth. Mary Perkins has been appointed as chairman of the project.

If a number of people will each assist a little in this activity the burden on anyone will be very light. Have you a day or a half-day during Fair week which you would be willing to donate? Mary would appreciate it if you would call her (Tel. 3-7954) and arrange for a time to be 'on duty'.

We hope this will prove to be a worthwhile activity for GMC and we know it will be an interesting experience for those who participate.

BOARD MEETING HELD

A meeting of the Ex. Board was held Wednesday evening, June 29, at Craigie Perkins' home.

The first item of business was the adoption of the new Outing Schedule as planned by Outing Ch., Betty Ball.

Methods of acquiring slides to start our recently planned Killington Section collection was

discussed with Photography Ch., Jan Catozzi. Jan feels that there is plenty of material available and it is largely a matter of contacting members having slides and making selections.

Plans for the Fair booth to be sponsored by the main club and planned and staffed by Killington Section were discussed.

Possible solutions for the problem of The Trail crossing of Mill River at the Gorge were considered but no conclusion was reached. This is a real problem and practical suggestions to aid in its solution would be heartily welcomed.

We missed the several board members who were unable to be present for various good reasons and appreciated the attendance and suggestions of those who could come.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Edith Ewald went out to Estes Park for a National Conference and reports that "it is an interesting setting for anything one may want to do." The card received showed the highest point on the Trail Ridge Road, Rocky Mt. National Park, Colorado - elevation 12,133 ft!

Charles and Patty Sabourin with daughter, Mary Pat, are expected to arrive in Rutland on Saturday for a vacation. They are driving east from their home in Decatur, Illinois.

Word has been received that the Bob Perkins family have arrived at their new location, Los Angeles, California.

YOUR NEW OUTING SCHEDULES
ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE.

LITTLE ROCK POND

Saturday, June 25th, was an ideal day for the Little Rock Pond outing. Arrived at Heldon School for the 'take-off', we were pleased to find four friends from the Glens Falls ADK group on hand to accompany us.

After a pleasant, scenic drive via Danby and Mt. Tabor, we left our cars at the usual spot, where The Long Trail leaves the highway, and were soon enjoying the cool, winding path along the brook which leads to Little Rock Pond. Although we missed the profusion of wild-flower blossoms which can usually be found along here earlier in the season, this is always a pleasant, easy trail, well lined with ferns and woods greens of various kinds and including several attractive brook crossings.

Arrived at Little Rock Pond we found two campers on a hiking vacation who had come through from the Long Trail Lodge. They had done a re-building job on the outdoor fireplace and everything in and around the camp was in excellent condition. Although they reported the need for work on some parts of our Trail, they seemed to be enjoying their vacation.

After lunch one of our junior members took a swim in the pond but the rest of us were well content with a sunning on the rocks.

We left, reluctantly, late in the afternoon, taking the trail around the other side of the pond on our return trip. On our way out we met a party of five coming in, apparently equipped for at least an overnight stay.

Little Rock Pond is a deservedly popular spot and no hiking season is quite complete without a visit to it.

July Fourth Week End

This year was the fourth in the Killington Section's Independence Day series of hikes on The Long Trail.

On Friday afternoon four of us went into camp at the State Camp Ground in Smugglers Notch.

After the tents were set up, we had supper, then decided to hike that portion of the Trail that follows the highway in the Notch.

Saturday morning Ray Catozzi pulled in early in his new station wagon. As soon as we got organized we started south on The Long Trail from where it leaves the highway. The Trail was good and the grade moderate. When we reached Taft Lodge we met three Killington Sectionettes who had been birding the mountain top.

From Taft we climbed the Chin of Mansfield and met mists coming in from the west. It soon brought enough rain to soak the party thoroughly. Worst of all, there was only one brief view enjoyed just before we reached the top of the Lift. This was an easy day.

On Sunday morning we took the Chair Lift back up the Mountain to continue on The Trail from where we left off the night before. It was a bright, warm day at the Camp Ground but at the top of the Lift it was twenty degrees cooler, with mist again that persisted until we reached Butler Lodge. There we had lunch.

The Trail from Butler to Taylor was freshly cleared, (Thank you, Roy), Taylor, situated on the edge of a cliff overlooking Lake Mansfield, is one of the sightliest camps on The Trail. No trouble at all getting down to the Trout Club and the cars we had parked there the night before.

Monday was the big day. We

hit the approach trail from the Trout Club at eight o'clock and didn't come out at the Winooski River till six fifteen.

Right after leaving Taylor we began to run into many blow-downs left by last year's hurricanes. After the top of Mayo was passed the Trail was better but very bushy with few blazes. We didn't mind the climb too much and there were several good lookouts.

The new Puffer Lodge is still under construction but usable, and has a very good location. We had lunch here.

From the top of Belton Mountain at elevation 3725 we began the long, long down grade to the Winooski at elevation 342. A few more blow-downs and we finally reached the upper end of a good lumber road that leads out to civilization. For several miles this road follows Joiner Brook with many good swimming and fishing spots.

This day we covered twelve and one half miles but everybody arrived in very good condition.

And right ahead of us stood Camel's Hump just waiting for our Independence Day hike next year.

A REMINDER

The big GMC Intersectional is coming August 20th and 21st. It is to be held at a campsite in Danby, Vermont.

Look for complete details in your August issue of LONG TRAIL NEWS.

An interesting camping and hiking program has been planned so why not save those dates for this important Club activity.

We hope for a big showing of Killington Section members. If you can't attend for the two days, come for as long as you can. You'll be welcome.

THE STORY OF THE LITTLE STOVE THAT WENT TO KILLINGTON

I was born in Tennessee. I was put in a crate and dumped in a big red box with a lot of other crates and bags and boxes. For a long time the big red box shook me and banged me around. Then they opened the door and put me in a smaller green box that went faster and smelled worse. Soon I was unloaded onto a concrete floor.

Some jerk with a hammer and wrench came and took off my crate. He then loosened a few bolts here and there, and suddenly I collapsed into a pile of sixty-five pieces.

After a few days some men came with sacks and put some of me in each one. We rode for a while and then the men started to walk with me on their backs. I wonder why we went so slowly?

After hours and hours I was dumped out again on a stone floor, and the men said "Whew!" and "Gosh!" etc.

Then they tried to put me together again. The men did a lot of talking and all of them said they knew just how to do it, but I don't think they were very smart at all. After a long time and much banging, I was declared to be ready for use.

Just let me describe myself briefly. I am just like a regular cook stove only smaller. I have four griddles and an oven with two doors. My friends tell me I am not at all bad looking. I am a good heater and a very good cook.

You should come up and see me some time before some chowder head kicks me in the fire box.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Today there are 28 National Parks and 85 National Monuments.

4

They have become a necessity to the American way of life and have become more and more precious to the American people. In spite of this, their custodian, the Congress of the United States is sadly neglecting them.

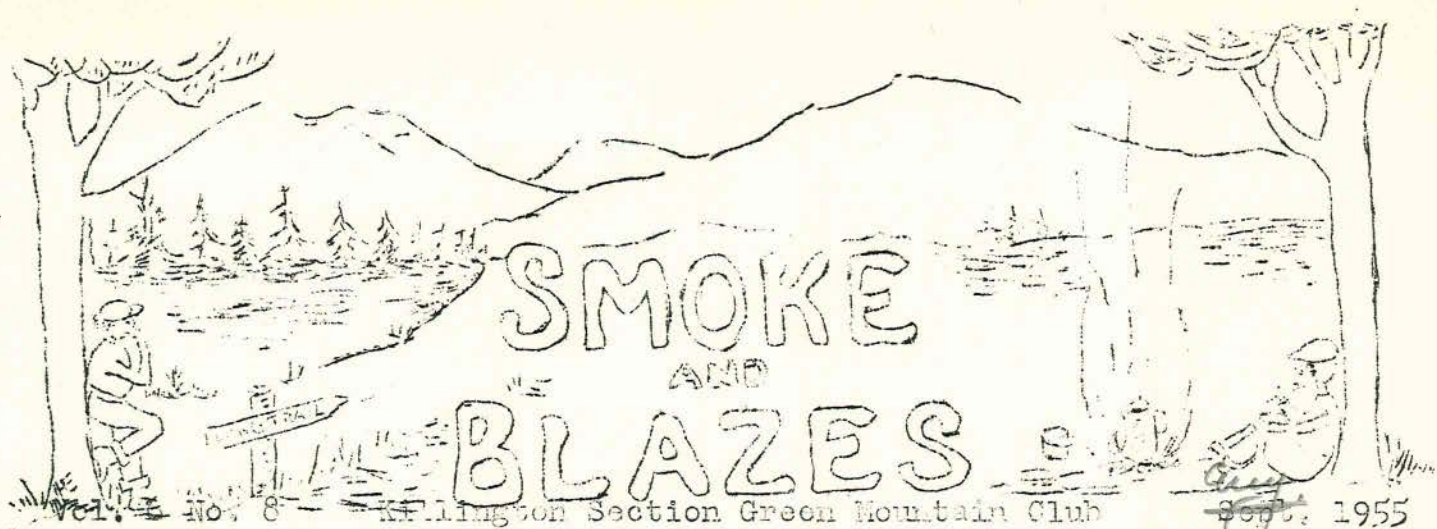
In recent years Congress has made about \$30 million available annually to the National Park Service. Last year 48 million people visited our Parks and Monuments. The amount of money allowed to service this project comes to less than one dollar per visitor of the areas discussed. This is not enough to keep the facilities of the parks in good repair, or pay for enough rangers to properly supervise them and insure the comfort and safety of the tourists. So lacking in manpower is the Service that it is estimated that at least \$500,000 is lost annually because there are not enough rangers to man fee-collecting points on a full time basis.

Buildings and grounds in many of the parks are deteriorating, roads are falling into disrepair, utilities are inadequate, and sanitary conditions are sometimes appalling. Recently the Public Health Service has threatened to close Yosemite because of substandard sewage.

Is it the plan of Congress to let the National Parks and Monuments deteriorate so far that Mr. and Mrs. America could no longer use them and they (the parks) could then be sold to private enterprise?

These lands were to be protected for all time so that future generations of Americans could enjoy them. Today because of lack of proper supervision they are being vandalized and in some places stripped of their treasures. Souvenir hunters carry off unusual rock formations, chip off pieces of stalagmite from caves, and even carve their names on Indian pictographs.

Something should be done about all this. It's up to Mr. and Mrs. Citizen.



COMING EVENTS

Time - Sat. & Sun. Aug. 20 - 21
Place - Danby - Intersectional

Consult your recent LONG TRAIL NEWS for details on this. As you will find there, a number of interesting activities are being planned. This is an opportunity to take part in any of these which interest you as well as a chance to meet and exchange Trail news with members from other Sections. The Saturday night Campfire is a highlight of these meetings. When the count from 'Sections represented' is taken let's have the Killington number well toward the top of the list.

Time - Sat., Sept. 4 - 9:30 A.M.
Place - Perkins Camp - Mendon

The special purpose of this outing is to collect and arrange greens in the booth which GMC is sponsoring at the Rutland Fair.

We will meet at Meldon School as usual and proceed to Camp where we will collect the needed greens. After a picnic lunch, to be eaten at Camp, the plan is to take our greens to the Fairgrounds and arrange them as a background for our booth.

Bring your lunch and join us for any part of this activity. The Club will supply coffee, as usual. This outing should be a good combination of work and fun.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Last month in SMOKE & BLAZES we stated that the problem of the crossing of Mill River at Clarendon Gorge was unsolved and said suggestions would be welcomed.

Imagine our delight when someone came forward with a suggestion and volunteered to carry it out!

Emile Boselli has drawn a detailed plan and figured requirements for building a suspension bridge. A Board meeting was called to consider the idea and he was authorized to go ahead with it.

This may sound easy but it is a big job running to about \$300 for materials and an enormous amount of labor. Emile has volunteered to supply most of the labor, but he will need a few hands occasionally. It is up to Killington Section to supply the funds.

We can all help in some way on this worthwhile project. Let's get set to respond to the call for assistance when it comes.

PERSONNEL FOR FAIR BOOTH

Plans for the GMC booth at the Fair are going forward. Chairman, Mary Perkins, has the following people signed up to take a turn at being in attendance: Ruth Fostman, Betty Ball, Eleanor Walker, Janet Martin, Leone Smith, and Craigue and Vera Perkins.

Drop in and visit us when you are on the grounds.

NOW IS THE TIME

Now is the time to start seriously collecting material for our annual Rummage Sale. The proceeds this year will be especially ear-marked for our new bridge project.

Don't stop with assembling material from your own closets, cupboards, attics, and cellars. Call your relatives, friends, and neighbors, and get your word in early for some of their discards.

Remember, there will probably be the usual crop of fall Rummage Sales. 'Let's get there firstest with the mostest'.

C.V. CAMP - CHITTENDEN

An outstanding feature of this outing since it first appeared on our schedule in July 1952, has been the perfect weather for such an event which we have had each time. This year proved no exception and the tradition still held good.

Sunday, July 31st was hot and sunny. We were glad to reach the Pond where a good breeze kept the porches cool, while the water was just right for swimming, as the early arrivals at once discovered.

New arrivals for lunch and in the early afternoon swelled our original small number somewhat, but we were amazed that more people did not avail themselves of this opportunity.

The afternoon passed quickly with swimming, boating, and the 'rocking chair' sport of comparing the relative merits of the HERALD TRIBUNE vs THE TIMES - especially the advertisements.

Some left in the late afternoon while others stayed on for a picnic supper. As we returned to the heat of town we were more appreciative than ever of our pleasant day at Chittenden Pond. Too bad you missed it!

SAVE THESE DATES

September 17, and October 1 and 15 are the dates for our annual fall series-hikes, covering a consecutive section of The Long Trail.

The idea of this series originated in 1951 when Outing Ch., Charlotte Rutkowski (now Keenan) scheduled a series of three hikes covering the entire Killington Section.

Since that time these hikes have been arranged alternately north and south of our section. We have several members who have achieved 100 % attendance and so have hiked The Trail from Boyce Shelter, north of Middlebury Gap, to Mad Tom Shelter, about 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. north of the Manchester - Peru road. This is a Trail distance of 76.3 mi. (Bet you didn't know you'd walked that far!). The actual mileage travelled is more because of approach trails used. This just goes to show what can be accomplished by a regular, scheduled activity.

This year's series will cover from Mad Tom to The Grout Job, adding a Trail distance of 21.9 miles.

These are all Saturday hikes, so planned to enable us to make the desirable early starts. You will get more details on the individual hikes in the next issue, but this will serve as an advance reminder so you can save the dates. If you missed the others, start now.

NO BOAT TRIP

The rain on Saturday, Aug. 13th, probably brought on by CONNIE, forced the cancellation of the Lake George Steamer trip. We had looked forward to this outing which was a new feature on our schedule and were disappointed that it had to be given up. We hope this trip will be scheduled again next summer.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD

A special meeting of the Executive Board was held Monday evening, August 8th.

This meeting was called primarily to consider the proposed Gorge bridge over Mill River. This project was adopted.

Craigie Perkins reported a recent trip to Killington to set window glass, and a trip over The Trail from Clarendon Gorge to Sunnyside. This piece of trail had been reported as in very bad condition. Craigie stated that there were several blowdowns and the trail needed brushing out, but it was in passable shape.

Shelter Ch., Jack Martin, reported a recent visit to Clarendon Lodge.

Other matters considered were use of the Section's leaflet, YOU'D BE INTERESTED, and plans for the completion of Sunnyside this fall.

The good attendance at this meeting was very much appreciated. Only Vice Pres., Bill Allard, was missing. Bill works nights this summer so his absence was unavoidable.

TRY THIS ONE

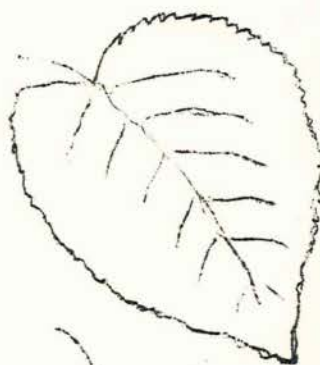
We were told the other day that Maidenhair fern could be picked, flattened out between the pages of a heavy magazine or book, placed in the attic or some other dry place and forgotten about until sometime next winter when a little green for a bouquet would be most welcome. Then, so the story goes, you may get out your Maidenhair fern, put it in water and watch it plump up to practically its natural state.

This would be quite easy to test out. Why doesn't someone try it and let us know the result?

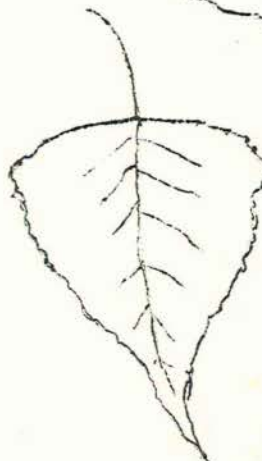
A BIT ABOUT BIRCHES

We seem to remember that sometimes on a hike there has been some discussion as to whether a certain tree was a white birch or a gray birch.

The other day we came across this simple means of identification. It seems that the shape of the leaves is quite different. The base line of the white birch leaf curves away on each side from the stem, while the gray birch leaf has a triangular outline with the stalk in the middle of a flat base line.



WHITE
BIRCH
LEAF



YELLOW
BIRCH
LEAF

If you are still in doubt after examining the leaf, rub your hand over the bark. The white birch will leave a white, powdery, substance on your hand.

Let's check on this sometimes when we are in the woods. It might be that many of the trees we've been calling white birch are really gray birch.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

This is the season when the fields and roadsides are bright with late summer and early fall wildflowers. The names of many of these are familiar to us but perhaps less well known is the interesting derivation of some of these common names.

A little browsing in a most interesting book, John Kieran's, AN INTRODUCTION TO NATURE, yielded the following interesting theories on name origins.

JOE-PYE WEED

Joe Pye was supposed to have been an Indian Medicine Man who became friendly with the early colonists in Massachusetts and cured various of their ills with this plant.

GENTIAN

Named for King Gentius of Illyria, (now known as Albania and Yugoslavia). He reigned in the 2nd Century B.C. and is recorded in herbal history as the original discoverer of the medicinal value of these plants.

Most of us know these attractive blue flowers, both the Bottled or Closed and the Fringed Gentian, although we don't run onto them in the woods as often as we would like.

SNAKEROOT

This name comes from the old belief that an infusion made from the root of the plant was a cure for the ill effects of a poisonous snake bite.

BONESET (THOROUGHWORT)

About this one Mr. Kieran points out that the leaves are completely joined at the base and the stem appears to grow right through the leaves. The name THOROUGHWORT appears to apply to this habit of the stem

growing 'thorough' or 'through the leaf'. Of the name BONESET there are various explanations. One was that herb doctors believed that plants with united leaves would aid in uniting fractured bones. Another was that infusions from these leaves were supposed to be good for the 'break-bone' fever of warm climates. At any rate 'Boneset tea' made from these leaves, dried, was a standard home remedy for colds and fevers in New England in olden times.

GERARDIAS

Named for John Gerard, a great English botanist who published his famous HERBALL or GENERAL HISTORIE OF PLANTS back in 1597, and included in it such helpful hints as that the juice of an onion rubbed on a bald head in the sun, 'bringeth the hair again very speedily', and the juice of the Daisy, 'given to little dogs with milke, keepeth them from growing great'."

LOOSESTRIPE

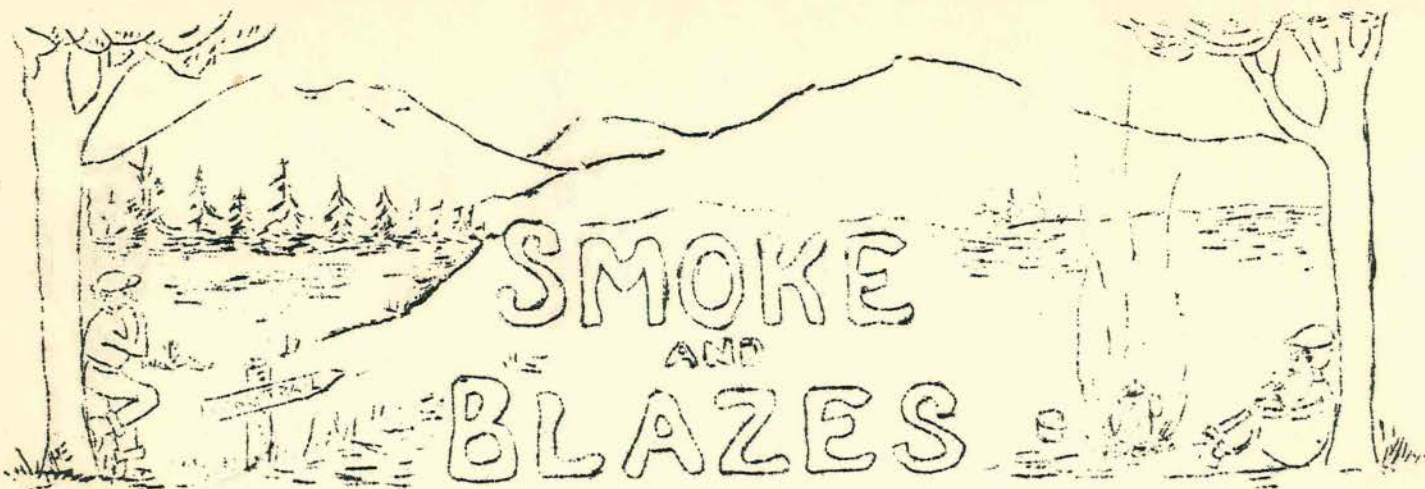
"Creatures fed on these plants would 'lose strife' and become peaceful. It was fed to yokes of oxen to make them work in harmony."

SOAPWORT (BOUNCING BET)

A lather can be made from the leaves of this one if crushed in water. In rural England in olden times it was used for washing.

FIREWEED - so named because it springs up on land which has been burned over and MILKWEED, named from the milky substance in the pods are familiar name origins.

This is only a small sampling of the interesting material to be found in this book and we recommend it to anyone who would like to become better acquainted with some of the common birds, flowers, and trees.



Vol. 8 No. 9

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Sept. 1955

COMING EVENTS

LONG TRAIL SERIES HIKES

by
Betty Ball

Time - Saturdays, Sept. 17
Oct. 1
Oct. 15

Place - The Long Trail - Grout
Job to Mad Tom Shelter

Again we will pace off another 22 miles of The Long Trail, most of it new to us, to make us nearer to becoming End-to-Enders. This fall's hikes will bring us well down toward the Massachusetts line. We hope some Bennington Section members will be able to join us.

SATURDAY - SEPT. 17 - 7:00 A.M.

This one needs an early start, since it's a long trip, about thirteen miles, but it's easy grade all the way. The first part to Stratton Pond is an old favorite, but the hike on to Bourne Pond, and Prospect Rock will be new. At Prospect Rock we'll get a fine view.

Since this is such a full day's trip it seemed best not to plan a long enough lunch stop to make coffee, so bring your **thermo for your lunchtime beverage.**

SATURDAY - OCT. 1 - 8:00 A.M.

This hike will be shorter, about 7½ miles, and should be a

beautiful one. We follow a brook, then ascend Spruce Peak, descending to Prospect Rock again, and out to Manchester Depot. Fall foliage should be good so bring your cameras.

SATURDAY - OCT. 15 - 8:30 A.M.

Here's an easy one, only 5½ miles, but it includes Bromley Mt. We'll start at Mad Tom Shelter and come out on Route 11. Best view will be about a half-mile the other side of Bromley.

BRIDGE PROJECT STARTED

Emile Boselli wasted no time in getting started on the suspension bridge over Mill River at "the Gorge", and has already completed the first steps in its construction. Hikers who have had to wade the river this summer will be glad to hear this.

SECOND REMINDER

Time for the RUMAGE SALE is drawing near. We need an especially successful sale this year to aid in financing the Bridge Project. What we **want** is a big supply of things to sell - we always have plenty of customers. We're depending on each of you to furnish our stock.

The date and final details will be in the October SMOKE & BLAZES, but don't wait for **that**. Start collecting now and keep at it. We need everyone's help.

THE FAIR BOOTH PROJECT

The September 3rd hike to gather branches for trimming the GMC booth at the Fair brought out twelve members and junior members. The weather was perfect and one group ate lunch in the woods while the other ate at camp. The actual gathering of the spruce bows was very easy with so much help.

About two o'clock all hands went to the Fair Grounds and set up the booth. In no time at all the plywood was hung, map put up, pictures displayed and tables and chairs in place.

Boys from Camp Sangamon in Pittsford had made a model of a lean-to that resembled the ones found on the Long Trail. This model was placed on a card table and added just the right touch of atmosphere to the booth.

Sunday afternoon the booth was opened up for the benefit of people roaming the grounds, and to develop a spiel for use the rest of the week.

During the week the following took turns manning the booth: Mary and Vera Perkins, Ruth Fostman, Leone Smith, Betty Ball, Janet Martin, and Craigie Perkins. Distribution was made of 800 flyers, 200 Long Trail Newses, 200 Short Trips folders, and 6 Guide Books. The latter were sold and the others given out with discretion.

The six feet high map of Vermont was the big attraction. The Long Trail and all shelters were clearly shown. About 300 separate parties were lured into the booth and given the story of the Trail and the Club.

The aluminum cook-kit, donated by Mrs. Lillian Lodge of the New York Section, was offered as the prize in a contest. The contestant had to give the correct answers to three true-or-false questions about the Trail

and the mountains. Then he estimated the weight of a light pack.

About 1000 questions were asked during the week, of about 500 contestants. 124 got their questions answered correctly, and Frank H. Kingsley Jr. of Whitehall, New York guessed 19 lbs. and 8 oz. on the weight of the pack which was exactly right. 110 guessers were high and only 13 low, which confirms the suspicion long held that the scales don't tell the truth about packs. Patty Claypool made the best guess of any Rutlander. The asking of questions kept people in the booth much of the time and that made other people stop to see what was going on.

The booth was located next to the Vermont and Federal Forest booths which were manned by representatives of those services. This gave an excellent opportunity to discuss many problems with them at leisure.

Leone Smith spoke over WGY and told about the GMC one noon-time at the invitation of the station. That sort of thing can't be bought.

A school teacher asked for folders for the use of her class studying about Vermont. She plans to have the slide collection at a PTA meeting.

Representatives of a hotel and three motels learned of the Trail as an attraction for their guests.

A surprising number of young people told us what parts of the Trail they had travelled. We suspect most of them never knew before how the Trail was maintained.

Last but not least, many old friends of the Club came in to say "Hello" and find out what was new.

Too bad we didn't have a recording machine in the booth. Here are some of the remarks made:

"What ! Ya hafta walk ?"

"Yeah, I helped build all them shelters."

"But couldn't a bear come right in?"

"Mister, if you want to catch a nice mess of trout just come up to ----- and ask for-----. Don't bring your boots 'cause they won't do any good. You'll be in mud up to your hips and water to your neck. Other folks turn back when it gets muddy but I don't, see?"

"Do you know where a man can rent a burro?"

"----- and this timber wolf jumped right on my boy's back."

"Where can I get a map like that?"

"I could hike the whole Trail in two weeks easy."

"What do you take with you?"

"Look, I live right there!"

"I carved this sword. Haven't got the teeth done yet. Figured I might as well be whittling as wasting my time."

"Good morning, we want you to know more about the Long Trail and the Green Mountain Club."

This last was repeated about 1000 times at least.

REPORT OF THE INTERSECTIONAL

Though August 20th and 21st were two of the hottest days we had this summer, 58 people attended the Intersectional held in the Danby-Mt Tabor area.

Fifteen of this number were from the Killington Section. We had hoped Killington would be represented by a larger number for this event is one of the Club's ways of uniting all the Sections into one big family.

The camping, the hiking, the campfire meeting, and the greeting of old friends all added up to an enjoyable week end.

Details will be written up in the Nov. LONG TRAIL NEWS.

NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS

We are very glad to welcome 29 new Junior members into the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. We hope they along with our other junior members will get to know and enjoy our Club.

The following is the list of new members:

Richard Belcher
David Booraem
William Cleland
Gerald Coutts
Ronald Da'nillian
Richard Foltz
Charles Colovin
Robert Green
Thomas Hackett
Edward Hirst, Jr.
Bobbie Hume
James Leslie
Tom Lovely
Joel Lovering
Leigh Lovering
Teddy McIntire
Bill MacClarence
Butch Nichols
Dale Petersen
Jack Plum
Michael Price
Jon Provost
Joseph Reynolds
Jim Van Orden
Phillip Wood, Jr.
Donald Wroght
Thomas Raney
Marie Bell

HONESTY ON THE TRAIL

We are happy to report that honesty on the Trail prevails. During the past summer several valuable articles have been lost on the Trail, found by other hikers, and returned to the owners.

Now if we can educate all hikers to treat GMC shelters with due respect, we might say that we are on the road to an ideal situation.

EQUINOX BY CAR

4

In view of the fact, that there are many hikers who for one reason or another sometime like to climb a mountain by car, let's take a trip up Equinox that way.

A short distance out of Manchester on route 7 there is a Toll House at the entrance of what is known as the Sky Line Drive to the top of Mt. Equinox. Toll-keepers are on hand to give information and sell you your ticket for the drive, which is \$3.00 per car. You may have as many passengers in your car as you wish.

The six and one-half mile ride up the toll road is easy to take for the road is never less than 24 feet wide and in many places is much wider. There are several parking places along the way where marvelous views may be enjoyed.

From the Toll House to the summit the road climbs approximately 3,200 feet in a distance of $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles. This is a greater climb from entrance to summit than is made by any other toll road save one east of the Mississippi.

The story of how this road came to be made is interesting. Dr. J. G. Davidson, who has lived in California for many years, found something appealing about Vermont, its hills and valleys, and its people. In 1939 he bought a large tract of land on Mt. Equinox and later built a home in the gap known as Southeast Corners, at an elevation of 2,016 feet. He was obliged to improve the old wagon road in order to bring in materials for his house. After he was settled here, he often took a hike from his home in the gap up the rest of the mountain, 1800 feet to the top. One day he decided that a toll road could be built so that others, as well as himself, could enjoy the views from the summit. More land was acquired and in 1947 the road was finished from Route 7

to the top of Big Equinox, 3,816 feet above sea level.

At the summit there are fireplaces available for picnickers. There are also tables and benches and a fountain where clear, cool spring water may be obtained. Though there are no constant springs at or near the top, water is pumped from a never failing spring on the west side of the mountain through a pipe more than a mile long which rises vertically more than two thousand feet. The stream from this spring later on disappears into a cavern, the exit of which has never been discovered.

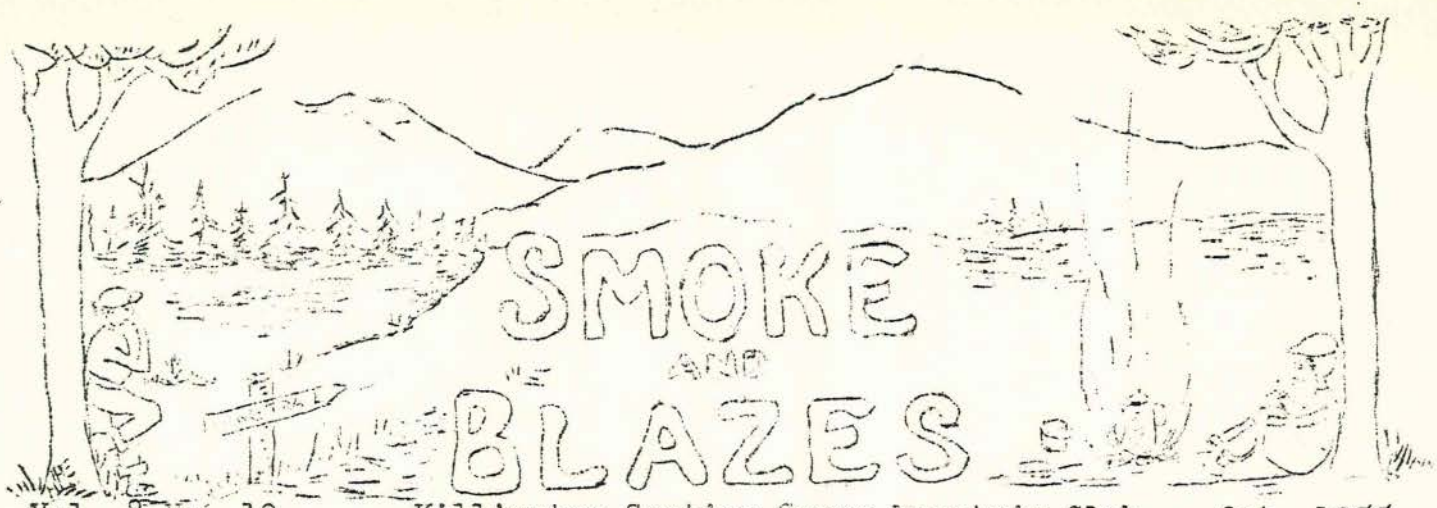
This trip would not be complete without a visit to Sky Line Inn so let's step inside and see a truly representative architectural model for plastic materials. Where ever plastics could be used, they were used.

The building houses a beautiful lounge, cocktail room, dining room, and guest rooms. Hotel service is maintained during the summer.

The hearths in front of the fireplaces in the dining room and lounge are of special interest. Many years ago it was a popular pastime to climb the mountain and carve one's name or initials in the soft rock that forms the summit. Many of the more legible carvings were cut out of the solid rock and used to build the hearths. The earliest inscription is dated 1776. The next one was carved 140 years ago by L. Brown in 1815. Most of the family names on the hearths are still well known in the Vermont valley.

At our Intersectional, when the thermometer registered close to 100, some smart folks took their mountain climbing by way of the Sky Line Drive to Equinox. They reported a grand day on top, while those of us who stayed below, sweated it out on the sun-baked camp grounds.

Next summer, when it's too hot to hike, climb Equinox by car.



Vol. 8 No. 10

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Oct. 1955

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sun., Oct. 30 - 10:30 A.M.
Place - Mad Tom Shelter to
Route 11

Originally planned for Oct. 15th, this hike was rained out. Since it completed our fall series-hikes, we were anxious to get it in and so have re-scheduled it. The trip over the Appalachian Trail from Long Trail Lodge to Gifford Woods originally scheduled for this day will be given another date, possibly early in December.

We plan to leave Meldon School at 10:30 A.M. and have lunch at Mad Tom before starting the hike. This will give us ample time for the $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Route 11. This should be an interesting and not too difficult trip, so don't miss it.

Time - Saturday, Nov. 12
Place - Beechwood - Covered Dish
Supper

This is an earlier than usual date for our Covered Dish Supper, so planned to avoid a snowy road (we hope).

The house will be open anytime after 2 P.M. so that those who wish may enjoy an afternoon in the country and work up an appetite. Supper will be served at 6:30 P.M.

If you plan to be there for

supper, please call Vera Perkins (3-2941) sometime during the week (before Sat. noon, please) and check on the number in your party and the food you are to bring. Remember to bring your own plate (we suggest a big one), cup, knife, fork, and spoon.

In the evening we hope to see some colored slides taken on recent trips by one of our members. In addition, if you have colored slides taken on The Trail in our section or on some of our outings, please bring them along. You might select 6 or 8 which you think would be good for a Killington Section collection. We will show as many of these as time permits and this will help Jan Catozzi to get our collection started.

You only have to be able to hike around the table and pick up your supper to be eligible for this one, so let's make it a representative get-together.

RUMMAGE SALE - FRIDAY, NOV. 4th

We now have our date for the Rummage Sale, Friday, Nov. 4th - 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. The place will be the Neighborhood Rooms, as usual, with the customary committee in charge.

We need a big supply of goods of all kinds: clothing, (children's and large sizes especially welcome), household equipment, kitchen ware, dishes,

decorative nick-nacks, gadgets, toys, etc., etc. In fact you bring it and name it and we can sell it!

We will be at the Rooms from 9-5 on Thursday, Nov. 3rd to receive your donations. Please try and get things to us that day so that we can have them priced and ready for Friday. If you have material but no way to get it to us, call Craigie Perkins(3-7954), or Vera Perkins (3-2941) before Thursday morning, Nov. 3rd.

We will need some help in getting the material ready on Thursday and for the Sale Friday, especially when it first opens at 9 A.M. It will be much appreciated if anyone available to help will contact us and tell us what time they can give us.

Let's make this a real cooperative effort and put over a big Sale. Remember we're building that bridge and we need the money!

SUGGESTIONS WANTED

We are beginning to think about plans for Killington Section's Annual Meeting in January. What type of meeting would you like and what would you like for a program?

The Covered Dish Supper at Beechwood usually brings out a crowd so that seems like a good time to get some ideas. Be thinking it over and let us have your suggestions then.

GREETINGS RECEIVED

Jan and Jack Martin heard recently from Arnold Keuster, German exchange teacher in Ludlow last year. Arnold hiked with us frequently during his year here and sent greetings to the GMC group. He is now back in his former teaching position in Germany.

A VISIT TO A MASS. STATE PARK

After a lapse of a year the fall camping trip started 7 years ago by 4 GMCers was resumed this year.

Leaving Rutland on Oct. 10th we headed for Savoy Mt. State Park by way of the Mohawk Trail from Greenfield.

The foliage color was at its height and the roadside stands with their gorgeous arrangements of apples, pumpkins, squash, cabbages, and the like, vied with the hillsides in color display.

Dutton Pines State Park, a few miles north of Brattleboro, located in a beautiful grove of pines and as neat as the proverbial pin, proved an ideal place for our picnic lunch.

After enjoying the fine views from the Mohawk Trail as far as the East Summit we started in search of a campsite in Savoy Park.

A tour of what seemed like the whole 10,000 acres which the park contains did not disclose what seemed to us a desirable campsite, so we decided to try for something better. This we found at Windsor State Forest about 20 miles away.

This park is located on the Westfield River in a very attractive setting.

Our first concern was to get our tents set before dark and to forage for enough wood from the surrounding fireplaces to cook our supper. In a suprisingly short time this was done, and we were enjoying steak cooked over an open fire.

There followed two days of typical camp activities, loafing in the sun and exploring the nearby back roads by car and on foot.

When we broke camp on the third morning we all agreed this was the perfect type of relaxing vacation, and all at a minimum cost. Why not try it sometime?

FROM GOUT JOB TO PROSPECT ROCK

3

TWO WEEKS LATER

Early Saturday morning, September 17th, fourteen hikers from the Killington Section left Rutland in cars and rode to the Arlington Wardsboro road and the Gout Job. After getting cars located in the right place to be ready to take the hikers home at the end of the journey, we started out on the hike. It was a beautiful fall day and everyone was in a gay mood.

Though it was a twelve mile hike, we all agreed that it was an easy one, for there were no climbs, and the scenery was beautiful all along the way.

At Stratton Pond and Willis Ross Camp we stopped just long enough to see that everything was in good order. Walking along the Trail, following the shore line, we thought how remote and peaceful this spot was. Then, when we came to Bourn Pond, we found that here was another spot, wilder, and more remote than Stratton. We couldn't decide which of the two was the most beautiful.

We walked on after eating our lunch at Bourn Pond. There was little change in elevation as we continued over an old abandoned railroad grade, and finally reached the old Swezy Camp after passing the new Swezy under construction.

At Swezy we turned down an old road and followed it about a mile to Prospect Rock. The rock is high up over Downer Glen and gives wonderful views of Equinox Mountain, the Taconic range, Dorset Valley and the hills far to the north.

Another mile or so down to the cars and then the long ride home.

Twelve more miles were marked off the length of the Long Trail toward our End-to-Enders award.

With the foliage at its best, the weather still holding perfect, and the same crowd with a few additions, we started our hike this time on the Peru Road, Route 11, where the Trail crosses the highway. We came out at Prospect Rock.

This was a short one; only seven and one half miles. The highlights of this one were the view from Spruce Peak lookout, and the anticipation of more views when we would come out at Prospect Rock. Though Spruce Peak lookout is about 200 feet off the Trail, and a steep climb, it was well worth the effort involved.

Lunch was eaten beside the Trail. The coolness of fall was felt as soon as we stopped exercising so extra jackets were taken from knapsacks, dry spots for sitting down places were in demand, and a hot cup of tea tasted very good.

When we reached Prospect Rock again, we settled down to enjoy the view, for we had plenty of time.

Eventually all things come to an end, so it was with this, our hike. But it wasn't quite over yet. We had that rocky road to walk down to the cars! We noticed the difference in what our feet could take at the end of a seven mile hike in comparison to what they could take at the end of a twelve mile hike.

WORK PARTY

A party of two, Raymond Catozzi and Craigie Perkins, did some Trail clearing from Sunnyside north to the lookout. Some blowdowns were removed. There are more to be taken out, and beyond the lookout a paint job is needed on stakes or stones in the open field. For anyone not familiar with the Trail, this area is a difficult one.

"CAMPING AT KATAHDIN"

Under the above caption there was published in the June 1955 APPALACHIA an article describing a twelve day camping trip at Katahdin.

The party saw many kinds of game, and visited little frequented sections of the Park.

Illustrations include unusual photographs of moose near Russell Pond.

Reprints are available from the Appalachian Trail Conference at 25¢ each. The address is: 1916 Sunderland Place, N. W., Washington 6. D. C.

GUIDE BOOKS

Anyone contemplating a trip to Katahdin should purchase the new Guide to the Appalachian Trail in New England. This may also be obtained at the above address for \$1.25.

GMC GUIDE BOOK

Our own new Guide Book will be out early in 1956. Barre Section members are assisting Gene Bamforth in typing copy.

Another interesting Guide book is : TENT CAMPER'S GUIDE TO NEW ENGLAND AND NEW YORK STATE CAMPING AREAS. by Don Parry, Rocky Hill, Conn. Outdoor Publishers - 1954 59 pages \$1.00

This Guide lists over 150 camping areas. For each it gives condensed information on the location, the size of the area, the type of setting, the principal attractions, fees (if any), and the best seasons for camping.

WOMAN HIKES APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Hiking grandma, Emma Gatewood of Gallipolis, Ohio, is believed to be the only

4

woman to have hiked the entire Appalachian Trail in one season.

The 67 year old woman completed 1,900 miles of rugged trail in 4½ months. She slept in the open or in lean-tos, wore dungarees and a lumberman's jacket and carried a 25 pound pack, including food and blanket.

We congratulate her on her success but wouldn't recommend her performance to anyone we know.

In the first place, she shouldn't have started out alone. In the second place, she wasn't equipped properly.

To accomplish what she did, seems almost beyond belief. Averaging 16 miles a day is more than a stunt at the age of 67.

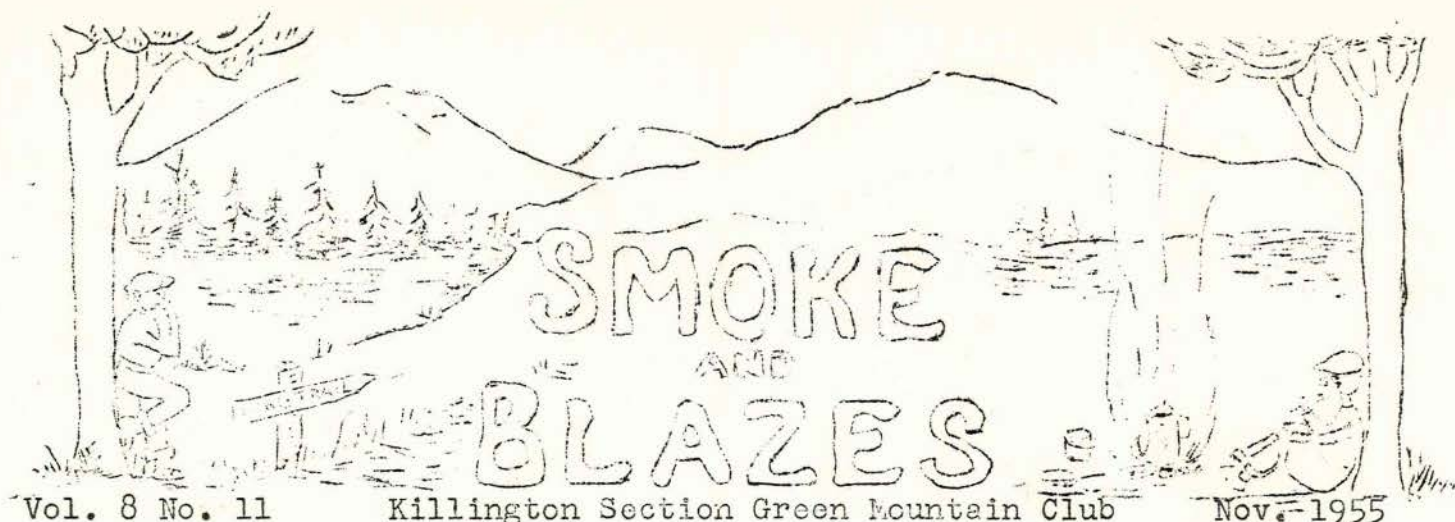
"WHERE I GO I LEAVE NO SIGN"

This is an old Indian saying that should be adopted by all hikers. What a pleasure it is to walk over trails and find them as nature intended them to be.

On the other hand, when we find gum wrappers, paper cups, cigarette stubs, beer cans, orange peel and many other signs that tell us "trail hogs" have passed, how we wish the Indian saying had been put into practice.

Unfortunately, the majority of people are so in the habit of discarding "waste" in the street or out of car windows that they do it unconsciously in the woods.

The habit is so widespread that each and every person in the woods must be alert to be sure he or she is not an offender. This matter requires individual thought. It is just as easy to put gum wrappers into a pocket as it is to throw them on the ground. It requires very little effort to gather the remains of a lunch and either burn it up at the camp fire, or bundle it up to be taken home and burned. Try to practice : "Where I go, I leave no sign."



COMING EVENTS

by
Betty Ball

Time - Sun., Nov. 27 - 9:30 A.M.
Place - Blue Ridge Mountain

It looks as if there would be snow underfoot for this one, and probably not all the members will try the somewhat slippery climb. Those who hike to the top will snack a little there, but have more lunch and hot coffee on their return to the Perkins' Camp, about 2 P.M., so bring along two lunches, little and not so little. Those who merely hike near the Camp will eat there about noon.

This is wonderful hiking country with walks available to suit all tastes.

Time - Sat., Dec. 10 - 1:00 P.M.
Place - Gifford Woods by Appalachian Trail to Long Trail Lodge.

This was postponed from October 30th, when we caught up on our Long Trail series-hikes. It's a short jaunt so an afternoon should be enough. We will meet at Meldon as usual, after lunch and try this territory new to many of us. There will probably be a good bit of snow.

CARD PARTY IDEA

A new twist to the Card Party has been suggested. The idea is that we might have it

some Wednesday evening in cooperation with the Community Club. In this way they would be providing a place and we in return would provide the refreshments and a door prize. The proceeds would be split 50-50.

If it is decided to do this the date of the Card Party would be changed from early December to sometime after the first of the year, as the Community Club programs are filled until then.

It seems as though this might be fun and advantageous to both groups.

Watch for a definite announcement on this in your December SMOKE & BLAZES. In the meantime if you have any suggestions let us hear from you.

BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD SOON

A Killington Section Board meeting will be held early in December to plan for our Annual Meeting. We have an idea or two but would welcome suggestions, especially as to what you would like for a program.

At this meeting we would also like to make some progress on getting our Killington Section slide collection started. If you have slides you think might be good for this please get them to Jan Catozzi by December 1st so that we may look them over at the Board meeting and select some to have duplicated. We have money in our Budget for this but need your help in order to use it!

MAD TOM TO ROUTE 11

We finally made it! It looked like a fair chance of clearing when we assembled at "Heldon School on Sunday, October 30th for a second attempt at completing our series-hikes. So, optimistic, as always, we started. Before we reached Manchester it was raining and the mountain tops were shrouded in clouds - it might clear tho! It was still raining when we reached the junction of The Long Trail and Route 11 where we would finish our hike. A general public opinion poll indicated that having come so far a second time we should not turn back. So, it was on to MadTom and lunch.

Although an open shelter, Mad Tom furnished enough protection for a comfortable lunch hour. With our dependable fire-man on the job, the fire soon won out over the rain even in a wet outdoor fireplace. Hot coffee and a good lunch fortified us well for five miles in the rain to Route 11.

The air was crisp but not too cold and with the woods protecting us from the wind it was not at all a bad trip. When we came out on the top of Bromley we had a few minutes to enjoy some quite rugged weather. The wind and fog were really sweeping across there.

At the new Bromley Lodge, a cozy closed shelter, part of the group lingered to allow time for the cars left at Mad Tom to be collected, while the drivers pushed on to Route 11 at once.

In spite of our best efforts it was impossible to time it exactly so the last group had a few minutes to wait at the highway for their transportation home. This was probably the most uncomfortable part of the trip.

All in all we found this bit of Trail a pleasant and easy stretch. Of course we were sorry to miss the views but the general

feeling of the crowd was well expressed by one hiker who said, as he settled into the car for the drive home, "Well, I really enjoyed that, I don't know why!"

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$121.39

We are happy to report that our Rummage Sale was once again successful. The net proceeds exceeded even our most optimistic hopes.

Of course this would not have been possible without the support of our membership. We were very pleased with the response to our request in SMOKE & BLAZES for salable material. It was a big boost to our morale to get cooperation from such a large percent of the members for this Sectional Project. To all of you we say, "Thank you."

We say an extra "thank you" also to Ruth Postman, Isabel Hakens, "T" Valiquette, and Eleanor Walker, who helped on pricing, arranging, selling, and/or cleaning up.

This project continues to be a dependable money raiser so get that box ready and start a collection for next year right away. We expect the bridge will be completed by then but there is always something which needs doing.

STRAYED - ONE SPOON & FORK

Will those who attended the Beechwood Party please check their utensils for a spoon and fork which doesn't belong there.

If you find such get in touch with Maude Canty, she is minus them.

1956 MEMBERSHIP LIST STARTED!

Some dues for 1956 have been paid already, several new Junior members signed up at the Beechwood Party.

COVERED DISH SUPPER ET CETERA

On the contrary, that's about the only thing we didn't eat.

This year the annual Beechwood party was held about a month earlier than usual on account of some of our members can't keep between the fences when there is snow on the ground.

The weather was fine! Cloudy in the morning, clearing off warm and sunny. An argument started as to whether it was Indian Summer or not. Just then the Late Freight pulled in, and he said no, that was in October when a six-foot Siou tried to hitch a ride. It seems he thought we said "Indian Thumber." Honestly, some people!

About two-thirty the gang began to arrive by ones, twos, and sixes. They immediately divided into two groups called ----- well, different things by different people. To avoid hard feelings let's call them The Walkers and The Talkers.

The Talkers proceeded to talk and The Walkers proceeded to walk. One expedition got way up onto the Notch Road before the sun began to set. When they returned, The Talkers were talking.

Professor Joe Hadeka rang the school bell and gave us a quiz program, catch-as-catch-can. The Talkers, having talked themselves out, conversed.

In due time, somebody hollered "Come and get it." We all lined up to select our suppers from the dishes on the big table. Those near the end of the line didn't seem to be making much progress and it was discovered that the head of the line had been trapped by the gravitational field of the table and were rotating around it as satellites.

After this interesting situation had been adjusted, we got down to the serious business of trying to limit ourselves to a little of everything. There were plenty of main dishes and plenty

of dessert at least for a while.

After supper the usual clean up crew got their usual work-out. (Something ought to be done about that.)

Miss Ewald entertained with a showing of slides taken on her recent trip to South America. We will have to put it on the hike schedule sometime soon. Very nice!

Emile Boselli and Jack Martin broke out some of their slides of past hikes. Why does everybody laugh? Jack is now working with a new filter he claims makes his subjects look twenty years younger. (Aw, go on. You're just sayin' that!)

Another good party, with some old and some new faces, but not on the same people.

Before we disbanded we asked the Late Freight why the Siou had to be six feet tall and he admitted that he didn't know exactly how tall he was, but said that he must have been more than a little brave.

Aren't we all?

WHAT ABOUT SUNNYSIDE?

We haven't heard anything about Sunnyside of late and have been thinking it must be time to close her in for the winter.

There are a few other little jobs up there that could be done at the same time.

If someone gets ambitious and gets a little work party together perhaps we could report in the next issue of SMOKE & BLAZES "mission completed."

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is just around the corner so we take this opportunity to wish all our members and friends a happy day. Enjoy your turkey, eat and be merry, and don't count calories.

DIRECTOR OF VERMONT FOREST SERVICE HONORED

For the eighth consecutive year, The American Forestry Association bestowed Distinguished Service Awards on five deserving Americans who have made outstanding contributions toward the conservation of our natural renewable resources.

We are happy to quote from AMERICAN FORESTS magazine, Nov. issue, the following:

"Perry H. Merrill, Montpelier, Vermont - Award in the field of Public Servants. As state forester for Vermont for the past 25 years, Mr. Merrill has led in the development of the outstanding forestry and parks organization in that state.

"No state forester in history has given more generously of his own time, energy and money to the broad phases of forestry in his state and the nation than Mr. Merrill.

"In recognition of his services to Vermont, Middlebury College presented him an honorary Doctor of Science degree. His citation read in part.....'With sure skills and fundamental knowledge gained by patient study and practical experience, you are making a unique contribution to the welfare of our state.' "

The Public Servants award was given to Mr. Merrill by the American Forestry Association at their annual meeting held this year at Jacksonville, Fla.

A WILDERNESS CAMP

The day of luxury camps for children as well as adults is passing out of popularity in favor of wilderness camps. Much can be said of the rewards of wilderness camping for it is one of the most valuable and satisfying of all outdoor experiences. To begin with, it is

a way of life different from the mechanical way of life of the average American. It is rugged, it is simple, and it is close to nature. The creature comforts are left at home and the wilderness camper never seems to miss them.

In New York State on Lake Chateaugay, there is such a camp called Tanager Lodge. At this camp, Mr. Fay Welch, who is the director, says he will have none of the fancy extras which are so prized in many camps these days; such as movies, tennis, exhibitions of fancy horsemanship etc. Nor does he offer cabins to the campers with livingrooms, running water, or flush toilets.

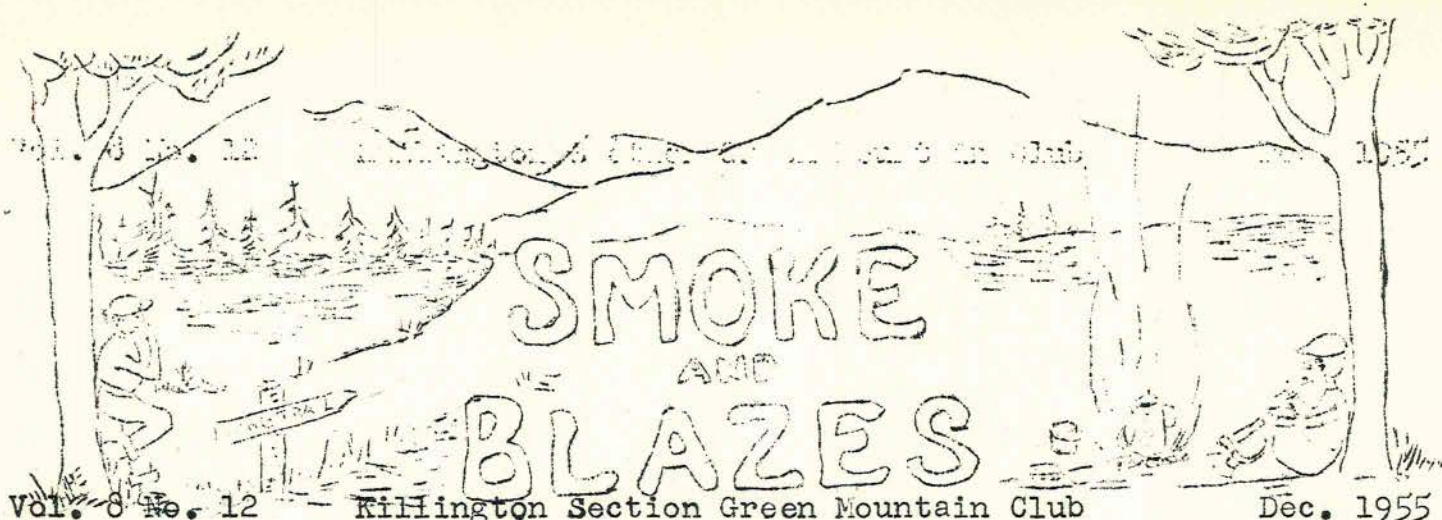
Even on chilly mornings, campers wash their faces kneeling on a rock in the lake, and use a latrine they themselves have dug.

This camp is not too easy to reach, and the director considers this a point in its favor. No motor road passes within many miles of Tanager Lodge. A small launch carries all passengers, supplies, and mail from the opposite shore, a good forty minutes away.

At this camp boys and girls learn to become good woodsmen and to know the basic skills of camping.

The program includes mountain climbing, nature lore, and canoeing as well as camping lore. Knowledge that was common even to small children in Davy Crockett's day, now has to be taught to all campers. For example, never pitch your tent under a dead tree, or one riddled with woodpecker holes, which might blow over on you in the night.

Mr. Welch and his wife make it their business to see that the boys and girls who come to their camp learn to take care of themselves in the woods, and do it with safety and enjoyment. They help city children to see the beauty of a sunset and the glory of the stars. Such rewards are not measured in \$.



COMING EVENTS
by
Betty Ball

Time - Sat., Dec. 31 - 10:30 A.M.
Place - Tucker Lodge

Here's an old favorite at a new time - on the verge of the New Year. However, it's a luncheon at Tucker, and a short hike both ways, so anyone can make the trip and get home in time for New Year's Eve festivities. There may be enough snow for snowshoeing by then.

Time - Sun., Jan. 15 - 10:30 A.M.
Place - Clarendon Lodge

This short hike is perfect for winter weather. No matter how the wind doth blow, we are sheltered by evergreens, and the climbing keeps us warm. There is plenty of hiking country beyond the lodge for the energetic, and a comfortable place to warm up and relax for the not-so-energetic. We can make a loop by going up by the wood road, and coming back by The Long Trail.

CARD PARTY - JAN. 11

Wednesday evening, January 11, has been decided on for our GMC Card Party to be held in cooperation with the Community Club. This party is being planned not only in the hope of adding a bit to our treasury, but also that our members and friends may enjoy a pleasant, social evening together.

This is going to be a real party with refreshments, a small

prize for the winner at each table, and a door prize! Playing will get underway by 8 P.M. Plan to play any game you wish - bridge, canasta, scrabble, bali, or what have you? Bring your own playing equipment - tables and chairs will be provided. The cost of all this will be 50¢ per person (plus some sandwiches which we will solicit from some of you).

To help in planning for refreshments we need a fairly accurate estimate of how many will be present. Accordingly, we want to contact each one of you to see how many tickets you will use. If each household will take its own tickets it will avoid duplication in count. You may combine any way you wish to make up tables for playing. Count in friends you are bringing with you who are not members with yours. It will help greatly if you will call one of the committee and report how many tickets you will use - we will get them to you. Or, you may get them from Eleanor Walker at the C.V. If we haven't heard from you by Jan. 6th, you'll hear from us! We don't want anyone to be skipped!

The committee from GMC includes:

Louise Adams (3-8694)
Cecile Campbell (3-8608)
Jan Catozzi (3-3006)
Jan Martin (3-8621)
Mary Perkins (3-7954)
Eleanor Walker (3-3251)
Vera Perkins (3-2941)

We would like to hear from others willing to help.

Let's all get together on this show the Community Club we're a live organization; make a little money; and have a lot of fun.

TENTATIVE ANNUAL MEETING PLANS

A supper meeting proved to be so successful in getting out an Annual Meeting crowd last year that we decided to try it again. This year we have arranged with Helen Koltonski to have our supper and meeting at Riverside. Miss Koltonski will serve us a supper for 75¢ per person. Some of us were there for a Community Club supper this fall and can assure you it will be good.

This meeting will be held early in February. There will be election of officers, of course, and an interesting program is being arranged.

Look for the exact date and final details in your January SMOKE AND BLAZES.

OUR HIKE TO BLUERIDGE

On November 27th we went up to the Perkins Camp. First we met at Meldon School at 9 A.M., filled up the cars and started off.

There were a few new hikers present and a couple of old ones who haven't been on the recent hikes.

When we got up to the Camp, we got all bundled up to start on our journey up the mountain. The people who went up the mountain were mostly children but a few adults did attempt the climb.

There was some snow on the ground along the way, and when we were on our last 300 yards we found about a half inch of snow.

When we reached the top, we went exploring among the trees. One of the girls said, "I never knew trees grew like that!" We never did either! While we stayed at the top, some sat and enjoyed the scenery, some ate, and others explored. After a

while we got cold, hungry, and tired so we started back. We ran most of the way down and stopped at the Cascades for a drink of water and a rest. It didn't take long to get down off the mountain and back to Camp.

The first thing we did on reaching Camp was eat. We had a few little troubles like a girl didn't have a glass. Well, that was just a little trouble. Another girl burned her hotdogs.

After we ate, we went into the living room and played cards.

Betty Ball went up to the pond to listen for birds. I don't think she heard any though because by this time all the young folks were out doors having a loud and good time. Good and jolly Mr. Perkins was showing us how to do acrobatics. Boy! What a snappy man!

Well, around 5:15 P.M. we had to break up. We had a wonderful time and we are waiting for another occasion to do it again.

Mary M. Wood
Anne O'Rourke

APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKE

We missed the youngsters on this one. Joe Hadeka was the only Junior member present. Betty Ball, Eleanor Walker, Vera, Mary, and Craig Perkins made up the adult section of the party. Pokie, Betty's dog, also came along and had a grand time.

It was Saturday afternoon, December 10th, crowds of Christmas shoppers were pushing and shoving their way up to counters in city stores that were hot and stuffy. Confusion, frustration, and headaches prevailed while our little group reveled in the beauty of snow covered woods.

We left one car at Sherburne Pass and all drove over in a second car to Gifford Woods. On the trail, in these beautiful

hard woods, we started our climb. The trail was well marked and easy to follow. There was no need to hurry as this was a short hike, only three miles, so we walked along at a leisurely gait, chatting and puffing as we climbed. The going under foot was fair to good. With only about four inches of snow on the ground, we had to watch our step in some places where rock crevices could prove disastrous.

After walking for some time in the hard woods, we finally entered the evergreen area. Here the branches were covered with snow and gave that fairy land affect. Of course this brought forth the question, "Are hard woods or soft woods more beautiful?" To this there was no answer for we all agreed it was a case of personal preference. On one point there was no hesitation: Oh, give us a mountain with trees that reach to the sky. A forest of spruce, of pine, or of hemlock. Or a mountain of maple, or birch, or of beech. But give us a mountain with trees.

SUNNYSIDE

On November 20th a work trip was made to Sunnyside Camp. It was found that some unknown friends had finished putting on the bunk boards.

A grate has been installed in the stove. It wasn't the right one, but no matter. The stove pipe was firmly set up.

After lunch, the big doors were fixed for winter so that only one can be opened. The spaces between the top plate and the roof boards between the rafters were filled in with cardboard to keep out the wind.

The next job is to put up the rest of the wall board.

Janet and Jack Martin and Craigie Perkins were the workers.

SLIDES TO BE SHOWN

On Thursday, Dec. 29th at 7:30 P.M. the GMC slide collection will be shown at the Madison St. Recreation Building.

It has occurred to us that the parents of the young people who have been coming on hikes with us might like to know "what it's all about." We are sending out letters to several inviting them to be present. Of course, anyone else who wants to come will be very welcome. Probably the slides won't be shown in Rutland again this year so why not invite some of your friends to see them? There is no admission charge of course.

We hope to have somebody tell about the Club and how it operates, and answer any questions that my come up.

In arranging for the use of the hall, it was discovered that the Rutland Recreation Department had never heard of the Green Mountain Club. That has been corrected, but there are too many others. We must have better publicity-----to gain new members-----to provide more manpower-----to maintain our trails and shelters in better condition-----which will result in better publicity etc.

So let's see what we can do about getting some new people out to see the slides on Dec. 29th.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Dan Jennings Jr. will be home for Christmas from California where he is on duty for Uncle Sam.

Michael Jennings returns for the holidays from Illinois. William Allard Jr. and Marjorie Allard will be home from their studies in Burlington, Vt.

Charles Sabourin and family have returned from Decatur, Ill. to work and reside in Rutland permanently. Welcome back folks !

7 NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The following committee has been appointed to bring in a slate of officers for 1956; George Conlon, chairman, Ray Catozzi, and Ruth Postman. This committee will report at the annual meeting of Killington Section.

...G.M.C. TO BE ADVERTISED IN NEW YORK

Ray Catozzi has recently completed a most attractive poster for the publicity committee of the main GMC. Beginning in the spring this poster will be on display in the Vermont Development Commission's office in New York.

This poster is worked out on a background with a wood grain effect and is titled **WALK IN THE WILDERNESS**. An outline map of Vermont, filled in in green, has The Long Trail clearly dotted throughout its length. The immediate foreground shows a replica of the characteristic Long Trail sign, used at all points where The Trail crosses a highway. A mountain skyline and evergreen trees in silhouette form a most effective background. The location of Rutland as the headquarters office of GMC is shown.

This poster will be a fine addition to the Development Commission's New York display and should arouse interest in GMC and The Long Trail.

LET'S TALK ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Have you ever wondered, as you were trimming your Christmas tree or writing your Christmas cards, where these customs began? We recently read an article which gave some interesting sidelights on the origin of some of these.

The Christmas tree itself is believed to be a survival of the Tree Worship of early German tribes. St. Boniface urged his converts in

8th Century Germany to take the pine tree which he said, "pointed straight up to the Christ Child", into their homes at Christmas time. Martin Luther was the first to put lighted candles on a little fir tree for his children. The Christmas Tree first appeared in this country during the Revolution when Hessian soldiers trimmed a tree. Now more Christmas trees are used in the United States than in any other country. Since 1941 the National Christmas Tree has been a giant spruce on the south lawn of the White House grounds.

As for Christmas cards, this idea originated in England. It developed from the custom of school children writing "Christmas Pieces" to show their originality and penmanship. In 1846 one Henry Cole sent the first Christmas greeting to friends on calling cards, hand-painted with a spray of holly or mistletoe. The next year as an experiment a publisher printed 1000 cards and sold them all. The year 1952 marked the 100th anniversary of the Christmas card in this country. Although Christmas cards have now become "big business", many people make their own and they still fulfill their original purpose of carrying a friendly greeting to friends.

These are but two of the many familiar Christmas customs. Whatever ever their origins these customs have become a part of our traditional Christmas celebration and as such contribute toward making Christmas the most special season of the year. A time when, to quote from a children's play, "Everyone feels good from the inside out."

*
* A MERRY CHRISTMAS *
* and a *
* HAPPY NEW YEAR *
* to all *
*



Vol. 9 No. 1

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Jan. 1956

COMING EVENTS

by
Betty Ball

Time - Sat., Jan, 28 - 10 A.M.
Place - Sunnyside Camp

Come and see the completed Sunnyside. Plenty of uphill exercise guaranteed and probably a chance of snowshoeing. This is a snug shelter now, with a good chance to warm up if the weather is frosty, and it's a comparatively short hike, so good for winter. If it's a nice day, clearing up of brush etc., around the outside will be in order.

ANNUAL MEETING OF KILLINGTON SECTION - FEB. 9

Plans are pretty well completed for our Annual Meeting, Thursday evening, February 9th.

As we announced earlier, we will try a supper meeting again this year. This time there will be no work for members involved, as we have arranged with Miss Helen Koltonski to put on our supper for us at Riverside. Supper will be served at 6:30 P.M. and the price will be 75¢ per person. We must have reservations for the supper as Miss Koltonski has to know the number to prepare for. Accordingly, a return postcard will be mailed to each household about Feb. 1st. When you receive this PLEASE fill in the number of reservations and return by the date requested. If you plan to come to supper,

make a reservation. If something comes up unexpectedly to prevent your coming, call Eleanor Walker (3-3251) and cancel.

After supper we will have our usual business meeting with brief reports from the various committees, election of officers, and a discussion of plans for the coming year.

For our entertainment program we hope to have Mr. Lucius Carey, one of our Adirondack Club friends from Glend Falls, show us some colored slides from his collection.

Sometime along during the evening we plan to slip in a little quiz to test your knowledge of GMC, The Long Trail and the Green Mts. This will all be in fun, (you'll score your own papers), but just to add a little incentive we'll award a small prize to the high scorer.

Some of us don't hike, some of us don't play cards, but we all eat, so let's have a record attendance at supper and the meeting following. Seriously though, if it isn't convenient to come to supper, come to the meeting anyway - this will probably get underway about 7:30. We would be glad to have anyone interested, or anyone who might become interested, in GMC attend the supper and/or the meeting. So why not hunt up a few such and bring them along with you?

This supper and meeting will be a pleasant, social evening, and it's a chance to get better acquainted with each other and with the activities of GMC.

TUCKER LODGE

by
Joe Hadeka

On December 31st we left Meldon School with a party of six to snowshoe in to Tucker Lodge. We soon discovered, however, that snowshoes were out of the question. Leaving our cabs at the Pico Ski Area parking lot, we started off. The weather was quite cold, but the sun was exceptionally warm when it was out. Trusty Craigie broke out the trail for the rest of the party and we all gathered wood along the way for our future fire.

Soon we arrived and found the shelter in fair condition except for the remains of a Christmas party which had apparently been held. A little hustling around soon had the Lodge spic and span and a comfortable fire started. As soon as the snow in the coffee pot showed signs of becoming coffee water, we began preparing lunch; keeping a lookout meanwhile for a party expected to arrive from Wilmington Del. This party never did show up.

A log had been laid across in front of the stove, resting on the edge of the bunk and a stone in the foundation wall. This was so we could take turns sitting and warming our feet in the oven. A later incident proved this log to be quite rotten. *

After lunch, we sat and talked until about 2:30 when we decided to hit the trail for home. Soon we reached the cars and departed with thoughts of the lovely day we had spent.

*(This incident to which Joe refers was a neat back flip unexpectedly executed by two members when the log collapsed as they were sitting with their feet on the oven door shelf, enjoying their luncheon dessert. Ed.)

CARD PARTY NETS GMC \$30.00

The card party held at the Community House Wednesday evening, January 11th, was as reported in the last issue, held in cooperation with the Rutland Community Club. This arrangement proved very satisfactory to both groups, and netted the Killington Section GMC \$30.00.

We wish to thank the committee who worked on this project, also all who made sandwiches, all who contributed though they could not attend, and those who did come and added to the enjoyable evening by their presence.

We also thank Betty Ball for furnishing the door prize which was won by Mrs. Mabel Ackley.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Dudley of Belmont, Vermont Killington Section members, are spending the winter in Tucson, Arizona.

Joseph Valiquette has returned to Norfolk, Va. after spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Valiquette.

Vera Perkins has left for California where she will spend a few weeks visiting relatives.

NEW GUIDE BOOK

The new 1956 Guide Book will be out February 15th.

This edition has been completely re-written. There have been fourteen editions of this book. Very often they could be revised by making a few corrections. This fifteenth edition has been brought up to date by Eugene Bamforth, Vice President of the Green Mountain Club. Plan to get this Guide Book at our GMC office.

ON A CLOUDY SUNDAY

The clouds weren't anything new, they had been with us for more than a week. So had the slippery roads and trails, but there are some GMCers who like to get out in the woods regardless of the weather.

On this particular Sunday, January 15th, we were agreeably surprised to find nine hikers and Pokio, who has agreed to be our mascot, ready to take a chance on a pleasant day to spend at Clarendon Lodge.

The usual pattern of procedure was in order; the men going ahead at a little faster pace than the women who walked along leisurely in twos, chatting and catching up on news.

By the time the women folks reached the Lodge, smoke was coming out of the chimney, the wood chopper could be heard somewhere in back of the Lodge, and we decided we had better get busy and get some water on the stove for coffee.

We were hungry so it seemed a long time before coffee water boiled, actually the old stove did all right. After lunch, one group walked up the road a ways in order to be out in the good fresh air. Inside there was smoke from the stove, cigar, pipe and cigarette; not simultaneously, but off and on. This wasn't objectionable but of course we had to make something of it. So we said, "The air outside is so good, let's go for a walk."

We have a man in our Section who is known to be able to do the seemingly impossible. Good old reliable Harold said, "let's go out and move that objectionable building out yonder." Craigie replied, "Good idea but we couldn't budge it. It's stuck down tighter than a drum."

You are right! They did it! So now if you are looking for the little building that

use to be there, it isn't there any more. You will find it some 200 feet south, hidden behind some low pine trees. After about an hour's work of pushing, pulling, and sliding, the men came in and reported "Mission completed."

KILLINGTON SECTION SLIDES

Sometime ago we reported that the Photography Committee was working on a slide collection. Janice Catozzi, chairman, is looking for slides to add to this collection so that eventually we may have enough to make a good showing of Killington Section activities, Long Trail scenes, or outstanding mountain views.

She is also looking for more black and whites to add to the Killington Section scrap book.

Anyone sending in pictures, slides, or negatives will be reimbursed for them.

READING ABOUT OUTDOORS

THE FRIENDLY FORESTS by Alma Moore with illustrations
The Viking Press. 96 pages \$2.50

This is a children's book giving general information about forests as a natural resource. It covers soil, water, the growth of trees, protecting forests, values and products of forests, and how we can help nature.

OUTDOOR HAZARDS - Real and Fancied by Mary V. Hood
Macmillan Co. 242 pp. \$3.95

A valuable book for those without much outdoor experience and who are thinking about outdoor living and travel. It will dispel unjustified fears and yet point up the need for caution where dangers do exist.

CLARENDON LODGE ENJOYED

Winter hikers are enjoying the comforts of Clarendon Lodge these days. Over the new Year's weekend a party of boys and leaders from Wilmington, Del. made it their headquarters, while the more experienced hikers in their group went on for a try at Camel's Hump in winter. (This was the group mentioned elsewhere as expected at Tucker.)

Last weekend "The Conlons" went in for an overnight and shared it with two parties and leaders from Schnectady.

It's something to think over that groups come so far for a weekend of trail hiking.

CHANGING FASHIONS

It seems there are fashions in Outings as in other things. Looking through some copies of the OUTING MAGAZINE of the mid-1800s recently we were interested in the difference in the type of Outings popular at that time.

Walks, as such, were just coming in. The Appalachian Club even then was having excursions.

The advent of Roller Skating was being discussed and much space was devoted to arguments on the relative merits of Roller Skating vs Ice Skating. Many of the "old timers" apparently regarded this new sport as a very unhealthy substitute for Ice Skating.

Cricket and Tennis were popular, as was all kinds of boating. Boating for girls was a new idea and there was a detailed article on the technique of rowing for young women.

The big Outing interest was, of course, bicycling in all its forms. There were reports from Bicycle Clubs everywhere of all kinds of long and short excursions. One article reported the achievement of a pair, members of a

"sociables club", who went 53 miles, from Boston to Newburyport, between daylight and 3 P.M. one day. There were long continued articles on AROUND THE WORLD ON A BICYCLE, and ACROSS THE U.S. ON A BICYCLE.

The "New York Ladies Tricycle Club" had just been formed with 10 members. Their costume was "a dark blue flannel skirt with jersey and cap of the same color." Their badge "a double star of gold on dark blue enamel, marked L.T.C. 1887".

Don't think it was all fun and frolic for the bicycle enthusiasts though. Just note a few of their problems.

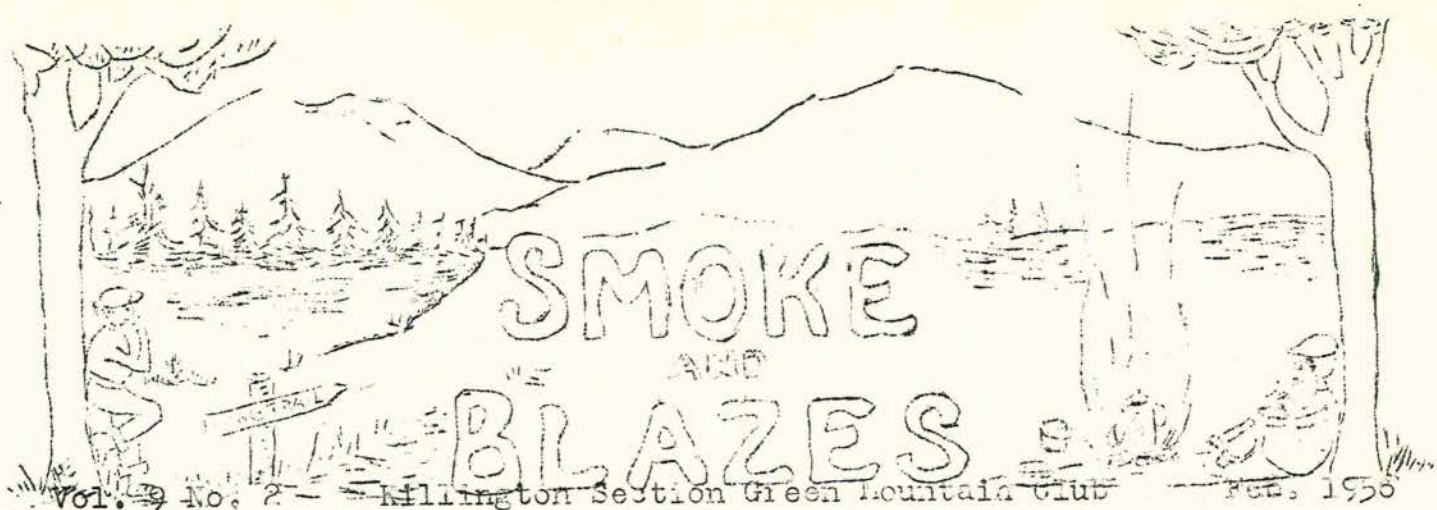
The North Carolina legislature discriminated against wheelmen by allowing the Turnpike Company to dictate the type of vehicle which could be used on the roads. Apparently the Indiana Legislature was more cooperative, as they adjourned without considering the anti-bicycle bill!

The railroads leading out of Boston made a charge of 50¢ to carry a bicycle for 25 miles and refused to take tricycles.

Even the dogs must have shown resentment to the on-rush of the bicycle, for, at a convention of The League Of American Wheelmen, a device was introduced to protect riders against dogs possessed with cyclomania. This consisted of a small eye and ear syringe, holding about 2 ounces, throwing a fine stream, and filled with ammonia.

In spite of the distrust with which these wheelmen seem to have been regarded in many quarters, they appear to have tried to keep their conduct above reproach. A regulation printed in the program of the 4th annual races of the Cleveland Bicycle Club states; "no contestant will be allowed on the track with bare arms and legs".

So, times change, and with them fashions in Outings as well as clothing, but hiking still continues.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we take pause in these cozy winter days before the onset of Spring and its several activities let us consider what we can do in the ensuing hiking year to increase participation and membership in Killington Section of GMC.

As the heading of our Outing Schedule says, our hikes are planned for ALL, who are interested in Outdoor activity, whether members or not. In that vein we should make an effort to "bring a friend" when we gather for hikes and other outings. In many persons' minds Hiking is a word to be avoided. Our activities are not strenuous on the whole.

Person to person contact is the best means for giving our prospects a chance to hear about us and to see us in action. In conclusion, let us make an effort to TALK GMC and, to SHOW GMC to our friends and neighbors.

Jack Martin.

COMING EVENTS

WINTER WEEKEND

Time - Feb. 25th - 26th
Place - Perkins' Camp

Calling all hale and hearty campers and lovers of comfort. Make plans now to be at the Craigie Perkins' Camp in Mendon for the annual winter weekend. This is a grand opportunity to get as much or as little winter

exercise and sun (we hope, our order is in), as you desire.

Make your reservations now with Mary Perkins, Tel. 3-7954. All reservations must be made by Thursday noon, Feb. 23rd as food must be purchased. Be sure and tell her how many you are making reservations for and for which meals you plan on being there. The cost of the meals will be equally divided among those attending and we promise to make them hearty but economical. (The total cost will not be over \$2 at the most). Plan to come and bring a friend. Remember that you will have to arrange for your own transportation.

Craigie and Mary will go up Friday afternoon to open and warm up camp. Anyone who wishes to come for Friday night may do so but be sure to bring your own food for Friday night and Saturday breakfast.

Community meals will be planned for all who make reservations for all or part of the meals from Saturday noon to Sunday night. A schedule will be arranged for the preparation of meals and clean-up afterward so that the work can be fairly divided among those attending and make as little work for everyone as possible.

Those planning to stay overnight should bring their own sleeping bag or blankets remember you will have to carry them in from the main highway so roll or pack them so that they can be easily carried.

See you there!

KILLINGTON SECTION'S ANNUAL MEETING

A very successful annual meeting was held at Riverside on Thursday, February 9th. After an excellent supper, the business meeting was held, with reports from various committee chairmen.

Craigie Perkins, chairman of Trails committee, said that more time needed to be spent on trail clearing, and advocated May and June hikes that would cover all of our section of the Trail.

Mary Perkins spoke on SMOKE & BLAZES, and raised the question of whether or not it was worth while. She was assured by those present that they thought it very good and worth continuing.

Janice Catozzi, chairman of Photography committee, said that more pictures of human interest were needed, especially of the Killington Section of the Trail.

Betty Ball gave a summary of outings.

Emile Boselli reported on the progress of the bridge at Clarendon Gorge.

Mr. Lucius Carey from Glens Falls, showed very good slides of the Kathadin region, with its rocky topped mountains, steep trails and lakes. Especially outstanding were the slides of the Alpen glow, and the moose.

The business meeting was resumed after a brief quiz on the Long Trail.

Jack Martin gave a favorable report from the Shelters committee.

George Conlon reported for the nominating committee and presented the following slate of officers: Jack Martin, President; Helen Bailey, Vice President; Eleanor Walker, Sec.-Treasurer. These officers were unanimously elected.

Plans were made for a hike to Bulfum Shelter on the 12th. The date for the Winter Weekend was set for Feb. 25 - 26.

TO HELP WITH S&B

Offers of help on the production line of SMOKE & BLAZES have been received from Emile Boselli and Cecile Campbell.

Betty Ball and Janet Martin have volunteered help with write-ups. This help will be greatly appreciated.

TREASURER'S REPORT February 1, 1956

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand 2/1/55	\$635.32
Rec'd from dues	157.00
Int. on money in bank	12.41
From sale of stove	1.00
Cr. Bal. - Winter weekend	5.99
Contributions	4.00
Cr. Bal. - Sugar Party	9.50
Rec'd - Rummage Sale	121.39
Rec'd - Card Party	33.50

Total Receipts \$980.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Supplies for Sunnyside	70.12
Publicity Folders	35.00
Stamps	2.01
Rubber Stamp	2.10
Supplies & Labor for Mill River Bridge	213.50
Printing Outing Sched.	12.50
Glass & glazing comp.	3.57
Stove for Killington Lodge	30.50
Outing exp. (coffee, cream and sugar)	5.79
Insurance	9.83
Cost of Smoke & Blazes	54.62
Dues to Main Club	36.55

Total Disbursements \$476.09

Balance of Cash on hand
February 1, 1956 \$504.02

60 Senior Members
51 Junior Members
119

2 Service Members
1 Life Member

EXTRA ! HIKE TO GIRL SCOUT CAMP - SAT., MAR. 10 - Lv. MELDON AT 10:30A.M.

REPORT OF OUTING COMMITTEE
1955-1956

Twenty-seven outings were planned this year; nineteen were day hikes, three were weekends, three were social occasions, and two were rained out.

Several of the hikes were combined with work parties, especially in the spring, when trail clearing or work at shelters or bridge building was done in connection with hikes to Buffum, Clarendon, Sunnyside, and Governor Clement. A fall outing to Mendon was for the purpose of getting evergreens for the GMC booth at the Rutland Fair.

An innovation this year was the joint hike with Glens Falls hiking club, when we went up Buck Mt. overlooking Lake George. This was very successful. The Glens Falls members have joined us on some of our hikes and meetings, too, and are always welcome.

A choice of hikes, either to Killington or Sunnyside was offered to visiting GMC members after the annual meeting, and again our members had a chance to meet new hiking companions, and renew old friendships.

Pleasant day jaunts were taken to Greenwall, Little Rock Pond, Blue Ridge Mt., Tucker, and from Gifford Woods to Long Trail Lodge.

Three social occasions proved pleasant; the covered dish supper at Beechwood, the maple sugar party, and the swimming and sunning day at CV Camp in Chittenden.

More mileage on the Long Trail was covered by the camping weekend over the Fourth, when hikers did the Trail from Smugglers Notch to Bolton, and in the usual fall series, when the Trail was covered from Mad Tom Shelter to Grout Job.

Two other weekend events completed the year's schedule;

the annual February weekend at Perkins' camp in Mendon, and the Intersectional camp-out at Danby in August.

Hikes have ranged from simple strolls to 12½ mile jaunts, but all have been pleasant and worth while. More joint trips would be fun.

Betty Ball, Chairman.

HIKE TO SUNNYSIDE

On Saturday, January 28th, the sun came out after about a week of clouds and freezing rain. Thirteen people, on dog, and one flea, made the trip into Sunnyside. The cars were left near the main road and it was a good thing they were, or they would still be in a ditch somewhere as the road hadn't been sanded. However, the ice made easy going for the sled and tobagon.

The trees were covered with about a half inch of ice and sparkled in the sun. Several pictures were taken.

The camp was found neat and clean with kindling to start the fire. Lunch was eaten in the warm sunshine in front of the camp. Sunnyside certainly is an appropriate name.

On the way down, the more daring, took short fast rides on the sled and tobagon. Four new hikers made the trip. Come again boys and girls.

WHAT ABOUT JUNIORS?

Has anyone thought of a plan to make Junior membership more interesting? It might be a good idea to do something along this line.

Juniors speak up. Would you like any special events? If so, let your wishes be known. Send in your ideas to SMOKE & BLAZES, 129 Bellevue Ave., Rutland, Vermont.

MEMBERSHIP LIST 1956

Barbara Allard
 Judy Allard
 Marjory Allard
 William Allard Jr.
 Louise Adams
 Anna Berg
 Emile Boselli
 Cecile Campbell
 Lucius Carey
 Diana Conlon
 George Conlon
 Jerry Coutts
 Fred Fiold
 Ruth Fostman
 Joseph Hadeka
 Daniel Jennings Jr.
 Jack Martin
 Janet Martin
 Carol Martin
 Pearl Nichols
 Anne O'Rourke
 Robert Paul
 Cigrid Patch
 Crague Perkins
 Mary Perkins
 Vera Perkins
 Patty Perry
 Phyllis Perry
 Marjory Roche
 Charles Sabourin
 Mary Pat Sabourin
 Lula Tye
 Harold Valiquette
 Joseph Valiquette
 Thelma Valiquette
 Eleanor Walker

Dues may be sent to Treas.,
 Eleanor Walker, 87 Baxter street,
 Rutland, Vermont.

Additions to the above list
 will be published in the next
 issue of S&B .

Check the above list, and
 if your name does not appear
 there, please send in your dues
 promptly.

An increase in membership
 would, perhaps, put new life
 into our Section. Why not try
 to interest a friend in the GMC ?

Our folder "YOU'D BE
 INTERESTED in the KILLINGTON
 SECTION" may be had for the asking.

BUFFUM SHELTER - FEB. 12th

Nine and a half brave souls
 dared challenge the weather for-
 casters, who Saturday night report-
 ed three "lows" and estimated 4
 to 7 inches of snow for Sunday.
 The hikers took the road to
 Wallingford and Buffum Shelter
 amid falling snow. However, there
 is no fool like a hiking fool, but
 this time we ended up looking less
 foolish than the weather Bureau.
 The sun even came out briefly to
 sneer with us. The woods were
 beautiful for snowshoeing and we
 all, including "Pokey", had a
 wonderful time.

We found only half the stove-
 pipe in evidence so cooked out-
 side, after we uncovered a grate
 below a foot of snow. The water
 in the brook tried to hide from
 us without succeeding. We even
 had a friendly chickadee in for
 lunch.

The missing stove pipe and
 roof board section will call for
 some attention after the snows
 have melted.

BOOK REVIEW

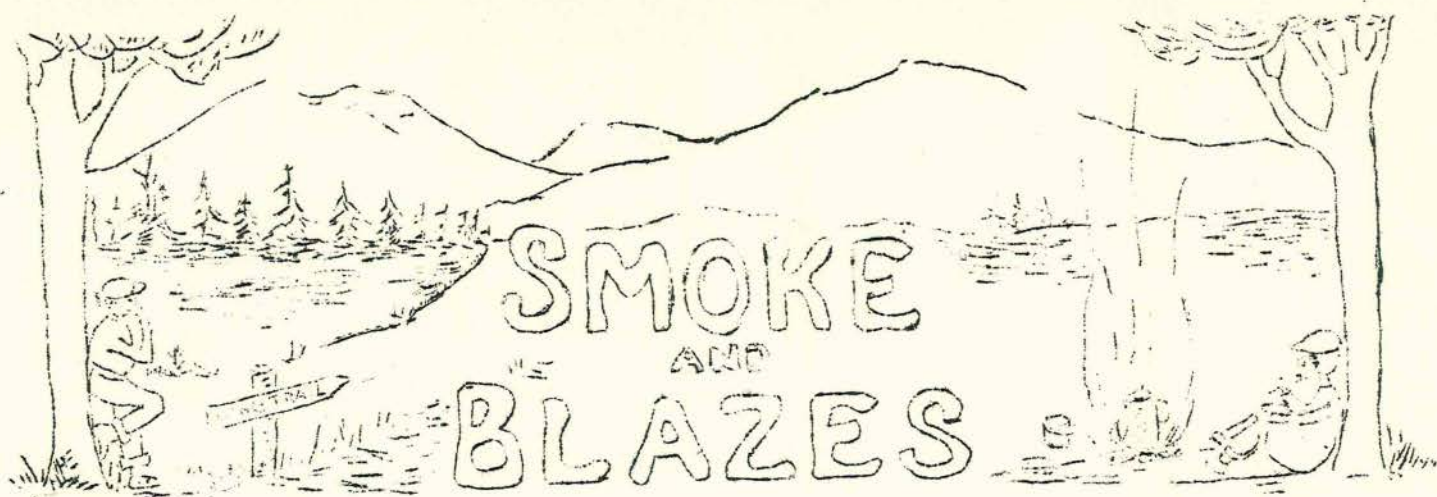
WILD AMERICA, by Roger Peterson
 and James Fisher.

Any lover of the out-of-doors,
 or armchair traveler will thrill
 to this book that tells of a
 30,000 mile trip to wilderness
 spots of America, from gannet
 rookery in Newfoundland, down the
 Smoky Mountains, to Florida swamps,
 Arizona deserts, and western
 mountains and seacoast, ending in
 Alaska's teeming tundra.

Two famous ornithologists,
 one American, one British, de-
 scribe their experiences, and
 the whole is beautifully illustra-
 ted by Peterson.

This book is apt to create
 a wander lust.

Betty Ball



Vol. 9 No. 3

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

March 1956

COMING EVENTS

Sugar Party

Time - Sunday, March 25th
Place - Mendon Grange Hall

This annual event always brings out a good crowd of both old and young members to enjoy the delights of sugar on snow, pickles, doughnuts and coffee.

There will be square dancing after the eats. Ray Catozzi will take charge of this part of the program.

The price of this party will be determined by the expenses involved. This has in the past been \$.75 and we think it will be approximately the same this year.

Reservations should be made no later than Friday night, Mar. 23rd, by calling Janet Martin, Prospect 3-8621.

Hike

Time - Saturday, April 7th
Place - Tucker Lodge

This is an easy one. We plan to leave Meldon school at 10:30. Bring your lunch and plan to be served some very good GMC coffee.

By the time this hike takes place, who knows, it may be the weather will be spring like and very inviting.

SCHEDULES INCLUDED

Please notice that your new spring and early summer schedules are enclosed. Look them over. Keep them handy. Plan to take part in some of the activities of your Club.

BOARD MEETING HELD

The first meeting of the officers and committee chairman for 1956 was held at the home of President John Martin, Feb. 13th.

The following committee chairmen were introduced:
Outings: Churchill Scott and Joe Hadeka

Trails: Crague Perkins

Shelters: Ray Catozzi

Smoke & Blazes: Vera and Mary Perkins with new assistants for make-up, printing & mailing, Emile Boselli and Cele Campbell.
Write-ups, Betty Ball and Janet Martin.

Publicity: Ray Catozzi

Photography: Janice Catozzi

Suggestions for the outing schedule were made by several members.

Plans for the clearing of the entire Killington Section were discussed. It is hoped that this will be completed by July 1st.

The budget for the year was adopted.

WINTER WEEKEND

A gala winter weekend was held at Craigue Perkins' Camp in Mendon on Feb. 25th-26th, with record crowds, at least for recent years, plenty of good food, lots of good companionship, and beautiful hiking country. The weather cooperated some of the time.

It all started on Friday night when ten junior members arrived after supper to spend the night, a lively one by all accounts.

The Saturday contingent arrived shortly before noon, with sleeping bags and packs arriving by sled, toboggan, and towed saucer. It was raining a bit, but soon poured. That didn't dishearten the young members, though, for after lunch, many of them went hiking, getting their clothes drenched, but returning with spirits undampened.

After two servings of lunch, games were the order of the afternoon, with Bali the favorite of the older members.

By midafternoon the sun peeked out, and a snowman named Julius Caesar was erected out front. Several snowshoed up to Craigue's service building and admired the neat, trim structure.

Two servings of supper, and then ten went back to Rutland, escorted down to the cars by a merry young crowd. Games and blowing up of air mattresses took up the evening, with one couple making 4450 in one hand of Canasta, for an eventful game, while Marge Ballard made a big score in Bali. Fourteen stayed over night.

It was getting windy, cold, and crusty now, and by morning, snowshoes were unnecessary as far as the service building, as Betty and Pocie found out on their before-breakfast bird walk.

On Sunday morning, some went to church, some helped with dinner, and some went hiking.

The snow was perfect for snowshoeing, off the beaten track.

By dinner time, several more had arrived, and four dogs were getting acquainted. Pocie, the pup, wanted to play with all, but the others did not want to play, so there were some slight doggy misunderstandings, but nothing serious.

Two servings of dinner were finally completed, and most people went again, or for the first time, to the service building and on up the road for hobblebush.

Four of the young people, Barbie Allard, Esther Dunn, Joe Hadeka, and Bob Paul, spent the day climbing Blue Ridge, and made the top, getting back about three-thirty. That was quite a feat for windy, winter climbing. Though the wind whistled in the tops of the trees all day, it was surprisingly comfortable in the thick evergreens.

Everyone had a good time, and thanks go to Janet Martin for planning the meals, to all who did their part in the cooking and clean-up, and especially to Craigue and Mary who were such fine hosts, and did so much to make us all comfortable and happy.

AN INVITATION

The Rutland County Nature Club will open its April meeting to interested members of the Killington Section GMC.

Mr. Edward Hyde of Springfield, Mass., will show slides of southern birds, and a picture of Pioneer days taken at Sturbridge Village.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, April 7, at 8 P.M. in Fair Haven - probably at the Elementary School. Watch the Herald for a possible change as to place of meeting.

This should be an interesting meeting. We hope some GMC members will be able to attend.

Additions to 1956 Membership
KILLINGTON SECTION GMC

Betty Ball
Bennett Bell
Miriam Bell
Lucy Bishop
Margaret Boanlander
James Hayward
Mary Jennings
Michael Jennings
Anne Perkins
David Perkins
Polly Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Leone Smith
Mrs. Leone Smith
Maude Canty

NEW MEMBER FROM CALIFORNIA

We are happy to welcome the new little daughter of Bob and Thelma Perkins into the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Polly Perkins was born Feb. 23rd, and was soon after, a member of the GMC.

TRIP TO GIRL SCOUT CAMP

After more than a week of cloudy weather, the sun came out Saturday, March 10th, and twenty hikers made a trip in to the Girl Scout Camp in Aikin Forest.

It was one of those days when the best place to be is outdoors. The sky with its deep blue coloring and scattered clouds, made a feast for the eyes, and the fresh, cool air was breathed in deeply with much appreciation.

As we trudged up the road, many on snowshoes, we were a happy, contented group. Mrs. Bell guiding and directing her six girl scouts; Mr. Bell surprising everyone with his new pocket radio; President Martin carrying Carol on a unique

backpack; and Outing Chairman, Scott, pulling his young son Bobby on a sled, all made an interesting picture of hikers out for the day. Of course there also were the good Killington Section reliables, Betty Ball, Joe Hadeka, now co-chairman of outings and custodian of the coffee pot, the Perkins trio plus Janet Martin. We were happy to welcome two new hikers to our group. Two freshman girls from RHS came along to swell the ranks and added considerably to the good fellowship of the party.

On reaching the camp, Joe and one of the young ladies went looking for water, Craigie and Bennett cut and gathered wood, Janet got the fire going, and the rest of the group enjoyed themselves in various ways.

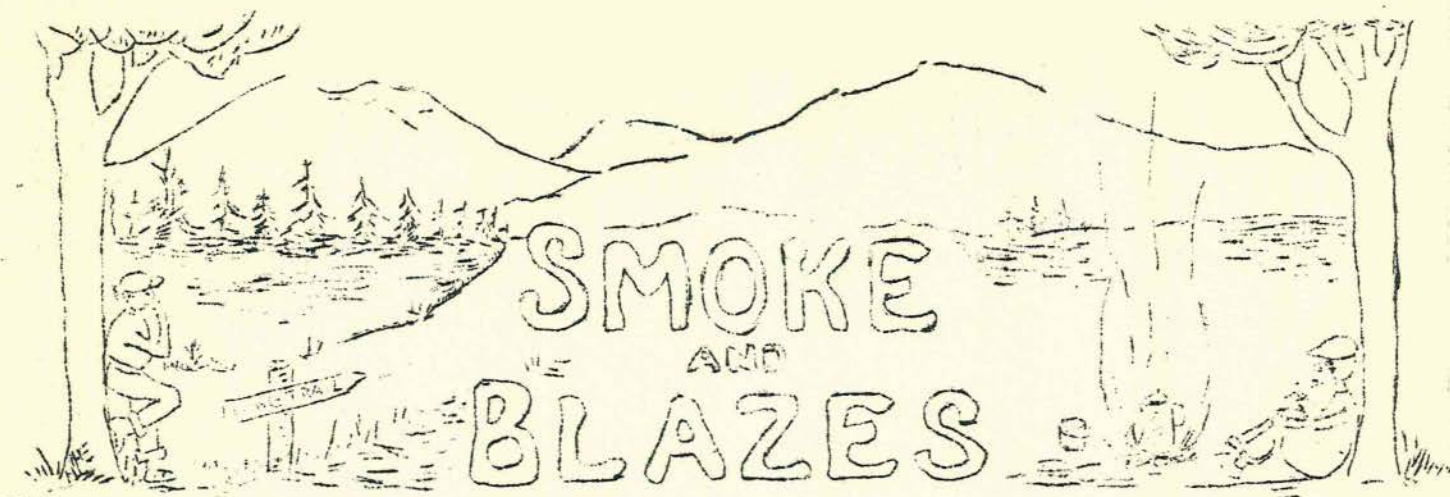
Before long, it was time to eat, and as usual, when food goes into mouths, quiet descends upon a group. So it was with us.

After lunch, though the fire in the stove was burning brightly, and it was quite comfortable inside, we decided that we didn't want to waste the sunshine and the beautiful atmosphere of outdoors. Benches were carried out and lined up along the side wall of the cabin. Here we sat and enjoyed the warmth of the sun, the beauty of our surroundings and the antics of the youngsters.

There were snowshoe races, a game of fox and geese, and camera fans were kept busy getting pictures.

We sat so long the sun went down enough to make us feel that it was time to move. Reluctantly we brought the benches back into the cabin and prepared to start for home.

The view from the Notch Road is superb with Rutland valley and the Taconics to the west. This was ours to enjoy on the way down the road. We were sorry for all who could not come to enjoy it.



Vol. 9 No. 4

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

April 1956

COMING EVENTS

Hike

Time - Sat. Apr. 28, 9 AM

Meet - At Meldon School

On Saturday, April 28th, the Killington Section of the GMC will have a hike over the Long Trail from the Wallingford Gulf Road to East Clarendon Crossing. The group will hike north over the Trail.

For those who do not want so much exercise, plans are made to eat at Sunnyside so that those who wish to do so may drive to Spring Lake Ranch and hike to Sunnyside from the Ranch.

The object of this hike is to clear the Trail and check on the condition of the shelters.

Hike to Greenwall:

Time - Sun. May 6th, 9 AM

Meet - At Meldon School

On Sunday, May 6th, the Section's hike will be to Greenwall Shelter south of the Wallingford Gulf road. This should be an easy hike for everyone, and the coming of spring should make the trip very enjoyable.

Churchill Scott, Chairman.

NEW GUIDE BOOKS AVAILABLE

The GMC Guide Book has been completely revised and brought up to date. Copies of the new edition are now available. If you purchase your copy from Eleanor Walker, forty cents of the dollar which it costs you will stay in the Killington Section Treasury. Even if you don't expect to be out on the Trail right away the Guide Book makes good reading for an "armchair trip" and this is a good way to become better acquainted with our trails and shelters.

As you go through your new Guide Book take special note of the sketches. These were done by Killington Section member, Janet Martin. We like them.

Remember, contact Eleanor Walker for your copy and serve yourself and Killington Section at the same time.

GET ON THE 1956 MAILING LIST

This is the last issue of SMOKE & BLAZES which will be sent out on the 1955 mailing list. If you haven't already done so, get your name on the 1956 list by sending dues to Eleanor Walker, 87 Baxter St., Rutland, Vermont.

WE DID IT!!

1956 should go down in history as the year April Fool's Day came on April 4th. That was the day Betty Holden, Barbie Allard, Joe Hadeka, Bob Paul, and Craig Perkins picked to go to Killington.

At seven A.M. it looked like rain but as everybody was ready and on time we set off anyway.

The Wheelerville Road was covered with ice and on the first hill the Ford said "No". We backed down, put on the chains, and tried it again. This time we made it OK completely missing the birch tree that already had two notches in it. It was 8:30 when we reached Brewers Corner.

Here we took to the snowshoes. The novice squad didn't think the y were necessary but a step or two in the deep snow corrected that idea.

Along the trail there were many deer tracks and we saw one set of big bob cat tracks. At the lumber camp there was a porky between two of the buildings.

The big brook was covered with snow and ice at the crossing so gave us no trouble. The next smaller stream was open and we had to go a way upstream to find a doubtful snow bridge.

At the foot of the steep part of the trail we took a long rest with refreshments. About this time it began to rain and continued to shower for the rest of the trip up the mountain.

The going was pretty good and we had no trouble finding the trail. At the spring about half way up we were surprised to find it four feet below the level of the trail. A bucket brigade was organized so that everybody finally got a drink.

A little above the spring we lost the trail. It was right there and all of a sudden it wasn't anywhere in sight. We took a compass reading on where we

thought the peak might be and struck off through the woods. We plowed through thick evergreens and over brush piles. Every few steps someone would lose an arm or a leg in the soft snow and have to be dragged to the surface again. Also we began to realize how hungry we were.

After a long time we came into an area of big spruces covered with moss. Here the going was much better and all of a sudden there was the trail again. Lucky, Lucky!

In ten minutes Cooper Lodge came into view but it didn't look familiar,--too squatty. The snow was up to within two feet of the windows in front and the back wall was completely covered. It was 1:45 P.M.

Everybody was soaking wet but the temperature was high so none were cold. There was a big pile of dry brush inside the camp so we started breaking it up for a fire. A second look around discovered a big supply of dry split hard wood under the shelf. Thanks, Sports!

A hot fire was started and soon the odor of roast sox filled the air. The stove worked wonderfully. Water for hot drinks was boiled in cups on top of the stove while the hikers took turns steaming themselves out around the sides. In the meantime all available food had disappeared.

Every once in a while some one would let out a screech, the result of stepping under a roof leak and getting a stream of ice water down his neck.

It was raining and blowing outside and only Barbie had enough enthusiasm to want to go up to the peak which was covered with fog.

At 4 P.M. after a good rest and drying out we started down the mountain. The weather almost cleared and the sun shone briefly. There was even a limited view.

We made good time down but began to get tired when we struck the level going in the brook valley.

At about 6 P.M. and still broad daylight a big blue-black cloud appeared in the west. It swept directly up the valley toward us and suddenly in a matter of seconds it became almost pitch dark. We were smothered in a thick fog. It poured. The wind blew through the tree tops. It lightened and thundered.

We plodded along through the soggy snow taking a real beating from the wind and rain. At long last we reached Brewers Corner and the shelter of the Ford.

And we wouldn't let Joe Hadeka get in until he admitted the Ford looked as good as a Cadillac.

We are willing to bet that we are the first snow-shoe party up Killington that ever got caught in a thunder shower.

TUCKER*LODGE SATURDAY, APRIL 7th

At 10:30 A.M. Saturday morning about 20 hiking enthusiasts met at Meldon School for a "spring" hike to Tucker Lodge. The trip was anything but spring-like. With only about half the group equipped with snowshoes, many found themselves sinking thigh deep in snow every few steps. However, all finally made camp after Bob Paul went back with a load of snowshoes.

After the usual leisurely lunch, the lodge was cleaned and five lights of glass installed to replace broken ones.

Several of the group went exploring and returned home with pussy willows and hobble bush to renew their belief that spring would come.

SUGAR PARTY

The annual Killington Section Sugar-on-Snow Party was held in the Town Hall in Mendon on March 25th, with about 35 attending.

The committee went up early to start the syrup "bilin". By 6:30 P.M. the tables were set up with the traditional pickles, doughnuts, and coffee, and all was in readiness. As the customers arrived containers of snow were distributed to receive the boiled down syrup and give it the desired "waxy" consistency. After everyone had eaten their fill of sugar in this state there was the customary stirring down of one's remaining syrup to the sugaring-off stage. Many of the resulting little sugar cakes were set aside to be eaten later.

The serious business of the evening being over the group adjourned to the hall upstairs where Square Dancing, under the direction of Jan and Ray Catozzi, rounded out the evening. This was the introduction to Square Dancing for some of our Junior members and they certainly appeared to be enjoying it.

General arrangements for this outing were taken care of by Jan and Jack Martin. Eleanor Walker and Vera Perkins presided over the syrup kettles. Many gave a hand at clearing away and special credits go to Helen Bailey for doing the dishes.

A good time was had by all and our only regret is that there were not more of our members there to enjoy it with us.

ADDITIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP LIST

Helen Bailey
Edith Ewald
Helen Frink
Minerva Hinchey
Sharon Krauss
Carl Newhall

On top of the world, by
Patricia Petzoldt. Crowell \$3.50

Zest for life, and love of mountain-climbing abound in this lively biography of a woman and her husband, Paul. Paul had the mountain-climbing concessions in the Grand Tetons for several summers, and sometimes Patricia went along. Her descriptions of these precarious climbs make the ledges of Camel's Hump seem like the slightest stroll. Here is the author's answer to the age-old question "Why do people climb mountains?"

"The normal one is a love of the outdoors and a desire to climb because there is fun in the problem of finding handholds and footholds up a steep precipice, with the added thrill of breaking your neck. Mountain climbing is a dangerous and exciting sport. Accepted normally, it appeals largely to the imagination.

SAVE ENDANGERED WILDLIFE:

This was the slogan of the National Wildlife Federation during the National Wildlife Week, March 18-24.

Hunting and fishing are big business! Ten billion dollars are spent in the United States each year for hunting and fishing equipment, transportation, food, lodging, gasoline, and other items required by the countries 32 million sportsmen. But this tremendous industry can be lost if our wildlife is not wisely managed. Destruction of forest and range lands by fire and over-grazing, drainage, and pollution of marshlands, lakes and streams, and other abuses of the homes of wild animals have already taken a heavy toll.

In 1899, the great outdoorsman Theodore Roosevelt said, "When I hear of the destruction of a species, I feel just as if all the works of some great writer had perished."

We can all do our part.

The Ascent of Alpamayo, by Georges Kogan and Nicole Leininger.
Harrap & Co. \$3.50

We read so much about mountain-climbing, in the Himalayas that it is refreshing to get an interesting book about climbs in another section of the world. This book is about the Franco-Belgian expedition to the Cordillera Blanca in the high Andes is especially unusual in that the second part of it is written by a woman, who gives the woman's viewpoint on the appeal of climbing.

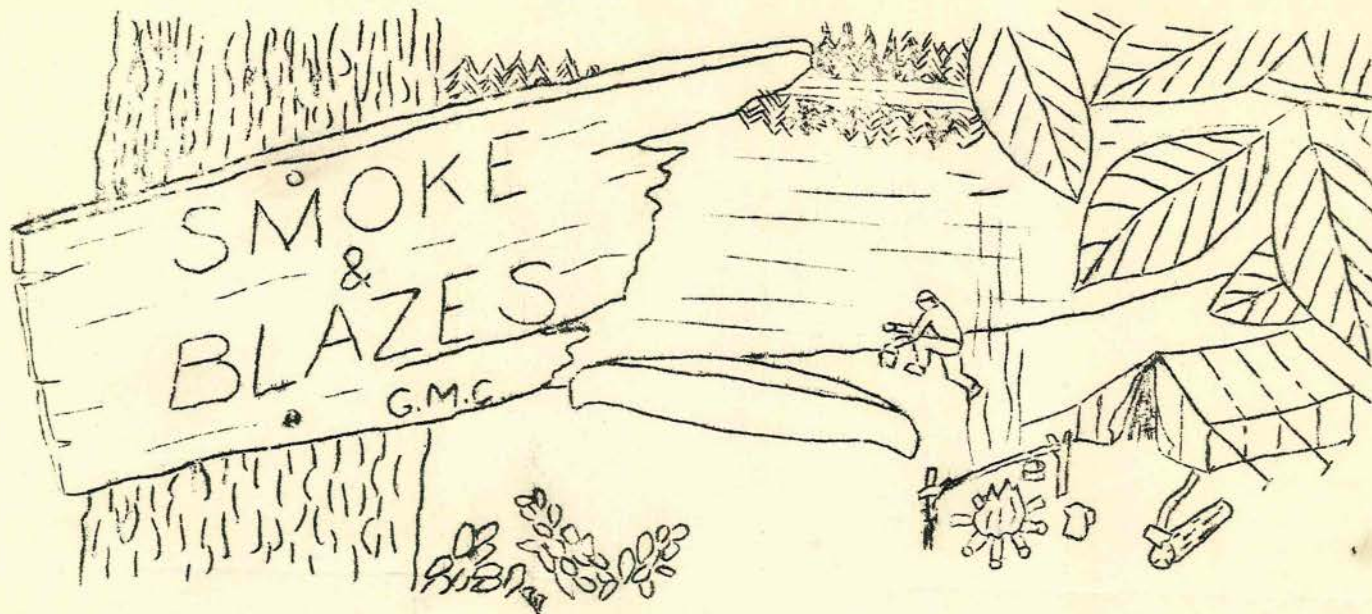
Alpamayo, a snow and ice-covered pyramid is called here "the most beautiful mountain in the world" and the fine illustrations tend to bear out this supposition.

This expedition has no leader, and all have equal responsibilities, and worries, but a fine spirit of friendship prevails.

Four of the men spend the night in an ice-grotto at 20,000 feet on Alpamayo, after successfully reaching the top, one of the adventures vividly describes in this engrossing book.

HO HUM

This is the time of the month when I start checking over the bulletin and find I am a little short of material for publication--so, once more I start scratching my head and as usual, lose more hair in doing so. This month, I am lucky. Everything is filled up but this space and after two hours of scratching and the loss of near about thirty hair, I give up. To leave it blank or prattle awhile? Let's prattle. Rolling the stencil up shows three more lines to prattle on and I believe I have just about used them up. Now, it is done!!



Vol. 9 NO. 5

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

May 1956

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sat. May 19 - 8:30 A.M.
Place - Long Trail Lodge to Gov.
Clement Shelter. Meet
at Meldon School.

This hike will give Killington Section members a chance to see how much work will be needed to put this part of the Trail in shape for the summer. It is a rather long hike but very interesting, so let's try to have a good turn out.

Time - Sun. May 27 - 10:30 A.M.
Place - Bennett Bell Camp - Lake
Bomosee n
Meet at Meldon School

Our trip to the Bell's camp at Lake Bomoseen will be a bit different than most, but very interesting. Let's show the Bell family how much we appreciate their kindness by attending. Perhaps if it warms up we may swim.

GMC ANNUAL MEETING

Time - Sat. June 2 - 10 A.M.
Place - Long Trail Lodge

Members are requested to get their own transportation for

this event.

The coffee hour starts at 10 A.M., at which time there will also be a showing of pictures by the Vermont artist, Anthur G. Burton.

The business meeting starts at 11 A.M.

Dinner may be bought at the Lodge, or you may bring your own picnic lunch and eat it in the woods near by.

After dinner, the meeting continues until about 3 P.M. Then, there will be short walks on the Long Trail.

Supper is scheduled for 6 P.M.

Governor Johnson will address the group in the evening. Clifton Miskelly, Director of the Vermont Development Com. will also be heard.

This annual meeting makes a good opportunity for Section members to learn all about their Club. Let's have a good showing from Killington.

Time - Sun. June 3 - 9 A.M.
Place - Pico or Clarendon Lodge
Meet at Meldon School

On Sunday, June 3rd, there will be two short hikes; one to

Pico Peak and the other to Clarendon Lodge. The purpose of this is that we may be able to have some of the other Section members who will stay over from the Annual Meeting, enjoy a day of hiking in Vermont, and yet finish early enough to drive home.

Time - Sat. June 16 - 10 A.M.
Place - Biddie Knob
Meet At Meldon School

This hike to Biddie Knob is a new one for many members so let's try to have a good turn out. The walk is an easy one with an unusual view of the Otter and Champlain Valleys. And, of course, we'll have GMC coffee along.

Churchill Scott, Chairman

LONG TRAIL HIKE

On April 28th a small group of hikers travelled the section of Long Trail between the Wallingford Gulf Road and Clarendon Gorge. This was one of the series of hikes to check up on the condition of the Trail and Shelters in the Killington Section area.

Buffum Shelter was found in good condition but needs a new stove and pipe. Also some roof repair is needed.

The Trail up Button Hill was brushed out and blazes painted where needed. The top of the hill is being lumbered and nothing can be done until the snow goes and the slash can be moved. Arrows were put up in this area.

From Button Hill to Sunnyside there was about a foot of soggy snow. Little, if any, work is needed here.

Sunnyside was clean and the stove worked well. If we ever get up the rest of the wall board, this shelter will be very attractive.

On the north side of the hill, south of Sunnyside, there was too much snow to permit re-blazing in an area of blowdowns. The trail can be followed but should be straightened.

From Spring Lake to the Gorge the Trail was good with only a few small blowdown. Little work is needed.

The party reached the cars just before dark as rain started to come down. Well timed.

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB ANNUAL RANGE WALK July 14, to July 21, 1956

This may be of interest to some GMCers.

An opportunity to hike 67 miles of trail in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, to climb 19 peaks including the 11 highest in New Hampshire, and to stay at seven of the Appalachian Mountain Club huts.

These huts are a unique institution in this country. They provide bunks with mattresses, pillows, and blankets in bunk-rooms for men and women. Crews of young men furnish excellent meals, served family style, and provide trail lunches for the hikers.

Anyone in good physical condition used to hiking in hilly or mountainous country should be able to do it.

The cost of the trip, from Franconia Notch to Pinkham Notch, will be \$50.00 for AMC members and members of other clubs maintaining sections of the Appalachian Trail. (This would include GMC members). A guest fee of \$10.00 will be charged to all others.

Reservations must be in by June 25th.

For further information write to Trip leader, T. A. Brayton, 76 Ashland Street, Medford 55, Mass.

CLARENDON LODGE
SUNDAY, APRIL 15th

A not too promising day found Craigie, Jack, Joe, Bob Paul, and two newcomers, Mr. and Mrs. Montague, setting out for some trail work in Killington section.

The original objective of Gov. Clement to Clarendon was passed over in view of the late mud-season conditions. The group worked over the trail from Rte. 103 to the top of Beacon Hill and found that the lumber operations had pretty well confused the first few hundred yards North from the highway.

At the Lodge a welcome fire was already burning by virtue of the weekend trip of a Scout group from Leominster, Mass. The Lodge itself was in good condition but not as much can be said for the yard around the Lodge.

GREENWALL SHELTER

It was Sunday, May 6th, when seven hikers of assorted ages made the trip in from the Wallingford Gulf Road to Greenwall Shelter on the Long Trail.

The weather rained lightly on the trip in but it stopped soon after arrival and the trip back was a pleasant one weather-wise. Some snow and ice was found on the ground in the woods. However, there were signs of Spring. Birds of many sorts including robins, juncos, sparrows, flickers, a wren and a thrush. Only one flower was found, a solitary group of Hepatica.

The shelter was in good condition except for a few holey floor boards and a piece of roof cap needing repair. The trail had been recently brushed and several blazes renewed. It should be in fine hiking condition for the season when the many rivulets have dried. At this time it is a bit aquatic.

= SPORTS AFIELD
1956 CAMPING ANNUAL

An article in the above Annual, "Cook In Foil" by Bob Stewart contained many helpful hints that we thought worth passing along.

"Smart outdoor cooks are doing more and more of their meal preparation in aluminum foil. With this aluminum sheeting, you can practically get rid of dish washing on a camping trip. And your meats and vegetables will have a sealed-in-flavor that make them even more taste-tempting than before."

"Most foil uses call for regular weight foil, which comes in rolls 12 inches wide. This weight is best for wrapping food to be cooked on coals, since you use two layers of foil. If one layer punctures or tears, you still have another protecting the food."

"But for making pots and pans, or wrapping meat on a spit, heavy duty foil is best. This comes in rolls 18 inches wide, and is about double the thickness of regular aluminum foil."

"Here are some ideas:
Hamburger. Wrap with sliced onion and shoestring potatoes. If the meat doesn't have much fat in it, add half a pat of butter. Cook 12 to 15 minutes. Fowl or chicken. Wash a piece of the bird to add water. Put a slice of bacon underneath the meat, and add washed vegetables, if desired. In hot coals, the meat will cook in half an hour."

"Vegetables. All vegetables should be washed just before you put them in the foil. This gives them needed moisture for that pressure-cooker effect. To bake a whole potato, wash it, then cut out a few deep holes in it, and wrap in foil. Cook 15 to 20 min."

"You'll find that foil has more than cooking uses on your outdoor trips. You can shape a drinking cup from it, etc. etc."

UP KILLINGTON 75 YEARS AGO

"Going to Killington" 75 years ago was quite different from such a trip to-day. In an old VERMONTIER was found an account of one such trip made by Mrs. Julia C.R. Dorr, via the old wagon road, In October 1880.

Previous to 1880 the only way to get up Killington had been, as to-day, by foot. However there was no Long Trail in those days, not even "a well defined bridal path". "Whoever made the ascent must go by foot picking his way as best he might." Such a journey was considered quite hazardous and "the women who had accomplished it could be counted on one's fingers."

In the summer of 1879 the U.S. Government, having decided to establish a Signal Station on the mountain, surveyors came in and a road of sorts was laid out from "Brewers." This road had been in and the hotel in operation for a year when Mrs. Dorr made the trip which she describes. Even so it was quite an adventure. Before starting she was warned to "take plenty of wraps as it is always cold on Killington and the wind blows like a tornado."

On a Sunday morning, October 9th, after an early breakfast, Mrs. Dorr and her companion "the Judge" started out in "a light, but strong, open buggy", drawn by "the Judge's" horse, Susan. This was the last opportunity of the season to make the trip as the Inn hosts, "The Myerhoffers", were coming down for the winter on Monday.

It was a perfect October day and the scenery was as lovely then as now. Our party enjoyed an ever ascending but uneventful ride, "past comfortable farm houses, log cabins, and saw mills", until they finally arrived at "Brewer's". Here they stopped to give Susan a drink.

"Brewer's" in those days was a rambling old farmhouse at the end of the old road."

After leaving here, the real ascent began. Soon "the Judge" decided he preferred walking to riding "up a perpendicular wall." As for Mrs. Dorr, she writes, "I slipped forward on my knees, grasped the dashboard and thus rode in state."

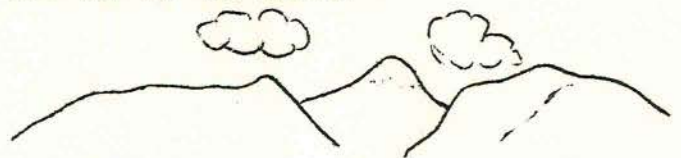
Though "the three miles from "Brewer's" seemed like twenty", they arrived safely at the Inn which is described as, "a quaint, primitive, little affair, making no pretensions to elegance, but with good beds, a good plain table, and clean linen."

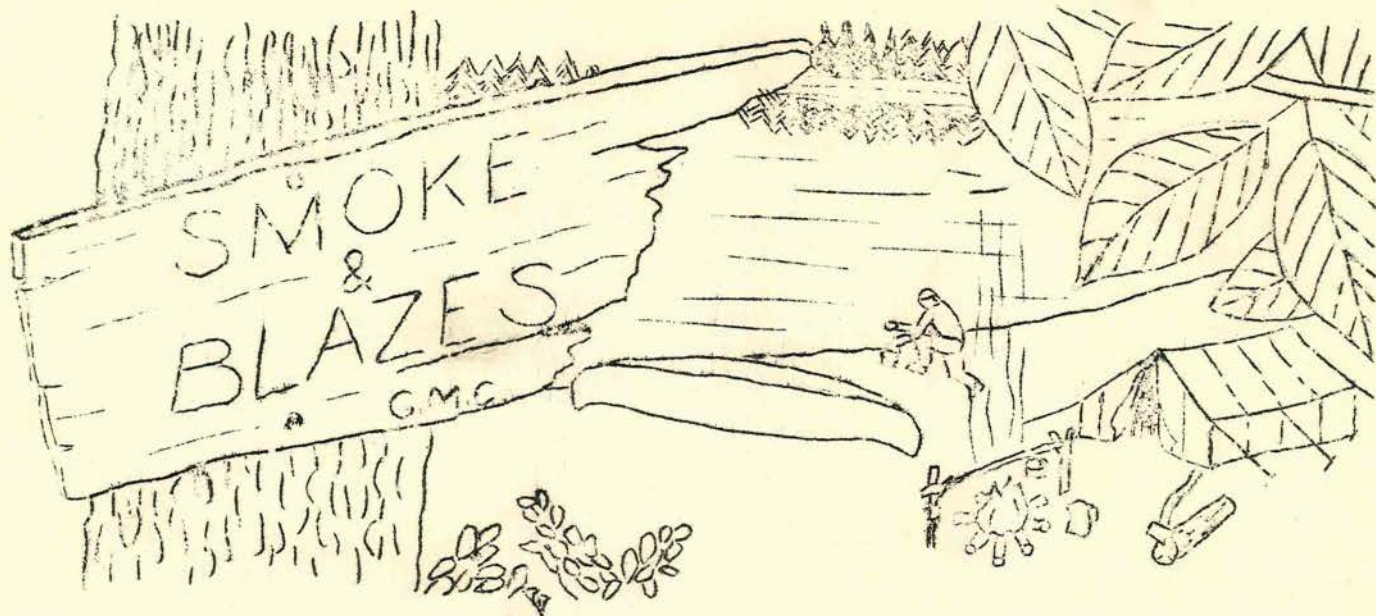
After an early dinner, "the Judge" and Mrs. Dorr climbed to the peak to watch the sunset. Mrs. Dorr refrained from looking back until she was well up the rocky summit and was rewarded with the same breath-taking sense of "isolation, dizzying height and infinity space", which comes to each one so forcefully on his first trip.

Mrs. Dorr comments especially on the flag-staff erected by the Signal Corps, "so well braced and protected that it has so far defied the storms." She mentions also the long, greenish-gray moss on the fir trees, and "the spring of pure, ice-cold, water at the foot of the peak."

In the early morning the travellers made another trip to the summit for the sunrise and were more than repaid for their effort as anyone who has enjoyed that experience well knows.

In spite of differences in "going to Killington" then and now, the mountain remains the same. As we look from its summit at the "world" spread out below, we feel with Mrs. Dorr, "It is good for us to be here."





Vol. 9 No. 6

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

June 1956

COMING EVENTS

Time - Saturday and Sunday
June 23 and 24
Place - Winooski River South to
Birch Glen Camp

On the above dates Killington Section members will cover the Long Trail from Winooski River south to Birch Glen Camp. We will plan to pitch our tents near Couching Lion Farm (Prof. Monroe's) and hike up Camels Hump and down to the Winooski River the first day. The second day we plan to hike to Birch Glen Camp and out to Hanksville.

Time - Saturday and Sunday
July 7 and 8
Place - Birch Glen Camp to
Lincoln Gap

On these dates we plan to cover the Trail from Birch Glen Camp south to Lincoln Gap. The tenting area will be in the vicinity of Jerusalem and will hike over the Jerusalem trail to Glen Ellen Lodge and then north to Birch Glen Camp out to Hanksville. On Sunday we will hike from Glen Ellen Lodge south

to Lincoln Gap. On this hike, if the weather is good, the view from Mt. Abraham should be well worth the trip.

Churchill Scott, Chairman

OUTING AT BELL'S CAMP

By
Barbara Allard

We met at Meldon and it definitely was not a nice day but we decided that today rain could not spoil our fun. Our destination was the Bennett Bell camp on Lake Bomoseen. When we arrived we found a nice cozy camp and a cheery fire to welcome us. After we had looked around we settled down to read or play cards or other games. Later the younger members went first up to the playroom to play ping-pong or read and then down to the boats for a ride. They came in when it started to rain again.

Only two were daring enough to test the 49° temperature of the lake. They had to get close to the fire to thaw out after, though. When it came time to leave we were all a little sorry.

Thanks to "the Bells" for a nice, enjoyable Sunday even though it rained.

PICO VISITED

We were glad to receive the following item from Edith Ewald:

Ten members of the Science Club at Castleton Teachers College had an outing the weekend of May 19. The group spent Saturday night at Gifford Woods and on Sunday six students, accompanied by Edith Ewald of the College Faculty, climbed Pico. The hikers were: Nancy Rowlee, Reading; Charlotte Miner, So. Halifax; Dorothy Zeno, Bellows Falls; Dorothy Bragg, Grafton; Bob Richardson, Northfield; and Rene Fifield, Pittsfield.

Snow at the higher elevation made going a bit difficult, but after about two hours of climbing everyone made it to the fire tower where an excellent view was the reward. It was the general feeling that the endeavor was well worth while.

After the students leave College and are on their own, it is hoped that they may become active members of the Green Mountain Club.'

It is good to know that such groups are getting out on The Trail and we hope with Edith that this interest will continue and lead them on into GMC.

LONG TRAIL LODGE TO GOVERNOR CLEMENT

by
Joe Hadeka

On May 19th, a group of three met at Meldon School for a proposed trail clearing trip from Long Trail Lodge to Governor Clement Shelter. Due to reports of snow at the higher elevations and lack of help we decided to clear from the Cold River Road to the Upper Road, instead.

We started out with the

usual grey skies and threat of rain, with Craigie at the saw, Bob Paul at ax, and Joe at the clippers, a well balanced trio was soon working as busy as bees. Arriving at the Upper Road we rested awhile and then started back. It soon began to rain. We were all disappointed that nobody fell in the river, but Joe had a real close call as he plunged forth after jumping on a log. He missed a hole three feet deep by a few inches.

We soon reached the car where we sat and ate our lunches. We finally decided about one o'clock to quit - the rain had gotten the best of us.

Such a small turnout for this scheduled work party makes it look as though the G.M.C. spirit is slipping, so come on boys, girls, women, men, let's make the next work party a big success.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Martha Adams
Hariett Bryant
Miles Bryant
Gretta Catozzi
Richard Catozzi
Mrs. L. L. Dudley
Mr. L. L. Dudley
Dr. Earle Johnson
Henry L. Lenihan
Mr. A. C. Mason
Carol Parmenter
Roger Pike
Ellen Russell
Addie Spaulding
R. Gale Spaulding
Robert Spaulding
Mrs. Wayne Sarka
Wayne Sarka
Mrs. W. S. Wadsworth
Mr. W. S. Wadsworth
Laurie Wadsworth
Margot Montague
William Montague
Carlton Wilson (life member)

ANNUAL MEETING

The G.M.C Annual meeting held at Long Trail Lodge on Saturday, June 2nd, was a well attended and most successful affair.

Starting with the exchange of greetings with friends old and new at the Coffee Hour, it proceeded through the business meeting with the interesting section reports, and ended its morning session with the usual excellent luncheon served in the main dining room of the Lodge.

It was hard to break off the noon time visiting, but everyone finally reassembled to enjoy a short talk by Governor Johnson before the business meeting was again underway.

During the Trustees meeting it rained, as it often does, so that not many of the planned short walks could be taken. The time was very pleasantly spent however, in hearing informally from Mrs. Roberts, our 86 year old, visiting hiker. We tried to find out the secret of her "spryness" but without success. Apparently she is just made that way. She has been sick in bed just one day since World War I.

At the close of the Trustees meeting we were pleased to learn that Killington Section member, Leone Smith, had been chosen as our G.M.C. president for the coming year.

After supper there was Community singing followed by the awarding of door prizes. The showing of two reels of old G.M.C. movies, first shown in 1931 on the occasion of the Club's 21st anniversary, concluded the day's program.

A complete report with details of the business meeting will come to you in your LONG TRAIL NEWS.

We were sorry not to see more Killington Section members present but the 12 who were there had a most enjoyable day.

AN AFTERNOON ON THE OTTER CREEK

If you want a quiet, leisurely afternoon or day, "far from the maddening crowd", you can't do better than to take a trip via rubber boat on a section of the Otter Creek.

Eleanor Walker and Vera Perkins spent one such afternoon recently going from Leicester Junction to West Salisbury. This may seem like a short distance but it takes a good long afternoon, which gives you some idea of the leisurely pace at which one travels.

At the time of this trip the streams were good and high and the Creek was a black, deep river, running only slightly below the top of its banks.

Through this section it runs well away from any roads and follows an interesting, winding, course. Moving slowly along with the current one gets the feeling of being miles away from civilization and can easily imagine one is living in a quieter and slower-paced age.

Along the banks were many old trees of surprising size and a great variety of fern and early spring flowers. There were plenty of birds to be seen and heard. Not being quick of eye and proficient in bird study, we could only identify the more common kinds as red-winged black birds, gulls and wild ducks. We thought we saw scarlet tanagers. We heard the white-throat, a woodpecker and an owl among others and caught a glimpse of one animal. But whether woodchuck or otter we couldn't say.

Vermont has many fine streams for such excursions in early spring. For those wishing a more exciting ride we recommend the White River from Rochester to Stockbridge when the water is high. Why not try it sometime?

CLARENDON HIKE

On the Sunday after the Annual Meeting only three hikers appeared at Meldon at the appointed time. When we got to East Clarendon it started to rain so we stayed in the cars and let the shower pass.

Soon a patch of blue sky was seen and that was enough to send us along to the Lodge.

On approaching the Camp we noticed the door had been left open. Suspecting porkies might be inside we picked up clubs and stealthily sneaked up. About ten feet from the door we were suddenly confronted by two boys from MIT. They must have been a little worried by our attitude. Explanations were made and we found they were starting north for five days on the Trail. The Lodge was left in excellent condition.

The weather continued good and along toward noon the rest of the gang began to arrive. Many of the New York and Worcester people came. The final count was twenty, a very good turn out.

Lunch took about two hours with all the cooking, talking, eating and listening. We went over the Meeting incidents and caught up on all the gossip we had missed.

Some visited the site of the bridge-to-be over the Mill River.

A good time was had by all. It was a great pleasure to have so many of the out-of-town people along. Hope they come again next year.

PICO HIKE AFTER ANNUAL MEET.

By
Bob A. Paul

We left Meldon School at 9:15 A.M. and arrived at Long Trail Lodge at 9:30 A.M. There we met a member of the Montpelier

Section. We started out on the Long Trail and on the way met two other members; Mr. Miller of the New York Section and Mrs. Inestine Roberts of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mrs. Roberts is 86 years old and a wonderful hiker. She loves flowers, and on the hike up Pico stopped every five minutes to pick them. She showed us young hikers up. I wonder if we could climb Pikes Peak at the age of 86? She has climbed that mountain thirteen times. She had her pockets full of flowers, all kinds of moss and ferns. She even had mushrooms on the stick on our way home.

Most of the way up it rained; only a mist; but it was cold. When we reached the top, it was foggy and very windy. (Bob and Joe were the first ones up) We all ate lunch in the look-out station. There was a beautiful view for about five minutes, then it fogged up again. About 1:15 P.M. we started down the trail and came to Pico Shelter. We rested there for awhile and then started on. It took us about 2½ hours to get down.

When we reached Long Trail Lodge, we praised Mrs. Roberts for making such a long trip so well at the age of 86.

We left our Montpelier member at the Lodge and rode down to the Elbow Road where we hiked up to Perkins Camp. All that went on the hike had fun and were amazed at Mrs. Roberts.

POKIE TAKE NOTE

Word has been received from Allegra Milano of Teaneck, N.J. that her dog, Susan, has had her picture in the paper for being a winner at Madison Square Garden. Killington Section members will remember Susan, the beautiful black dog that hiked the Trail with Allegra.



Vol. 9 No. 7

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

July 1956

A NOTE IN PASSING

Your President would like to take this time to note that one of our Outing co-chairmen has been put on vacation from his duties due to the press of summer activity. Churchill Scott's work on and in behalf of the first half-year's outings has been well appreciated. A well-done is extended to him.

A further note with regard to your favorite hikes. The next issue of S&B will contain a new schedule of outings. If there is some spot which you think would be a good fall or winter outing, let Jack Martin or Joe Hadeka know directly.

COMING EVENTS

Time - Saturday, July 21, 8:30 am

Place - M.V. "Ticonderoga" on Lake George

At this time we plan to travel "out of state" to enjoy the steamer trip on Lake George. The trip from Rutland to Lake George, N.Y. is about 50 miles in length through Whitehall and

West Fort Ann NY Rte 9L.

The ship "Ticonderoga", leaves Lake George Steel Pier at 10:40 AM and journeys in a liesurely way arriving at the Ticonderoga Landing at 1:20 PM. The return trip starts after a 10 minute stopover with the arrival time at Lake George of 4:00 PM. That leaves time enough for arriving in Rutland before six in the evening.

The fare, including tax, is \$3.50, children 5 to 12 at half fare, and under five years, free.

We hope the weatherman will provide better skies than the last time we planned this trip.

Time - Sunday, August 5th

Place - CVPS Camp, Chittenden

This is a pleasant way to spend a Sunday during what should be some of our "dog days". For those who have their own or other means of travel this is a come - anytime event. Bring a book or newspaper if that be your pleasure. For more activity bring along your bathing suit. Coffee will be served by the Club. Those desiring transportation meet at Meldon at 10:00 AM.

DOG'S EYE VIEW OF BIDDIE'S KNOB

WOOF! When I saw all those nice people in front of the big school I knew it would be one of those specially nice Walks in the Woods. Three steak bones last time.

Two people in Betty's car, one I knew, and Louise, but I licked both their necks so they would feel welcome. We bounced along until there was a hot smell and smoke in the car and everybody hopped out fast, especially me. Someone named Craigue fixed it, he found a loose wire. Lucky he was along.

We walked the rest of the way. Maybe it wasn't a mountain but we went up and up and up. Some of the people looked hot. They should have waded in the mud puddles to cool off as I did. It was fun splashing in the brook, too. I wonder why they all went farther up the brook to drink! At the brook they began to talk about which was the way to go, and they kept that talk up most of the rest of the way.

The trail got less and less until there wasn't any, but I didn't have any trouble, though some of the logs were across the way so that I had to make myself like a poodle to get under them.

After awhile, some went one way, and some another, and some just waited to see who was going the right way, but they all went UP. We came to grassy ledges, no path at all, but on we climbed. I was glad I had four feet. Finally Craigue called that he was on the top. He didn't say what he was on the top of, and I guess they never did know.

Anyway, we sat on nice soft rocks, all covered with moss, and I looked about for some water to drink. There wasn't any, but Craigue had carried some up for everybody, and Betty gave me her share. She had hers in a thermos. Some of them laughed, and said dogs should get their

own water, but I lapped it to the last drop.

After lunch they stretched out. I wanted to hike some more, so I hopped over their stomachs and lapped some faces, and that stirred them up. A couple went off to climb a tree and see if we were really on Biddie's Knob. They came back, and said they thought it was farther north, but no one tried to find it. Betty and Louise were chasing a red-breasted nuthatch, but it just looked like a little bird to me, not big enough for a good chase.

Finally we went down, and it sure was steep. Some sat down and slid. Everyone took their own way. There were a lot more blowdowns. I'd have had to have been a chihuahua to get through some of them, but I got under or over or around. At last we were back on an old road, very old, but at least you could see where you were supposed to go.

We were nearly back to the cars when I saw a funny lazy animal all covered with prickly things. I poked him with my nose to make him run, but his prickles came off in my nose, and it hurt and itched.

I ran to Betty, pawing it, and she just got excited and screamed, and didn't help a bit, so I tried to forget it, and frisked on to the car. Wonder why Betty looked so sad, and didn't want me to go sniffing in the fields anymore.

Betty's car got stuck again when we got back to Rutland, and Louise took me to the vets, where he took out the prickles and kept me overnight. Wish I'd been home to see the skunk back of the house and the two horses in the strawberry patch Betty told about the next day. Lots of excitement!

Betty says no more long trips for me. I might get into a porcupine. Wonder what she means. I never get into trouble, well, hardly ever. WOOF! See you on the next short trip.

Pocie Nourse

GOING TO JERUSALEM

It wasn't a children's game the way we played it.

Friday morning it poured and everybody wondered if anybody would be foolish enough to go camping in such weather. They were.

First we had to find Jerusalem---three houses and a telephone pole. On the pole there were two very, very faint blue blazes. We added a bright blue arrow and turned off onto the side road. We drove slowly up the road looking for signs of the approach trail but had no luck. Finally, having run out of road, we had to turn around and drive back to Jerusalem to ask directions. At last we found the signs on a tree completely covered with brush.

Nearby was a very good camping spot on a hill in an abandoned field. The rain obligingly held off while we set up the tents.

The other cars arrived and we had supper. The remains of an old barn furnished excellent fuel.

Our Junior Members showed us how to get the fire roaring even with wet wood. All you need is a mattress pump and a little elbow grease.

A deer wandered into the meadow across the road, looked us over, and went on browsing.

After supper we sat around the fire and told stories. Bob Paul told about the rabbit that rode a bicycle around his cellar, and Betty Ball explained the bee-buzz-business. She also demonstrated the war cry of the Barred Owl scaring us out of our wits. And so to bed.

Rain in the night and a very wet trail in the morning. It was easily followed but entirely overgrown. A steady climb brought us to the Long Trail near Glen

Ellen Lodge. The Lodge is beside a beautiful brook and overlooks a lot of country to the east.

Here we found Gene Bamforth, got the latest trail reports, and ate our lunch.

The Long Trail north led to the top of Gen. Stark Mt. where a fine view was enjoyed.

All the trail from Glen Ellen to Birch Glen and out to the Beane Farm was found in poor condition with much brush and many blow-downs. One good feature---new signs telling the hiker where he is.

The trail twisted down the cliffs on the north side of Gen. Stark Mt., over Baby Stark, and Molly Stark, then down, down, down, to Birch Glen Camp. A sign said to follow the road but it looked more like a badly washed brook bed.

At the Beane Farm we picked up the car we had planted there in the morning and returned to camp. Bad news. Emile's battery was dead from too much radio. Also the big tent looked sad due to shrinkage of the guy ropes.

All hands set to squaring up the tent. We tried everything and finally got the right combination of push and pull here and there to fix it.

By this time it was dark but Emile's lantern saved the day or at least prolonged it. A hearty supper and everybody for bed.

Sunday morning the weather looked wonderful. We got Emile's car going by switching batteries. Then we discovered there was a mix-up in church time.

While waiting in Lincoln Gap an Ontario car chugged up over the hump and stopped. When asked if there was any trouble the lady driving said, "I'm afraid so. The last mile or so I haven't been able to pick up any speed." Guess she wasn't used to hills like that.

We climbed to Battell Shelter where we had lunch. Thanks for the grape juice, Cele.

The mad race for the top of Mt. Abraham was won by Barbie Allard. She must have taken a short cut or something because she had been there about five minutes when the rest of us crawled up. The view from the top was fair but limited by the increasing haze.

The entire trail across Lincoln Mountain had been recently cleared by the U.S. Forest Service and was in excellent condition.

Along the ridge we passed over several peaks with little climbing; Little Abe, Lincoln Peak, Nancy Hanks, Cutts, and Ellen.

On Mt. Ellen the rain caught up with us. Soon we were soaked again. Ho-hum! It's an old GMC custom. Four miles of wet bushes, mud and water.

When we got back to the tents it was still raining so they had to be taken down wet. Everybody helped, nobody complained, so it wasn't such a bad job. We felt so good we even set a date for the Camel's Hump trip.

Quite an adventure. A good time was had by all, --- Vera Perkins, Cele Campbell, Barbie Allard, Betty Ball, Emile Boselli, Bob Paul, and Craigie Perkins. Our Junior Members got compliments from all sides for their helpfulness around camp and their good sportsmanship on the trail. They have been brought up right!

INTERSECTIONAL REMINDER

This is to remind Killington members that August 18 and 19 are the dates for the Green Mountain Club Intersectional. It is to be held at Williamstown, Mass. See your May LONG TRAIL NEWS for all the details.

A gathering such as this, provides an excellent opportunity to have a grand time, and to become acquainted with other Section members.

Let's plan a good showing of Killington Section members,

REPORT YOUR LONG TRAIL TRIPS

Remember that GMC keeps a file of information regarding the condition of the Trail and its Shelters. The only way this information can be kept up to date is by reports sent in by hikers. This information is of great value to those planning Trail trips and enables the office to answer inquiries in this connection. It is also helpful to the Trail and Shelter chairmen of the various sections to have first hand information of conditions at a specific time.

You can help on this project by reporting on conditions as you find them whenever you hike over any part of the Trail or visit a Shelter. A postcard or a brief note giving the date of your visit and the conditions as you found them, sent to:

THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
108 MERCHANT'S ROW, RUTLAND, VERMONT
will do the trick. Let's have your help on this.

THE WORLD OF NIGHT

THE WORLD OF NIGHT, by L.J. Milne and Margery Milne, Harpers, \$3.75, is a fascinating nature book. Many campers snuggle closer into their sleeping bags when owls begin to hoot and wildcats snarl, but this intrepid couple have spent many hours watching the inhabitants of the night world, the birds, animals, and insects. Even the trees sound differently in the night winds, and can be told apart by the sounds. You'll find such interesting facts as what colors can be seen best at night and why; some new theories on bird migration; why lightning bugs shine; and many facts about bats. City night life to this pair includes nighthawks and crickets, rather than night clubs. Night life is described by streams, in jungle, desert, and on the beach.

Beautiful illustrations further enhance the charm of this unusual book.

B.B.

INTERSECTIONAL

AUG. 18, 19
1956

VERMONT
MASS.

HOPKINS U.S. EXPERIMENTAL FOREST
NORTHWEST HILL, WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS.
Frank E. Cunningham, Director

Come to the Berkshires just across the line from Vermont, and hike the Long Trail at its beginning or just sit and gaze at the mountain it traverses. Enjoy any one of several pleasant walks right near camp, visit with friends or take a dip in icy brook water. For Saturday night campfire we've asked Mr. Cunningham to tell us about the forestry development program he is conducting here and hope he will oblige. We want to hear your favourite stories so polish them up good.

FOR THE ENERGETIC HIKER:

PINE COBBLE & EPH'S LOOKOUT (elev. 1894, 2254) 4-6 miles round trip with fine sweeping views in all directions. Long Trail approach. Can continue on to Seth Warner Shelter (7 mi. from R.R. sta.) or Thendara another 6 miles and be picked up. Each finishing point involves another 2-3 miles down side trails to hi-way.

MT. GREYLOCK (3491') 8 hi-way miles to base of Mt., 6 miles up by car or about 3½ each way on foot, stiff climbing. Interesting combinations of walking and riding possible. Trails vary in length. Lodge, lunches, beacon light with observation platform, picnic grounds, picnic shelter and T.V. sta. on top.

TACONIC RIDGE NORTH SNOW HOLE 7 miles by car on route 2 to summit of Petersburg pass (2090') then on foot 2½ to 3 miles. After the first sharp climb the rest is easy.

TACONIC RIDGE SOUTH TO MT. MACOMBER (2798') Like the above except harder climbing and a little longer. Both trips are sightly.

Bring your own tenting equipment bedding and food. Water, firewood, toilet facilities provided. Additional information in the May & Aug. issues of L.T. News.

GMC
CAMP
GROUND

CEMENT
VIADUCT

PINE
COBBLE

WILMSTOWN
R.R. STA.

BULKLEY ST.
AND GMC
GUIDE SIGN

CHURCHES OF
ALL KINDS

For tent reservations write:
Miss Hazel Goodale
257 W. Main St.
Williamstown, Mass

FIELD PARK
INFORMATION
BOOTH

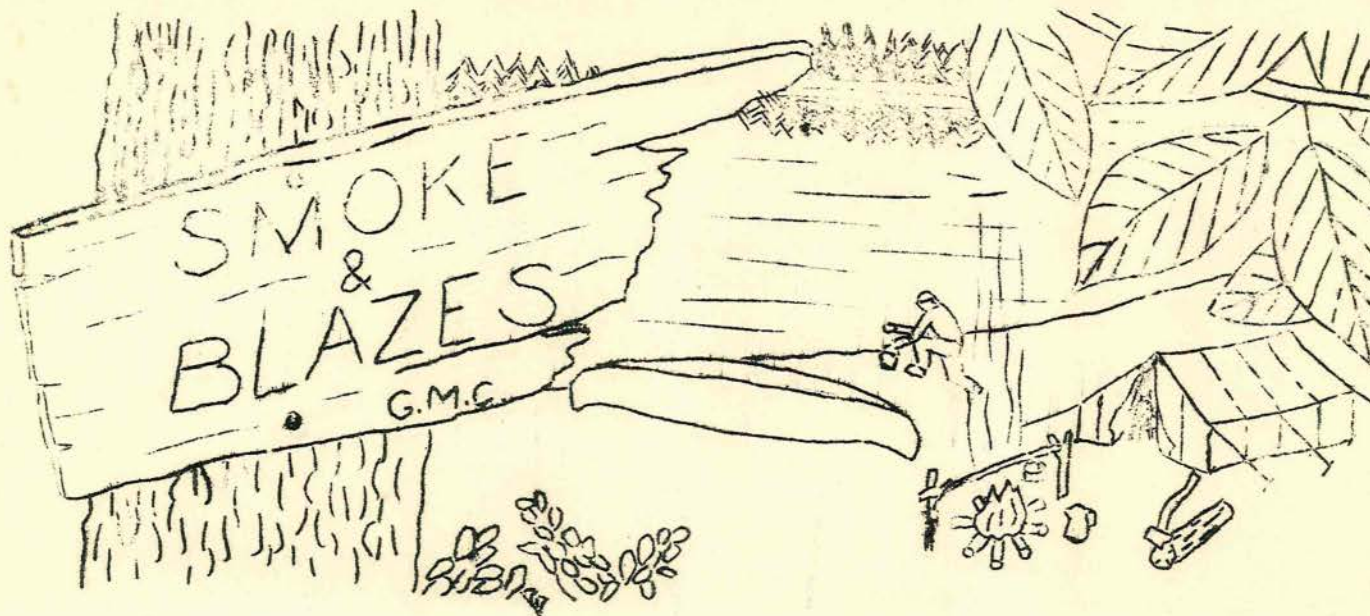
ROUTE 2 N. ADAMS

TROY, ROUTE 2 WEST
PITTSFIELD, U.S. 7 SOUTH TO U.S. 20

MT.
GREYLOCK

TACONIC RANGE
TRAIL TO SNOW HOLE

LONG TRAIL APPROACH



Vol 9 No. ⁸ ~~7~~ KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB August 1956

OUTING SCHEDULE FALL AND WINTER - 1956

The following hikes have been planned for all interested in outdoor activity, whether a member or not. Unless otherwise provided, hikers bring their own lunches, cups and spoons. Coffee will be served by the Club.

Aug. 18-19, Sat. & Sun. Inter-sectional - Williamstown, Mass.

Aug. 26, Sun. Camel's Hump Area (Reschedules)

Sept. 15, Sat. (Fall Series-
Sept. 29, Sat. (location in
Oct. 13, Sat. (Sept. S&B

Oct. 21, Sun. Mt. Okemo

Nov. 3, Sat. Little Rock Pond

Nov. 18, Sun. Mystery Hike

Dec. 1, Sat. Covered Dish
Supper - Beechwood

Dec. 15, Sat. Griffith Lake

Jan. 6, Sun. Gov. Clement -
Snowshoe Hike

Jan. 19 or 20, Sat. or Sun. -
Moonlight Hike - Tucker.
Final Date to depend on weather conditions.

Jan. 31, Thurs. Annual Meeting
of Killington Section.

Feb. 9, Sat. Mt. Carmel (tentative)

Hikes are planned to leave Meldon School on the above dates. For details or possible changes, see the Herald before each outing, or call 3-8621. When possible, advance notice will appear in SMOKE AND BLAZES.

Look for your completed schedule cards with the September SMOKE & BLAZES. Sorry we couldn't get it out for this issue.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Lucy Bishop is travelling in Europe this summer, taking an Extension Course under the auspices of Boston University.

Maude Canty is enjoying her vacation at her camp on Lake Bomoseen.

LAKE GEORGE TRIP

We made it this year - a few of us anyway. It wasn't actually raining when we assembled at Meldon School at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday, July 21st, so in spite of gloomy weather predictions, we started off. Our group of five was glad to be joined by Professor and Mrs. Roy Buchanan from Burlington.

The drive to Lake George Village was uneventful. Occasional spatters of rain attempted to discourage us, but we were in an optimistic mood.

We found Lake George Village to be anything but village-like in atmosphere what with hotels, motels, eating stands, amusement parks, accompanying signs, traffic and the like. After missing a turn for the pier we struggled through a slight involvement with truck traffic, a dead end street and left turns, but finally arrived in plenty of time for the departure of the Ticonderoga at 10:40 A.M.

Even though there were slight sprinkles off and on all day, the mountains around the lake remained clearly visible, so the beauty of the trip was unspoiled. Canvas canopies over the decks of the Ticonderoga protected us from the sprinkles and made it possible to stay out on deck all during the trip.

Lake George is a truly beautiful lake with plenty of variety along its shores. There are elaborate hotels and summer estates, quiet little lake-side villages which are points of call for the steamer, and plenty of wild, rugged country. Then, too, there are the islands, lots of them. Some are privately owned and used for summer homes, but many others are owned by the state and are available for the use of campers. We saw such attractive camp set-ups as we steamed by that it made us start

thinking, "How could we arrange to try this sometime?"

The return trip from Ticonderoga Landing was just as interesting, for as always everything had a different look when seen from the opposite direction.

We were back at the Lake George Village pier about 4 P.M. Here we said "Good-bye", to the Buchanans who were returning to Burlington via the Adirondacks, and planning to camp overnight somewhere enroute. Roy pointed out that this had been a really appropriate Mountain Club trip as an advertising folder stated that Lake George was "situated in the crest of the Adirondacks!"

On the way back to Rutland we had a chance to watch two big oil barges negotiate the locks of the canal a short distance below Whitehall. As some of us had never been at the right place at the right time before to see the canal in actual operation, this was a big addition to the day's trip.

All in all it was a most interesting and enjoyable day. You folks who stayed away missed a really good time. This is as nice a day's boat trip as one could ask for. We could find only one possible fault with Lake George - it isn't in Vermont.

IT'S COMING SOON

Yes, it won't be long now before we'll be getting ready for our Annual Rummage Sale.

Remember that the "white elephant" you don't want anymore may be exactly what someone else is looking for. There is always a demand for clothing - children's clothing is especially wanted. Dishes and kitchen equipment are good items, too. In fact, just about anything goes - at a price. We'll have more details later, but start saving and collecting now. Also, we'd be glad to hear from anyone willing to help on the Sale.

C. V. CAMP
BY
BOB PAUL

We left Meldon School at 10:45 A.M. Blue skies and a sunny day made it very enjoyable at the C.V. Camp at Chittenden Dam. A group of 23 attended. When we arrived we put our lunches on the chairs and made a mad dash for the water. The first one in was Judy Allard. Her first words were, "The water's fine - Brrrrr." Gradually everyone slipped in. Bob Paul inflated his rubber mattress while others were out in Craigie's rubber boat.

Everyone took turns riding in the C.V. boat. There was a slight leak in the boat so we had to wear our bathing suits.

About noon our stomachs told us it was time to refuel, so we ate. We all enjoyed our picnic lunches and Joe Hadeka especially enjoyed his BEANS. He took one smell of the beans and left the table.

After lunch Bob Paul took Judy Allard for a little ride. By some the afternoon was spent on the dock visiting, while others enjoyed swimming and boat rides.

Our food had not yet run out so we decided to stay for supper.

We left the C.V. Camp about 7:00 P.M. and arrived in Rutland about 7:45 P.M., tired but very relaxed after a pleasant day.

We are very grateful to the C.V. for the use of the camp and to Eleanor Walker for making the arrangements for us.

1956 INTERSECTIONAL HELD

Seventy-five GMCers assembled at the Hopkins Experimental Forest, Williamstown, Mass., on the weekend of Aug. 18-19 for the annual Club Intersectional.

Early comers began arriving late Friday P.M. and enjoyed a fine, moonlight evening.

This was new camping territory for Killington Sec. members and we took advantage of the opportunity to cover some of the southern end of the Long Trail. The general terrain here is much different than the Lincoln Mt. area where we hiked in early July. The Trail here for the most part followed pleasant, woodsy paths and old wood roads.

People were arriving all day Saturday and we returned from our hike to find quite a "tent city". We kept busy for awhile seeing who was there, but soon went down to the small pond where a dip in its cool water was most refreshing after our day's hike.

An after supper shower caused a brief lull in activities, but it was of short duration and we were soon gathered around a blazing campfire. Here the program included songs, Section reports, a talk on the work being done in the Forest, charades representing the names of some Long Trail Shelters by Killington Sec. and a stunt directed by Brattleboro Section. The program concluded abruptly with the advent of another shower. This was soon over, however, and the crowd reassembled to enjoy watermelons provided by Don Kent of the Brattleboro Section.

Early rain on Sunday made the day seem unpromising for either hiking or camping. By noon the majority had broken camp and were on their way.

Those attending from the Killington Sec. were: Miriam, Bennett, and Charlotte Bell; Louise Adams, Betty Ball, Joe Hadeka, Barbie Allard, Mary, Craigie, and Vera Perkins.

Many thanks to the committee for arranging a fine Intersectional

COOPER CLEAN UP

The long awaited repairs at Cooper Lodge on Killington have at last been made.

It all began with a letter from a councilor at Twin Notch Girl Scout Camp near Fort Ann New York. She asked if we had any project for a group of her campers on the Long Trail. After a little correspondence we settled on the repair and cleaning of Cooper Lodge as a proper project.

A trip was made to the Girls Camp to show the slide collection and make more detailed plans.

On a Saturday Bob Paul, Joe Hadeka, and Craigie Perkins made a trip to Killington carrying up paint, brushes, glass, putty, and all the tools needed for a good overhaul.

The camp was found in fairly good condition except for the disconnected stove pipe and a broken leg on the stove. Someone had tried to drag the stove across the stone floor. There doesn't seem to be any way to make repairs and we will eventually have to set the stove on a pile of stones. However it works as well as ever and takes little fuel which is a big advantage on Killington.

On Sunday afternoon fourteen girls and two councilors arrived. They proved to be good hikers and made the trip up the Bucklin Trail in about four hours with three day packs.

At Cooper Lodge we found two Canadian boys who had hiked all the way from Stratton Mt. After supper and getting settled we held a song festival. The boys had some new ones. If you hear "A Guy Had A Game with a Ping-Pong Ball" -- that's where it came from.

Next morning the boys left and we got to work. The window sash with broken glass were taken out one by one.

Old putty was removed, broken glass disposed of, and the sash cleaned up. Then the new glass was set, putty replaced, and the window washed.

The painting crew painted the outside of the sash, replaced it, and painted the inside.

About a dozen sash were done in this way. Meanwhile a gang cut the weeds near the camp and picked up the cans and glass scattered around.

Another group repainted the blue blazes on the spur trail to the peak.

The roof detail daubed two gallons of coating on the worse spots on the roofing paper. (Also on the shoes, hands, elbows, etc. of the girls involved.)

There was plenty of time for fun and several trips to the peak. Tuesday evening was spent at the top watching the lights. The seeing was just fair with considerable haze. However, there wasn't a drop of rain in the three days we were there.

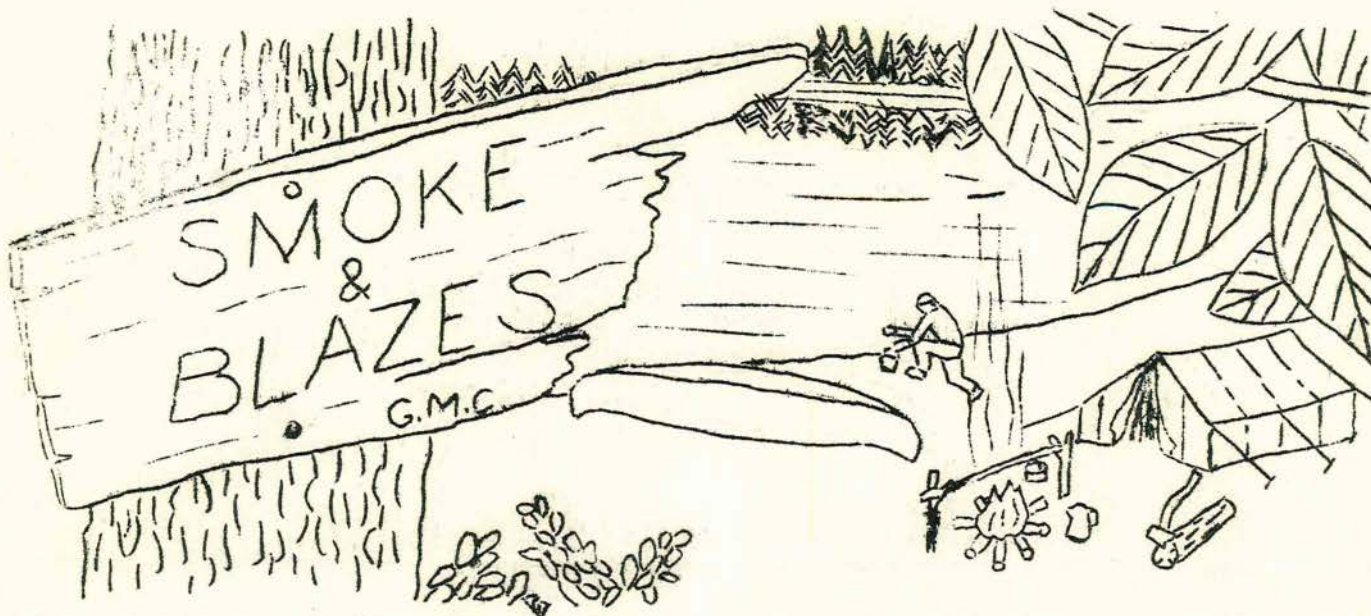
Four or five of the girls slept out on the flat above the Camp, and that area became known as Porcupine Alley.

Before leaving on Wednesday morning the girls swept out the Camp thoroughly and disposed of all food leftovers.

The project was a great success from all angles. The girls had a good outing and the GMC was greatly benefited. The jobs the girls did are the kind we always postpone for what we consider more important work.

If more Campers could be induced to carry out a project like this it would help to make up for our man power shortage.

While we are on the subject, how about a work party to put that wallboard on Sunnyside?



Vol. 9 No. 9

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

SEPT. 1956

COMING EVENTS

The next two outings are in our fall series-outings. The transportation on these has to be arranged in advance so if you are planning to go please get in touch with Craigie or Vera Perkins by the Friday evening preceding the hike. These trips give you a chance to add to your total Long Trail mileage. Better come.

Time - Saturday, Sept. 29
Place - Cowles Cove to Birch Glen

This should prove an interesting trip. Since an approach trail is on the west side of the range and the other on the east it looks as though we'd have to divide the group for this one.

One group will drive to Hanksville and the "Beane Farm". Leaving cars there they will hike up to Birch Glen and from there north along The Long Trail to Cowles Cove and on to the intersection of The Long Trail with the Hedgehog Brook Trail, out this trail to the road to North Fayston and Route 100. The other group will go in from North Fayston and do the hike in reverse.

We'll meet somewhere en route (we hope) for lunch and exchange of car keys. Total hiking 7.2 mi.

Time - Saturday, Oct. 13th
Place - Boyce Shelter to Breadloaf Mt.

The last of our Fall series-hikes goes on from where the 1954 fall series left off. We will use the Burnt Hill approach trail which comes out on a public road back of Broad Loaf English School as we did before.

After leaving Boyce Shelter we will go on to Mt. Boyce, Battell Mt. and Breadloaf Mt. From there we will use another approach trail to bring us back down to a public road which leads to Ripton.

This trip promises at least two good lookouts and view of Skylight Pond. The total hiking distance on this one is about 8.3 miles.

RUMMAGE SALE * FRIDAY, OCT. 26

The Rummage Sale date has been set. Mark Thursday, Oct. 25, on your calendar as the day you will bring your load of rummage to be sold on Friday. The Sale will be in the Neighborhood Rooms as usual and we will be there from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Thursday to receive material and get it ready for selling.

There is a good market for most anything. Some of the items

in the clothing line which we usually find ourselves short of are the larger sizes in women's clothing and all sorts of men's and boy's clothing. We could always sell more children's things if we had them. Underwear is a good item, too, even if in need of small repairs. China, glassware, ornamental objects, cooking utensils, and the like are all good sellers.

If you have material and no way of getting it to us call Craigue Perkins (3-7954) before Thursday, Oct. 25th.

We need helpers anytime Thursday for sorting and pricing. On Friday help is especially needed for the first couple of hours (9-11) when business is really rushing. Please let us hear from you if you can help out at any time.

This is our one big money raising project of the year. It's success depends on having a large supply of material. Let's see if we can top last year's net of \$121.39.

UNSCHEDULED WORK PARTY

It started out as an afternoon walk by two Killington Sec. GMCers to take a look at the new bridge over Mill River which is nearing completion. Incidentally, if you don't think this bridge that Emile is building is quite a project you have a surprise coming!

The day was so nice that after viewing the bridge we decided to go on to Clarendon Lodge via the Long Trail. We were glad of the new markings here as the recent lumbering has certainly changed the look of things in this area.

Arrived at the Lodge we found that the last users had left a fine pile of wood and also a collection of leftover supplies which covered about half the table. Their intentions

were good as they had left everything well stored in plastic bags and a note saying all was fresh as of September 1st. Apparently it hadn't occurred to them that there might not be anyone along immediately to use them. As the supplies were already more than a week old we decided to dispose of them.

Burning seemed to offer the quickest and neatest method of disposal. So we stuffed a few papers and a little kindling in the stove, lit them and started dumping in the left-overs. Too late we realized that the stove grate was practically non-existent so everything was falling directly into the ash pan!

In the end we carted everything to the dump and cleaned out the stove. We also removed the boughs from the bunks and swept up the needles. Two windows were open when we arrived; these we closed and wedged shut with small pieces of wood - those latches really should be fixed.

There is a roof leak which needs fixing and the whole roof could well be coated. A metal strip should be put on the bottom of the door which is showing the effect of porkie gnawings. Something should be done soon about the stove.

This is the nicest shelter in our Section. A little work now will put it back in A-1 condition. Let's have a planned work party soon and do it.

NEWS FLASH

Two of our Killington Section members, Cecile Campbell and Emile Boselli, who have been working together this year in getting out SMOKE & BLAZES, are soon going into partnership in a big way. Cecile came back from her vacation with a very pretty ring and they have wedding plans for October 27th. Best wishes to you, Cecile and Emile.

CAMEL'S HUMP IN THE RAIN

There are many times during the year when Camel's Hump is a formidable mountain to climb. A few weeks ago, at the end of summer, six Killington Section hikers didn't think there was much to worry about in this respect. However, we had an experience worth remembering.

After planting one car at the Winooski river road crossing, and with the second car reaching the start of our hike, the Forestry Trail, we were ready for the climb. This was quite a time consuming operation. We had left Rutland, Vermont about 7:30 A.M. It was now 10:45 A.M.

By this time, it was raining, a drizzle that we did not know whether or not was to be just a mountain shower or an all day rain. Regardless of weather, we decided to go on. What's a little rain at the end of summer?

This is an easy trail. It climbs at a moderate grade, and goes through beautiful hard wood forest. We had decided to take the Alpine Trail where it crosses the Forestry trail in order to see the remains of the army plane which crashed here in 1944.

With the rain still beating down on us, we were wet from head to toe. In fact we were drenched, cold, and beginning to think we were a bit on the loony side. The sight of the wrecked plane didn't help any to heighten our spirits. The two youngsters (speedy hikers) hadn't been seen for some time.

On reaching the side cliff, just below the summit, the wind was blowing at terrific speed. We hugged the wall and inched our way along. Our hands were numb. The rain was letting up some, but the wind was more difficult to contend with. Someone's cap blow off, and was caught on the fly. We scrambled to the

top and were rewarded for about one minute with a view of the valley when the clouds separated just long enough for a quick look. The girls weren't on the peak. We didn't expect they would be waiting for us in that cold. "Most likely they ran for shelter below", was the thought we expressed.

When we reached the tin hut, we found them, cold and shivering, and wondering where we had been. They had missed the Alpine Trail, and didn't get to the top of the mountain at all. Those of us who had wool shirts in our packs, took them out, and after taking the wet ones off, put on the dry ones. What a comfort!

We hurried on to Gorham Lodge. What a blessed relief! A fire was burning in the stove, and two young men were packing and getting ready to leave. We stayed here longer than we should have but we wanted to get warm and a little dryer. We ate our lunch and then moved on.

From here on, the going was rough, in and out of woods, over ridges and several pronounced knobs. The sun was out at last, and the wind blowing strong enough to dry us off.

Over Spruce Knob and down to Wiley Lodge! It was getting late so we stopped only long enough to take a look at this beautiful lodge built in 1949 by the Long Trail Patrol. This Lodge was made possible by a generous gift from William O. Wiley of the New York Section. A fund for its perpetual maintenance has been established.

After leaving Wiley Lodge, we continued north on the Trail through the woods, following Gleason Brook, and finally coming out in a pasture that the Guide Book says comes "to the river road."

It was a long, long day. We won't forget Camel's Hump in the Rain.

BURNT ROCK MOUNTAIN

Saturday, September 15th at 7 A.M.: all aboard for another trip on the Long Trail.

We left one car at Couching Lion Farm and then drove back to North Fayston, if you know where that is. The Hedgehog Brook approach trail was an easy climb. Although it is not well marked we had no trouble following it. It apparently has had some use this summer.

Only an hour and a half was required to reach the Long Trail south of Burnt Rock Mountain. At this point we turned north toward the rocky summit. The Trail had been recently cleared and was in good condition. Blazes and signs were good in this area also.

At 12:30 we had lunch on the bare top of Burnt Rock Mountain which deserves its reputation for providing one of the best views along the Trail. There are no nearby peaks except the Allens directly north. We could see the White Mountains to the east and Vermont from Lake Willoughby to Killington. To the west we could see nearly the full length of Lake Champlain but low clouds hid the Adirondaks.

Speaking of clouds, they began to drift by through the pass below us and for a while we thought we were in for another wetting but it held off till we were most home.

The Trail led by Mt. Ira Allen just under the cliffs near the top. Then came the two peaks of Ethan Allen.

As we started down Camel's Hump came into view and was visible most of the way to Montclair Glen Lodge. The Trail was good and not too rough. The Lodge was clean and in good condition. The register had been there a year. We signed it.

After a short rest we descended to Wind Gap and start of the Dean Trail out to Couching Lion Farm. We passed several beaver ponds near the Gap with some signs of fresh work.

About 6 P.M. after eight hours on the trail we reached our car and started toward home.

This wasn't so exciting a trip as the Camels Hump battle but it was a good hike on a good Trail on a good day.

NEW ARRIVAL

We have a new prospective Killington Section GMC member. Section president, Jack Martin and Janet Martin are the parents of another daughter, Nancy Lynn Martin, born on September 1st. Congratulations.

BOOK REVIEW - SWIFT IN THE NIGHT

"Swift In The Night", by H.B. Mowery is an entertaining and informative book on animals and plants. Anyone who enjoys watching foxes and rabbits, will enjoy the tales of these and other wild creatures, and most readers will be surprised to read that wolves are timid beasts. Hungry hikers will like the chapters on wild mushrooms, and on plants. Ever try fried dandelion blossoms? B.B.

SUMMER HOMES IN NATIONAL FORESTS

An article in the September issue of AMERICAN FORESTS explains how under certain conditions summer homes may be built in National Forests. When summer home sites are available in a specific Forest the location must be approved by the Forestry Service. Permits for the use of the land are issued from year to year, at a moderate fee. Restrictions and special rules vary with local conditions. An interesting idea.



Vol. 9 No. 10

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Oct. 1956

COMING EVENTS

TIME - Sunday, October 21
PLACE - Mt. Okemo

Here is a short hike with a wonderful view to a mountain we have not visited for several years. The road goes to within less than one-half mile from the top, so it will be a very short hike.

The trip will leave the Meldon School at 10:30 A.M., so everyone should be able to make this one without rushing. See you there.

TIME - Saturday, November 3
PLACE - Little Rock Pond

Previous trips to this pleasant pond have usually been during Spring flower or Summer glory. This should be a chance for an "off-season" visit for those familiar with the locale, and a trip of discovery for those new to Little Rock Pond. There is a possible good view from the Green Mts., $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west.

This hike is about 4.8 mi. (2 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs.), total, all on The Long Trail. The trip will leave Meldon at 9:30 A.M.

TIME - Sunday, November 18
PLACE - ? ? ? MYSTER HIKE ? ? ?

This relatively short hike offers one of the best views in our vicinity, weather permitting. (2 mi. 1500 ft.). We plan on leaving Meldon at 10:00 A.M., with prepared instructions for reaching the still to be revealed goal.

REMINDER

RUMMAGE SALE - OCT. 26th

We need the support of everyone to make the sale a success. Remember we will be in The Neighborhood Rooms all day Thursday, Oct. 25th, to receive your contributions. It is important to have things in that day so they are ready for sale when we open on Friday morning.

We would still like to hear from people who would be able to help on the sale, either Thursday or Friday - or both!

With our big bridge project this year we are more anxious than ever to have the sale net us a good sum to help fill up our treasury. We need plenty of things to sell, so search out everything you have no further use for and let us have it. Contact your friends too, and see if they have anything they'd like to get rid of. Here is a chance to help yourselves and us at the same time.

COWLES COVE TO BIRCH GLEN

Divided we hiked, to save the many miles we would have to drive to plant cars. One group went in from N. Fayston, and one from Hanksville. All were to meet for lunch.

For a while the N. Fayston hikers weren't sure they would ever meet. Remembering a left-hand turn at the start of the approach trail, they started up a wood road, wondering why they didn't remember the little bridge and the old lumbering jobs. They tried a side trail which promptly petered out. The main trail suddenly lost itself too. As the perplexed group started back to the beginning, they remembered a discussion about two bridges when we took this trail two weeks ago. We had crossed one bridge too many. Soon we were on the right trail with its familiar blowdowns and muddy spots. We were glad to finally see the mustard-colored blazes.

It was the warmest day for weeks, which made the ascent seem steeper than before. But the woods were lovely, with that special golden autumn glow, and views near the top colorful indeed. A pause for light refreshment near the top of the Hedgehog Brook Trail gave everyone renewed pep. The last mile to Cowles Cove was through lovely evergreen woods. There the two groups had a leisurely lunch hour, near the nice, new shelter.

The Trail beyond Cowles Cove was pleasantly varied, with the first mile a scramble over rocks and roots, and so side-hilly one wished for wamapoofus legs, temporarily, of course.

The rest of the way was through pleasant woodland, and we stopped briefly at Birch Glen.

We had far-reaching, gloriously colored views as we neared the Beane Farm, and decided nothing was nicer than a hike in the fall.

BREADLOAF HILL

Once again good weather made October 13th another good hiking day.

One car was parked at the Steam Mill site way off up in the woods north of Ripton. The other car was left at Breadloaf Summer School and six of us went up the Burnt Hill Trail to the Long Trail.

It was a long two miles up hill. The Trail was easily followed but could stand some brushing at the upper end and signs near the start.

Going north on the Long Trail, we found it had been recently worked as far as Batell Mountain. Boyce Shelter was in good condition.

The forest across this part of the Trail was almost completely blown down by the hurricanes. Now spruce and balsam are coming in and in a few years this will be a very pretty area.

At Skylight Pond, where we had lunch, we met a party from Middlebury College staying at Skyline Lodge, which was in fine condition.

Even though the air temperature was in the seventies, there was a thin coating of ice over part of the Pond at noon, believe it or not.

The slide down the Breadloaf Trail really was something! Don't ever try to go up that way with a pack. They should build a one mile ladder down from the top.

The trail was easily followed down to a lumber job but beyond that point just disappeared. We saw only two blazes and no signs in the last mile so we followed a wood road which happened to come out where we had left the car.

Too bad more people didn't come out for this one--- it wasn't too hard.

BEHOLD THE MOUNTAINS

"Behold the Mountains" by Frank Smythe, is a fine book on mountain-climbing around the world with good color photographs. Mr. Smythe climbed as high on Everest as anyone had until the last few years, and has climbed in Europe, Canadian Rockies, and on the Long Trail in Vermont. The last place was the only one in which he was hurt. He fell on a root. The book closes with fine autumn color photographs of the Rutland region. This is an exciting book, with many thrilling accounts of climbs, and is one of the most beautifully illustrated books on mountain-climbing I ever saw.

B. B.

ALONG THE TRAIL

Two Killington Section members hiked the Trail between the Middlebury and Brandon Gaps recently. This was a repeat trip for one of us and we were surprised to discover how much one forgets about a section of Trail in a couple of years. After we left the Lake Pleiad area the only things which seemed familiar were the rain and Sucker Brook Shelter!

We visited the Voter-White Lodge this time and enjoyed its porch which overlooks Lake Pleiad. We reached there before the rain and the Lake was really lovely with its tapestry background of hills in fall foliage. Altogether a good trip in spite of the rain.

We continue to marvel at how other Sections seem to be able to keep registers in their shelters. We'd like to know their secret. These registers are interesting to look over, and give an idea of how much the Trail is being used, and tell of conditions found by hikers.

NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION

The National Parks Assoc. is an independent, non-profit organization with nation-wide membership guarding America's heritage of scenic wilderness. It was founded in 1919, and is the publisher of NATIONAL PARKS MAGAZINE.

21,000,000 acres of the most beautiful land in America belongs to you.

Because these lands are under the protection of the Government, most people believe that they will remain inviolate, but this is not necessarily so--not so long as selfish interests seek to have bills introduced in Congress making it legal to graze livestock, cut forests, develop mines, and dam rivers for power within the parks. It is possible for a small minority working through Congress to have its way over an unorganized majority.

Through the NATIONAL PARKS MAGAZINE, you will be informed of any plans proposed that would provide profit for a few, yet would destroy the heritage of many.

If you are interested, write: National Parks Association, 2144 P Street, N. W., Washington, 7, D. C.

HIGH SIERRA HIKE

Two of our Killington Section, California members, Bob and Thelma Perkins, spent part of their summer vacation hiking with the Sierra Mt. Club.

We think a story about hiking with that Club would be interesting to our Green Mountain Club members. How about a story, Bob or Thelma?



Vol. 9 No. 11

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Nov. 1956

COMING EVENTS

Time - Saturday, Dec. 1st
Place - Beechwood - Covered Dish
 Supper

Once again it is time for our annual covered dish supper at Beechwood. We hope you will all plan to come. In order to be sure of a good variety of food we would like everyone to call Janet Martin, PR 3-8621, and tell her what you would like to bring by Friday night. It would be appreciated if you would call in the evening, if possible. Plan to come early and take a walk, or sit and chat during the afternoon. Supper will be served at 6 P.M. Please bring your own dishes and silver.

Time - Saturday, Dec. 15th
Place - Griffith Lake

This will be a new trip to most of us as we will hike to Griffith Lake by way of the Lake Trail from US 7 two miles south of Danby. According to the Guide Book this trail should be quite scenic as there are two good lookouts.

Since this is a fairly long trip - about 3.7 miles in-(3 hrs. estimate going up; 2 hrs. return-

ing down) we will leave from Meldon School at 8:30 A.M.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$121.03

Another successful Rummage Sale has come and gone, adding a substantial amount to Killington Section's treasury.

Each year we are pleased with the amount and type of material which comes in for the sale and hope that our members can keep on supplying us. We have a number of regular customers who watch for the GMC sale and come and buy, no matter how many other sales are in progress the same day. This keeps business good and makes us feel sure that we really offer good bargains, so the sale benefits sellers and buyers alike.

It's not too early to put aside a good big box marked "Rummage" to receive any items for which you have no further use as you finish with them. In this way you'll be ready for us when the call for Rummage goes out again next fall.

Our thanks to all who supplied material, and an extra "thank you" to "T" Valiquette, Ruth Postman, and Eleanor Walker who assisted in pricing and/or selling and cleaning up. We needed their help.

MT. OKEMO

Sunny, summer-warm weather, and an easy hike brought out several hikers on October 21st. Most of them drove to a parking lot about a half mile from the top, and had an easy hike up. Here were good picnic facilities, a fire tower with a wide though hazy view, rocks for little Carol Martin to play on, and a generally good place for relaxing. Several of the men tried to measure the fire tower, using various mathematical methods.

Meanwhile, two hikers and a dog, wishing a longer hike, had tried coming up the long way, along the ski lift. They started from a parking place at the bottom of the lift, and followed the poles, thinking this would be more direct than the winding road. It was direct, all right, directly up, a steep but peaceful ascent. Many pauses were made to enjoy the beauty of the woods, and catch the breath. During one of these pauses, a beautiful woodpecker, with glossy, ebony black, back, and a buttercup yellow spot on his head, flew into sight - the rare Artic, three-toed, woodpecker. It turns up in Vermont only once in a couple of years, though fairly common in the spruce forests of Canada. This made the whole trip worthwhile, to one of the hikers, at least.

The next question was what lay over the hill? Would it be more poles, the road, the fire tower in sight, or a dead end? The ridge in question had been in sight ever since leaving the road, but now it was finally topped, and there were more poles!!

Another ridge topped, and sight of a ski hut, but no road, no tower, just forest closing in. However, there was a map, and the hungry-by-now hikers

tried to deduce how to get to the top, and started off on an old, rough, woods road. But alas! It soon plunged steeply downhill, and the pair wanted to go up. What to do? A clearing was noted, explored, and it proved to be a ski trail, going up, so it was followed. But it wound around. They were getting discouraged. Mutterings were heard that retreat might be best. A dog barking sounded hopeful, but that, too, went down the mountain, obviously a beagle hunting. Shouts brought no answer. Finally a boy and his mother were spotted ahead. They were on the trail. The old lady said it was a half mile to the tower and a rough trail, but it seemed like a boulevard after the rough ski trail, and soon the tower was in sight.

The party was then reunited, all but the two dogs, who were speedily separated. At last, at 1:30 lunch was enjoyed by the famished pair, their appetites well whetted by the spice of adventure.

After a long, leisurely, lunch hour, everybody went down the mountain, thankful for the opportunity to hike in the sunshine of a wonderful, Indian summer, day.

A SUGGESTION

Recently one of our Jr. members asked why a story of Green Mountain Club activities couldn't be written up in the Rutland Herald so that other young people would know that there is such a thing as a hiking club where young people are welcome.

We think this is a splendid suggestion, and recommend that something be done along this line.

That something could be the appointing of a Jr. as chairman to follow through with the above.

LITTLE ROCK POND TRIP

by

Rachel Bell

On November fourth at ten-thirty, a group of 22 hikers, including Girl Scout Troop Two of Dana School, left Danby for Little Rock Pond, which was a two and a half mile hike on the Long Trail, each way. It was a mild gray day; some of us hiked in shirt sleeves.

When we arrived there, we discovered a beautiful, medium-sized pond. On an island we found a lean-to and a fireplace, over which we cooked our lunch.

We also discovered an old, partly sunken row boat. When it was time to get the water, three of us ---"Captain John Smith, Pocahontas, and an Indian guide"---paddled to the other end of the pond where there was a spring. Standing up we used the primitive paddles which were in the boat for oars.

We were all sorry to leave this lovely spot just as the sun came out, but we will return some time again!

MYSTERY SOLVED

With the first fall of snow, and enthusiastic group of a dozen hikers, the destination of the Mystery Hike was found to be the Tall Timber Camping Area in Mendon.

This proved to be an ideal spot for a day in the woods, to romp and play in the snow, to take short walks on the nearby trails, and to enjoy the shelter of one of the cabins.

We were pleased to see one of our members of long standing, Bill Allard, who was doing some hunting in the area with friends.

Penny, the Bell dog, became so tired, he wanted to stay in camp for the night, but was persuaded to move on.

FOR THE BIRDS

Why not start the interesting hobby of bird watching by feeding birds this winter? These free meals will bring you enjoyment and happiness, for birds soon become daily visitors when given proper food.

Birds appreciate a variety of wholesome seeds. Seeds of sunflower, broken corn, cracked wheat, hemp, buckwheat, millet, hulled oats and certain other seeds are favorite of most birds. A little grit is need to supply calcium and phosphorus.

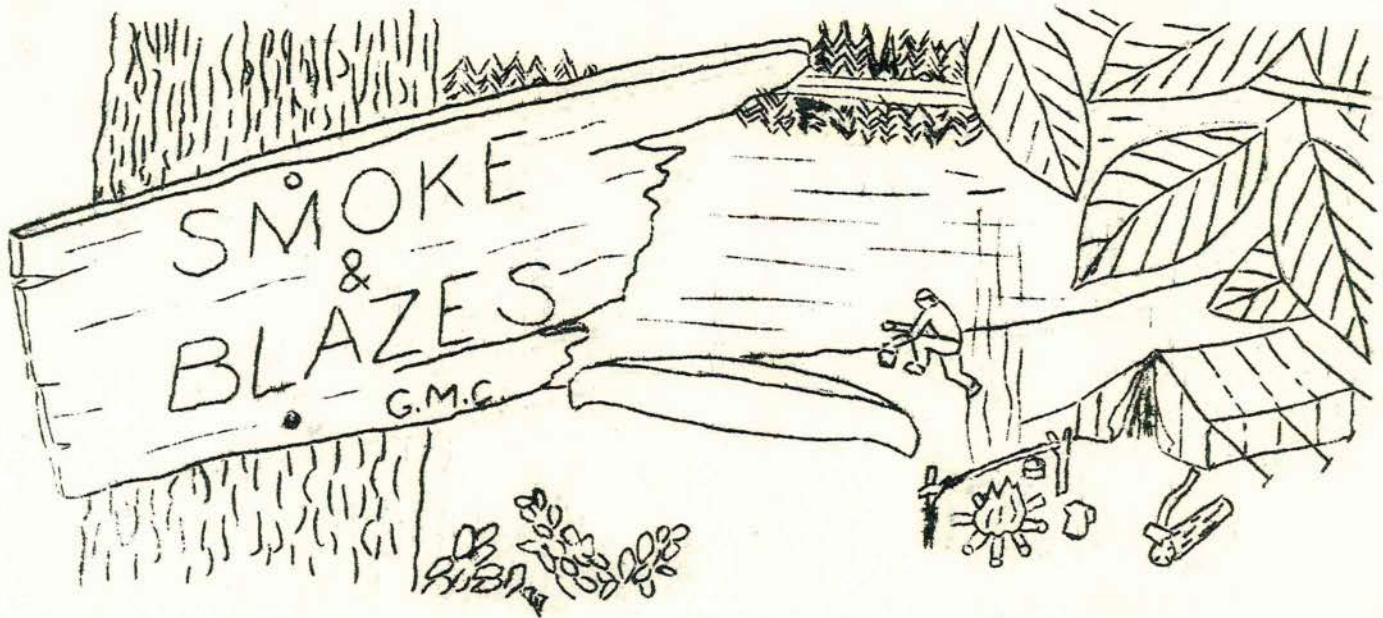
Outdoor seed mixtures may be bought for as little as five pounds for \$1.10.

There are all types of bird feeders on the market. If you are a beginner at this fascinating hobby, why not send for a free catalog. The Hyde Bird Feeder Company of 56 Felton St., Waltham, Massachusetts will be glad to oblige.

A friend of ours with the long standing hobby of bird watching told us that he has come to notice what marked personalities the different species have. The flicker, despite his large size and formidable beak is always the perfect gentleman, so that even the little junco that is being chased off continually by the other birds will eat right alongside him without any fear. The blackbirds are crafty and smart. They are never satisfied with merely finishing the food when it is spread out on a cardboard but afterwards must also move the cardboard to see if they can find any more stray bits underneath.

Once started on this interesting project of feeding the birds, you will want to know more about them. There are books you will want to buy to help you identify your friends. There are even records of expertly recorded bird songs.

Why not get started?



SEASON'S GREETINGS

We know it's not original
And it's certainly not new,
But the staff of SMOKE &
BLAZES

Wishes you a Merry Christmas
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sunday, January 6th
Place - Gov. Clement Shelter-
Snowshoe Hike

It is hoped that this hike will be blessed with a fall of beautiful, new snow, but in any event there should be plenty of snow in this area in January for a good hike that will not be too strenuous. This would be a good trip for skiers too, as it follows an old road which is not plowed in winter. Hope we'll see you there with your skis or snowshoes. We will leave the Melton School at 10:00 A.M.

Time - Saturday, January 19 or
Sunday, January 20
Place - Tucker Lodge - Moonlight
Hike.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

The annual covered dish supper was held at Beechwood on Dec. 1st. There was a good crowd of 36 for supper. About half of them came early enough to hike around a bit in the afternoon.

As usual everyone stuffed themselves on a variety of delicious dishes, including two very nice Hungarian dishes brought by Mrs. Horner. It's always nice to have something different as well as the old standbys like Mary's beans, Joe's mother's spaghetti, and Vera's lemon pies, that we enjoy every year.

The youngest hikers present, Carol Martin and Mike Keenan, even had their own table and chairs. It was good at this party to see some of our members who are not able to be with us as often as we might wish.

After supper, while a few of the ladies cleaned up, our president, Jack Martin, played his accordion and led the group in singing some old familiar songs. Then we looked back over the years to the early forties and some of Killington Section's first hikers. It was certainly amazing to see how many of our junior members had grown up into senior members.

GRIFFITH LAKE HIKE

This is the story of a hike that didn't come off. In spite of a beautiful fresh snowfall only a handful of people showed up at Meldon for the outing.

After a conference it was decided to go into Clarendon for more work on the broken sash.

This plan was carried out and the poor old Clarendon stove put on its usual good performance. We were warm and cozy even though the weather turned blustery and two of the sash were out for repairs.

One more trip to set the glass ought to put this Camp back in the excellent column. Who's going?

WANTED ! WANTED ! WANTED !

Wanted: more material for SMOKE & BLAZES. We need new writers, new viewpoints, new ideas. Too often we are putting out only three pages instead of four. There are plenty of people in the Club who could contribute material that would be of interest to all of us. If you ever did anything interesting it isn't fair to keep it to yourself.

Did you ever go on a trip? Go fishing? Get lost? Got found? Get mad? Read a book? See a movie? Watch an exciting commercial on television? Cultivate a hobby? Have an idea? Have an opinion? Care a darn about anything?

If you can answer "Yes" to any of the above let SMOKE & BLAZES have the story to pass along to the other Club members. They would be interested and maybe surprised.

ATTENTION JUNIOR MEMBERS

For loan - one pair of hiking boots, size 6-E. If interested call Janet Martin

at Pr-3-6821.

TIPS ON WINTER HIKING

In winter it is very important to be well prepared when one hits the Trail. In summer wet feet may not feel too good but in winter it could be disastrous. Therefore, it is always a good idea to carry a couple of extra pairs of wool socks. (Wool socks are best for hiking because wool retains more of its insulating properties when wet than other fibers which become matted when wet and cause blisters and cold feet.

Another must is an extra sweater. It is better not to be too bundled up when actually hiking because you will get uncomfortably warm and wet with perspiration. When you stop you get very cold. Then is when a spare sweater will feel extra good.

A small pack is a good investment because it will hold your lunch and extra clothing. You will find it easier to hike with your hands free, you are less apt to lose your balance, and if you find you are too warm you have some place to put that jacket or sweater. You may be glad you brought later in the day.

There is no need to stay home in the winter if you dress warmly and take care to be prepared for the cold and possible wetness of winter and spring hiking.

WE'RE SORRY

In one of our frequent mental lapses we omitted the name of Sharon Krause from the list of helpers at our recent Rummage Sale. Our apologies Sharon, we did appreciate your assistance.

TIPS ON CHRISTMAS TREES

Whatever plans you have for your Christmas tree a good tree to start with is important. Some of the things which are generally considered as characteristics of a good tree are: a good green color, symmetrical shape with full bottom branches and a good top, branches stiff enough to support lights, and needles which do not drop too readily.

What kind of a tree will you choose? Personally, we always thought the spruce was the ideal Christmas tree, but the experts say fir is better, especially for indoor use as spruce sheds it's needles too rapidly. Here is how you can distinguish between the two. Firs have flat needles spaced out along the stems which, when pulled off, leave smooth oval scars. Spruce has prickly needles, square in cross section, which leave small projecting stumps when pulled off.

Of course the size tree you will choose will depend entirely on where you want to use it.

You can sometimes improve the shape a bit by adding a branch if one has broken or there bare spots. To do this, bore a hole in the trunk where you want the branch and insert one taken from a place where it will not be missed. A few slivers of wood edged in around it will make it fit tightly.

Of course the fresher your tree is the better it will keep. You can add to its keeping qualities if, when you get it home, you cut an inch diagonal slice from the stump and place your tree in a pail of cold water with a cup of sugar added. Keep it outdoors until you want to use it.

When it comes to decorating your tree, the General Electric

Company offers this information on the effect of colored bulbs, which may give you some helpful lighting suggestions. Green bulbs accent the foliage color while red and yellow bulbs wash it out. The order of brightness of the bulbs is: white, orange, red, green, blue. When all colors are used at one time on a tree, using twice as many blue and green as the other colors will give the best effect.

Whatever tree you select and however you trim it, have fun.

OLD SUPERSTITUTIONS ON CHRISTMAS FOODS

Refuse mince pie at Christmas dinner and you'll have ill luck all the year.

Eat an apple at midnight on Christmas Eve and you'll have good health in the coming year.

If the loaf of bread is left on the table after the Christmas Eve celebration there will be no lack of bread in the house in the coming year.

If you do not have plum pudding at Christmas time you will lose a friend during the coming year.

A NEW YEAR'S CUSTOM

It was an old English custom to clean the chimney at New Year's so good luck for the coming year could descend.

Perhaps that is why we "clean the slate" and make New Year's resolutions.

Anyone know where the custom of not keeping them originated?

CHRISTMAS PLANTS

If you are giving plants for Christmas remember to choose those which will survive the warm, dry atmosphere of most of our homes in winter. You can't do much better than the Poinsetta or Christmas Cacti, old standbys but always welcome.



ANNUAL MEETING SET AHEAD

Time - Thursday, January 24th
Place - Riverside Reformatory
 Killington Sec. Annual Meeting

Please note this is one week earlier than the date given on our schedule due to previous booking of the reformatory.

We hope that all our members will try to make the supper and business meeting.

Supper will be served at 6:30 followed directly by a songfest.. The business meeting will be called to order about 8:00 with a short program of films after. The cost of the supper will be \$1.00. If you can't make the supper try to make the meeting.

Please make reservations for supper with Janet Martin, Pr-3-8621 by the evening of the 21st of Jan. so we can advise Miss Koltonski the exact number to prepare for.

COMING EVENTS

Time - Saturday, Jan. 19th 8:30PM
Place - Tucker Lodge by Moonlight

Everyone can say a short prayer and cross their fingers for clear not too cold weather on Saturday the 19th for our moonlight hike to Tucker.

After a belated scrutiny of "the Farmer's Almanac" we find

that the moon rises at 9:40 on Saturday and around 11 Sunday. So-- we'd best make our trek on Saturday. Be sure to bring your skis or snowshoes for hiking and a cup for the hot coffee and doughnuts which will be served. Hope all the romanticists will join us --- and, bring a friend.

Time - Feb. 9 Saturday, 9:30 AM
Place - Mt. Carmel

This is a new trip for winter hiking. We understand that the road is plowed as far as Mountain Top Inn so we plan to park our cars there. The hike in to Carmel Camp from there is about 3 miles with no very difficult pitches. From Carmel Camp it is 1/2 mile to the top of Mt. Carmel where a small steel tower allows a splendid view. The trip is planned to leave from Meldon.

SPECIAL

Mr. & Mrs. Horner have very kindly offered to conduct a ski class for a group of ten or a dozen members. If there is anyone interested, please notify the Horners at 12 Cottage St. City.

An Unscheduled Visit to
Bell's Camp in Winter
By Karen Kennedy

The Killington Section's latest hike was on Sunday the 6th of January. After a slight delay things got underway and everyone was ready to go at 11:00 from Meldon School. The group consisted of Rachel Bell, Joe Hadeka, Jack and Janet Martin, and Mr. & Mrs. Horner. We were joined shortly by the Bells and their Girl Scouts at Bell's Camp. The hike was originally planned to go to Governor Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury for skiing and snowshoeing but as often the plans were altered because of zero weather. The group rode most of the way to Bell's Camp by station wagon and then hiked by road or the frozen lake. A fire was soon started and everyone enjoyed their lunch.

The day proved very interesting, a group of stalwarts hiked across frozen Bomoseen to the site of an old stone house on the opposite shore. Others who were equipped tried skating in front of camp. Alas, all good things must come to an end so the reluctant group headed back to Rutland at 4 PM. Thus ended a very pleasant day.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Have you looked recently at our "big mountains" about sunset time, especially after a new fall of snow? With their rosy peaks outlined against the sky, they look so warm and glowing it's hard to believe it's cold up there! Glimpse their frosty whiteness in the middle of the day, though, and you get quite a different feeling. Either way they are a part of winter that you shouldn't miss.

WOODS IN WINTER

Put your snowshoes in the car one of these fine, winter days and start off for a nearby woods. Even if you live near the center of town, 10 or 15 minutes will get you to where you can don snowshoes and take off over clean, unbroken snow, to enjoy the apparent solitude of the winter woods.

There is a great quietness here. You have the whole woods to yourself, or so you think, but you're wrong. Somewhere in crevices in old walls or holes in the ground, are chipmunks with their stores of nuts in semi hibernation. Skunks and woodchucks may be around somewhere even though you neither see nor hear them, as they too, hibernate to some extent. That small pool that you passed by may be the winter home of a turtle. They stay under water all winter. The crust over which your snowshoes click so lightly may cover a whole village of field mice. Wonder if they hear a noise on their roof as you walk over?

Here and there will be tracks. A snowshoe rabbit, a squirrel, or even a deer, may have passed by here not so long ago.

Visit the woods often, keep your eyes open, step lightly as you walk about these winter quarters - perhaps one day you will be rewarded by a glimpse of one of the residents.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Bob Perkins spent the weekend of January 5th with Crague and Mary Perkins. Bob was en route from Los Angeles, where he is now living, to Washington for a business conference.

Betty Ball spent Christmas with her family in Florida.

OLD TIME WEATHER FORECASTING

In Vermont the weather is a topic of never failing interest. It changed too fast to become monotonous and presents a challenge to try and predict what's coming next.

The old timers didn't depend on barometers and high and low pressure areas to foretell the weather. Instead they were guided by a variety of "sayings", supposedly developed from observation and past experience. We find a number of these recorded in copies of VERMONT WHITTIN'S, the publication of The Vermont Folklore Society.

Here are a few applicable to this time of year:

As the days begin to lengthen
The cold begins to strengthen.
(The temperature on Friday, Jan. 11
would seem to bear this out!);

Snow that comes in the "old" of
the moon will last, that which
comes in the "new" of the moon
will melt quickly.

When the cat rushes around and
chases its tail the wind will blow.

Thick skin on an onion (or
apple) means a "hard" winter.

Sunset clear on Friday night,
storm before Monday night.

If the snow on the road melts
off, the next storm will be rain,
if it blows off, the next storm
will be snow. (This is reckoning
without salt.)

Did you remember to observe
the black and brown caterpillars
last fall? No? Then we have no
way of telling whether we've had
our coldest weather yet or not.
If you had notices and the black
was heavy on the front end that
would show that the first part of
the winter would be the most
severe, while if it were heavy on

the rear end the last part of
the winter would be the worse.

Maybe Ground Hog Day will
solve that problem. As you
know if he sees his shadow he
goes back in for six weeks more of
winter. If he doesn't, there
will be an early spring. As
Ground Hog Day is February 2nd,
it's a waste of energy for him
to come and look. Anyone
want to bet there won't be six
more weeks of winter anyway?

For some who don't actively
enjoy winter weather it
might help to "while away" the
time to keep a check on some of
these sayings and see how much
foundation they have in fact.
We'd like to hear your conclusions-
if any!

"THE SINGING WILDERNESS"

THE SINGING WILDERNESS by
Sigurd Olson, reviewed in the Dec-
ember issue of AMERICAN FORESTS,
sounds like a book many GMCers
would enjoy.

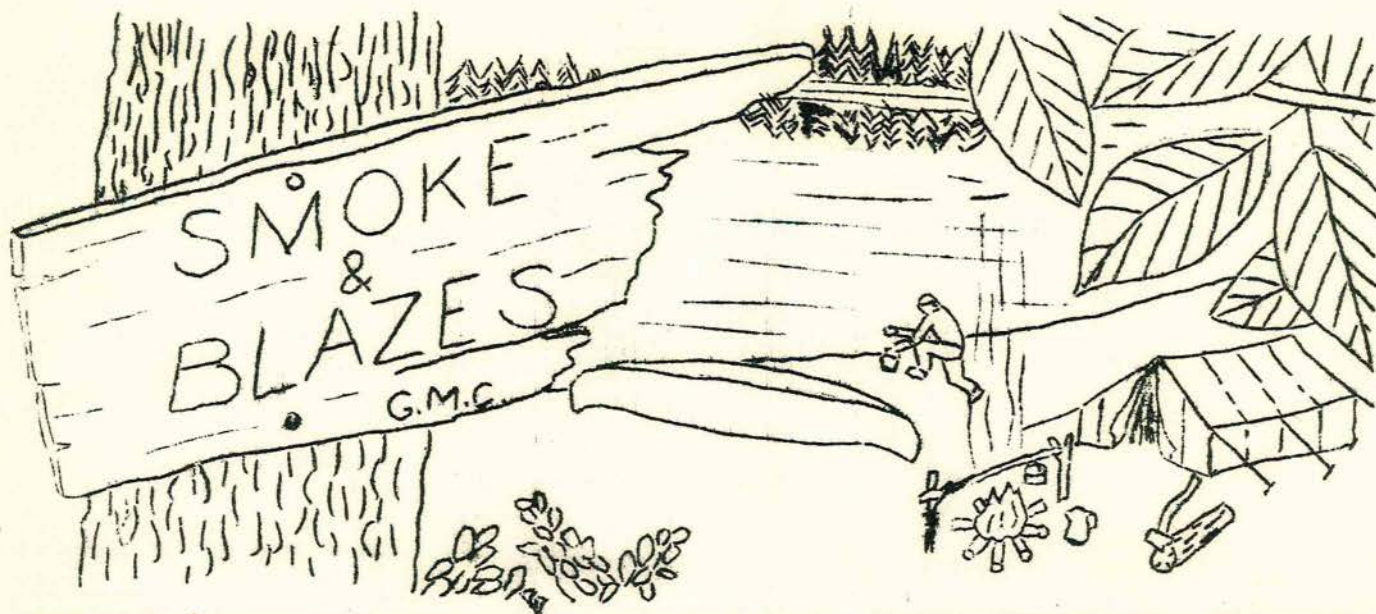
We have all heard some of the
"music of the wilderness voices",
as the spring peeper, the cricket,
the robin calling for rain - a
few of the more familiar ones a-
round home.

"The SINGING WILDERNESS has
to do with the calling of loons,
northern lights, and the great
silences of the land lying north-
west of Lake Superior."

In this country travel is
still by pack and canoe over the
ancient trails of Indians. A
hunter, fisherman, and white water
canoist, Mr. Olson has travelled
hundreds of miles in the North
Woods. He hears music in the
"soft guttering of a campfire or
the beat of rain on a tent."

Sigurd Olson is writing of
the joy and satisfaction to be
found in the outdoors if you spend
a little effort and imagination.
to discover it.

His book might help us to
discover more of it right here in
Vermont on our own Long Trail



Vol. 10 No. 2

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Feb. 1957

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have had a fine year filled with many and varied activities. My thanks go to those of you who worked to make them a success.

During the coming year we look forward to completion of the new footbridge spanning the Mill River near Route 103. Tentatively a bridge dedication is planned as an activity during the main club annual meeting.

We note that our senior membership has remained steady while the junior membership has declined. Rachel Bell has agreed to act as a Junior Chairman for Publicity.

It is hoped that more joint activities can be planned like the hike with the Brattleboro Section during the year. It may be possible to invite a northern section along for our 4th of July trip.

Harold Valiquette has accepted the job of shelters chairman for this year. It is hoped that a thorough checking system will make it easier to keep all section shelters up to snuff.

Like the coming of seed catalogs we hope this year will be a fruitful and a happy one.

Jack Martin

COMING EVENTS

Winter Weekend - Feb. 23-24

Place - Craigie Perkin's Camp

Once again it is time for our annual Winter Weekend at Craigie's Camp. Those who have attended before will not want to miss this one and new members are urged to attend as this is a wonderful opportunity to really get acquainted.

Vera has volunteered to plan the meals so we know they will be delightful. Since everyone takes their turn at cooking and cleanup it is a holiday for everyone.

As usual the cost will be kept at a minimum and separate charges will be made for each meal. These will average about 50¢ per meal.

Reservations must be made with Mary Perkins by Wednesday, Feb. 20. (Tel. 3-7954) Be sure and tell her whether you plan to stay over night and which meals you wish to attend. If it will be necessary for you to come into Rutland for Church on Sun. please make arrangements for your own transportation.

Time - March 10 or 17

Place - Swezy Camp - Bourn Pond
Joint outing with the
Brattleboro Section.

Donald Kent of the Brattleboro Section has written suggest-

ing a joint snowshoe-ski hike from Swezy Camp to Bourn Pond.

We are writing him suggesting either the 10th or 17th of March. Since SMOKE & BLAZES for March probably will not reach you before the 10th, please watch the Rutland Herald, or call Jack Martin the week before the 10th to verify the date and time.

Don reports the road is open from Manchester Depot nearly to Bourn Pond. He suggests, if he can assemble some jeeps, everyone could be transported into Swezy Camp. From there to Bourn Pond is all level or easy grades so should be good terrain for snowshoes or skis.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held Jan. 24th at Riverside Reformatory. There were twenty-four members present for the supper and songfest.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Jack Martin at 8:00 PM. Sec-Treas Eleanor Walker read the Sec. and Treas. reports for 1956. A copy of the Treas. report is on the fourth page of this issue of Smoke and Blazes for the benefit of those who were unable to attend the meeting. Emile Boselli reported on the progress on the Mill River Bridge. If he can get some help drilling bolt holes he hopes to have the bridge completed by the time of the Annual Meeting of the Main Club in May. If this can be accomplished it is hoped to have a formal dedication at that time.

Pres. Martin submitted a proposal for checking the condition of cabins and shelters in our Section on a semi-annual basis. The following members volunteered to take a shelter:

Buffum - Vera and Eleanor

Sunnyside - Harold Valiquette

Clarendon - Mrs. Bell's Scouts
Gov. Clement - Joe, Barbie, Betty
and Tucker Holden, Rachel Bell
Cooper - Craigie
Pico - Betty Ball

These people will check the shelters for needed repairs before scheduled trips so that materials may be taken in.

The Winter Weekend outing at Craigie's Camp was set for the weekend of Feb. 23-24th. Although this is the same weekend as the Rutland Winter Carnival the majority of those present felt it was the best date. See Coming Events for further details.

Vice President Bailey is assuming the job of collecting and organizing the group of slides for the Section. Anyone with slides please get them to her as soon as possible.

Pres. Martin announced he would like a second Junior Member on the Executive Council as a Junior Publicity Chairman. Rachel Bell accepted the appointment.

Bennett Bell reported for the nominating committee. The following officers were nominated and re-elected:

President - Jack Martin

Vice President - Helen Bailey

Sec. Treas. - Eleanor Walker

The business meeting was followed by a very informative film called "Rainbow Valley" which was obtained from the National Forest Service Office.

"WELL DONE"

Congratulations to Joe Hadecka and Rachel Bell for the fine article in the Rutland Herald last month. That's the kind of publicity we can use more of.

SNOWSHOES FOR SALE

2 pairs @ \$3.00 per pair

Mrs. George Cobb Tel. 3-8772

188 Grove St., City

1 pair @ \$3.00

Mrs. Arthur Cheney Tel. 3-6509

24½ Crescent St., City

THE MOONLIGHT HIKE

by

Barbara Allard

The night was clear, the stars were twinkling, and it was the perfect night for a moonlight hike when we went in to Tucker on January 19th.

Five nice people went in a little earlier than the others so they could start the fire and make some hot water. While they were there they spent their extra time sharpening icicles.

When the others came they were welcomed by candles in the windows and inside the soft music of a ukelele. There was a choice of drinks and also a choice of doughnuts. The crowd sang to the music of the ukelele and a harmonica that had come with someone.

Suddenly someone noticed something strange. The stove had gotten red hot along with everyone else. It began to cook the wood in the oven.

Everyone was having a nice time but it had to end so we blew out the candles, packed up the instruments and strapped on our snowshoes. And on the way out we met - Mister Moon.

SPECIAL NOTICE

If your name isn't already on the 1957 membership list- (see last page of this issue), our publishers, Cecile and Emile Boselli, have requested that you get it on as soon as possible. They have to make a new address tape for mailing your SMOKE & BLAZES. The sooner they can do this the easier it will be for them. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. (Dues coming in will make Treas. Eleanor Walker happy too)

TUCKER WORK TRIP

On Sunday Jan. 27th, a work party was held at Tucker Lodge, loaded with lunches, tools, glass and putty four Club members walked in over the crust without the use of snowshoes.

Broom and dust pan were applied to bunks and floors. It is remarkable how much junk accumulates between sweepings.

Then it was lunch time. Each had brought his own. Some had coffee and sandwiches while others tried fried mitten. One absent minded put chili sauce on the floor instead of on her hot dogs.

After lunch the process of digging off the hardened putty was started. One at a time the sash were worked on at the table. Of course there was room for only three workers so the poor old cripply was allowed to loaf. One of the workers tried to lay down on the job --- and broke a pane of glass. The putty was "just right" and before long Tucker boasted nine new lights of glass.

Time out for photography. "A picture is worth a thousand words".

Back to Rutland by four-thirty. A good job done and a good time enjoyed by all, When do we go again?

TAKE A LOOK

If you were at the Covered Dish Supper and wore overshoes, you might check and see if you have a mismatched pair. If you find you have, Betty Ball would be glad to hear from you. It appears that overshoes were pretty well scrambled at that party.

1957 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Barbara Allard
Judy Allard
Wm. Allard Jr.
Betty Ball
Helen Bailey
Bennett Bell
Miriam Bell
Charlotte Bell
Rachel Bell
Maude Canty
Mrs. Jean Davies
Janice Duby
Ruth Fostman
Charon Godweis
Jos. Hadeka Jr.
James Hayward
Elizabeth Holden
Mrs. Emery Horner
Emery Horner
Carol Martin
Jack Martin
Janet Martin
Nancy Martin
Mrs. Wm. Mitchell
Wm. N. Mitchell
Pearl Nichols
Craigue Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Thos. Ranney
Judy Russell
Deanna Ryan
Charles Sabourin
Gerard Sabourin
Mary Pat Sabourin
Catherine Sargent
Mrs. L. E. Smith
L. E. Smith
Eleanor Walker
Gay Ward
Harold Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette

TREAS. REPORT - JANUARY 1, 1957

RECEIPTS

On hand, Jan. 1956	\$504.02
From dues	143.50
Interest on money	
in bank	9.09
Cr. from Winter Weekend	4.05
From Sale of Guide Books	11.00
Donation	3.00
From Rummage Sale	<u>121.04</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$795.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Exp. 1956 Annual Meeting	\$ 6.50
Stamps	2.37
Schedules (2 sets)	16.00
Membership Cards	5.50
Outing Com. Exp.	7.89
To bal. exp. sugar party	3.87
For Guide Books	6.60
Mat. Mill R. Bridge	242.34
Supplies, Smoke & Blazes	54.26
Work by Patrol	93.00
Ins. on Sunnyside and	
Clarendon	10.88
Dues to Main Club	28.60
Mat. for shelter repairs	<u>11.85</u>

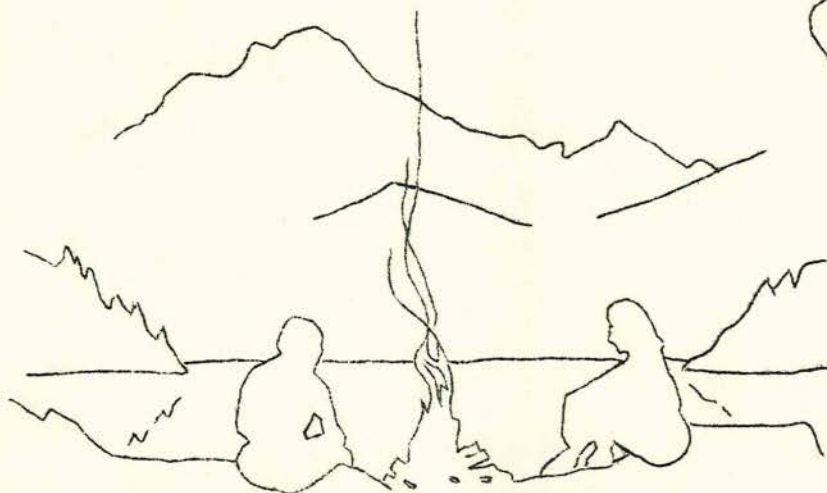
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$489.66

Cash bal. on hand 1/1/57 \$306.04

Membership in 1956

65 Senior Members
22 Junior Members
2 Service Members
1 Life Member
<u>83 Total</u>

SNOW



ON

Vol. 10 No. 3 KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB March 1957

COMING EVENTS

Time - March 10 - Sunday
Place - Sunnyside

A trip to Sunnyside had to be substituted for the proposed joint outing with the Brattleboro Section as Don Kent felt this was too late to get into Bourn Pond as he had suggested. We haven't been to Sunnyside for some time so it is hoped there will be a good turnout.

Time - March 24 - Sunday - 6:30PM
Place - Mendon Town Grange Hall
ANNUAL SUGAR PARTY
Reservations: Jan Martin PR3-8621

Come one, come all to the Annual Sugar-on-snow Party. Make your reservations with Jan Martin by Friday March 22. The cost will be approximately 75¢ per person depending on the price of syrup this year. Jan Catozzi has agreed to be in charge of square dancing in the evening for members and their guests. So everyone get busy and see if we can't have several sets of couples organized for dancing -- Boys bring your girl and girls bring a boy and we'll all have fun.

Time - April 7 - Sunday
Place - Girl Scout Camp

Everyone who attended this hike last year will remember the beautiful walk up the Notch road to the Girl Scout Cabin. To those who didn't go, don't miss it this year. The Scouts have graciously allowed us the use of the cabin again so we hope there will be a good turnout. We will meet at Meldon School at 10:30 AM for this trip. If there are any who prefer to leave at a later time they can meet us at the cabin as we will probably stay a couple of hours.

Time - April 13 - Saturday
Place - Bird Mountain

Please note there is only one week between this and the last hike due to a conflict with Easter weekend. We will hope for good weather and no April Blizzards for this hike to one of our favorite mountains.. The group will meet at Meldon School at 10:00 AM for this trip.

YOUR NEW SCHEDULES ARE EN-
CLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MEET

The following committee chairmen for 1957 met at the home of Pres. Jack Martin to make plans for this year's activities:

Trails - Craig Perkins
Shelters - Harold Valiquette
Outings - Joe Hadeka
Publicity - Rachel Bell
Photography - Helen Bailey
Smoke and Blazes - Editor:
Janet Martin; Assist. Ed:
Vera Perkins; Publishers:
Emile and Cecile Boselli.

Also present were Sec.-Treas. Eleanor Walker, V. Pres. Helen Bailey and Pres. Jack Martin.

The following budget for 1957 was adopted:

Smoke and Blazes	\$55.00
Shelters	20.00
Trails	20.00
Outing	25.00
Photography	20.00
Secretary Exp.	10.00
President Exp.	10.00
GMC Dues(Main Club)	40.00
Fire Ins.	15.00
Publicity	10.00
Bridge (completion)	10.00

The reduction in membership was discussed, especially Junior membership which has dropped considerably. Joe and Rachel agreed to study the old register books and to try and contact some of the young people who have attended our hikes in the past and also to interest other teen-agers in our activities. (Anyone who attended the Winter Weekend knows what a grand group of young people they persuaded to attend.) Senior members could help by inviting any young people they know who like to hike or camp to come on some hike with them. It was stressed that when new young people are asked to attend a specific activity, every effort should be made to see that some one they know or others their age are also planning to attend.

The new Editor of SMOKE AND BLAZES reported that Vera had agreed to stay on as Assistant Ed. and Betty Ball would continue to write book reports and articles from time to time. It is hoped that our other regular contributors will continue to help us out and that new ones may be added. Mr. Kirk has been invited to write for us and has graciously said he would if and when his health permits. We certainly hope he will be feeling stronger soon.

The meeting was closed with light refreshment and informal discussion of various problems of scheduling etc. which confront us.

SLIDE COLLECTION GETS STARTED

A meeting of several members who take pictures was held March 4t to help Photography Chairman, Helen Bailey, in her selection of slides for the collection. A group of about 40 slides was selected. It was noted that we especially need more pictures of activities; Sunnyside and Pico shelters; and fall scenes. If anyone has slides at any time please contact Helen as we want to improve and round out the scope of the collection from time to time.

Helen is now getting duplicates made of the slides selected. We will soon have a group of slides to show interested groups which will give them some idea of our activities. We hope that all members will suggest their use to their friends in other organizations. We will let you know through SMOKE AND BLAZES as soon as the collection is ready for use.

ADDITIONS TO 1957 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Anna Berg	Polly Perkins
George Kirk	Thelma Perkins
Sigred Patch	Robert Perkins
Anne Perkins	Robert Paul
David Perkins	

CLARENDON WORK PARTY

by
Joe Hadeka

A group of four ventured to Clarendon Lodge on Saturday, February 16th to repair the broken window latch set glass, and fix whatever needed fisin'. on the way up we soon discovered that the road was a sheet of glare ice and jumping from one bare spot to another required a sensible amount of skill, especially if you were carrying a pack full of glass. Isn't that right Craigue?

We soon arrived and found the Lodge in good condition. A smokey, smokey fire was soon smoking from the stove, but the skilled stovemanship of Barb Allard presently put warmth into the cabin and the smoke up the chimney. So, thanks to Barb a pleasant, smokeless, afternoon was enjoyed by all.

After dinner a three man team was established to screw the sashes into place. Craigue elevated Joe on his shoulders to a presentable height, then Sharon Krause, the screw holder, handed the screws up to Joe, while Barb Allard would dis tract Joe as much as possible from the inside. However, the work was soon concluded and on the way down we discovered slipping to be quite contagious. Oh, members, the next time you see Sharon ask her how her beans were!

CARMEL TRIP

Saturday, Feb. 9th while a wet day in town was a good day on the trail. The country had a good white covering and the air was mild with a promise of more snow. We left our cars at Mountain Top Inn and from there hiked along the old road to "New Boston," where we took the blue trail for Carmel Camp. Shortly before we reached camp fresh

snow began slowly drifting down.

Arrived at the shelter, into which the 8 of us just barely fitted, we found evidences of frequent use by some one. There was a fine supply of good wood and a fire was soon crackling merrily, water was on to heat, and wet shoes and socks were drying out.

As there would be no view from the top of the mountain, we spent a leisurely lunch hour and then started the return journey. It looked for a bit as though this might be made in a little blizzard but the storm soon quieted down and gradually "pettered out". Our timing was perfect as just as we reached the cars it began to rain.

This was a good winter hike let's try it again sometime.

"BEARS IN MY KITCHEN"

Anyone who enjoyed the film about forest rangers at the annual meeting will enjoy this amusing and exciting book about a forest ranger and his wife, as related by the wife. Everything seemed to happen to him. He froze his feet on a winter trip in the Back country of the Sierras. He had to rescue two foolish hikers on the bare face of Half Dome. He occasionally had to fight drunken Indians, was once shot by a Mexican, and, in short, led anything but a dull life.

Misadventures of other rangers are also included. Being a ranger's wife is far from dull, too, Margaret Merrill, author, had thrilling times, driving the tortuous road from Tuolumne Meadows down, entertaining Mrs. Roosevelt, keeping a woman from suicide, and enjoying the day to day contacts with people and with wild animals.

This gives a good picture of our National Parks and the rangers who serve there.

WINTER WEEKEND

As usual, a "good time was had by all" at the winter weekend. We have it reported for you from both the junior and the senior point of view.

WINTER WEEKEND

by

Karen Kennedy & Joe Hadeka

The annual winter weekend was held on the 22, 23, and 24th of February. A large number of members attended plus a new group which included Susan Riberdy, Patsey Champney, Karen Kennedy, Frank Altrui, Dave Gouchoe, and Jack Welch, who were Joe Hadeka's guests. Another newcomer was Kate Sargent who came with Betty Ball. The new group arrived Friday afternoon and were assigned to quarters. After this Craigie showed the new guests around.

During the first evening the group hiked up to the service building and cabin on an exploration trip. Two of the members decided to spend the night at the new cabin. After a full day the group retired for the night about 11:30 P.M.

The next two days proved to be equally as interesting and exciting as the first. Kate Sargent amazed the younger members with her eccentric tales and unusual style of playing pinochle.

Delightful meals were prepared by Vera and Mary, and Craigie did his part by keeping everyone comfortable by his friendly actions.

At 7:30 P.M. Sunday the main part of the group headed back to Rutland, leaving a trail of pleasant memories behind.

WINTER WEEKEND

The senior as well as the junior members had a busy, pleasant time at the winter weekend. Some were busy in the preparing deli-

cious meals, and special thanks go to Vera, Mary, Pearl, and Janet for their efforts in this line.

Everyone, however, had time, at some time, to go up to inspect and admire Craigie's new cabin, a beautiful job, with built-in cupboards, bunks, even bookshelves.

Although snowshoes were not necessary there was enough snow to make things beautiful. The woods were full of birds, and showed why birds hadn't needed to come to feeders this winter. The evergreens are loaded with cones, providing plenty of natural food.

Some of the hillsides were a maze of animal tracks. Red squirrels and chipmunks were seen.

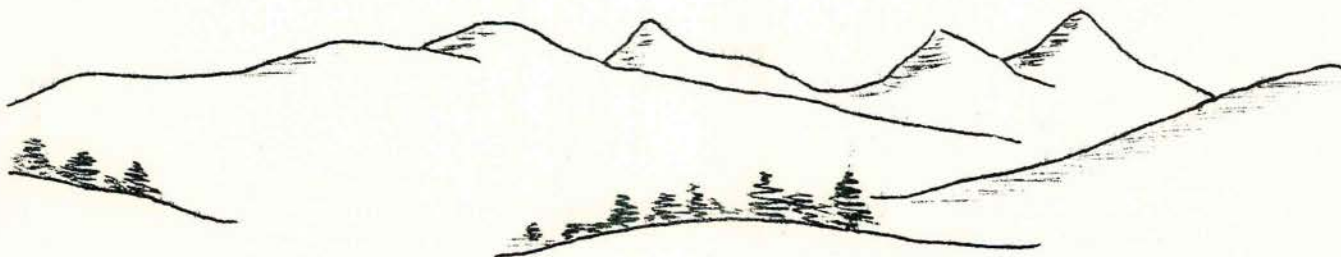
The best moment of the trip, for this reporter, was on an early morning birdwalk, when the rising sun gilded the trees in the pond clearing, and a medley of bird song rang out that would have done justice to a spring day. Two purple finches tried to outdo each other, and a half a dozen goldfinches all caroled their spring song with great vehemence. A ruffled grouse drummed in the distance, and five crows flew north, all to remind us that spring would soon be here, though a crisp, winter's day, sunny and brisk like the Sunday of the winter weekend, is near perfection.

There were other pleasures beside the fun of walking, including the sociability of games and chatting with others. Bali proved a favorite as usual.

Pocie thought it dog heaven with so many hikes and people to pet and play with her.

Many thanks to Craigie and Mary for their hospitality, and to Vera for her careful planning.

We would like to add here that all agreed the presence of the junior members and guests was a real addition to the weekend fun. This was a fine group of young people, congenial and cooperative. We hope they will join us often in our activities.



IN MEMORIAM
FROM
GMC SECTION SERVICE NEWSLETTER

"Loone E. Smith, President of the Green Mountain Club, died suddenly February 11, while he and his wife were in Boston for a camping meeting.

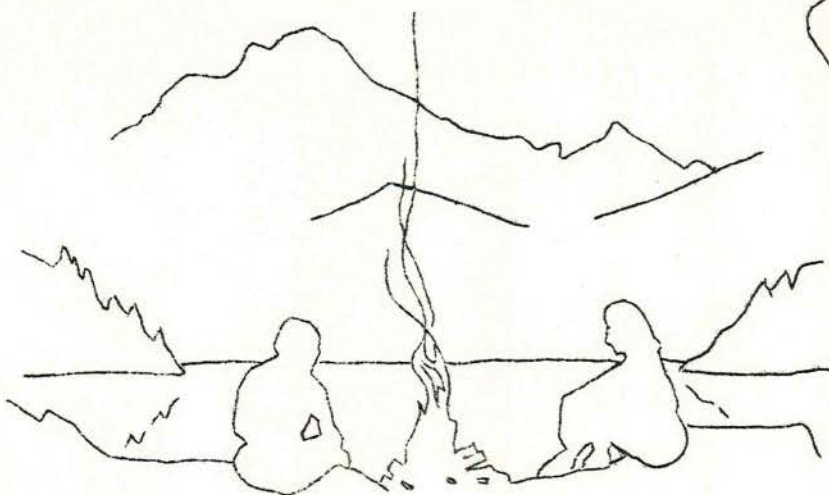
Our Club has lost a true and active worker. Mr. Smith was sincerely interested in the Long Trail and the G.M.C.

A native of Leominster, Mass., and educated in the public schools there, he graduated from the Univ. of Mass. in 1914. He immediately began a career in boy's work which has continued and developed over the years. In 1921 he started Camp Sangamon for Boys and has been active in Boys Club, Boy Scouts, 4-H, Rotary Club, Rutland Fair Assoc., Masons, School Board, MacLure Library Assoc. He was Pittsford Town Rep., 1943-46, and Supt. Weeks School 1935-37.

In all recent camp catalogs he included the Long Trail as an activity for his camping boys. Most years his boys have hiked on the Trail and usually did some specific work like repairing a shelter. Through this interest and his membership in Killington Section, he became a Trustee, being elected President last annual meeting."

Killington Section has given a copy of the book A FOOT PATH IN THE WILDERNESS and a Guide Book, in his memory, to the MacLure Library in Pittsford of which Leone was a trustee. We join with the entire club in expressing our sympathy to his wife and family.

Spot



Pancake

Vol. 10 No. 4 KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Apr 1957

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sunday May 5 10:30 AM

Place - Greenwall Shelter

This hike offers the interesting variety of woods, old roads and open pasture. You will cross the pasture ridge before reaching the shelter and will want to stop here for a bit and admire the excellent and extensive view.

Greenwall is an open front Forest Service Shelter just a short distance off the Trail. It's an attractive spot for a picnic lunch on what we hope will be a fine day.

The total distance on this one is only $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles so it's not too strenuous for anyone to enjoy. Let's try for a record attendance.

Time - Sat., May 18 - Breakfast

Place - Clarendon Lodge

This is a return to the schedule of an old favorite, the Pancake Breakfast. It's a go-as-you-please affair so pick your own breakfast time and bring your own "makin's for your pancakes. Coffee will be provided as usual. If you need transportation and have difficulty in arranging it call Janet Martin (3-8621) by Friday the 17th

and she will help you fix things.

If you'd like to be on hand to greet the breakfasters as they arrive this is a good opportunity for an overnight. Plan to spend the day as there is plenty which can be done in that area. Just what the day's activities will be will depend on weather conditions etc.

Of course there is no law which says you must have pancakes for breakfast, but who can think of anything better? See you at breakfast on May 18th.

HAVE YOU THE 1956 GUIDE BOOK?

Just another reminder to get your copy of the 1956 edition of the Guide Book from Eleanor Walker. Each copy she sells nets a small profit for our section but to get them at the discount she has to buy 10 copies at a time. Eleanor now has 10 copies on hand and would be very glad to sell some.

COMING ARTICLE

Our next issue will have a story on Killington Section members "The Bells" trip to Florida.

WARNING

THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE OF S&B UNTIL YOUR NAME GETS ON THE 1957 LIS

SUNNYSIDE HIKE

Sunday, March 10th was a perfect day for the only winter hike to Sunnyside we had this season. There was quite a spring storm of wet, rapidly melting snow in the city on Saturday the 9th. As we climbed the hills from Cuttingsville toward Sunnyside, however, we found 4 or 5 inches of nice, fluffy snow. A couple of die-hard snowshoers had brought along their snowshoes and were able to use them to good advantage after we left the Spring Lake Ranch Road.

Arrived at Sunnyside we found too much evidence of former users as is all too often the case. Apparently no one had even looked for the dump and there was a variety of left-over food and miscellaneous rubbish scattered about. Probably we should be thankful that at least they hadn't thrown it all around the door-yard, as is so frequently the case at Tucker. How can we train these people? One group pitched in picking up rubbish and taking turns wielding the broom and in a comparatively short time it looked like a different camp. During this interval the wood and fire squad had been busy and we were soon enjoying a cozy lunch around the stove.

As usual, after lunch the talk turned to things we hoped to do at Sunnyside (some of these were speedily carried out the next weekend) and to trail work in general.

Some of the party took a hike over to Spring Lake, some going only as far as the hilltop for the view and others going on to the Lake itself.

The return trip to the cars was accomplished without mishap, although the slippery road made walking hazardous in spots and produces some impromptu gymnastics at times. When we could take our attention off our feet we admired the view and all agreed that a trip to Sunnyside makes an excellent winter outing.

GIRL SCOUT CAMP

BY
Joe Hadoka

A party of ten met at Mel-don School on Sunday, April 7th. In spite of the few clouds that were floating above it looked like a very promising day. This year we missed the snow and Mrs. Bell's Girl Scouts, but we soon were climbing the hill to "the Notch" with no thought in mind but to reach camp. After an hour of climbing we arrived. We opened the Rotary Building and Craiguo went to get wood. Emile soon started a fire while Churchill Scott and Dave Gouchoc opened the shutters. By the time all had completed their little tasks coffee water was hot and we sat down to enjoy lunch. Some lounged around after lunch while others took short walks around the camp area.

About 4 o'clock we headed back toward home. Craiguo thought we were on a freeway there was so much traffic on the way down. When we reached our cars at the crossroads, the party split up, looking forward to Bird Mountain next week.

VERMONT DIARY

Some of you may have read the delightful diary put out several years ago by this same Middlebury College librarian, Viola White. That was called "No faster than a walk".

This enjoyable book has the same sense of quiet beauty in it, the same appreciation of nature, shows the pleasures of walking, tells briefly of good books. The author has learned to find happiness in simple things, and imparts her joy in living, in fine and descriptive writing.

SUNNYSIDE WORK PARTY

On St. Patrick's Day In The Morning a work party of seven (7 count 8em) drove as far as Sarcka's and walked the rest of the way in to Sunnyside. There were three Old Timers, two Once Beforers and two First Time Outers.

Everybody was full of energy and got busy getting water, sawing wood, build ing the fire, and picking up around camp. Sash were removed and the very tire-some task of digging out the old putty began.

Just about then somebody said "Well look who's here", and Fuzzy (Man Mountain) Miller walked in carrying a big arm-ful of hard wood ready for the stove. He had bummed his way from Rutland to the gorge and hiked in over the Trail. (How about that?)

Fuzz proved to be an expert glass setter and the ten new lights were finally all in. One sash, completely repaired, was dropped flat on top of the wood pile. Not a pane broke! The Luck of the Irish, it is !

Later in the afternoon some of the party explored the countryside, Fuzz started back the way he had come, and more picking up was done around the camp.

During the day the road had thawed out considerably and we were lucky to just barely pull through the mud holes coming out.

Yes, girls, those strange animals were pigs.

Another good job done and a pleasant day all 'round. When do we go again?

GREETINGS FROM R.I.

Mr. & Mrs. Emery Horner sent greetings to their hiker friends from Pawtucket, R.I. where they are now living.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY

Rachel Bell

It was a pleasant evening when forty people gathered on March 24th at the Grange Hall in Mendon for the Annual Sugar-on-Snow Party. Many were a bit skeptical about where the snow would come from, but it appeared on time, thanks to Joe Hadeka, Bob Paul, and Jack Martin who "mined" it in Mendon.

Of the forty persons present half were adults, fourteen were teenagers and the rest toddlers. Barbara Simpson of New York was a guest.

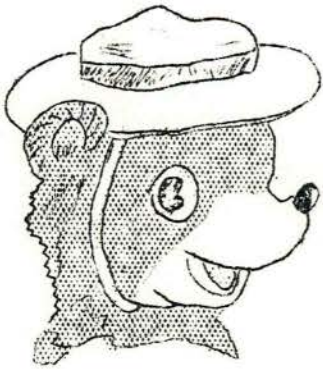
Donuts and pickles, cokes and coffee were served with the sugar-on-snow. The kitchen duties were handled by Vera Perkins and Eleanor Walker on preparation and Janet Martin, Helen Bailey and Mary Perkins on cleanup.

After we had our fill of sweet stuff we went upstairs for some lively square dancing. Getty Page and Janice Catozzi were very successful in leading this activity. Kind of them to have volunteered. For variety we danced "Rock around the Clock" and the "hokey pokey".

Everyone had a splendid evening. We want to thank the folks who worked hard in order to give us such a good time.

ADDITIONS TO 1957 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Louise Adams
Cecile Boselli
Emile Boselli
J Lucius Carey
Fred Field
Helen Frink
Minerva Hinchey
Raymond Miller
Robert Paul



SMOKEY SAYS

"Be Careful With Matches And Fire"

The number of times the fire truck has been by our house in the past few weeks has prompted me to do a little reading up on the subject of fires. We are more apt to think of late summer and fall as the dangerous times of year for fires. Actually there are more fires in April and May according to figures I obtained from the State Forestry Office, thus it is perhaps a good time to review some of the rules for fire building. To quote from our own guide Book:

"Where a stove is provided, it is advisable not to store kindling near it. The fire should be allowed to burn out before leaving. Avoid using water, which may crack the stove.

"On State land, fires may not be built except in authorized fireplaces. In the GM National forest permits are needed for fires except at the shelters.

"A State law prohibits the building of fires on private property between April 1 and November 1 without the consent of the owner. The existence of a shelter means that consent has been given to build fires in the stoves and fireplaces there, and these are the places where fires should be built.

"Of course, even if owner permission has been granted, safe locations should be chosen and safe procedures followed. Mineral matter - sand, gravel, rock - is a safe base if the fire is kept within bounds. However, vegetable soil, roots, needles, stumps, etc are not safe. In dry weather such a fire could be carried underground by smouldering humus and later come to the surface and be fanned into flame by the wind. In any case, the thorough extinguishing of a fire, stirring the ashes and making sure they are cold, is essential to safety. For obvious reasons, fires no larger than necessary are desirable.

"It is well to remember that one serious fire might have a disastrous effect on the good relations the GMC has with land owners, by whose courtesy the Long Trail exists. Within a few years, several Long Trail shelters have burned. Fortunately, weather conditions were such that no forest fires resulted. But hikers were inconvenienced, and the rebuilding cost the Club considerable money and labor. If a little more care had been taken, these expenditures could have been used clearing miles of trail and repairing many shelters."

BIRDS OF THE LONG TRAIL

I believe the commonest year-round bird on the Long Trail is the black-capped chickadee. Everybody knows his lively winter song, but fewer know the spring, clear whistled "phoe-be" The true phoebe has a similar two-parted call, but it is much harsher, and huskier. The phoebe is the little gray bird that always wags its tail. It nests on buildings sometimes, on Clarendon Shelter, I think, and under bridges, and can be found on roadsides, and near homes.

Another tail-wagger is our state bird, the hermit thrush. This thrush has a reddish tail, that it raises and lowers slowly, rather than the gay wag of a phoebe. This is the bird that gives the lovely flute-like song with every phrase repeated higher and higher, singing especially as evening deepens in the deep woods.

Another evening singer is the wood thrush, with a reddish head instead of tail, and larger spots on the breast. This bird sings nearer towns, and in woods of lower elevations.

The most beautiful singer, to my mind, is the tiny winter wren, a small, brown mite that has a bubbling, rippling song that goes on and on and on, often heard in the mountains, especially near mountain brooks.

One bird always found on the mountains and easily seen is the slate-colored junco, with gray breast and back, and white outer tail feathers. They will be migrating in large flocks in late April, sometimes hundreds in a flock, and nest on all our mountains. They have a pleasant trill. They can easily be told by their flashing tail-feathers.

Flashing outer white tail-feathers also tell a meadowlark at a distance, along with his jerky wing-beat. A close view reveals a yellow breast, and black crescent.

Another bird easily told in flight is the flicker, with his typical woodpecker undulating flight, and white rump. This brown-backed bird spends some time on the ground eating ants. He also has a black crescent on a yellowish breast. Like many of the woodpeckers he has a spot of red on the head. The largest of the woodpeckers, the pileated, has a flashing red crest, and is crow-sized. He is seen several times a year in these parts. You can tell where he has been working because he leaves great oblong holes in the tree trunk

Another bird that leaves signs of his presence is the yellow-bellied sapsucker, who drills rows of tiny holes in a trunk, and comes back for the sap. This bird can be most easily told by his vertical wing stripe, and his red throat and top of head.

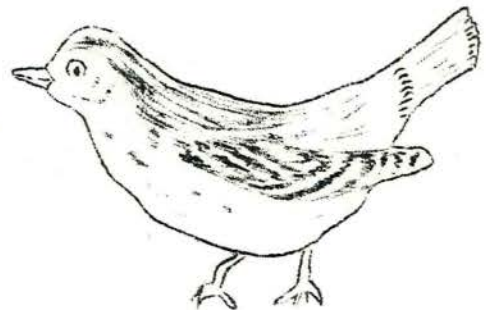
Woodpeckers are easy to find because they give away their presence with their loud pecking.

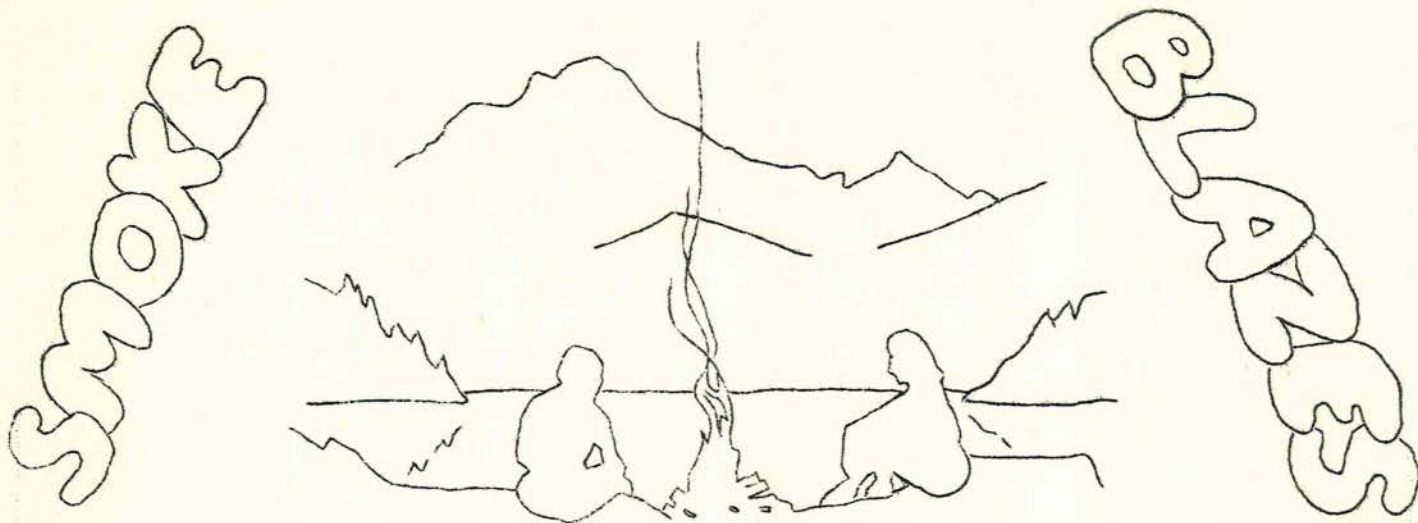
The ruffled grouse also reveals his presence with his rolling drumming, done with his wings. It is very difficult to see him drum, unless you have a blind near a drumming log, as Henry Potter of Chippenhook has. This bird is often seen in our woods, though, usually as it flies up with a roar. The female is adept at the broken-wing act to protect her young, leading the observer away by pretending to be hurt, and then flying off. Meanwhile, her chicks have hidden themselves so well that it is practically impossible to find them.

The killdeer, a bird of open fields, is apt to do the broken-wing act, too. This handsome plover has two black rings on his chest, pointed wings, and is often seen flying swiftly over a field, crying "kill-dee, kill-dee."

These are just a few of the common birds that may be seen along the trail.

Betty Ball





Vol. 10 No. 5 KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB May 1957

COMING EVENTS

On May 8 the Governor ordered the woods closed due to their tinder dry condition. Therefore hikes will only take place if it rains sufficiently so that they are opened again by the scheduled dates. Watch the Herald for further information.

Time - Saturday May 25 9:30 a.m.
Place - Pico Peak and Shelter

This will be a chance to get up on the mountain and also to get our section of trail in order for the summer hiking season. It has been some time since we've had a trip to Pico so we hope there will be a good turnout. There shouldn't be too much trail work to do since the Patrol was over this section last summer. However the shelter may need a bit of spring cleaning! We will meet at Meldon at 9:30 A.M.

Time - Sat. and Sun. June 1-2
Place - G.M.C. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Green Mountain Club will be held in the Baptist Church Rooms and the Long Trail Lodge. Due to the fact the Lodge is unable to accommodate us Sat. morning and at

lunch time the meetings and lunch will be held at the Church.

The morning meeting will open at 10:00 o'clock with a coffee hour; followed by the morning meeting at 11:00. Lunch will be served by the ladies of the church at 1:00 and will be followed by the afternoon meeting about 2:00. As in past years, dinner will be served at the Long Trail Lodge at 6:30 P.M. There should be time for a short hike in the afternoon.

On Sunday we have planned to have a dedication ceremony at the bridge over Clarendon Gorge that Emile has been working on so diligently. There will be time and opportunity afterward for hiking either to Clarendon Shelter or Sunnyside for lunch. The dedication will be at 11:00 A.M.

Time - June 15 Sat at 9:30 A.M.
Place - Governor Clement Shelter

This is another of our spring trail checking hikes but also a good trip for those who don't want too strenuous a hike. We will meet at Meldon School at 9:30 for this trip also. Those who find a later hour better can meet the group there for lunch.

BIRD MOUNTAIN

by Joe Hadoka

A promising sky on April 13th provided a beautiful day for our Bird Mountain trip. As everyone knows this mountain usually brings rain or gloomy skies when everybody reaches the top to look at the extensive view. But for the few that climbed to the top a clear view was their reward for the steep pitch. Rachel Bell, Susan Ribordy, Vera Perkins, Eleanor Walker, Betty Ball, and Pokio, Dave Gouchoo, Fuzz Miller and two new boys, Bill Egan and Dan Onion both from Castleton attended. Jack and Janet Martin drove over with us but were unable to attend the hike. There was two inches of snow on top and that's all we ran into. Everyone tried their luck at building a fire but no one succeeded until Vera tried her luck and experience. Soon the water was boiling and everyone ate their lunch. Soon after we left for the cars and a welcoming committee of six dogs plus one three legged one gaily greeted us. Soon after an exciting brawl we were on our way. We finally climbed Bird on clear day, too bad you missed it gang.

MAY

May be chill, may be mild,
May pour, may snow,
May be still, may be wild,
May lower, may glow,
May freeze, may burn,
May be gold, may be gray,
May do all these in turn-
May May.

-Justin Richardson

(reprinted from poem quoted in
May Readers digest.)

HIKE TO GREENWALL

Sunday, May 5th, was recognized as a perfect day for a hike by 18 members who met at Meldon school at 10:00 A.M. for the Greenwall trip.

Cars were left at the point where the Trail crosses the Wallingford-East Wallingford "gulf" road. Here we learned for the first time that the people living in the house at the "crossing" were keeping up a register of hikers started by the former residents. Of course they don't get them all, but a quick glance through the pages showed an impressive number of hikers with many states represented. This register went back more than 20 years.

The woods were already putting on their spring flower show with the delicately striped spring beauties, yellow woods violets, and adder's tongues in especial abundance.

Some of the crowd forged ahead swiftly, but most of us took a leisurely pace enjoying the variety of terrain which this hike offers. One of our young members, Carol Martin, who has been hiking with us for a couple years via pack-basket, had fun doing part of this hike on her own, while sister Nancy, age 8 mos., seemed to enjoy her first pack-basket trip.

After a leisurely lunch hour at Greenwall, some mustered up ambition to go the white rocks look-out, but the temptation to take-it-easy was too much for others who spent a pleasant afternoon talking and loafing in the sun.

On the return trip we paused to enjoy again the gorgeous view from the hill pasture which we cross on this trip. When we reached the cars all agreed we could think of no nicer way to have spent the day.

FAMILY JAUNT TO FLORIDA

By Mim Bell

On twenty-four hours' notice the Bells-Ben, Mim, Rachel and Charlotte- went on a southern safari, thirty-five hundred miles in twenty days.

The gear included a Ford station wagon; a "Stowaway" carrier, Wardrobe case, suitcases, two sleeping bags with air mattresses, water jug, thermos, plastic dishes, electric hot plate, canned food, tour guides, a notebook for a log of the trip, and money of course.

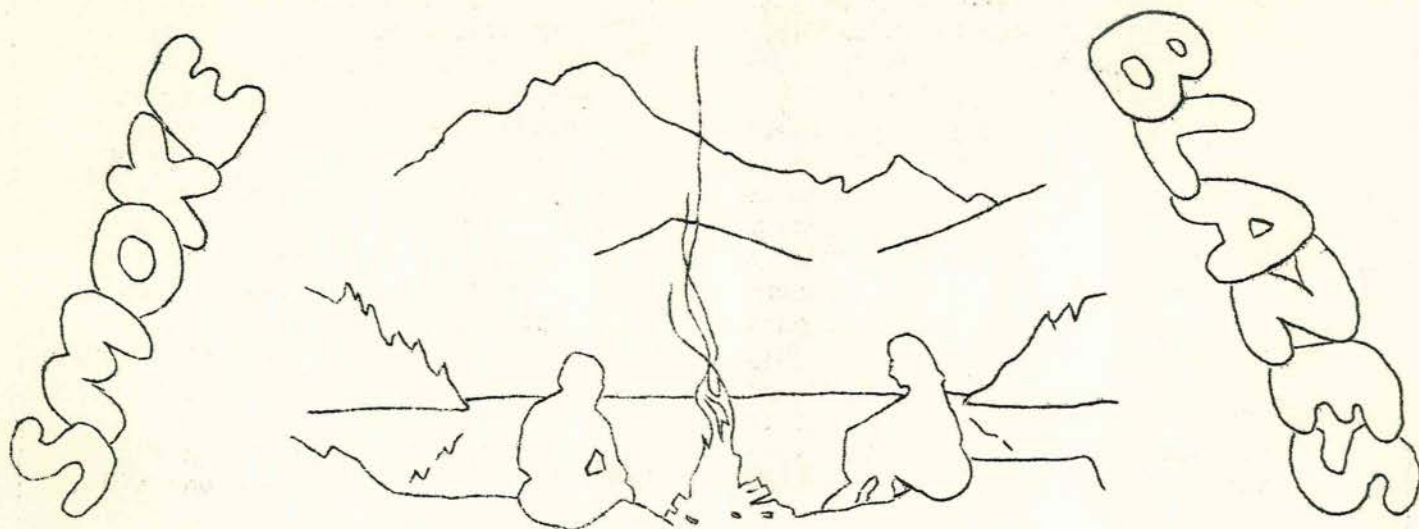
Interesting stops included The Motel on the Mountain at Suffern N.Y. the Annapolis Campus; Lee's home in Richmond; Williamsburg and William and Mary College; Norfolk and Virginia Beach; the ferry trip across the Chesapeake Bay; beautiful Washington DC; quaint old New Castle Del; The negro country in the sand hills central section of the Carolinas and the coastal elegance of Charleston and Myrtle Beach; Savannah (Juliette Low's home and the Pirate's Den); the cotton fields and pecan groves of Georgia; old Spanish St. Augustine, with Ripley's Believe It Or Not Museum and the little train to take us around town Castillo San Marcos and the oldest house and school in America; Marine Land, where the trained dolphin jumped 16ft through a hoop for his fish and we saw the sharks fed by hand; driving along the sand at Daytona Beach; watching the spectacular kite flight 60ft. in the air on water skis at Cypress Gardens; Rollins College at Winter Park; the endless groves of citrus trees; a barbeque with friends in their patio in West Palm Beach; beaching and swimming in the olympic-sized salt water pool at the Colonnades in Palm Beach Shores; wonderful meals and entertainment there--dancing, a magician, bingo and movies; a visit to an interesting reptile farm with snakes and alligators; and everywhere the lush palms and flowers

of the tropics; the warm Florida sunshine and feeling of gaiety and relaxation.

Going that way without reservations, we were twice glad of the sleeping bags and mattresses for the girls when we found in two places only one room left. Another way we used them was for night travelling. When we wanted to roll off a hundred miles after supper, we put the back seat down and spread out the sleeping bags and air mattresses (quickly blown up at the nearest gas station) and they rested comfortably while we drove.

We planned ten hours of travelling and sightseeing a day, ten hours in bed, and the other four hours were for dressing and meals. We were actually more rested when we reached Florida than when we started, for we were too excited to sleep much the night before we left. We geared our speed to Charlotte's need of ten hours sleep and the rest was good for the older ones as well. We made about 350 miles a day unless we wanted to stop to see spots of especial historic interest or great beauty. We cooked about one meal a day in the motel, either breakfast or supper, but never more than that because we wanted to taste the cooking specialties of each region and to talk with the local people. Our southern clothes were in the car top carrier out of the way on the way down and back and our winter coats and overshoes were up there while we spent the week in Florida.

We felt this a most educational kind of family trip to make--worth the time and money many times over. By taking Route 301 down and Route 17 back we really saw those states along the way, and now when we sing "Carry Me Back To Old Virginny", "Carolina Moon Keep Shining", "Way Down Upon The Swannoe River" we know what we're singing about.



Vol. 10 No. 6

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JUNE 1957

COMING EVENTS

Time: Sun -- June 30

Place: Clarendon and Fox Lot

This is the last of the scheduled work parties so we hope that there will be a good turnout even though Clarendon was visited only a month ago. The Fox Lot which we plan to visit on this trip is a part of what is sometimes called "Flat Top" mountain east of Clarendon. From this vantage point, a splendid view of the Otter Creek and its valley can be obtained. Trail work will consist of working North from Beacon Hill. The meeting time at Meldon for this hike is 10:30.

Time: Sat - July 13

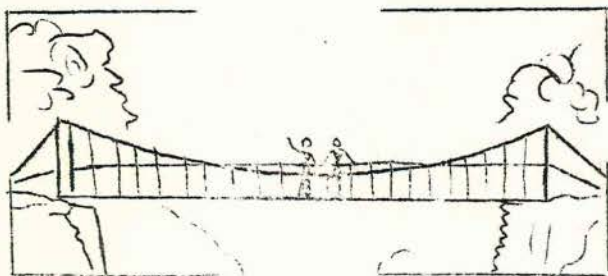
Place: Little Rock Pond

Pack your bathing suit or your fishing pole and join us for a hike to Little Rock Pond with its jewel-like setting in the highlands of the Green Mountains. Come along even if you don't swim or fish as this is fine spot to loaf and cool your feet after an hour on the trail. We will meet early at 9:30 at our Meldon School rendezvous a day's outing.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Killington Section President Jack Martin was elected a trustee of the GMC at the Spring meeting of the Board of Trustees to finish out the one year unexpired term of Leona Smith. At the annual meeting he was appointed chairman of publicity and Membership for the near club. Those of you who attended the meeting at the Baptist Church rooms saw the display of GMC and Conservation material which he arranged. You probably noticed the articles and photographs which appeared in the Rutland Herald the following week about the meeting and bridge opening. Mr Merusi promised a copy of the pictures for our own Killington Section Albums. Our congratulations and wishes for success, Jack.

We hope that you saw the fine display which the main office put on in the window of Wilson's Clothing store publicising the Green Mountain Club. We might add that all can help GMC by talking to one's friends about our work and trips, and by requesting showings of the slide collections of the main club and of our section. The section slides are now at Jack's house due to the resignation of Helen Bailey who leaves Rutland for Springfield, Mass. Good Luck and hiking to you, Helen.



GMC OPENS SUSPENSION FOOTBRIDGE

Sunday, June 2nd was a day we had looked forward to for a long time and it was disappointing to wake that morning to the sound of pouring rain. This was the day set for the opening of our new bridge over Mill River. Hopefulley we recalled the old adage, "Rain before seven, clear before eleven." However as eleven o'clock approached it became evident that something had gone wrong somewhere. There was no sign of clearing.

As the bridge opening appeared to be rained out, we decided to take our lunches and join forces with the GMCers who had spent the night at Craigue's Camp. The camp living room with its cheery fireplace fire was an ideal spot for a rainy day. Jack Martin showed the newly assembled Killington slide collection and Emile had excellent slides showing the bridge at various stages of construction.

Soon after lunch the weather showed definite signs of clearing, so at 3:30 P.M. a group of GMCers were on and at the new suspension footbridge for its official opening.

This bridge is important as a link in the 2050 mile Appalachian trail from Maine to Georgia as well as being a part of the 260 mile Long Trail which runs the length of our own Green Mountain chain. Carol Martin, youngest hiking member of the section was assisted in the ribbon cutting ceremony by Jack Martin, Arthur Koerber and the builders of the bridge, Emile and Cele Boselli.

Killington Section presented Cele and Emile with a colored picture of Mt. Mansfield (Emile's favorite mountain) and a copy of the TREASURY OF VERMONT LIFE, and a token of their appreciation.

PICO SHELTER AND KILLINGTON

By John J. Welch 111

On May 26 the Green Mountain Club hiked up to Pico Shelter. Members of the hiking party, who hiked the two and one-half mile trail to the lodge, were Joseph Hadeka, Jack Welch, Ervols Altrui, Tom Gilbert, Karen Kennedy Paul Anderson, and Betty Brown. Also a few novice hikers accompanied the party. Their names were James Hadeka, Peter Altrui, Robert Leonard, and Gary Blue. The troop was of course accompanied by Craigue Perkins. Joe and Jack were the first members of the party to reach the lodge. The others arrived about 20 minutes later. There the whole party remained, had lunch, and rested.

Jack and Joe then set out alone to hike Killington Mountain. On the way to the summit they met another group of hikers who were spending the night at Cooper Lodge just below the summit of Killington.

The rest of the party set out for the lookout station at the top of Mt. Pico. The party remained a little while before Mr. Perkins drove them home.

According to the schedule set up by Mr. Perkins and the boys he would take the girls home and then pick up the two boys at Brewets Corners and the bottom of Killington at 6:30. They made it with plenty of time to spare---about an hour!

All in all it was a very exciting hike. We all had a great time and are looking forward to another real soon. Anyone interested in attending these hikes is more than welcome and I am sure that they too will find Mr. Perkins a most friendly fellow.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

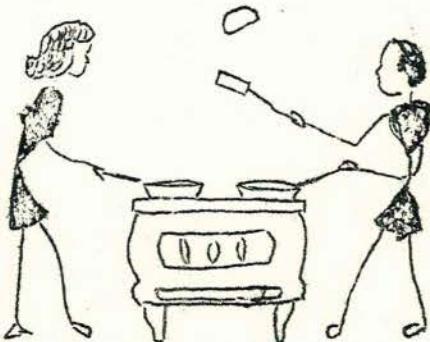
BY

Joe Hadeka

This year like last, an overnight crew hiked in to Clarendon on Friday night. The only chapetone was Craigie who accompanied Susan Riberdy, Karen Kennedy, Patsy Chupney, Gena Leonard, Frank Altrui, Dave Gouchoe, and Joe Hadeka. We all were settled by 10:00 PM as stragglers came from after shhool to 10:00 o'clock. At 2 A.M. Saturday morning all were in bed and around 3 o'clock were all quiet. The reason why we stayed up so late was to celebrate Dave Gouchoe's birthday, I guess.

At 7 A.M. we awoke and the only one to have pancakes in that group was Craigie. Around 8 o'clock the cheerful "ruff-ruff" of Pocie could be heard coming up the path. He was followed by Betty and Marie Gray who recently returned from Florida. Later on more members arrived including President Martin and family.

Short walks were taken to the Gorge where we visited Emile who was busily working on the bridge and disturbed the fishermen as much as we could. We all enjoyed our weekend and hope you did too.



TRAIL CHECKING

Trails chairman, Craigie Perkins, made a trip to Cooper Lodge via The Trail from Clement Shelter.

He reported that though the road is a bit rough there is no difficulty in driving a car in to Clement. He found Clement clean, and in reasonably good condition. The top of the chimney here needs repair.

From Clement on to Cooper there is plenty of brushing out to be done above Gov. Clement but the trail can be followed without difficulty.

In the vicinity of Cooper Lodge the birch leaves are just coming out and the general appearance is of early spring.

Cooper Lodge was in good order, but the stove pipe here is down and a trip to Cooper will be necessary with materials to make the needed replacement.

A DAY AT GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER

On Staurday, June 15th, eight people found Gov. Clement a good place to spend a hot day. There was a cool breeze most of the day, and, even more cooling, the icy waters of Cold River.

Even tho we drove way in to the shelter- (the fact that we were taking in the "makings" for a new picnic table furnished the excuse for this) - we got our exercise after we arrived. There was brush to be cut and cleared away and the usual odd and ends to be picked up. Some went to work on this while Craigie built the table which was ready for use at lunch time. After lunch, work was resumed with Craigie and Jack Martin as the most steady workers. The rest of us alternated working and resting with the rest periods predominating.

It is amazing how much can be accomplished around a shelter in a day of moderate work by a few people- and what a good time can be had in the process.

ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC
JUNE 1-2, 1957

Following a ten o'clock coffee hour, the G.M.C. annual meeting was called to order at 11 AM in the Baptist Church rooms in Rutland. The Secretary's report was given by Mrs Lillian P Lodge of Union, N.J. The Treasurer's report was given by Ted n. Goddard of Old Bennington. Section Presidents reported as follows: Jack Martin for the Killington Section; Rod Rice for the Burlington Section; Don Kent for the Brattleboro Section. John Paulson of the Bennington Section reported for his group. Reports by letter were received from the Barre, Montpelier, and Middlebury Sections. Miss Francis Green spoke for the Worcester Section and introduced Mr. and Mrs. Fieldsends who were to speak at the evening meeting. Speaking for the New York Section was Mrs. Laura Woodward Abbott of New York, the woman for whom Laura Woodward Shelter near Jay Peak was named. She has been a member since 1916. Killington Section member George Kirk was the only other member present who has been a member that long.

It was announced that seven persons had earned their End-to-Enders awards during the past year. The Guide Book committee reported that the next revision will be put forth two years hence. One special feature of the meeting was display of GMC publications and Conservation materials arranged by trustees Louise Goeres and Jack Martin.

Unanimously reelected to office were Mr. Ted Goddard of Newfane as Clerk and Miss Minerva Hinchey of Rutland as Corresponding secretary, and the following trustees: Paul Newcomb of Rutland Larry Dean of Burlington, Arthur Koerber of Pittsfield, Mass., Alan Gormly of Holden, Mass. AND

Miss Louise Goeres of North Haledon, N.J. A resolution was read and adopted in homage to Mr. Leone Smith of Pittsford the GMC President who died this year.

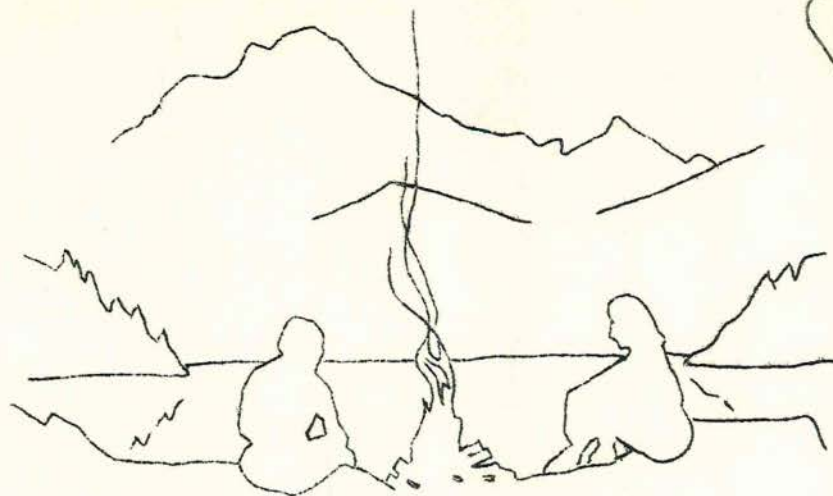
While the trustees were meeting at the Long Trail Lodge in the afternoon, several members took hikes in the vicinity of Pico and Blue Ridge. At the trustees meeting, the following officers were elected: Treas: Arthur Koerber, Pittsfield, Mass. V-Pres: Ted Talbot, Burlington, Del., Treas: Ted Goddard, Old Bennington, Auditor: Minerva Hinchey, East Old Mill Pond, Union, N.J. Matters discussed and disposed of by the trustees included, the procurement of uniform registers for all shelters on the LT, assignment of trail maintenance to particular sections of the club, the problem of suitable and uniform trail-highway crossing signs, and the appointment of committees. Their meeting closed with the designation of a Long Trail conference and trustees meeting on Nov 2nd.

The business of the day being completed, the group was ready for an evening of sociability. This began with dinner at Long Trail Lodge at 6:30 P.M. Following dinner everyone found comfortable chairs in the Chalet lounge, and started the evening off with community singing of Long Trail songs, Louise Goeres, "Mim" and "Ben" Bell led the singing. The main feature of the evening program was the showing by Mr. Fieldsends of some of his beautiful colored slides of Vermont scenes.

Thanks are due to the chairman of the committee for the Annual Meeting, Mrs. Lillian Lodge, for a most enjoyable day.

Our next GMC get-together will be the Intersectional to be held in the Mt. Mansfield area on Aug. 17-18. We'll give you more details later, but save those dates and plan to attend.

Smoke



Fire

Vol. 10 No. 7

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

July 1957

COMING EVENTS

Time: Sunday, July 28

Place: C V Camp, Chittenden

We hope we'll see you all at this annual affair and that we will have a warm and pleasant day for swimming, sitting, and chatting, and of course eating. So, pack your lunch and your swim suit and join in the fun. This is an outing enjoyed by old and young alike. We will meet at the Nelson School at 10:00 A.M.. Those who can't go until later just come along when you can. Why not ask your folks along on this one, Junior members! I'm sure they would enjoy this outing too.

Time: Saturday, Aug. 10

Place: Lincoln Gap to Breadloaf

This outing was scheduled particularly for those who are seeking to complete the entire length of The Trail for an End-to-End award, but I'm sure it will be a worthwhile trip for anyone to make whether they have done a lot or a little.

This section includes several good sized mountains. Mt. Grant, elev. 3861 ft; Mt. Cleveland, 3500 ft; Mt. Roosevelt, 3580 ft; and Mt. Wilson, 3758 ft.

Since this is a long trip,

(a little over 12 miles), and a long drive, an early start is planned. For this reason and the fact a car must be planted where the group will come out, those who wish to go should contact Vera Perkins (AR 3-2941) before Friday, August 9th so that arrangements can be made.

Time: August 17 - 18

Place: Intersectional
Mount Mansfield Area

The details on this trip have not reached us yet from Don Havens of Burlington, so look for complete details in your Aug. 31 ONE AND BLAZES. Trips to the Mansfield area have always been great favorites so why not plan to attend and make Killington Section's group one of the largest.

NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

We hear that Officer Bob Perkins has been at the highest point in the U.S. - Mt. Whitney (elev. 14,495 ft.). He hiked in 9 miles and made a base camp at timber line and then went to the top of the mountain and back to camp the next day. We have asked Bob for a story on his trip and hope to have it in time for your August issue of ONE AND BLAZES. If it doesn't arrive in time for that watch for it in a later issue.

SPECIAL NOTICE

As your editor I am very sorry to have to announce that our printers, Ceile and Smile have asked to be relieved of their duties since they are planning to leave Rutland in the near future. We certainly will be sorry to see them go and we wish them the best of luck.

Their resignation leaves us very short handed and unless some of you folks will help us out I'm afraid the paper will have to be curtailed to a one or two page news sheet if it can be continued at all. We hate to do this so won't some of you volunteer to help us out?

What we need is someone to cut the stencils and run off the paper. The first is necessary because I can't seem to get onto speaking terms with Jack's typewriter - granted I'm a poor typist anyway but sometimes I think the thing is a "one man" machine since when I use it it continually skips spaces, gets capitals out of line, and generally behaves like an unruly beast. The second problem is that I have no mimeograph -- Craigue has offered the use of his but we need someone to run them off since I can't do it by remote control and besides it would hardly be safe to let Carol and Nancy in on the production. So---- how about some volunteers? The work can be divided among several. Call me at RR 3-0621 or Vera at 3-2941 right away.

Janet Martin, Editor

STOVE PIPE INSTALLED

If you happen to arrive at Cooper Lodge, Millington, some cold, wet night, you should find everything in order for your comfort.

Craigue Perkins, Joe Madeka, and a cousin of Joe's made a trip

there a short time ago to install the needed stovepipe. On this same trip they also replaced a window sash which someone had removed.

LITTLE ROCK FOND

by

Judy Allard

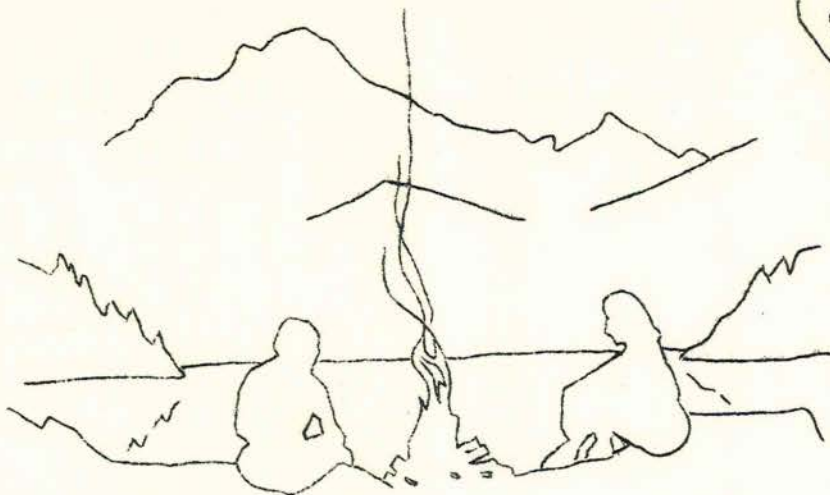
At 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, July 13, a group of 14 left from Meldon School for Little Rock Pond, on what appeared to be a dreary day. During the 2 1/2 mile hike in, the sky started to clear. By the time the pond was reached it was all cleared and the sun was shining brightly. Craigue Perkins brought the rubber boat in and it was used almost every minute- (except, of course, at meal time). When we got there we found a group of Eagle Boy Scouts from Quincy, Mass., staying for a week in the shelter. Later another group came in to stay over. A few of us went in swimming and the water wasn't too cold! As we started back the sky clouded over again.

We all had a wonderful and joyous day at Little Rock Pond.

"SEAL MORNING"

"Seal Morning" by Rowena Farre is the entertaining account of life in a remote croft in the Scotch Highlands. Rowena and her aunt were 7 miles from the nearest neighbor, but had enough animals to keep them from being lonesome; with a baby seal, two otters, two squirrels, and even a pet rat. They often hiked in the high misty moors and mountains, sometimes dangerous when fog came up. Once Rowena went on a 5 day hike alone across the wilderness, having little left to eat when she finally came out again to civilization. Rowena and her aunt had little money, but found joy in simple things, and this book is full of the happiness found in the world of out-of-doors. This should appeal to G.O.Cers.

SMOKE



AND BLAZES

Vol. 10 No. 8 & 9

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Aug.-Sept. 1951

CO. HIG EVENTS

TIME: Sunday, Sept. 15, 10 A.M.

PLACE: Harwood Pond

This National Forest recreation area is a beautiful spot. From the pond we can follow a USFS road to Mad Tom Notch and Mad Tom Notch Shelter (2½ mi.). There we can have lunch or if ambition prevails we can go on to the summit of Styles Peak (Elev. 3404) from which there is an excellent lookout.

We will leave Feldon School at 10:00 A.M. This is a new trip on our schedule so all you young adventurers come and enjoy this outing. The trip can be as much of a jaunt as you wish to make it.

TIME: Sat. - Sept. 22, 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Gov. Clement to Cooper Lodge to Shrewsbury Peak.

A Killington Peak trip in the Fall is always a beautiful one. Due to recent lumber operation in the vicinity of Gov. Clement it is possible to drive to the shelter, with care. From there it is 4.1 mi. to Cooper Lodge, (3½ hr.). After about a mile on

the return trip a side trail takes us over the summit of Shrewsbury Peak where more fine views should present themselves before our descent to Northam and the home trip.

The return from Cooper is only a half mile longer than to Gov. Clement with a 2½ hr. time estimate. Total hiking time is less than six hours with added time for meals and viewing. The fall foliage should be at or near its high point and the cool autumn weather makes for ideal hiking. Dig out your boots or sturdy shoes and join us.

NOTICE

New schedule cards are enclosed with this issue of SMOKE AND BLAZES. If you know of anyone who might be interested in extra schedules notify President Jack Martin, or Outing Chairman, Joe Madeka or Publicity Chairman, Rachel Bell.

We hope that as many of you as possible can find time to come out for one or more of the events which you find listed on the card. Place your schedule by the 'phone where it will be noticed and handy.

If you look inside a cloud you are supposed to find a silver lining. More likely you'll find our four would-be End-to-Enders.

Yea, we did it again! Started south from Lincoln Gap in the pouring rain. There were only a few real showers during the day. The rest of the time it rained steadily. It was only during the first five minutes that we were getting wet.

The Trail climbed steeply out of the Pass to what should have been a look-out. We decided it would make a good objective for a half-day hike sometime.

Part way up Mt. Grant the Trail followed an old wood road through what is now known as "Hallow Hollow". We noticed the mud here only because it was over a foot deep. The climb to the summit was easy and then we drifted down to Cooley Glen Shelter for a fireless lunch.

The climb up Mt. Cleveland was quite steep and we did it a little too fast. Toward the end of the day we felt the effects.

On to Mt. Roosevelt. Up to this point the Trail was completely overgrown. There were no blow-downs but little to show where the Trail was supposed to go except the feel of the harder packed earth under our feet.

From Mt. Roosevelt south to Breadloaf the Trail was much better. We passed two or three lookouts more or less clouded in.

At Breadloaf Shelter we had another lunch with a fat porky for company. The rain actually let up for a time but soon after really came down again.

At the top of Breadloaf we had our first and only trouble finding the Trail. It seems the Long Trail south actually goes north at this point. We just couldn't believe that the West Lookout arrow

really pointed west. Luckily the sun shown through the clouds just long enough to get us oriented and we finally found the Breadloaf side trail. A new and complete set of arrows is needed on this summit.

The Breadloaf side trail was well blazed and in good condition. At least it was in as good condition as a vertical trail can be. We had already hiked eleven miles in the rain and the last two down the mountain to the Steam Mill Meadow (signs?) seemed more like four miles.

At last we reached the car we had planted there the night before. We drove up a back road to Lincoln Pass to retrieve the car we had left there long, long ago that morning. Got there about dark and so home to bed. But definitely!

BUCHANAN MT. DEDICATED

On Sun. Aug. 4th, three Killington Sec. members enjoyed a trip to Westfield for the Dedication of Buchanan Mt.

It was a fine day and the exercises were held on the lawn of the Hitchcock Library, Westfield, in the Jay Peak area.

Roy and Helen Buchanan were escorted to seats of honor on the platform by a group of "End-to-enders". Harold C. Collins, a past President of GMC then told of Roy's years of work on The Long Trail, all but a half mile of its 260 miles having been laid out by him. Roy is also responsible for the erection of 22 of The Trail's shelters.

Buchanan Mt. was formerly known as Old Splatterfoot - a name originally given it by Roy. We hate to lose such a colorful name but we are very happy that there is now a Buchanan Mt. on The Long Trail and glad that we could be present when Roy was accorded this well deserved honor.

OUTING T.C.V. CAMP
by
Bob Paul

At 10:00 A.M. Sunday July 28th, we started off for Chittenden Dam to spend a day at the C.V.P.S. Camp. Although the weather didn't look very promising it seemed as though everyone had a very good time.

Among the people who were there were the following: Vera Perkins, Betty Ball (the Bird Watcher), Marie Gray, Eleanor Walker, Jack Welch, Joe Hadeka, Steve Pfennig, Tom Terenzine, Janet Martin and her two children, Bob Paul, Doreen Paul, Claire Perfetti, and the last of the gang Craigie Perkins. Mary Perkins made a trip up in the morning to supply transportation but couldn't stay because of Camp guests.

Most of the younger group were interested in swimming and boating. A few of the party took in a short walk. Betty Ball and Marie Gray also went for a walk where they discovered a very rare bird. The way Betty described it was that it sounded as though the bird were drinking. The call of this bird was, "Which, three beers".

Before this bird watching expedition occurred, everyone had lunch.

Even though there were scattered showers during the afternoon, all present seemed to be enjoying themselves.

The main party broke up about 6 P.M. All in all it turned out to be a wonderful day.

OFF TO OHIO

We regret to announce that we are losing our bridge builders. Cecile and Emile Boselli left about Sept. 1st for Ohio where Emile has accepted a position with the Ohio Edison Co., in Akron. They will live

in Cuiahoga Falls, Ohio.

We were pleased to see a feature article in The Burlington Free Press recently on Cecile and Emile and their bridge building project. We wish them luck in their new location.

HIKE TO GRIFFITH LAKE
by
Pat Truneau

Since I am new to the Killington Section of the G.C. by way of my uncle, resident Jack Martin, I will try to write this story as it comes to me.

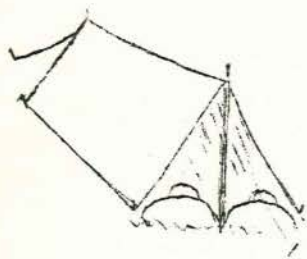
On Aug. 24th five members met at Seldon School in beautiful weather. They were Joe Hadeka, Judy Allard, Carol and Jack Martin and myself. We drove to Danby and a little below to a gravel road where we found the "Lake Trail" sign indicating our starting point. We followed the trail through pretty woods, by a spring, past a farm, and then steeply up to a fine lookout where we could see out over Danby to a mountain with its quarry piles.

After about 2½ hours we reached Griffith Lake, a small but pretty pond in the middle of the forest. We found an old camp on the lake shore with a sort of a dock over the water, there we chose to eat. An hour or so later, reluctantly, we headed down, reaching the car in about two hours.

EDITOR'S NOTE

We are sorry to be so late with this month's paper. In an effort to get the paper out nearer the first of the month we are making this a two-month issue.

We wish to express our thanks at this time to Pearl Nichols who has assumed the duties of Typist; Craigie Perkins for Printing; and Eleanor Walker for addressing.



G.C. INTERSECTIONAL

On the weekend of August 17-18 the Struggler's Notch State Park was the headquarters for one of the best Intersectionals of recent years. The crowd started assembling early and by Friday evening more than 40 G.Cers were registered.

Saturday morning dawned bright and clear and everyone was eager to get started on the day's activities. Mt. Mansfield was the common objective with some riding the lift, and others hiking up to the top. A variety of trips were taken from the top with everyone enjoying to the fullest a perfect day on the mountain.

The Saturday evening get-together was held in the lounge of the Park Recreation building. The number present from the different sections was reported with Killington tallying 14. After items of special interest had been presented, and a few stories of experiences on The Trail recounted a couple ski movies were shown.

Sunday was another fine day and trips were made to Spruce Peak and Sterling Pond by many groups. Everyone seemed loath to have the weekend over and it was 6 P.M. before the campsite was pretty well cleared.

The total registration reached 107 which must have been rewarding to the committee which did such a splendid job on arrangements; even to providing good weather!

We were sorry not to have more Killington Section members there to enjoy the fun. Better plan now to be on hand next year.

THE CAVE OF THE WINDS

by

Barbara Allard

Among the more interesting spots on Mt. Mansfield is the Cave of the Winds. During the G.C. Intersectional, three other members and myself took a trip down into the cave. Although only one of us had a rope and experience, two others had flashlights and we were ready.

We crawled over a few rocks and made the first and easiest descent by means of a ladder and some heavy rope. Reaching the first level, we stood on a ledge and one by one disappeared into the black hole at our feet.

At the next level there was less room to stand and down we went again. This time quite a ways. Somewhere along the way one of the flashlights took a short cut to the bottom. There were still three of us to get to the bottom. Every once in a while we would get a cold gust of air and out would go the cry, "Close that door!"

Then you are dangling on a rope in total darkness and you don't know where the bottom is, you are apt to get a funny feeling.

The cave itself is just a series of crevices in the rocks and is much colder than a cave. There were sheets of ice over the walls. The walls are mostly from 3 to 4 feet apart and the cave goes down about 60 feet.

When we got to the bottom of the cave we found the flashlight and I guess it wanted to get out as it worked better than before.

After sliding down an ice slide and climbing over several obstacles we were at the very bottom. Ice barred our way to the chamber where the bottle is kept that you can put your name in.

As we were wet and a little chilly we started right back. We can't wait to go again.

UP T. WHITNEY
by
Bob Perkins

Mt. Whitney, highest peak in the United States at 14,496 feet, was the destination for this transplanted G.C. on the long 4th of July weekend. Having climbed in the mountains of southern California, but not in the Sierra Nevada, I didn't know what conditions to expect so wife and children were left at home and four day's food was packed.

In order to get an early start I left Los Angeles right after work on Wednesday, drove about 100 miles and slept beside the road in the Mohave Desert. Up at dawn, another 100 mile drive got me to Lone Pine for breakfast. A road leaves the highway at Lone Pine and climbs to 8200 feet at Whitney Portal close up under the abrupt eastern face of the Sierra. I was on the trail by 9:30 with Mt. Whitney 13 trail miles away and 6300 feet up. This works out to be about like climbing Pico three times and the fourth time going on to Killington.

The trail is an excellent one maintained by the Forest Service. It is nowhere very steep or difficult as it is designed for a horse trail as well as for hiking. The grade is very steady with numerous switchbacks. The first part of the climb is thru typical western mountain forests - evergreens, large by Vermont standards but not the giant sequoia. The lack of underbrush is evident. Full grown trees appear to have sprouted from the sand and gravel ground.

In four miles I reached Mirror Lake at 10,600 feet. This is the last camping spot below the timber line and since I needed wood for cooking, this was it for the first day. Another time I would bring a small stove and camp a mile or two further in. After a leisurely meal I unrolled my sleeping bag and went to bed at dusk.

Conveniently at 4:45 AM

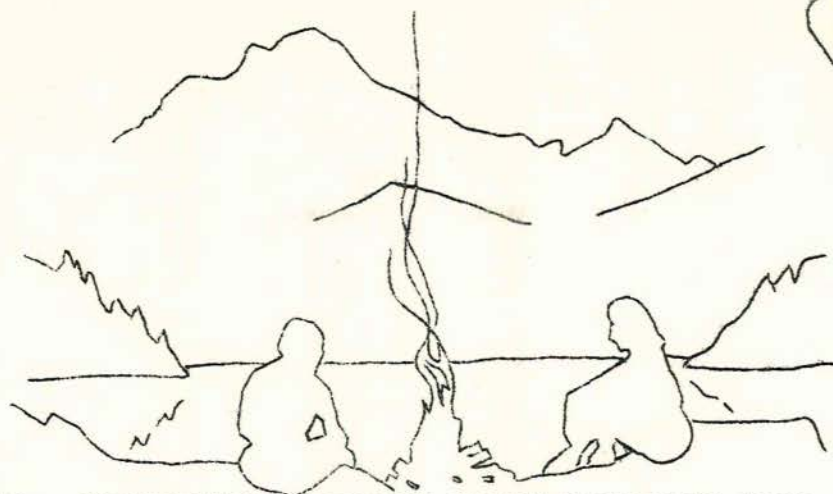
I was awakened by a loud blast from Yucca Flats, some 75 miles away. After breakfast, leaving my pack at Mirror Lake and taking only a trail lunch and camera, I was on the trail before seven. I was above the trees almost immediately and in three short miles passed Consolation Lake which was still frozen over solid. Here the climb up the actual face of the mountain begins and the next four miles is a continual series of switchbacks. The trail was clear and dry except in three or four places where large snow drifts remained. I think the altitude was having some effect as each mile seemed longer than the last. However, I reached the pass, 13,600 feet, by 11:30 and decided to go the final two miles to the top.

From the pass to the top the trail goes along the ridge with views over into the Sequoia Park wilderness on the western side of the mountains, with numerous lakes and forests. This final two miles, although partly level, required several rest stops and took nearly two hours. The view from the top was only fair, the day being a little hazy. The Owens Valley and Lone Pine lie to the east, and high mountains in the other three directions. It was sunny and warm on top - tee shirt weather.

The trip down was uneventful. The trail was now a brook in spots, the afternoon sun having melted more of the snow. I was back at Mirror Lake by six o'clock, tired, but no more so than would be expected after any 18 mile hike. I lazed around camp the next morning, packed out to the car after lunch, and was back in Los Angeles by 10:00 that evening.

Next time you're in California - why not climb Mt. Whitney?

SNOW



OPEN

Vol. 10 No. 10 KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Oct. 1957

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sunday, Oct. 13, 10:30 A.M.

PLACE: Hadeka Farm, Granville,
New York

This will be a good, colorful, fall hike. The trail is about a mile long leading to a picturesque pond. About one quarter mile away on a not too steep hill there is an abandoned tower once used as a library. An extensive view can be seen into a beautiful eastern New York valley, including a view of the Comstock Prison.

We will meet at Meldon School at 10:30 A.M. Our starting point is about 25 miles from Rutland in Middle Granville.

This is not too difficult a hike so I hope as many as can will come, for a very enjoyable day.

J.H.

* * * * *

RUMMAGE SALE

* * * * *

NEIGHBORHOOD ROOMS

* * * * *

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

* * * * *

TIME: Saturday, Oct. 26, 10:30 A.M.

PLACE: Bald Mountain

It has been several years since we have climbed this nearby mountain. However, it is a very pleasant trip which is not too difficult. The reward is an excellent view of the Otter Creek valley. Since it is so nearby, the starting time will be 10:30 A.M. at Meldon School

* * * *

HAPGOOD POND TRIP

A very small group consisting of the four Martins and Miss Bjorg Jensen, exchange teacher from Norway now teaching at Rutland High School, went on the trip to Hapgood Pond. By reason of threatening weather we drove close to Mad Tom Notch shelter. The rains descended in the midst of lunch so we beat a hasty retreat into the shelter and decided that even if it stopped the trail would be too wet for hiking to Styles Peak so instead we went for a short auto tour.

RUMMAGE SALE
SATURDAY, NOV. 9

It's that time again! You get out the children's winter clothes only to find they've grown out of them. Your summer things look pretty well beaten up too. You want to freshen up the house for the winter days ahead when you'll be spending more time in it. The GMC Rummage Sale solves your problem. It's just the place to dispose of those things which you no longer want, but which are still too good to throw away.

You'll be doing a bit for GMC too. We need money to help build up the treasury after the expense of materials for that fine bridge over Mill River. We have other Trail and Shelter maintenance projects too. So let's make this the best sale yet.

The Sale will be held in the Neighborhood Rooms on Saturday, Nov. 9. We will be at the Rooms from 9 to 5 Friday and would like to receive everything that day. There is always a big rush when we open the sale so it is important to have everything arranged and priced before then. If you have material but no way to get it to us, call Craigie Perkins - 3-7954 - Thursday evening, or call Vera Perkins - 3-2941 - earlier that week.

We need help on both Friday and Saturday. On Saturday the need is greatest from 9 to 11 A.M. for selling and again at the end of the day for clearing up. We can keep you real busy any time Friday. Let us hear from you if you can help on either (or BOTH) days.

Anything usable is salable. Dishes, kitchen utensils, curtains, bedspreads, clothing of all kinds (especially children's) are some of the items in greatest demand. Costume jewelry, gift items and nic-nacs also sell well.

Get together as much as you can - collect from your friends and neighbors too. If we have a good stock on hand our customers will do the rest.

SOUTH END

It's very dark at 5 A.M. as the would-be-End-to-enders found out when they rose for the trip to the south end of The Trail. Due to the early take-off, though, we were on the trail by 8:30 A.M. at Williamstown, Mass. This was an approach trail and was hilly indeed. In fact at one point it was nearly perpendicular, with slippery rocks and few holds. Fortunately, this didn't last long. We did this hike in the fall, so it would be cool, but it was hot and muggy, which didn't help at all on the climb.

From the top of the rocky scramble, it was a gentler ascent to the junction with the Appalachian Trail. We noted different plants than farther north, with quite a bit of sassafras, and some real chestnut.

From the junction with the AT, the trail went over a lot of rocky open area, colorful with the copper and rust tones of the extensive blueberry bushes. There were blueberries there too. There would have been several fine views if the fog hadn't been too thick.

The woodland we finally entered was unusually beautiful, with many open glades, colorful with clumps of plum colored hobblebush, and carpeted with gayly-colored leaves.

The brooks were dry, so we ate a dry lunch in an open part of the woods. Even the brook at Seth Warner Camp was dry, when we came to that.

The trip down County Road to the waiting car was an easy one, though it was still hot.

One more lap needed doing, the road walk into Fay Fuller, from the main road. We did this and this completed the Long Trail walking for the three Perkinsons.

SIX & SEVEN - MILES AND ANOTHER DAY OLDER

That's Trail miles, and everybody knows a Trail mile is equal to 5280 times the age of the hiker times the weight of his pack, divided by the square of the conversation. (Provided it isn't too square.)

So that we might get a good start in the morning, the car was planted on the East Arlington Road the night before. After a supper in Bennington we drove out to the Fay Fuller Camp to stay over night.

We found the camp in excellent condition in every respect. Somebody had done a good job of cleaning up. (Thank you Bennington.)

After a good night's sleep and a six-thirty breakfast we set off bright and early. (all right, just "early" then.) For some undetermined reason it wasn't raining, and we felt uncomfortable. The Trail up Glastenbury Mt. climbed steadily on an easy grade and we got to the camp well ahead of Guide Book Time.

We couldn't find any water and had to do a little guessing on which path was L.Y. North.

The lookout's cabin near the tower was found open apparently to let out the hedgehogs that had chewed up through the floor.

Too bad these two half ruined Camps on Glastenbury can't be combined to make one completely ruined one.

About eleven-thirty we ate a dry lunch beside what should have been a rushing brook. The Trail was easy and soon we reached Caughnawaga Shelter. A porky lunching on the bunk boards left without exchanging greetings with us. We found water here and rested a few minutes.

About two-thirty it started to drizzle and we felt more at ease.

The Trail was in pretty good condition. Paint had been applied recently apparently by Tom Thumb as the blazes varied from chest high to below waist high.

Two beaver ponds were skirted and at last we came out on the East Arlington Road about five-thirty.

Everybody felt so full of pep that we decided to hike the piece along the road, thus running our total up to sixteen miles and making our longest but not hardest day on the Trail.

TUCKER LODGE REPAIR

In August it was discovered that two sash at Tucker Lodge were ruined and that porkies might be able to get inside.

Joe and Jimmie Hadeka and Craig Perkins lugged in forty pounds of cement and new window-screening. The worst of the holes in the foundation were cemented up and wire placed over all window openings.

On another work party Bob and Churchill Scott helped install the two new sash and paint them. Anybody want to paint the rest of the sash and apply creosote?

BREVITIES

Buffum Shelter was inspected by Vera Perkins and Eleanor Walker and found in neat condition. The old stove needs some repair for when the snows of winter make outdoor cooking difficult.

Margie Allard is home for a two weeks vacation.

Sharon Krauss is at UVM as a member of the Class of '61

Tom Ranney is a freshman student at Castleton College.

KILLINGTON FROM THE SOUTH

Where were you all on Saturday, Sept. 28th? Wherever you were it couldn't have been nicer than it was on Killington.

Starting time found three hikers, Barbie Allard, Vera and Craigie Perkins, at Heldon. Pres. Jack Martin was on hand to help with transportation if needed. However, the hikers decided to omit Shrewsbury Peak and have all the available time at Killington. This eliminated any special transportation problems and we were soon on our way.

First stop was Gov. Clement where we left the car. A quick check of this shelter disclosed one puzzling circumstance. The old picnic table had been replaced in the shelter and the new one left standing on end by the outdoor fireplace. We noted again the improved appearance of the surroundings as a result of the brush cutting and clearing up which was done on a visit there last spring.

Leaving Gov. Clement, we started climbing almost at once. After passing through the fairly recent lumber operations, the trail, worn into the side of the mountain and sloping away steeply on our right, took us through woods, bright with sun on fall leaves and roofed with a sky seeming to grow bluer as we climbed toward it.

After about 2 miles of a gradual but steady climb, the trail follows along the ridge and there is little noticeable climbing. We began asking ourselves, "Where is Killington?", as we couldn't see it ahead. Then, suddenly, there we were at Cooper Lodge!

Craigie had brought up a new grate for the stove and while that was being installed

Barbie initiated a "Clean-up Campaign". The grate fitted perfectly. Water was soon hot and lunch being enjoyed. We counted 7 broken lights of glass which we hope can be replaced before winter.

Immediately after lunch we left for "the Peak". The view was good, especially toward the northeast. There was ice in the rock crevasses and a crisp wind on the peak, but the sun was bright and we lingered there as long as we could. En route to and from the peak we met in all 9 other hikers.

The return trip to Gov. Clement was interesting. The trail seen in reverse, with the sun slanting into the woods at the late afternoon angle, gave us many new impressions.

Back at Gov. Clement, we found Jan and Jack Martin with Carol and Nancy. After a welcome cup of coffee and a pleasant chat, we all headed back to Rutland.

There won't be a better hike this season. Too bad you missed it!

"HILLSIDE HARVEST"

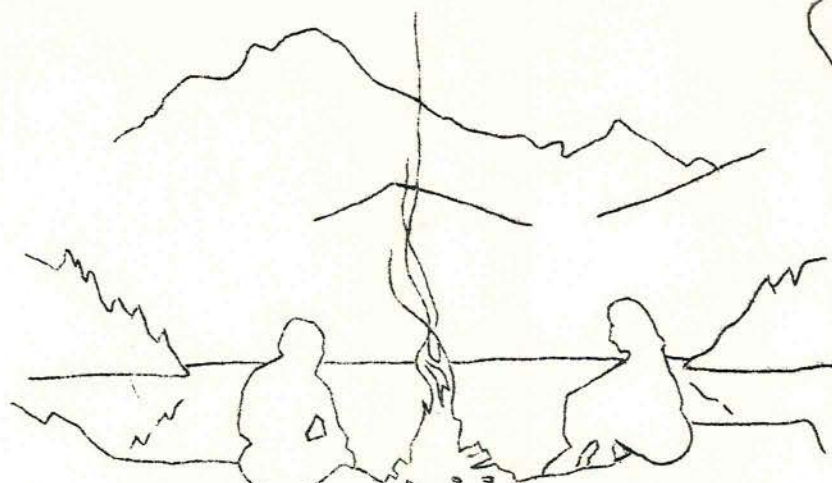
Outdoor lovers will enjoy the beautiful prose descriptions of familiar scenes and of everyday animals, plants, and birds, in this book by Lansing Christman. This a book to be savoured slowly, not swallowed in a gulp. It makes one realize the beauty around us. This countryman finds great joy in his hillside pastures all the year around, and passes on to the reader his keen delight in the world of nature.

He write of such things as summer sunsets, September grapes, old fence rows, hill farm apples, wood-box cricket, hillsides of larch, muskrat marsh.

(Hanover House, pub.)

E. Ball

Smoke



Blazes

Vol 10 No.11 KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Nov. 1957

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Saturday Nov. 9, 9:00 AM

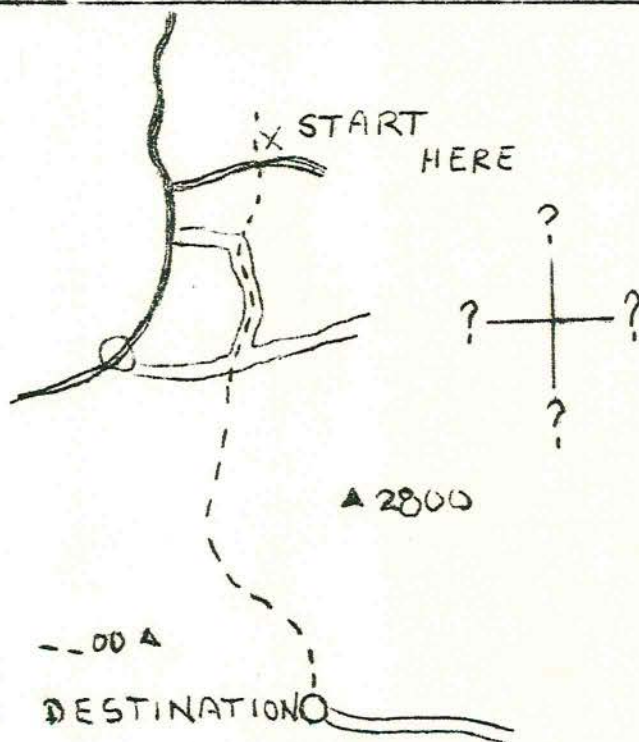
PLACE: Neighborhood Rooms
Rummage Sale

Materials to be sold should be ready on Friday Nov 8th. If you can't get them to the Marble Bank Neighborhood Rooms yourself call Vera Perkins 3-2941, or Craigie Perkins 3-7954. All articles must be in on Friday to permit sorting and labelling with prices.

TIME: Sunday Nov.10, 10:00 AM

PLACE: Mystery Hike to Somewhere

This promises to be an enjoyable and interesting hike to . The wind may blow or the snow may blow but you staunch hikers just need to pack that lunch and join us for a trip in the late Fall woods of Vermont. We promise a variety of terrain over which you can hike without difficulty to see a very nice view, weather permitting. Here is a fragmentary map which we found deep in a pile of Smoke and Blazes, a clue maybe?



TIME: Sunday, Nov 24, 9:00 AM

PLACE: Voter-White Lodge &
Lake Pleiad

We hope there will be good attendance for this joint trip with the Burlington Section. The lodge overlooks Lake Pleiad and the Middlebury College ski area. This lodge was built in 1952 by the MMC and has a beautiful site. It is only 0.2 mile west of the Long Trail at a point 1.2 miles from Middlebury Gap. Come along for this easy hike.

COMING EVENTS (con't)

TIME - Sunday, Dec. 8 - 6 P.M.
PLACE - Beechwood - Covered Dish
Supper

The covered dish supper this year will come the first week in December. Due to a conflict with the Community Concert we have changed the date from Saturday to SUNDAY, so please change the date on your schedule cards.

As in the past we would like to know what you plan to bring so that we can keep a fair balance between salads, main dishes, and desserts. Please call Janet Martin, 3-8621, and tell her what you would like to bring. Please remember to bring your own dishes and utensils as it saves on the cleaning up. As usual there will be someone there from 2 P.M. on, so come and enjoy the afternoon too. Supper will be at 6 P.M.

A VISIT TO NEW YORK STATE

It was a perfect fall day when 9 GMCers journeyed to the Hadeka farm in Granville, N.Y., on Sunday, Oct. 13th.

After parking our cars in the farm dooryard, we started out for "the tower", objective for this hike. Joe led us over the hills and through the woods until finally we sighted the golden dome a-top a hill about two fields away.

Our watches and our appetites suggested that we stop for lunch first and investigate the tower later. Accordingly, Joe directed us to a perfect picnic place near a small pond. This spot was complete with a maple grove in full fall coloring, an old stone wall, a ready to use fireplace, and even a handy supply of firewood.

After a leisurely lunch we visited the tower which is an interesting marble structure of three stories, with two fireplaces on the second floor, and topped by a gilt dome set on marble pillars. Unfortunately, what was once quite an imposing structure, now shows the deterioration caused by abandonment and vandalism. The glass which enclosed the sides is broken out. What was once, apparently, a small patio has grown up to weeds. Nothing, however has spoiled the excellent view which the tower affords.

Various legends as to the original owner and his purpose in building the tower have grown up. From a Granville resident we have what seems to be the real story. Unfortunately, it is not as exciting as the legends. It seems that the tower was built by a wealthy bachelor, who, at the time, lived with his mother and owned a fine house in Granville. They also had elaborate homes in several other places. He built the tower as a library and study and used to spend much time there when in Granville. He would often entertain house guests and local friends there for afternoon tea. He lived to be over ninety.

After his death the books were removed and the tower fell into dis-use and disrepair. The story that it belonged to a New York banker who finally committed suicide probably springs from the fact that a close friend of the owner, who also had a home in Granville, was a New York banker, became involved in some International banking deals during the war and eventually did commit suicide.

All in all this was a new and different trip and made another pleasant day to add to the many such which our Out Schedule has provided.

BALD MT. AGAIN

'Quality rather than quantity' was the keynote of the group which gathered for the trip to Bald Mt. It was a return to a favorite spot for two of the five hikers while for the other three it was a first trip.

We drove to the top of 'the Notch'; left the car, and started out on the once familiar trail. We soon discovered that the trail had undergone many changes due to hurricane damage. We were doubtful at times that we were on the trail, but eventually it turned in the right direction and we reached the spring - last chance for getting coffee water. We almost lost the coffee water farther along when a fallen log proved unequal to the combined weights of 3 hikers.

The rocky top, when reached, provided the same splendid view we remembered. On this bright October day it was a most comfortable place for our picnic lunch. It was hard to believe it could ever be cold enough there to freeze coffee in the cups - we still maintain it did though, one December day!

We lingered for awhile considering the possibility of some of the party returning via Red Rocks and Clarendon, but decided to leave this for another day.

Starting back we missed the trail completely and just wandered along in the right general direction enjoying the fall woods. Finally we came out at the road a few yards west of our car, having crossed the trail somewhere without knowing it.

This is a good, near-by, hike and could well be given a place on the schedule quite often. Again, it's too bad so many missed it.

CONSERVATION BEGINS AT HOME

By Charles M. Wilson

from an article in the March '57
Nature Magazine

The author notes that birds and wildlife live mostly on the edges of fields, woodlands, road and waterways. To develop his old Vt. farm as a wildlife refuge he made a survey of his property to "count the blessings".

He found 25 species of grasses of value to wild life. To increase them he did some selective thinning along wood and field edges. He also found intermittent stands of such standbys for bird life as elderberry, wild cherry, sumac, butthorn, haw, wild grapes, and other berries as well as small acorn oaks. These he is protecting, particularly against fire.

Then his attention turned to fence rows and garden edges where he hand sowed such feed supplements as grain, sorghum, kaffir, milo, maize, and dwarf sunflowers.

The last part of the farm he attempted to improve for wild life was along the surface waterways by planting wildlife feed crops which grow in or near water. This is a largely undeveloped field in the U.S., but these plants strengthen edges, make valuable, fertile soil, and help with water conservation and erosion control. One of the plants he used here is wild rice. Others are muskgrass, pondweed, wild celery, pickerel plant, spike-bush, and the American pond lily; in moist places: water smartweed, sweet flag and three square rush.

The author has found evidence that his old farm is now supporting more and varied forms of wild life and he no longer finds starved carcasses of wild life in the spring as he did when he first came to the farm.

TRAIL CONFERENCE

On the 2nd of November the trustees and officers of the GMC met in the main club office at 108 Merchants Row. The reading of the minutes of the June meeting was followed by several reports.

Vice-President Ted Talbot, of Wilmington Delaware, reported on the possible changes which are contemplated for the next edition of the Long Trail Guide Book. His suggestions were concerned with a new and larger map sheet to be used with the various divisions of the LT.

Mr Ben Rolston of Schneckedy presented cost data on the preparation of a supplement to the 1956 edition of the Guide. Material to be included in the supplement as outlined by Mr Rolston are (a) Poor conditions on the LT, (b) Additions to the system, (c) Relocations of the Trail, and (d) Planned or possible changes in the above.

Mr Don Havens of Burlington reported on the 1957 Inter-Sectional which was attended by 109 assorted hikers. Mr Larry Dean of Burlington made a progress report on the GMC history which, it is hoped, will be ready for the 50th year of GMC in 1960.

Mr Paul Newcomb, the GMNF supervisor spoke to the assemblage about the proposals for and status of various ski developments as they affect the GMNF. We were particularly interested in the development which is proposed for the Clay Brook Basin on the Eastern flanks of Lincoln Mountain near Warren. The LT follows the Lincoln Mountain skyline and any ski development proposal

might have an adverse effect on the LT or shelters. It was the opinion after some discussion that the development of the Basin as outlined in the prospectus would cause no undue harm to the area in question. Any slight changes in LT location would be the responsibility of the permittee or the GMNF. One advantage would be the increased opportunity for maintenance in a presently somewhat inaccessible stretch of Trail. Mr Gene Bamforth of Montpelier was voted a life member of the GMC.

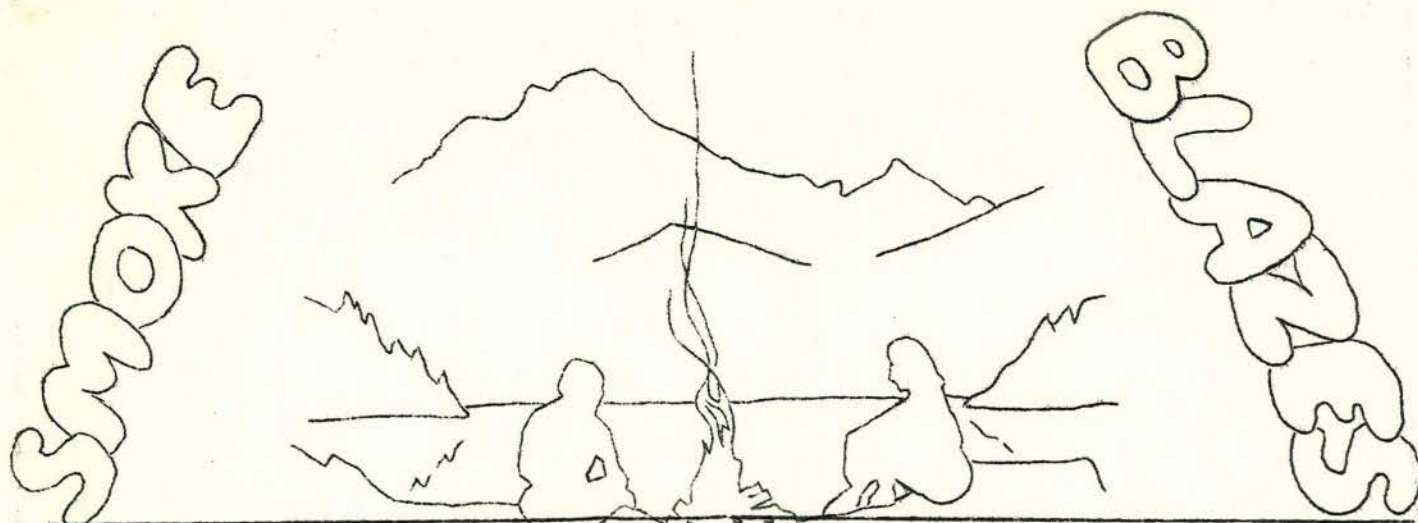
The 1958 Inter-Sectional outing will be under the direction of the Killington Section. If you have any ideas for sites, trips and activities for the Inter-Sectional please contact the section officers. We are open to suggestion.

An annual Trail Conference was held in the GMC office after the trustee's meeting. Reports were received from the various sections concerning conditions and maintenance of their portions of the Long Trail and shelters.

Problems discussed included that of the extent and nature of vandalism at LT shelters. Reports were received concerning camp registers, trail blazing, Long Trail- highway crossing signs, and the supply of water at certain shelters during dry summers such as we have just had. We were glad to see two members of the Middlebury College Mountain Club at the meeting.

* * * * *

An amusing story heard at the meeting concerns a happening during the summer's LT Patrol. The boys met a strangely constituted party complete with a loaded rifle bearing advance guard. The man scouting "up front" explained that "this was Wild country" and one shouldn't take any chances "in the Green Mts."



Vol.10 No.12 KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB December 1957

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat. December 21, 10 AM

PLACE: Mount Carmel

Last year's trip to Mount Carmel encountered very bad weather. We hope we will have better luck this year. Hikers will meet at Meldon School at 10:00 AM and drive to the Mountain Top Inn in Chittenden. From there they will hike on to New Boston, thence up the New Boston Trail to Carmel Camp where they will have lunch. A short steep trail leads to the top of Mt Carmel which has a small steel tower on the summit. Fine views of the Green, White, and Adirondack Mountains.

TIME: Sat. or Sun. Jan 4 or 5
7:00 PM

PLACE: Moonlight Hike, to
Tucker Lodge

The winter moonlight hike has become a widely enjoyed annual affair. If you have never been, dig out your snowshoes and red flannels and come along. We promise an unusual and rewarding experience. Weather permitting, the trip will be on Saturday. If that proves cloudy we will go on Sunday. If you are in doubt or need to borrow snowshoes,

contact Pres John Martin (3-8621)
Hikers will meet at Meldon at
7:00 PM.

* * * * *

Covered Dish Supper

The annual covered dish supper at Beechwood was held on Sun. Dec. 8th. There were thirty members and guests present. The table was laden with good things to eat and everyone ate and ate and ate. As always there was an excellent variety of old and new favorites to satisfy the tastes of everyone from the three little ones on up. This has always been a good family outing and we were glad to have so many family groups there. We even had two very well behaved four legged guests.

The afternoon found many of the group hiking around the surrounding wooded area where they made note of the growth of the red Pine forest which has been recently been pruned and thinned.

LAKE PLIEAD

A very small group gathered for this trip but the weather seemed too unpleasant for so long a jaunt. We are a bit red-faced to learn that a group from Burlington did go. Our apologies to them for not having the coffee hot on their arrival.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$96

Once again the Rummage Sale proved to be a successful money-making project. Although we fell a little short of the \$100 we aimed for, we were well satisfied with results.

Thanks are due to all the people who brought in material for us to sell and especially to out of town members who took the trouble to send us material.

We also want to thank the following people who helped in getting ready, selling and/or cleaning up: "T" Valiquette, Churchill Scott, Isabel Hanks, Janet and Jack Martin, Betty Ball, Barbie Allard, and Eleanor Walker.

The sale involves a couple of good, full days of work, but it's fun too, and we don't know of an easier or surer way of making around \$100. So-- start your box now and begin collecting items for us to sell next fall.

MYSTERY HIKE

The Mystery Hike scheduled for Nov. 10th, remains a mystery. Again this year a first snow fall caused a last minute change in destination.

When we met at Nelson School it looked as though we were in for a wet day, overhead as well as underfoot. As there was no shelter at the planned destination we decided to go to "Tall Timber" instead.

There we found the ground well covered with snow and, walking through the woods, experienced the thrill which the first snow always brings.

While some of the party were getting the fire going in the Service Building, others went for a walk. Barbie Allard and Joe Haecka, finding the rubber boat available, decided it was just the day for a cruise around the

newly enlarged pond.

By lunch time the sun was shining, and after a pleasant lunch hour, the ambitious junior members remarked that it would be a good day to go to Clarendon and put in the new window sash. Craigie quickly took them up on this proposition and they were soon on their way.

The rest of the group lingered awhile longer and then returned to Rutland. Arriving about 3 o'clock, it seemed too nice an afternoon to go in early, so four went on to Clarendon to check up on the workers there. The old stove, as usual, was doing its best to smoke the workers out, but they were going ahead valiantly with the work of installing new window frames. Incidentally, plans are underway for getting another stove in this winter.

On the way back to the car we enjoyed a fine sunset and agreed that the day had been successful even though not as planned.

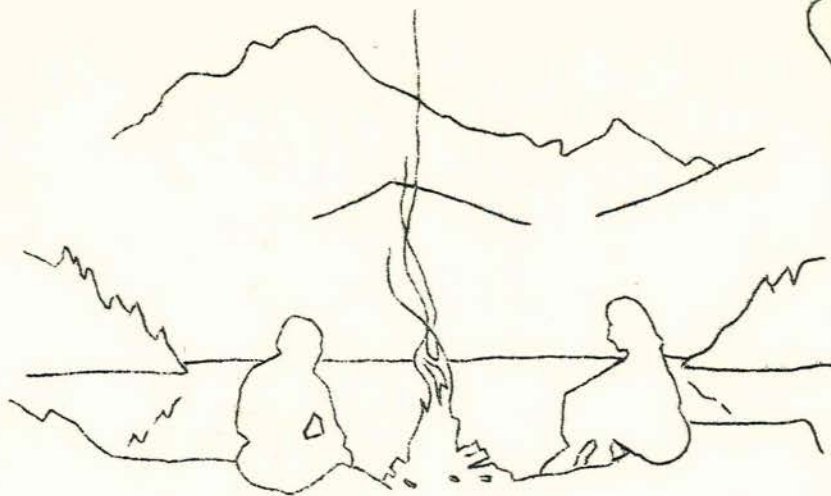
(No, we won't tell you where the mystery hike was to have gone --we're saving it for another time. You'll still have to come to find out.)

COILING SOON KILLINGTON SEC. ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be coming in January. Watch for the announcement of date, place, etc., and plan to attend.

```
*****
*                                     *
*      WE WISH YOU ALL              *
*                                     *
*  A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS          *
*                                     *
*      and                          *
*                                     *
*      A HAPPY NEW YEAR             *
*                                     *
*                                     *
*****
```


Smoke



or blaze

Vol. 11 No. 1

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Jan 1958

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sunday, Jan. 13, 11 AM
PLACE: Clarendon Lodge

This is a beautiful but easy trip to make in winter. If we get a good snow it will be a fine opportunity to try out snowshoes and skills from Santa Claus. However, if there isn't much snow between now and then, boots or overshoes will be sufficient.

Come and try out the new stove and view the repairs completed by several recent work parties. We will meet at Meldon School at 11:00 AM. This should make it late enough so that some of our members who can't usually make it on Sun. will be able to be with us too. If not they could always join us later as it is only a short walk. Do try to come along.

TIME: Thur. Jan 23, ANNUAL MEETING
PLACE: Riverside Reformatory

As in the past few years this will be a supper meeting followed by the business meeting, election of officers, and closing with a short program. Because it is necessary for Miss Koltonski to know how many to plan for on meals,

reservation must be made by Tues, Jan. 21 by calling Mrs Jack Martin PR 3-8821. Supper will be at 6:30 with the business meeting coming to order about 7:30.

We hope all members will make an effort to be at the meeting as several important matters need to be discussed: (1) How can we increase our membership, especially among young adults? (2) Can our income be increased? (Source-Lues & projects) (3) Should the winter weekend be changed so as not to conflict with the new dates of the Rutland Winter Carnival? (4) Is Smoke and Blazes to be or not to be? (5) suggestions for hike schedules? (Average attendance has been about 5 to 7 with some hikes cancelled because no one showed up.)

TIME: Sat. February 1, 10 AM.
PLACE: Snowshoe to Sunnyside Camp

We certainly hope that by February there will be enough snow for snowshoeing. It has been several months since we last visited Sunnyside so we hope you will all plan to come.

The trip will leave Meldon School at 10:00 o'clock so pack a lunch and join in the fun.

2

SPECIAL

WINTER WEEKEND - FEB.15-16 OR 22-23

The final decision as to which date to hold this annual affair will be decided at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 23. So-- if you have any preference and can't be at the meeting, let us know before that time. You may call PR 3-861 to state your preference, or let a friend who will be at the meeting know your wishes.

TAKEN ANY KODACHROMES LATELY?

We have made a good start on the Killington Section collection of colored slides, but we want to add to it and perhaps replace some we have with better ones when available. If you have any slides taken since slides were selected last winter, or any you have never submitted for consideration, why not bring them to the Annual Meeting? The Club will get duplicates of any selected for our collection.

HIKE TO CARMEL

The temperature was like early spring, but the prospects for a pleasant day were only so-so on Saturday, December 21st.

Nevertheless, a group of six put aside their Christmas preparations and met at Meldon School for the trip to Carmel.

Driving up the hills to Mt. Top Inn, we found that road conditions too were suggestive of early spring, but we made the parking place at the Inn without difficulty. Leaving our car we hiked briskly along the old road leading to New Boston.

Signs of what was once one of the main Communities of Chittenden are rapidly disappearing. Each time we pass through here we notice the further collapse of some landmark of former

habitation. A few cellar holes and the small 'burying ground', a short distance from the settlement, will soon be all the traces left. Incidentally, why was this community called New Boston? Tradition has it that in the "cold year" (this was in 1816 when there was a frost every month in the year and no crops)- a group of people in Boston, Mass., collected food supplies and sent to this community. From then on it was known as New Boston.

The trail from here was doubling as a brook course for most of the way on this particular day, but the sun was peeking out and we found much to enjoy as we covered the distance to Carmel Camp.

We found the camp, though just as small as we had remembered it, in good condition inside. However, the general appearance of the dooryard left much to be desired. It seems strange, as one of our party remarked, that people able to hike the 3 miles to the camp wouldn't have the strength enough to at least throw the cans and bottles a bit farther than just outside the door! Perhaps it would help if there were a specially designated dump area with a directional sign. It might be worth a try.

After lunch most of the party went to the top of the mountain for the view from the fire tower. They found it very windy on top but were rewarded for the climb with a fairly clear view.

On the way back to the car it looked for a time as though we might finish the day with a walk in the rain, but only a few sprinkles materialized. During the ride home from Mt. Top Inn we were treated to a fine sunset.

We had looked forward to this as a good snowshoe outing, but though we were disappointed on that score, it was an enjoyable day all the same.

CLARENDON LODGE REPAIRS

At long last Clarendon Lodge has been restored to Al condition.

Item One: When originally installed the front windows opened outward and were supposed to be operated by a crank arrangement. Impatient people needing air in a hurry soon wrecked these devices and the windows were either nailed shut or let swing in the wind. As a result one sash was torn off and another completely demolished. Two work parties have replaced the broken sash and moved all sash to the inside of the window openings so that they open inward. The badly torn plastic screens will be replaced in the spring by aluminum screens on the outside of the openings.

Item Two: For more than a year the old stove has been a nuisance and a fire hazard. Someone broke out the end of the firebox by trying to jam in wood that was too long. This was wired back in place long ago and we have been lucky it didn't fall off spilling hot coals over the wooden floor. On Dec. 28th an other large kitchen range was carried in and set up. Roger Pike got the loan of a Jeep truck and the following muscle men turned out to juggle the hardware; Churchill Scott, Bennet Bell, Jack Martin, Ray Catozzi, Craigue Perkins, and Fernand Bartlett. (Yeah, that's right! If you remember him you are a real oldtimer.) No snow, only a little ice, and somebody had scraped the road so it was no trick to drive right to the door. All parts went together neatly and the stove was given the "smoke test". OK.

Maybe the Killington Section isn't as nearly dead as it acts sometimes!

MOONLIGHT HIKE

January 4th proved to be a clear but cool day with a beautiful full moon rising over the eastern mountains around 6:00 o'clock. Lured by the full moon eight hikers, bundled as if for a trip to the South Pole, gathered at Meldon School at 7:00 o'clock. Three others followed at 8:00. Everyone journeyed up the mountain, parked the cars, and started in to Tucker Lodge.

The first few minutes we really felt the subzero temperatures but a little brisk hiking soon took care of that and we enjoyed a beautiful walk through the moonlit woods. It was so clear and bright the flashlights proved unnecessary except inside the lodge.

Once at the lodge, the coffee pot was put on the stove and all eight advised and cajoled the stove to do its part. At first it seemed quite reluctant to rouse itself sufficiently to overcome the zero temperatures. But finally, thanks to the beautifully split wood left by Ray Catozzi's Cub Scouts, the stove got red hot and the doughnuts and coffee too. We all agreed store doughnuts never tasted so good. After an enjoyable gab fest all eleven packed up reluctantly for the return trip. As always the walk out seemed all too short and we were back home by 10:30 declaring we'd go again soon.



ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Betty Ball spent the holidays in Florida visiting her parents at their home there.

Cards recently received bring us the news that the Bob Perkins' family enjoyed a short vacation at Palm Springs, California.

"T" and Harold Valiquette spent Christmas and New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Joe. Valiquette.

Marie Grey has left for Elkton, Florida with her parents to spend the winter. Strangely enough her address is Vermont Heights!

Sharon Krauss was home for the holidays from U.V.M.

We were glad to have a call from Helen Bailey when she was in Rutland for a short time during the holidays. Helen is enjoying her new teaching position in West Springfield, Mass.

A note on a Christmas Card from Maxine and Carl Newhall gives the following news as to their activities - we quote - "--we're raising cats, on a purely involuntary basis; working on the house, and doing very little else.

We both miss the G.M.C.'s, but after removing a couple of floors with their beams single-handed, and replacing them with the same crew, we are a little apathetic about physical effort just for fun--".

It was good to hear from them.

We were glad to have a card from Cecile and Emile Boselli and have asked them to give us some news of their activities. We hope to have this to share with you soon.

HAVE YOU A GMC EMBLEM?

A GMC emblem is a good looking addition to your jacket or knapsack. Not only that, but wearing one helps to let people know there is such an organization as the Green Mountain Club.

Eleanor Walker has a supply of emblems and will have them available at the Annual Meeting for 50¢ apiece.

AN EVERYDAY TREE

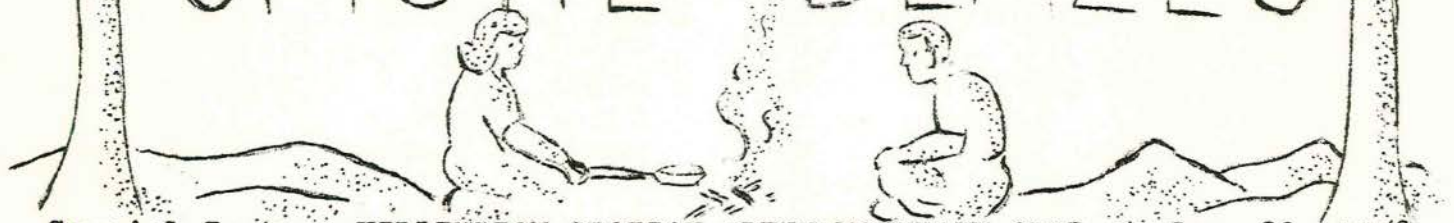
The hemlock is an everyday tree. It is often considered as a humble cousin in the evergreen family. The popularity of the spruce and balsam during the Christmas season brings them especially to our attention and we tend to disregard the hemlock with its stately, unpretentious beauty through all the seasons.

The Indians had a name for the hemlock. They called it "Oh-neh-tah" - green-on-the-stick, from its flattened leaves arranged in two ranks on each side of the twigs. These leaves are a glossy, green on the top and a pale grayish green beneath. A crushed handful of the foliage gives off a spicy fragrance. The inner bark is a ruddy, chestnut red.

The hemlock is often found in company with gray birches on rocky, thin-soiled uplands, in cold swamps, and on the sandy banks of ravines. Welcome as it is in winter, adding its touch of green to an often otherwise drab-colored countryside, it attains its greatest beauty in early summer. Then the new growth shows its delicate, light green, and the tiny, new, brown, cones will give glints of bronze in the sunlight.

Yes, the hemlock is an everyday tree, but it holds its own with the other evergreens which together add so much to the beauty of our locality.

SMOKE AND BLAZES



Special Issue KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Jan. 23, 1958

HOW IT STARTED

One warm, summer day, a group of Killington Section members were soaking up sunshine on the rocks at Lake Pleiad. The talk turned to speculations on what would be a good name for a Section newspaper, when and if we ever had one. Someone suggested that something about blazes might be appropriate. Some wise person (guess who?) said there was usually smoke before you got a blaze. SMOKE AND BLAZES was kindled.

The idea of a Section newspaper had been discussed before but apparently it needed a good name to furnish the spark to really get it going, for in September of that year the first SMOKE AND BLAZES was published. That first issue ended with the following suggestion to readers:

Send criticism to
 Craigue Perkins
Send suggestions to
 Mary Perkins
Send favorable comment to
 Vera Perkins

(N.B. We didn't receive any of these!)

With the January 1958 issue SMOKE AND BLAZES started its 11th Vol. We thought its ten year existence might well be celebrated in some way. Result - this special issue made up of bits of this and that about Section Activities, collected from past issues.

ANNUAL EVENTS

We have had the following activities every year:

Rummage Sale
Covered Dish Supper
Annual Meeting
Winter Weekend
Sugar Party

We've had Hikes every year to:

Clarendon Lodge
Tucker Lodge
Spring Lake Camp (wherever it happened to be!)
Little Rock Pond
Cooper Lodge

DO YOU REMEMBER ?

The "Hike Cue" Contest
The "Valiquette Special"
The cold shower at Pico
The Photography Contests
Boiled snow for coffee on a moonlight hike to Tucker
"Rosie The Roaster"
The kerosene torch hike

7 WONDERS OF RUTLAND COUNTY

At the Annual Meeting in 1949 the following were selected by popular vote as the 7 Wonders of Rutland County:

Killington View
Pittsford Ice Caves
White Rocks
Bird Mountain
Spring Lake
McLaughlin Falls
Deer Leap

LARGE PROJECTS

Saga of Sunnyside

Sunnyside, alias Spring Lake Camp, alias the Blue Triangle Camp, has a long and somewhat flighty career. It was first suggested in 1948 that the material in the Blue Triangle be moved to Spring Lake, and accordingly, in Jan. '49 demolition was started. On Feb. 13th the sections and boards were tobogganed across the lake; the laborers being rewarded by a spaghetti supper with Maude Canty's mince pies as the crowning feature.

From Feb. to July the boards and sections were carried up the hill by various members and a group of boys from Camp Sangamon. Reconstruction began in Oct. In July '50 Churchill Scott took in the pipe for anchors. By Nov. the boarding and side walls were in, also the posts along the back and all the rafters. In Dec. 200 boards for the roof and six 90 lb. rolls of roofing paper were taken by truck to within 1/4 mile of camp--from there it went by relay. Ugh. The roofing job and the arrival of the "Valiquette Special" followed this. In April and May of '51 the bunks were installed, joists for the floor laid, the floor completed and the doors hung.

In June of '53 it was decided to line the camp with masonite and this was started. However, in Dec. came a demolition order!

So---1954 saw it moving again; to the present site. In July, holes for the foundation posts were dug and in Nov. the cedar posts were set, levelled, and sawed off and the 6 sills and sleepers joined to them. Then in Jan. '55 rebuilding began and continued, with pauses to dig boards out of snowbanks, until the objective of completion by Annual Meeting time was reached. Thus endeth the 7 year travels of Blue Triangle Camp. Construction engineers all agree that further moves are extremely undesirable, also impossible!

Clarendon Shelter Becomes a Lodge

Perhaps you noted a brief pause in 1952 when no major work was going on at Spring Lake. The club was not resting on its laurels for in Jan. talk of what to do about Old (1921) Clarendon Shelter began. Various makeshift methods were discussed but in May a generous offer of a donation of up to \$250 was made by Mr. W.C. Wiley. After this windfall demolition began almost immediately. With Carl Newhall in charge and 5 work parties in May, the new camp rose on the site of the old with amazing rapidity. By June the outside was nearing completion. It should be noted that Carl and Maxine put in 400 hrs. of labor. On Oct. 25, less than a year from the time talk began, a housewarming and spaghetti supper was held with The Catozzis as chefs.

How to Cross the Gorge

Before Sunnyside was completed the unsafe bridge over Mill River was destroyed. In May '55 a Log bridge was installed amid much speculation as to whether there was enough weight (about 500 lbs.) on the ends to withstand the river. Plans were made to add chains to anchor it but the river got the log first and a few people got their feet wet at the Annual Meeting. Something had to be done, but what?

In Aug. Emile Boselli came to the rescue by volunteering, complete with plans and specifications, to build us a steel suspension bridge. The board OKed the plans and from then on it was practically a one man job! Not quite two years later, after untold hours of labor by Emile and Cecile, and \$465.84 from the Killington Section treasury, the bridge was completed.

On a rainy Sunday afternoon, June 2, 1957 this important link in The Long Trail was formally opened by the builders and club officials of The Green Mountain Club.

WHEN DID IT HAPPEN ?

Seven 65 lb. rolls of roofing paper carried to Killington. Had nearly 100 at a Card Party in Vera Perkins attic and earned \$50.

Making of Killington Section slide collection authorized. SMOKE AND BLAZES staff started hollering for help.

Old bridge over Mill River burned.

New Guide Book came out.

Our Lake George Steamer trip.

Mr. Meron Fisher of New Bedford, Mass., gave Buffum new roof.

Killington Section publicity folders published.

16 windows carried to Cooper Lodge on Killington.

Killington Sec. arranged and staffed a booth at Rutland Fair.

An unscheduled snowshoe party to Killington caught in a thunder shower.

Article on GMC by two junior members appeared in Rutland Herald.

Present stove at Cooper carried in and installed.

How many did you know? Here are the dates: 1948 - 1950 - 1955 - 1950 - 1954 - 1956 - 1956 - 1949 - 1955 - 1949 - 1955 - 1956 - 1957 - 1955.

END-TO-ENDER TRIPS

In the years 1952-57 hikes were scheduled covering the entire length of The Trail. Here are a few facts connected with these trips:

Long Trail mileage 255.3 mi.
Approach trail mileage 75.4 mi.
Number days hiked 40
Number days with rain 13
No. overnight trips 7
Longest day's hike 16 mi.
Shortest day's hike .2 mi (we drove to Bolton with the rubber boat to cross Winooski R.)
Largest no. hiking 8
Smallest no. hiking 3
No. completing End-To-End 3.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ?

We've built or rebuilt 2 shelters.

We've built and officially opened 1 bridge.

We've earned \$1056.46 in the 10 years with Rummage Sales.

We've had 210 scheduled trips.

We've cancelled only 6 hikes because of rain.

We've had the most outings at Clarendon Lodge(14), with Tucker and Spring Lake-Sunnyside next(12), and Little Rock Pond third(11).

We've driven as far as 125 mi. to start a hike.

We've scheduled trips covering the entire length of The Long Trail.

We've had 3 trips outside Vermont.

We've had as many as 35 on a hike and as few as 1 - both in 1950. The 35 were at Spring Lake when members from Burlington and Worcester Sections joined with us for an inspection trip and stayed to work. The 1 was when Pres. C. Scott went on the McLaughlin Falls hike the day after the "big blow" of Nov. 1950. The same year also reported 26 on a Stratton hike.

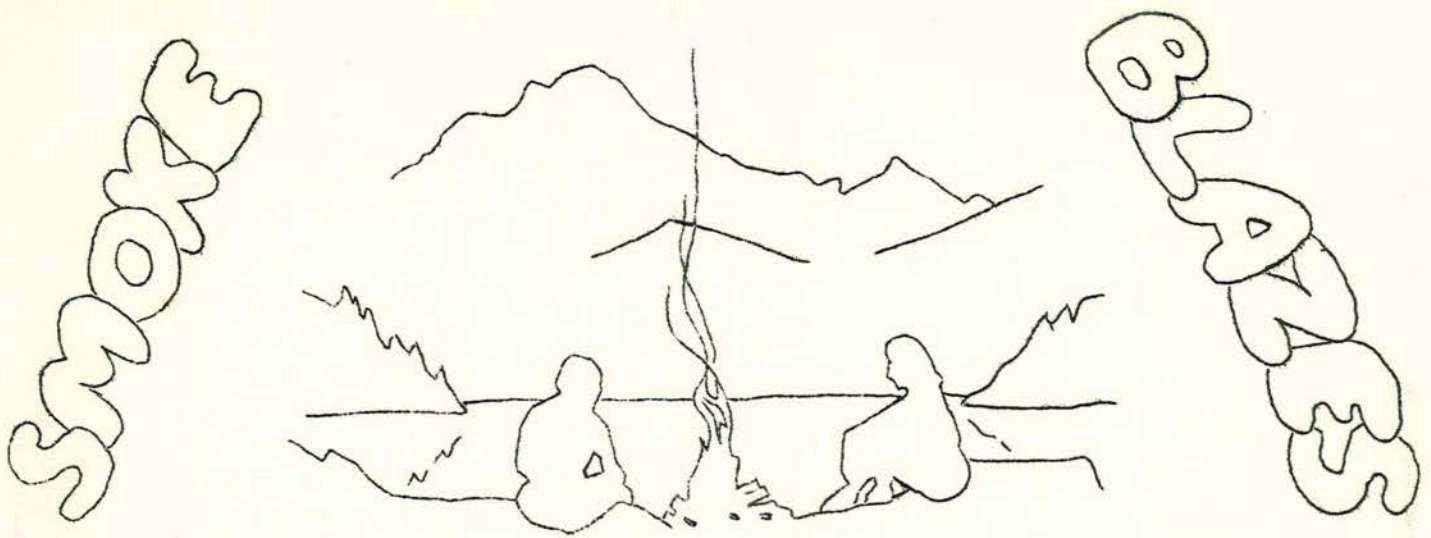
We've had as many as 27 for one meal at the Winter weekend.

Our coffee pot (sometimes black, sometimes shiny) is 20 yrs. old. It's still in use though it now serves merely to boil water as we switched to Nescafe in 1955 - thereby eliminating a major topic of conversation on outings!

DID WE SUCCEED ?

From the files of SMOKE AND BLAZES we have tried in this issue to remind you of some of the accomplishments, the good times, and the special laughs we have all enjoyed as members of the Killington Section G.M.C. over the past 10 years.

We hope we've succeeded.



COMING EVENTS

TIME: Saturday, Feb. 15
PLACE: Parade - Rutland Winter Carnival

It was decided at the Annual Meeting to enter a float in the Rutland Winter Carnival parade. Harold Valiquette has agreed to loan the club a truck. Jack and Janet Martin will supervise the decorating...a Winter Camping scene with a mountain tent, skis, snowshoes, the G.M.C. coffee pot warming on a "fire", and three or four Junior Members to add life and beauty to the scene. If you would like to help contact Jack at 3-8621.

TIME: Fri. thru Sun., Feb. 21-23
PLACE: Winter Weekend - Craigie Perkins Camp, Mendon

Please note the dates of the Winter Weekend are now the weekend of Washington's Birthday due to a conflict with the Winter Carnival. We hope the change will enable more of our out of town members to join us.

This year six meals will be planned and served: Fri. supper; Sat. breakfast, lunch, and supper; and Sun. breakfast and dinner. It is absolutely essential that the food committee know just how many

will be there for each meal so that just the right amount of food can be purchased. Everyone please make reservations with Janet Martin (Pr 3-8621, 7 Curtis Ave., Rutland) by Thurs. evening Feb. 20. If you can't come for overnight, come for one or two meals... we'll be glad to see you whenever you can drop in. Plan now to come and help make this the biggest Winter Weekend yet.

For the information of those from out of town - Craigie's camp is ½ mile off Rt. 4 in Mendon. We will be glad to send more detailed information if requested when you make your reservations. This is a share the work - share the cost outing with the cost of meals figured from actual cost. There is no charge for sleeping but you do need to bring blankets or sleeping bag. Snowshoes or skis are advisable for the ½ mile walk from Rt. 4 in to camp. See you there!

TIME: Sun. March 2, 10 A.M.
PLACE: Buffum Shelter

Another good trip for snowshoes to a truly beautiful spot in Winter. We will meet at Meldon School at 10:00 A.M. This may well be the last snowshoe hike of the season so don't miss it.

ANNUAL MEETING

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by those members who attended our Killington Section Annual Meeting held at Riverside on the evening of January 23rd.

After an excellent chicken pie supper, served to us under the direction of Miss Helen Koltonski, the regular business meeting was held.

President Jack Martin presided at the business meeting. The regular reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted.

The matter of the desirability of an increase in dues was discussed and it was decided to take no action at the present time.

It was decided to enter a float in the winter carnival with Janet and Jack Martin in charge of decorations, and Barbie Allard and Joe Hadeka assisting. It was suggested that the outings for the coming year be planned specifically to accomplish the needed work on trails and shelters.

The date for the Winter Weekend was changed to Feb. 21-23 to avoid conflict with the Winter Carnival dates.

In response to an urgent request for more assistance from the staff of SMOKE & BLAZES Ray Catozzi volunteered to type the stencils.

A tenth anniversary issue of SMOKE & BLAZES was distributed to members at the meeting.

The following slate of officers was presented by the Nominating Committee and was elected for the coming year:

President	-	Bennett Bell
V. Pres.	-	Mary Perkins
Sec.-Treas.	-	Eleanor Walker

Following the business meeting Miss Bjor Anker Jensen, teacher at the High School, gave an interesting talk on Norway.

2

GMC OUTING TO CLARENDON LODGE

by
Bob Paul, Jr.

The sky was blue patched with snow white clouds, when we started out at 11 A.M. from Meldon School on Sunday, Jan. 19.

Lunches packed and snowshoes loaded in the trunk, all three carloads of passengers, winter robed, started for Clarendon Lodge on this very cold day.

Two of the party left their cars at the edge of the main road but one man decided to get his car completely off the road (maybe you all know who - C.S.P.) He plowed into a 4 ft. snow bank.

We all started down the road for the trail. Some went on snowshoes while others walked along. Later all decided snowshoes were the solution to the problem of the best way of travelling.

The camp finally came into view with all the pines around it glittering with beautiful snow.

The first three to arrive were Craigie Perkins, Ray Miller, and Bob Paul. First things must come first, so a stovepipe that had seen better days had to be replaced by a new one which we had brought with us, then a fire was started. About 15 minutes later the rest of our party arrived. The camp was beginning to be warm by that time.

The two little Martin children enjoyed the trip up for Carol got a toboggan ride up, and Nancy came in papoose fashion in her seat on a packboard.

Coffee was made and lunches eaten by hungry hikers.

"T" and Harold Valiquette came in later and had a lunch of delicious hot chicken wrapped in foil.

About 3 P.M. we decided it was time to start back to the cars. Upon arrival everyone packed their equipment and left except C.S.P. and Mary Perkins, Ray

Miller and Bob Paul.

We thought we were going to breeze right home but due to circumstances which only the four of us know, we were delayed about an hour. Luckily we were equipped with shovels, chains, a fairly good tripod jack, and muscles. After extensive shovelling, and pushing the car off the jack we managed to get the chains on. Finally we were home ward bound.

TRIP TO SUNNYSIDE

Ten hikers met at Meldon School on February 2nd for the trip to Sunnyside. Four more hikers joined us at the camp during the day and there were still three more whom we never saw but who contributed greatly to the day's enjoyment.

Here's how it was. We started off in a blizzardy snow flurry with some doubts as to just how pleasant this trip would be. We had heard that Sunnyside was in bad condition. We had visions of finding the doors open, the camp half filled with snow and a major operation required to provide an even half-way comfortable lunch hour.

We parked our cars just off the highway at the start of the Spring Lake Ranch road and proceeded on foot up the long hills to the point where we could don snowshoes and take off across the fields to Sunnyside Camp.

Our first glimpse of the camp was encouraging with doors tightly shut against the wind and snow. Imagine our delight when on pushing open the door we found the camp not only spotlessly clean, but fairly warm with a neat pile of dry wood and a stove still warm from an early morning fire. Further investigation informed us that for all this we were indebted to D. Peterson, R. Kenyon, and B Rolston, G.M.C., from Schenectady. They couldn't have been

gone long. We were sorry we didn't meet them but we certainly appreciated their efforts! If everone would leave camps in this condition how much it would add to the pleasure of Long Trail hiking.

After lunch part of the group stayed at camp to greet new arrivals while others snowshoed over the hills, and we do mean hills, for a look at Spring Lake. Two of these travellers found that sitting on ones snowshoes and sliding is an excellent way of getting down the steepest places. In addition to the fun of this trip the beauty of the lake, its edge bordered with frosted evergreens and large flakes of snow blowing across its surface, made the excursion well worth while.

With everyone back at camp extra hot drinks were enjoyed after which we started packing up for the return trip.

The journey back to the cars was an exciting one for some of the younger members who, with the help of a sled and a "saucer", made some fast runs down the hills. It really made the oldsters wish they had borrowed sleds and brought them along!

A trip to Sunnyside is an excellent winter outing, especially with good snow conditions. We are glad we have this camp and hope the coming season will see the rest of the wall board up and the camp entirely completed.

1947 - 1957

Those members who were not at the Annual Meeting will find enclosed with this issue of SMOKE & BLAZES a copy of our 10th Anniversary issue which was distributed at the meeting.

Look this over carefully and note how much was accomplished. Let's do as much in 1957 - 1967!

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of JAN. 1, 1958

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1957	\$ 306.04
Received from dues	129.50
Credit from the Winter Weekend	2.60
Contribution from Helen Frink	3.00
Received from the sale of badges	2.50
Interest on money in the bank	6.09
Received from the Rummage Sale	96.10
Three Guide Books sold	3.00
Total Receipts	\$ 548.83
Over in the cash	4.90
TOTAL	\$ 553.73

DISBURSEMENTS

Expense on Annual Meeting Jan. 24, 1957	\$ 12.50
Cost of books given the Pittsford Library in memory of Leone Smith	3.20
Paid to Helen Bailey for slides and case for slide collection	10.45
Balance to cover Sugar Party	2.75
Paid to South End Press for Schedules	16.00
Postal Cards for Publicity Committee	1.00
Paid to Emile Boselli for supplies to complete Clarendon Gorge Bridge	10.00
Supplies for Coffee Hour for Main Club Annual Meeting 1957	4.80
Paid Main Club for Badges	9.00
Postage	2.00
Outing Committee Supplies	5.51
Smoke & Blazes Expenses	51.02
To Jack Martin for gifts presented to Cecile and Emile Boselli	11.50
To Fred Field Ins. Co., for insurance on Clarendon and Sunnyside Shelters	10.88
To the Main Club for Guide Books	6.00
To the Main Club for dues	27.40
To Craigie Perkins for shelter repair supplies	31.15
TOTAL	\$ 215.16

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1958 \$ 338.57

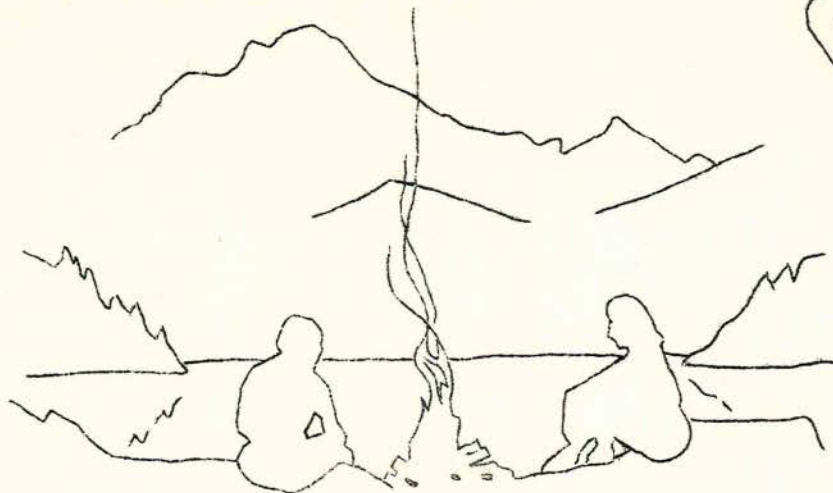
1958 MEMBERSHIP LIST WILL BE STARTED IN MARCH SMOKE & BLAZES....
BE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THAT LIST!



Happy Valentine's Day



SMOKE



BLAZES

Vol. 11 No. 3 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB March 1958

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat., March 15, 10 AM
PLACE: Governor Clement Shelter

This will probably be our last snowshoe hike of the year, weather permitting. The route, by road or trail, will depend upon mud and/or snow conditions so watch the Rutland Herald for details. This trip will leave Meldon School at 10:00 in the morning.

TIME: Sunday, March 30, 6:00 PM
PLACE: Sugar Party, Vera Perkins' attic.

Due to an apparent lack of interest which has kept the crowd rather small at the sugar party the past few years, it has been decided that it is a waste of time and money to hire a hall for this event. Vera has kindly offered the use of her attic again if we don't mind carrying up a few chairs and card tables. We will not attempt to have any square dancing, just sugar-on-snow with pickles, doughnuts, and coffee. Reservations should be made with Janet Martin FR 3-8621 before Friday night, March 28, so that the committee will know how much food

to purchase. The charges will depend on the number attending and the price of the syrup this year. Plan to be there at 6:00 PM for this special treat.

TIME: Sunday, April 13, 10:30 AM
PLACE: Mystery hike

Because of trail conditions usually found this time of year this trip will remain a mystery until the day of the hike. I'm sure it will be an interesting trip wherever it goes. One rumor says Blueridge! We will gather at Meldon School at 10:30 AM.

OUR NEW HEADING

The new heading for SMOKE AND BLAZES which appears on this issue was drawn by Janet Martin. Jan designed the heading, reproduced on our Anniversary Issue, which was used on the first issue. During its 10 year existence SMOKE AND BLAZES has also had headings designed by Ray Catozzi, Jane Sabourin, Hilma Erickson, and Emile Boselli. (If you don't have a new heading this time you will next month - we had a few of the others left.)

WINTER WEEKEND by Pat Bruneau

At Saturday noontime I arrived at Tall Timber with a good appetite after snowshoeing up a half mile from the car. On the trail we met Judy Allard with the toboggan. She pulled Carol Martin up to camp behind Bill, Louise, and Lori Wadsworth, and Jack, Jan, and Nancy Martin. Inside we met Mary, Craigie, and Vera Perkins and Barbie Allard. Soon Fran and Jim Green, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and Helen Mitchell arrived. A delicious lunch was soon served.

After lunch it was decided that the teenagers would sleep in one of the cabins in the woods, and the grownups in the house. So in the afternoon Barb, Judy, Craigie, and I took our packs out to the cabin by toboggan. Craigie slept with us to watch the fire during the night. While we were there we got wood for the fire and made our beds.

While we were doing this Joe Hadeka and Dave Gouche arrived with big appetites from skiing. Just in time for supper Bob Paul and Dave Leonard walked in.

In the evening we had a showing of the Killington Section's slides and others taken by Fran Green, Vera, and Jack.

After Barbie and the boys got back from taking their packs to the cabin, Fran started to pop corn. The stove wasn't hot enough so she put the pop corn inside the stove; that was too hot. So she took the flaming pan out to the snow bank.. too bad, it smelled so good!

When the slides were over the teenagers and Craigie started for the cabin. The sky was beautiful. When we reached the cabin, Craigie made the fire and we waited until it got warm inside. While the fire was going well, the cabin started to get full of smoke because of a little snow in the chimney. So we opened the door and windows. Barbie and I decided that we would close the bedroom door to keep out the smoke. But when we

opened it later there was more smoke inside than out. That caused a laugh from the crowd.

Since we still weren't sure the smoke was coming out OK, Craigie went up on the roof to see by flashlight and it was. Then he and Barb got snow for water for tea. The tea wasn't bad either...with a few pine needles from the snow! After that we sat and talked until midnight when all went to bed. Some still talked until 2:00 AM.

At 6:45 AM we were all up and ready to go down to the camp for breakfast at 7:30. After breakfast some went to church and a few went home.

By lunch time the crowd had grown to twenty-four who enjoyed a delicious lunch topped off with a cherry cobbler in honor of Washington's birthday. After lunch those from Massachusetts had to start for home. Although some of us were tired, we had fun and are looking forward to next year.

FEB. 22 OUTING - OLD STYLE

A special gala outing on Feb. 22nd is traditional in Killington Section. This year our Winter Weekend was the big event. Years ago this annual outing consisted of a sled-barge ride to the top of Sherburne Pass, with luncheon served at the Club House by a committee and a program of activities there.

The Herald of Feb. 15, 1924 announced the plans for the outing that year. There was to be a flag raising on Pico, snowshoeing, skiing, dancing, and a sugaring off party.

Unfortunately, a big blizzard on the 21st completely blocked the mt. road. A trip to Bird Mt. was substituted with a special trolley providing transportation. About 30 hikers snowshoed to the peak while the others stayed at "The Rocks" where all had eaten lunch.

Styles in outings change with the times but there are still enough people who enjoy a winter outing to keep alive the February 22 tradition.

BEAVERS AND FLOOD CONTROL

by George L. Kirk

In these times when flood control is necessitating expenditure of large sums of money, it may not be generally known that beavers, which are becoming plentiful in Vermont, may be an important factor in preventing water damage even though they may at times become a nuisance.

An example of their value to man has been cited in the far West. A small stream, having its source in high mountains, became a raging torrent after every heavy rain or during spring thaws. The result was that much valuable soil was washed away on its lower reaches and extensive damage resulted.

Someone thought of introducing beavers and a pair were obtained and liberated on the brook. They went upstream where they and their progeny built a series of dams and in time these held back the water during thaws and storms and further damage was averted.

Beavers were responsible for many of the mountain meadows which hikers on the Long Trail occasionally observe.

Long ago a colony of beavers would build a dam on a stream and live at the site until the food in the area was exhausted. Then they would move on, leaving their dam and pond to Nature.

Years later the barrier rotted and some of the water escaped from the pond. Silt gradually filled up the basin, moss grew where the silt piled up above the water level. Seeds became lodged in the moss and vegetation appeared various growths flourished in the soil formed by rotting grasses and other plants. Man came along and cleared these areas and some are producing good hay today.

Excavations in some of these meadows, as at Lunenburg, Vt., have brought to light sticks, plainly showing the marks of beavers' teeth, which had been preserved in the muck, perhaps for centuries.

WINTER CARNIVAL PARADE

This year for the first time Killington Section had a float in the Winter Carnival Parade. The designer and builder was Jack Martin with assistance from his wife and Ray Catozzi who made the signs. The float was in the form of an open faced shelter with the "forest" encroaching from the rear. In the foreground (on the tailgate of the truck) was a simulated fireplace with our faithful coffee pot on top. Inside the float were five hearty Junior Members: Barbie and Judy Allard, Gay Ward, and the Catozzi boys sittin' or kneeling in the snow. We were sorry that the roof didn't get snow covered...we should have waited a day!

Jack and Jan wish to thank all those who helped in any way: Craigie for trees, Ray for signs, Harold Valiquette for the use of his truck, the Juniors who rode in the float, and Vera and Amy Perkins for baby sitting! Sorry we didn't win a prize, but at least we advertized the Club which was the main object, afterall.

WE REPEAT

As we have said before we always welcome material for use in SMOKE AND BLAZES. We were pleased to receive Mr. Kirk's article and hope more will follow. Material should reach us by the first of the month for use in that month's issue. Why not let us hear from you?

DESERVED PUBLICITY

It seems that "Emile's bridge" is getting some well deserved publicity. A picture of the bridge was used as the cover picture on THE APPALACHIAN TRAILWAY NEWS in January, and the spring issue of VERMONT LIFE carries a story and picture of the bridge. Congratulations, Emile. . .

BUFFUM IN WINTER

Maybe you thought there was still a lot of snow in Rutland on Sunday, March 2nd - however, if you had been with us on the trip to Buffum you would really have seen snow!

As we parked our cars at the side of the East Wallingford Gulf road and took the Trail to Buffum Shelter, we found ourselves surrounded by snow and more snow. The snowshoeing was excellent and a new fall of snow on Saturday night had given the trees a fresh frosting. The sun came out occasionally adding interesting shadows and a general sparkle to the scene.

Arriving at the shelter location, by looking carefully, we found Buffum sandwiched in between 40 inches of snow on its roof and 44 inches on the ground.

An outdoor lunch seemed a good idea and a fire was soon blazing merrily on logs laid on top of the snow. A large piece of canvas spread on the snow in front of the fire made an excellent picnic spot and in an incredibly short time coffee was ready and lunch being enjoyed.

After lunch we relaxed and visited by the fire, taking advantage of the mild temperature. A friendly chickadee hopped about the shelter entrance and seemed not at all disturbed by our presence. Apparently this spot is a favorite of chickadees and well as GMCers.

As four o'clock approached and our fire settled deeper and deeper into the snow we reluctantly decided to start the homeward trip.

As always the hike out was all too short and too soon we were back in town. A good winter outing is pretty hard to beat.

NEW SCHEDULES ARE ENCLOSED
WITH THIS ISSUE

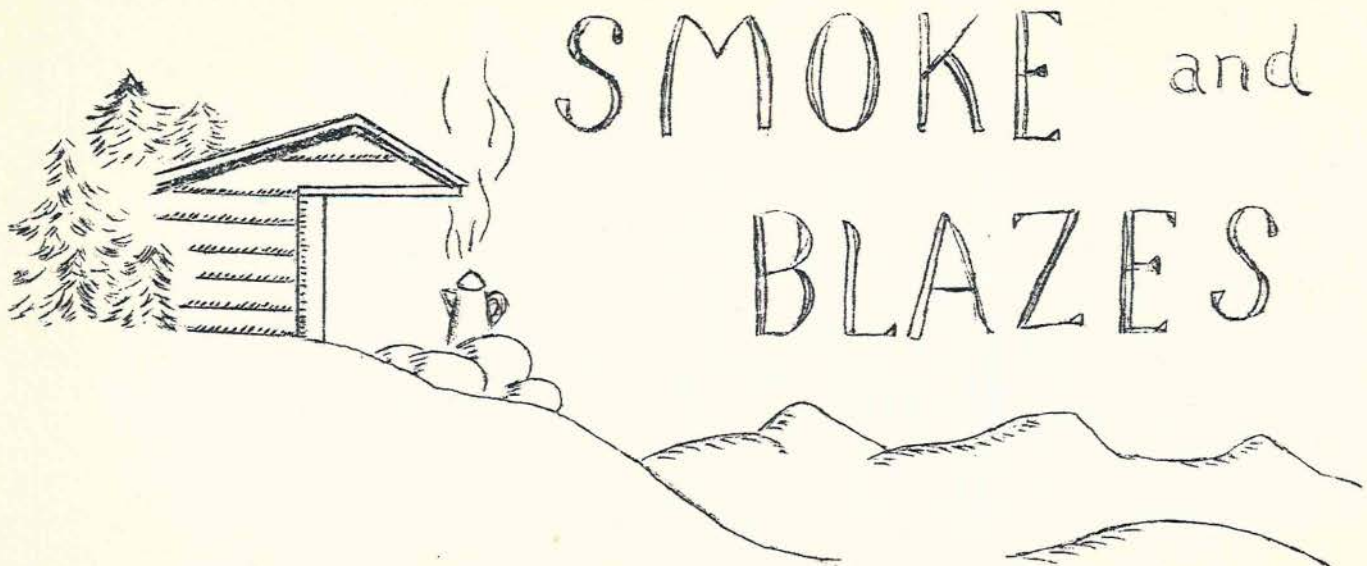
1958 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Martha Adams
Barbara Allard
Judy Allard
Wm. Allard, M. D.
Betty Ball
Bennett Bell
Charlotte Bell
Miriam Bell
Rachel Bell
Pat Bruneau
Ray Catozzi
Polly E. Crocker
Sally A. Crocker
Ruth Postman
David Gouchoe
Frances Green
Jos. Hadeka, Jr.
James Hayward
Betty Holden
George Kirk
Carol Martin
Jack Martin
Janet Martin
Nancy Martin
Raymond Miller
Pearl Nichols
Robert Paul
Graigue Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Ellen Russell
Charles Sabourin
Gerard Sabourin
Mary Pat Sabourin
Robert Scott
Harold Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
Lori Wadsworth
Luise Wadsworth
William Wadsworth
Eleanor Walker
Carleton Wilson

We miss the names of many "regulars" on this list, and hope to see them on next month's list.

BOARD MEETING SOON

Fres. Bennett Bell has called an Executive Board meeting for Wednesday, March 12, at 8 PM, at Mary Perkins, 129 Bellevue Ave.



Vol. 11 No. 4 KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB April 1958

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat., April 26, 10:30 AM
PLACE: Tucker Lodge

It looks now like there might still be considerable snow in the woods for this one. Therefore it would be advisable to watch the HERALD announcement for trail conditions. Although it probably will not be too springlike, we will hope for a bright spring day and perhaps we can find some hobble bush to bring home for indoor forcing into bloom. This will also be a good opportunity to see that Tucker is in shipshape condition for the coming hiking season. We will leave Meldon School at 10:30 AM but if you can't make it until later come along when you can.

TIME: Sat., May 10, 10:00 AM
PLACE: Sunnyside to Clarendon

This is the first of a series of hikes covering the entire Killington Section of the Long Trail. It will start at 10:00 AM from the Meldon School.

There are two reasons for scheduling our entire section. Some of you may wish to start on or continue walking toward an end-to-end award which is given by the Main Club to all those who hike the total length of the Long Trail from Mass. to Canada. Last year three of our members completed the entire trail. In the main this was accomplished by going on hikes scheduled over the past several years by our Section with this objective in mind. This year we are starting the series over by doing our own Section first.

The second reason is that every year our entire section should be checked, blowdowns removed, brush cutback, blazes repainted where needed, and our shelters put into shipshape condition before the summer hiking season. Some of this work can be done on a scheduled hike and note taken of additional work which needs to be done and additional work parties planned accordingly. If the weather is good we will work on the trail. This will be about a 4½ mi. hike. Poor weather will find us working on one of the shelters.

GOV. CLEMENT !
SNOWSHOE

When March 15 rolled around it was obvious that we couldn't get within miles of Gov. Clement because of the snow and road conditions so the group of twelve hikers decided to go to Tall Timber Camp instead. There too there was still plenty of snow... in fact, a bit more was added during the day. The woods were beautiful under their snowy mantle.

After a leisurely lunch at the cabin part of the group took a circle route through the evergreens before returning to the cars. Coming out we passed the top of one of Craigie's signs reading "NO CARS BEYOND". The rest of the sign and post was all under the snow. It seemed to us this was the understatement of the year!

ADDITIONS TO THE
1958 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Mary Elizabeth Allard
Helen Bailey
Emile Boselli
Fred Field
Helen Frink
Minerva Hinchey
Florence Mitchell
William Mitchell
Anne Perkins
David Perkins
Polly Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Helen B. Tompkins
Mortimer Tompkins

THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF SMOKE
& BLAZES WHICH WILL BE SENT TO
THE 1957 MAILING LIST.

If you haven't already sent them, Treas. Eleanor Walker, 87 Baxter St., Rutland, Vt., would be glad to receive your 1958 dues and see that your name is on the 1958 mailing list.

MAPLE SUGAR PARTY
by Ruth Fostman

Our annual Maple Sugar Party was held Sunday, March 30th at 6:30 in the evening.

This took place up in Vera Perkins' attic and what a grand place for it. There were thirty-five people of assorted ages.

When we arrived the two kettles of bubbling new maple syrup were almost ready. It has to be just right for sugar on snow and it was. It was soon time for the boys to bring the snow to the attic. This had been put into half-gallon ice-cream cartons and each person had one. Then the syrup was brought up and kept hot on Jack Martin's camp stove.

Places were set up for everyone on long tables with centerpiece of nasturtiums and candy tuft (grown in Vera's own greenhouse). Everyone had all they wanted and some stirred some down to a creamy texture.

This, together with doughnuts, pickles and good coffee just hit the spot.

Some of the youngsters played billiards and the three youngest, Carol and Nancy Martin and Mary Elizabeth Allard had a small tea table of their own for their sugar on snow.

Afterward we just sat around and visited and some played cards and first we knew it was time to go.

Several non-members were there and we were all so pleased to have them, but it would have been nice to have had more of our own members, too. They missed another good party.

Thank you, Vera, and everyone who helped.

N. E. TRAIL CONFERENCE

Two Killington Section members enjoyed attending the New England Trail Conference in Amherst on Saturday, April 5th. Your next LONG TRAIL NEWS will give you a more complete report, but we'd like to share with you now some of the highlights of the meeting.

Among the organizations represented were many chapters of the Appalachian Club, GMC, and various student Outing Clubs. Many of these Student Clubs reported maintenance of definite sections of the Appalachian Trail. We wonder - could GMC make more use of the Student Outing Clubs which there are in Vermont?

A report of special interest to us was that two Appalachian Club shelters were to be built on the section of their trail between Woodstock and Gifford Woods. These should provide a couple of new objectives for Killington Section hikes.

We saw slides taken along the Long Trail and showing many of our GMC shelters, and slides taken on hikes in Colorado during an Appalachian Club August Camp.

A panel discussion gave pointers on travelling light on the trail, trail clearing tools, and photography along the trail. We were especially fascinated with Ben Rolston's demonstration of how he packs for a summer weekend trail trip. Everything needed, except his sleeping bag, went into a small knapsack which when filled weighed less than 16 lbs!

The concluding treat was an outstanding talk, illustrated with colored slides, on the life in and around swamps and bogs. This opened up a whole new field of interest to which we had previously given but little thought.

It was good to see so many people interested in hiking and

maintaining the hiking trails. For an informative and thoroughly enjoyable day among congenial people we heartily recommend attending the New England Trail Conference.

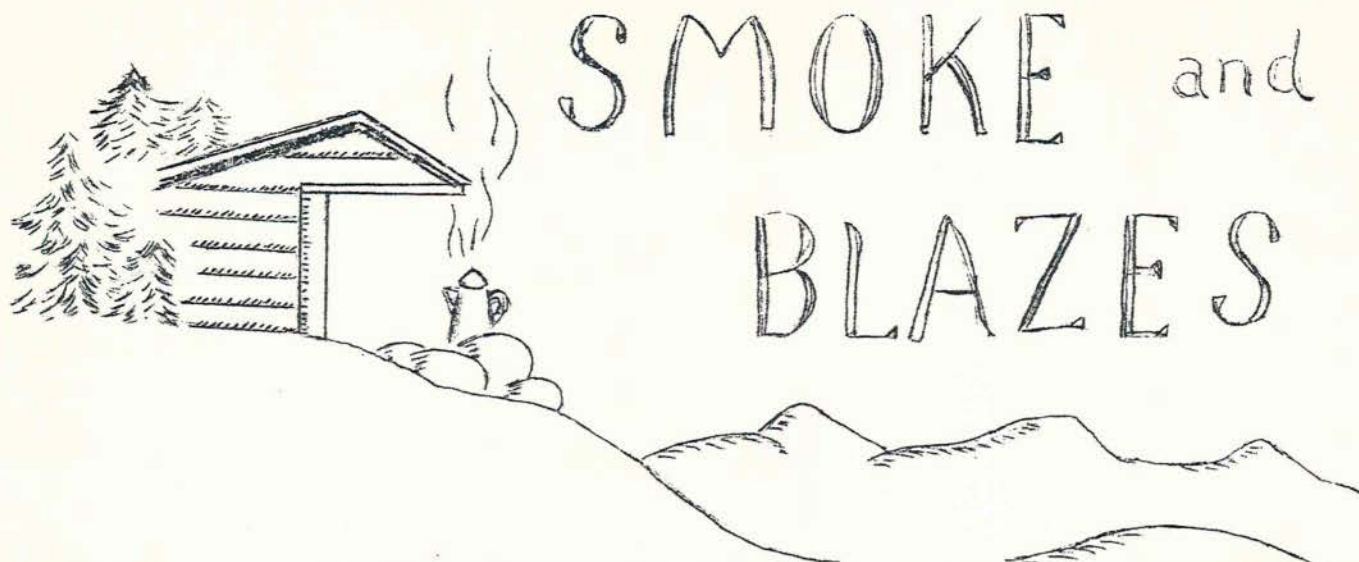
ANOTHER BACKWARD LOOK

Thoughts of the earlier GMC February 22nd outings brought the following reminiscence from a long time member, Bernice R. Tuttle.

"For winter holidays such as New Years' Day and Washington's Birthday the Green Mountain Club liked to open up the Long Trail Lodge (then called the Green Mountain Clubhouse) and make a day of it. After enormous effort, mostly by enthusiastic volunteers, ice still lingered in the corners and chill in the air, and snow banked the windows. Only the big front room was open and lunches were eaten strictly before the fireplace, yet as now, some hikers did venture out on the Pico trail (then it was on snowshoes), or got a lot of snow in the hair climbing Deer's Leap. For myself it was the choice of directly opposite attractions, picnicking at the Clubhouse or attending the sedate luncheon always put on the D.A.R. on Washington's Birthday.

I remember the autumn day that a group picnicking at the foot of Deer's Leap was escorted by Mr. Willis Ross across the road to see the huge rock above and around which the Lodge was to be built, and there we see it yet, covered with moss and green slips constantly renewed for the delight of guests."

We thank Bernice for sending in this interesting bit of material. We hope to hear from her again.



Vol. 11 No. 5 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB May 1958

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sun., May 25, 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Buffum to Sunnyside

On Sunday, May 25th, starting from Meldon School at 10:00 A.M. we will have the second in our series of Killington Section hikes. We will start from the Wallingford Gulf Road, go into Buffum and on to Sunnyside. Perhaps if the group finds itself to be of varying degree of ambition and endurance, the more ambitious half could blaze trail from Buffum to Sunnyside and back. The other half could do the part from the Wallingford Gulf road to Buffum. This would make the longer trip about five miles and the shorter one only about one and one half miles. The shorter trip people could probably see to picking up around the shelter and putting it into as good shape as possible for the summer. This would be a good opportunity for those who are busy with church in the morning to get out for the afternoon anyway. Just come along when you can. See you there.

May 31 ANNUAL MEETING June 1
LETS HAVE A GOOD REPRESENTATION
FROM KILLINGTON SECTION

TIME: Sat.-Sun., May 31, June 1
PLACE: G.M.C. Annual Meeting
Long Trail Lodge

Once again it is Annual Meeting time and as in the past it will be held at the Long Trail Lodge. Activities will commence with a coffee hour conducted by Killington Section at 10:00 A. M. The morning business session will convene at 11:00. The various sections will make reports and a change in the by-laws will be considered which would increase the amount of dues to the main club from the sections to 50¢ for adult and 25¢ for juniors.

Lunch will be served at the Lodge at 12:30 for \$1.75 per plate. The business meeting will reconvene at 2:00 and will be followed by a trustees meeting. During this time other members will be able to take short hikes in the vicinity.

At 6:00 P.M. dinner will be served at the Lodge for \$2.25 per person. Ross McKinney of Dartmouth will be guest Speaker in the evening. There will also be an opportunity to see slides taken by various members so please bring any you may have.

Hikes are planned for Sun. by the Brattleboro (Don Kent, chairman) and Killington Sections (Craigue Perkins; chairman).

SPRING TRIP TO TUCKER

Up to the week before the April 26th hike to Tucker it had looked as though snowshoes would be needed for the trip. However, the 17 hikers found that the warm sun and rains of the early part of the week had reduced the snow in this area to patches here and there. These patches had a surprising depth as an occasional break through showed. The partially overcast skies had cleared before we reached Tucker and we enjoyed a day of bright sun and brilliantly blue sky.

A highlight of the trip in was the sight of two deer by the first arrivals. With plenty of good wood the stove proved cooperative and everyone gathered around for the always popular lunch hour.

One of the objectives for this seasons outings is to accomplish some Trail and Shelter work whenever possible. We started in at Tucker by painting the window sash to the accompaniment of the customary friendly exchange of insults between some members of the group. Unfortunately some "trigger-happy" people had visited here during the winter and a number of window panes will have to be replaced.

A uniform register for use in shelters has been adopted by the main club and we left one of these. We also posted an interesting new set of suggestions for the use of shelters which was drawn up recently.

The painting job completed, we closed up camp and enjoyed the short, pleasant hike back to the cars in the late afternoon.

This hike brought out several new hiking friends and brought back an old friend. We were pleased to have Fernand Bartlett with us again. Many

of our long time members will remember Fernand who, along with his sister, Jeannette, hiked with us during his high school years. Fernand is leaving soon for a year in Europe which he has been working toward for five years. "The Carpenters" were new hikers with us and Mary Elizabeth Allard made her first GMC hike. We are glad to see that the Allard representation on hikes will be kept up and hope all these people will join us again - often.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Anna Berg
Maude Canty
G. Lucius Cary, Sr.
Jean S. Davies
Edith Ewald
Margo Montague
William Montague
Cigrid Patch
Bernice Tuttle

SPECIAL NEWS

Craigie and Mary Perkins have just received word of the birth of another grandson on May 5th. Congratulations to the proud parents, Bob and Thelma Perkins.

Ben Ralston has reported to the main club that Thendara Shelter (4.5 miles south of the Bennington-Brattleboro highway) collapsed under the weight of snow this past winter.

After a weekend spent at the National Guard Range in Northam, Jack Martin reports that in spots there is still four feet of snow and the road is not yet open beyond the Northam picnic area. This mornings Rutland Herald also reported considerable snow in the Killington area to be slowing work on the new ski development.

MYSTERY HIKE

On Sunday, April 13, a good sized group of around eighteen gathered at the Meldon School for the Mystery Hike. It was a beautiful spring day and the crowd soon learned they were bound for a nearby hill west of the city. In the past line Hill has been a favorite spot for outings but it has been several years since we have been there.

This time we went up McKinley Lane and left our cars at the farm house at the top of the hill and the end of the road (at least in April!) Then we hiked a short ways up the roadway to the Postman camp delightfully situated on the east side of the hill with a commanding view of the Green Mountain Range...Pico, Killington, and Mendon still white with snow. There we were greeted by our host and hostesses, Ruth and Herbert Postman, and Maude Canty. Everyone exclaimed over their wonderful location so near the city. Then most of the group took off to explore the surrounding hillside while a few less ambitious ones just sat around and enjoyed some relaxing conversation around the fire in the lovely stone fireplace.

After Ruth and Maude expanded the table to its full length the "stay at camps" ate their lunches, followed by the explorers upon their return. The younger members ate their picnic lunches on the rocks in front of the cabin where they could enjoy the fine weather and commanding view.

The afternoon was leisurely consumed by more exploration and conversation. We all want to thank the Postmans and Maude for their gracious hospitality. It was a thoroughly enjoyable spring outing for young and not so young alike!

CLARENDON TO SUNNYSIDE

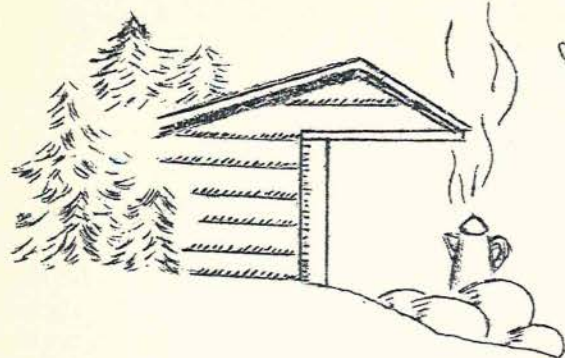
After a generally rainy week we were surprised and pleased to awake to bright sunshine on the morning of May 10th. Just the day for a good hike was our first thought! Apparently a number of people felt likewise and 17 were at Meldon School for the take-off at 10 AM.

Sunnyside was our destination with trail work to be done en route and general trimming and picking up to be done at the shelter. Barbie, Craigie and Joe decided to go in over the trail from Clarendon, repainting blazes on the way. The rest went the short way, driving as far as the old road above Spring Lake Ranch. Arrived at Sunnyside some collected wood, started the fire, got water, and cleared up around the dooryard while others hiked to the lake.

Sunnyside is indeed well named and its sunny dooryard was an inviting place to linger after a leisurely lunch. Trail work called, however, and a work crew of 7 soon started back over The Trail to Clarendon, this time to do any needed brushing out and clearing. The rest of the group divided, some returning to Rutland while others drove back to Clarendon and hiked The Trail in from that end as far as "the lookout".

Spring has certainly come on with a rush in the two weeks since our last hike. The woods are now lovely with spring flowers, shad and cherry blossoms, and uncurling ferns.

The turnout for these first two Work Party-Outings has been good. If this keeps up our section of The Trail should be in pretty good shape by mid-summer. We're having fun, too - better join us next time.



SMOKE and BLAZES

Vol. 11 No. 6 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

June 1958

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat., June 28

PLACE: Gov. Clement to Cooper

By this time it is hoped that the group will be able to drive into Gov. Clement as could be done last summer. If this can be done the trip will be about 8 miles round trip. This is one of the easier approaches to Killington so why not join this work party hike. The hikers will leave from Meldon School at 9:30 AM so as to reach Cooper Lodge about noon time.

TIME: Sunday, July 13

PLACE: Long Trail Lodge to
Cooper Lodge

This is the last of our section trips and perhaps the most difficult, but a splendid opportunity for anyone wishing to climb our highest peak, Killington, or for those not quite so ambitious Pico Junction and Shelter are about half as far. From the Long Trail Lodge to Cooper is about 5.4 miles. Two hikers who came through from the south at Annual Meeting time

reported the trail to be in fairly good condition. This trip will leave Meldon School at 9:30 AM.

TIME: Saturday, July 26

PLACE: Lake Fleiad

Pack up your swim suit and join us for a trip to a pleasant little lake not far from highway #125 through Middlebury Gap. This should be a pleasant mid-summer trip to a favorite lake-side camp. The group will leave Meldon School at 10:00 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next issue of Smoke and Blazes will come out at the end of July and will be the July and the August issues in a combined form due to the expected arrival of another little Martin during the first part of the month. We hope no one will mind too much.

INTERSECTIONAL: AUG. 16-17

2

ANNUAL MEETING
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
May 31 - June 1
by John Martin

The Green Mountain Club's annual meeting was held May 31 at the Long Trail Lodge in Sherburne Pass. The general business meeting of the club started at 11:00 AM. Following the usual secretary's and treasurer's reports, the various club sections reported on the condition of their shelters and of their section of the Long Trail and its approaches.

The New York section reported the erection of the Grenville T. Anderson Memorial Shelter on the Appalachian Trail in New Jersey, named for the late section president. This section also had a 40 year member present, Miss Helen Raymond. The Bennington Section reported the collapse, during the winter, of Thendara Shelter on the Long Trail southeast of Bennington. Other sections reporting were Worcester, Brattleboro, Killington, Montpelier, and Burlington.

Announcement was made of 8 awards during the year, of the "End to End" certificate for those persons who have hiked the length of the Long Trail. Three of these were Killington Section members, Vera, Mary and Craigie Perkins.

The club passed a resolution opposing "further opening of Public Lands in Vermont to commercial interests." The resolution also asked that "future developments be widely publicized at least six months in advance." This action was prompted by recent developments in the Lincoln Mountain area.

Trustees reelected were John Faulson of Bennington, John Martin of Rutland, Don Kent of Newfane, and Roy Buchanan of Burlington. Newly elected to the position of trustee was Harlan Farnsworth of

Montpelier. Ted Goddard of Old Bennington was reelected as Clerk, and Miss Minerva Hinchey of Rutland as Corresponding Secretary.

During the trustee's meeting which followed, all officers were reelected. The budget for next year was altered to provide especial emphasis upon the repairing and rebuilding of some of the Long Trail shelters. A Trail conference was announced for the first of November. The Skyline group of the Middlebury College Mountain Club was voted in as the first College Section of the Green Mountain Club.

A fairly large group of members-at-large and of the other sections accepted the hospitality of Craigie Perkins and spent the night at Tall Timber Camp. Several of the local members took their picnic dinners up for noontime. Two ambitious hikers climbed up Blue Ridge and some of the others took shorter hikes in the vicinity. A few of the younger ones did a little fishing. The rest of the people just sat around and enjoyed a leisurely day.

Another group of members met with Don Kent of the Brattleboro section in the vicinity of Manchester Depot for hiking in that area.

SPECIAL

Congratulations to Jan and Ray Catozzi on the birth of their third son, Louis Peter, on May 19.

Barbie Allard is working this summer at Hyacinth House in South Woodstock. We shall miss her on the hikes but hope she has a pleasant and profitable summer.

SUNNYSIDE TO BUFFUM

The weather threatened showers when we left Meldon School on Sunday, May 25th enroute for Buffum and trail work. Three trail workers headed for Sunnyside to work the trail between there and Buffum, while eight others, including four junior Juniors, and the lunches went on to Buffum via the Gulf road approach.

The threatened showers arrived simultaneously with our arrival at the parking spot. Here we waited a short time and debated whether or not we should take to the Trail. Since the workers would be looking for their coffee and lunches at Buffum it was decided that some of us, at least, should hike in there. By this time the current shower was letting up so everyone decided to make the trip. Actually it didn't rain much more, so that though the grass, trees and bushes were plenty wet we didn't get too wet.

Happily, we found that the shelter had stayed up in spite of its heavy load of snow last winter, and there was a good supply of dry wood inside. We still haven't managed to get the much needed "new" stove in here, but the old one cooperated very well on this occasion and we soon had hot water for coffee.

Just as we were well started on lunch the trail workers arrived, surprised and pleased to find us there. They had resigned themselves to the idea of having to walk out to the cars for their lunches. Being thoroughly wet down, as they were on the Trail during all of the shower, they had made a quick trip through. They found this section in reasonably good condition, however, but another trip should be made over this area if possible, under better weather conditions.

Soon after lunch we started the return trip to the cars.

GOV. CLEMENT TO CLARENDON

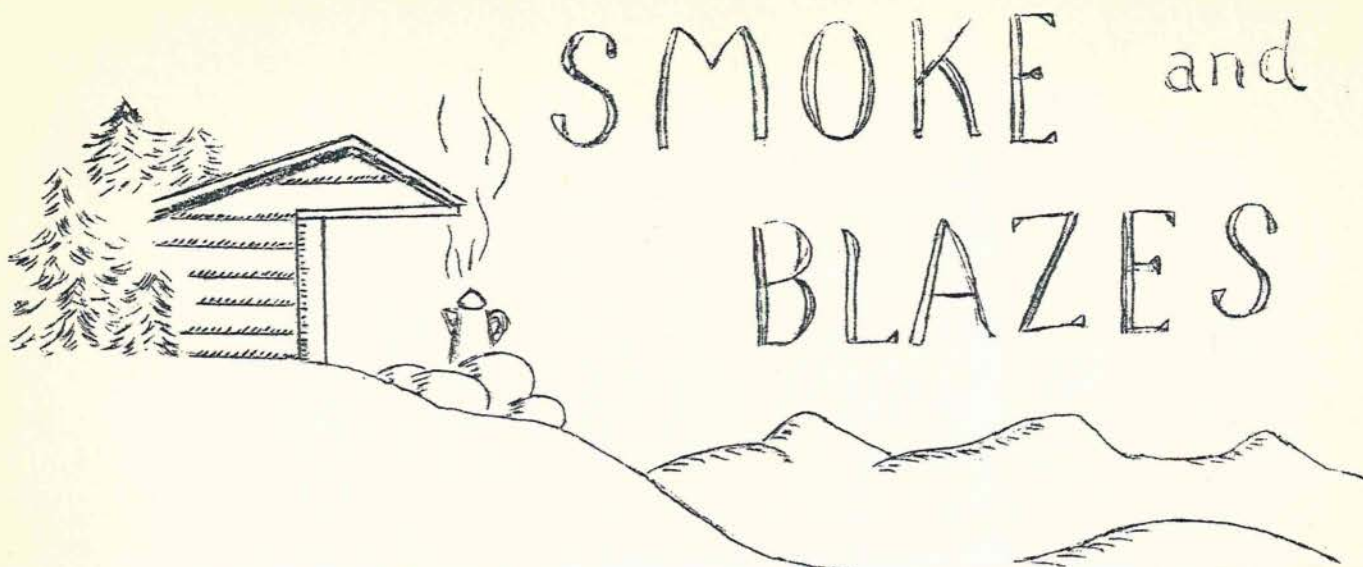
Sunday, June 15th dawned clear and cool with a brisk breeze. Here was an excellent hiking day. The black flies, the bugbear of June hikes, would be at a minimum and the temperature was perfect for hiking. We confidently expected to find an ambitious group at Meldon School ready for a day's work on the Trail. We found one car with Mary and Craigue, "Butch" Soulia, and Mark and Judy Godnick. Well, if you don't have a crowd you do the best you can with what you have. We added Carol Martin and Vera Perkins to Craigue's group and drove to Gov. Clement. Here Craigue and "Butch" took the Trail to Clarendon to work trail and paint blazes en route.

The rest of us planned to stay at Gov. Clement until after lunch and meet the workers at Clarendon in the afternoon. However, the brisk breeze in Rutland was a high wind here and the temperature cold rather than cool, so, after a quick check of the shelter showed conditions to be OK, we decided to move on at once to the comfort of Clarendon Lodge.

We found the old road which we usually hike in on surprisingly washed and filled with cobbles of all sizes. At the shelter there was protection from the wind and we spent a pleasant day hiking in this area and sitting in the sun. The trail workers arrived about 3:30 PM having found the Trail in good condition.

Clarendon has a pane of glass to be replaced and needs new sections of stovepipe installed. We were distressed to find a piece has already been broken out of the top of the stove so recently put in here.

We left Clarendon late in the PM going out over the Trail, and so just missing Jan, Nancy and Carol Martin who had hiked in over the old road.



vol. 11 No. 7-8 KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB July-Aug. 1958

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sunday, Aug. 10
PLACE: C. V. Camp, Chittenden

Once again it is time for our outing to the C.V. Camp in Chittenden. For those of you who have never been... here is an opportunity for a good swim and a leisurely day on the beach or at the camp with those of us who plan each year to attend this Very enjoyable outing. We will meet at the Meldon School at 10:00 AM. for those who need transportation. Those wishing to come later may do so at their own convenience. Plan to come for all or part of the day.

TIME: Sat.-Sun., Aug. 16-17
PLACE: Intersectional
Craigie Perkins' Camp
Mendon - Headquarters

Full details on this affair are attached to this Smoke and Blazes. Killington Section is the host to please everybody come up for at least part of the weekend and meet the folks from the other sections.

EDITORIAL

We are very sorry to note such poor turnouts for the Killington Section maintenance work parties. Our hard working trails chairman cannot do the whole section single handed or with one or two helpers. True, the best turnout was eleven, but four of these were under six years old and one had to be carried! Also it rained so about all that could be done was paint blazes. The last two hikes had only two and three show up.

We send out 70 Smoke and Blazes so it seems like we should have at least ten on every hike. We are always hearing complaints that there is nothing to do by some of the younger members of the community. How about getting some of these folks with time and energy on their hands interested in doing a little trail work! It's still there; still needs doing! If you aren't able to do any work yourself, do some recruiting. Your dues don't get the trail brushed out, blow-downs cleared, and blazes painted. Somebody has to put some time on the trail soon or Killington Section cannot be called an active section.

CLEMENT TO COOPER

Saturday, June 28th was a perfect day for the scheduled work party-outing to Killington via Gov. Clement. Attendance*-one trail worker. Result: the trail from Gov. Clement to Cooper Ladge was hiked and blazes painted in one direction. Only a bit of the most essential brushing could be done.

LONG TRAIL LODGE TO COOPER

On Sunday, July 13th, another fine hiking day, two were on hand for the trail work-outing. Realizing that with such a small party we could not hope to cover the trail from Long Trail Lodge to Cooper Lodge and to any work, we decided on Fico Shelter as our destination. Blazes were painted in both directions on most of this section of trail. Although more brushing out would be desirable, we classified most of this section as good and none as poor.

At Fico Shelter we talked with members of a group from the Putney School Work Camp. Their leader had previously discussed with our Trail Chairman their plan to spend four weekends working on the trail. This was their first weekend and they had stayed over night at Fico Shelter and done some brushing in that area. Such groups can be of real service in helping on our maintenance problem.

This was a pleasant day on the Trail. The bugs were not troublesome and the temperature was just high enough to make a stop off at Craigie's Camp for a swim a most enjoyable ending for the day's trip.

ANOTHER HIKER ARRIVES

Congratulations to Jan and Jack Martin on the arrival of Betsy June Martin on July 5th. We expect to see Betsy on a GMC Outing soon.

LAKE FLEIAD

Saturday, July 26th, gave every promise of being hot with a good possibility of showers. The five hikers who finally managed to make connections for this trip, unanimously decided that the woods and pond at Fall Timber had just as much to offer on such a day as Lake Fleiad and was much nearer. Accordingly, the schedule was revised and we were soon enjoying the cooling water of Fall Timber Pond. This was followed by a cook-out lunch at the cabin nearest the pond.

After lunch, invigorated by our swim and the pleasant coolness of the woods, we enjoyed a leisurely hike along a woodland trail noting birds, ferns, and flowers along the way. Betty was rewarded by a good look at a variety of cross-bill she had not seen for eight years.

Warmed up by our hour of hiking we were ready to cool off again. Another swim completed a most enjoyable day.

BIG PROJECT COMING UP

Killington Section has received a donation of \$200 from a DAR group in Massachusetts to be used toward rebuilding Fico Shelter. This is a fine start on a needed project, and presents us with a real challenge in carrying it through to completion.

The problems of getting material to the site and the actual building will come later, but first we have the problem of raising the additional money which will be required. Any suggestions on ways and means for doing this will be welcomed.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Harriet Bryan	Dr. Earle Johnson
Miles Bryant	Carol Harmenter
Dick Catozzi	Mr. & Mrs. Sarcka
Greta Catozzi	Mrs. Eleanor Smith
A. C. Mason	Lawrence Smith
Roger Pike	Marie Gray

FROM
BURLINGTON

KILLINGTON SECTION INVITES YOU TO THE GMC INTERSECTIONAL

SAT-SUN AUGUST 16-17, 1958
AT CRAIGUE PERKIN'S PLACE, MENDON, VT.

FACILITIES

FIELD FOR CAMPING

SPRING FED WATER * SANITARY FACILITIES

INTERSECTIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN BARN WHICH WILL
BE AVAILABLE FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

ACTIVITIES

ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

HIKES * VISITS * TRIPS



SATURDAY EVENING: SONG FEST - PICTURE SHOW

SATURDAY & SUNDAY HIKES "THE LONGER . . . AND . . . SHORTER OF THEM

PROCTOR MARBLE EXHIBIT DEER LEAP MOUNTAIN

PICO PEAK . . . KILLINGTON MOUNTAIN . . . SHREWSBURY PEAK

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN . . . BEAVER DAM AND POND . . . PICO via CHAIRS

APPALACHIAN TRAIL to NOTOWH

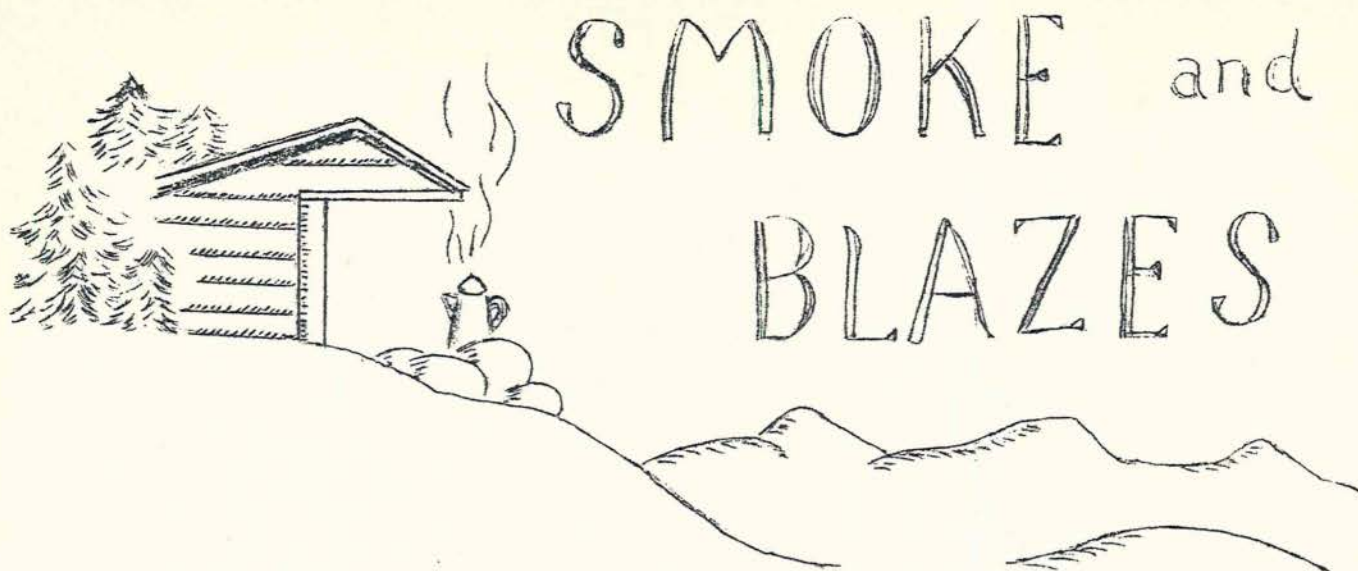
Planning would be aided if you would send a card to
Jack Martin, 7 Curtis Avenue, Rutland, Vermont with the following
information.

"I plan to arrive about _____ with a party
of _____ for the 1958 GMC Intersectional."

(Signed _____)

US
7

FROM
BENNINGTON



Vol. 11 No. 9

KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Sept. 1958

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sunday, Sept. 14
PLACE: Green Mountain,
Little Rock Pond

You probably noticed in the Long Trail News, as did our hike chairman, that there is now a new trail at Little Rock Pond, our old favorite in spring and fall. It is to Green Mountain which slopes down to the pond's edge. The new trail is .7 mile long and leads to open rock viewing spots looking toward the north and west. The top of the mountain is not attained as it is heavily wooded. This promises to be an enjoyable fall outing. Come and try out the new trail. We will meet at Meldon School at 10:00 AM.

TIME: Saturday, Sept. 27
PLACE: "Mystery Hike"

This should prove interesting if we only get good weather... it had rather poor luck on that score in the past, but... Only clue we can give you is it is a "new" place. Join us at Meldon School at 10:00 AM and see where the trail leads.

TIME: Sunday, October 12
PLACE: Hadeka Farm, Granville

This trip proved so enjoyable last year and the foliage so beautiful that it was scheduled again this fall. If you went last year we know you will want to go again. If you didn't, don't miss it this year... the maples around the pond are beyond compare, even if they are over the line in York state! Join the crowd at Meldon School at 10:30 AM.

INTERSECTIONAL

We are happy to have several writeups about the various trips taken at the intersectional so here we will only make some brief comment. The turnout was good, although it would have been nice if more Killington section members could have been there. The weather was about perfect, and our committee, Jack Martin, Craigie Perkins, and Bill Wadsworth had things running smoothly. A large choice of trips were suggested and worked up as demanded.

2

TWO AND A BOY WORK PARTY TO TUCKER LODGE

On Saturday, August 9th, two men and a boy ventured forth on the short cut to Tucker Lodge. They were Jack Martin, you know him, with Bill Wadsworth and Ronnie Lussier, two out of town members of our section, on a work party intending to set a "few" lights of glass in Tucker Lodge, and renew the stovepipe.

We arrived at the lodge to find a sorry looking building. The door was propped open and we could see that some "kind" person had scrawled various sentiments all over the inside of the lodge with assorted colors of fluorescent chalk! Other signs of poor housekeeping were the four sash without any glass at all in them (that's 48 lights of glass), and the large perforations (bullets?) in the window screening.

As our first task, we installed the new stovepipe, using old rope climbing knots learned in our collegiate days. This engineering feat required a length of pipe with either two crimped ends or one with two straight ends, if possible!

While sweeping out the lodge with a beech branch broom, we saw two ladies approaching from the south. They were two Hostellers from Detroit on their way to Sunrise Camp and then hopping up to the Mansfield area. They noted that nothing had been said in the Guide Book about maid service!

After setting two lights of glass it was time to leave our somewhat patched up friend in the woods. Tucker still needs the four new sash, some roof spot repairing, some stone masonry, and a good coat of creosote to put it into shape for continued use.

JBM

ON TO TUCKER LODGE FOR A LUNCHTIME HIKE

As Saturday morning of the Intersectional wore on and most of the hikers had departed for the more strenuous trips, your author pondered what short trip he should go on. Tucker Lodge was chosen for its brevity and the lateness of the hour. The next item on the agenda was to form a party.

A VW pulled in bearing Massachusetts plates and three hikers, Lewis and Robin Hodgkinson and Billy Larsons of Oakham, Massachusetts. Almost as soon as they had set up their small wall tent and its adjoining all-purpose cupboard they were recruited for the hike. These three were joined by Jack Martin, Carol Martin, Mary Elizabeth Allard and Judith Allard of Billington Section.

The hike in to Tucker was very pleasant with many signs of deer crossing the trail. Our arrival at the lodge was followed by the departure of a well burdened hiker who had made a lone trip from the Mass. line to Cowles Cove and was on the return stretch.

Tucker was in no worse shape than it had been the week-end before. A little time was spent scouting about before the eating began. Water, it seems, is hard come by at this lodge. While looking for water an aluminum pot was found in the brush. It had been reduced by the spiny wonders to a handle and little more than a rim. This was carried back to illustrate an Intersectional appetite.

Shortly after lunch the seven hikers made their way out from a pleasant luncheon.

JBM

KILLINGTON TRIP INTERSECTIONAL WEEKEND

by Marie Morris

Promptly at 8:30 on Aug. 16th, a party of six left Tall Timber Camp for Mt. Killington. We were Bill Wadsworth, leader and experienced hiker; Barbara Allard, who had climbed it before; Pat Bruneau, who had done some hiking, Ronnie Lussier, also a young hiker; and Mr. and Mrs. Myron O. Morris.

We drove to the Long Trail Lodge and at 8:50 headed for the peak. The three teenagers forged rapidly ahead but only reached Pico Junction about ten minutes before Bill and the Morris's. It was a beautiful day for a hike and as we walked toward Pico Shelter we had some wonderful views.

At the shelter evidence of a dead "Lorky" forced us to go on quite soon. The walk to Cooper was fine except for some very muddy spots, where white sneakers became black. The conversation was stimulating and also humorous. At Cooper we ate lunch and enjoyed the view. Then on to the Peak. This was a rugged climb but true to tradition those ascending for the first time did not look back until the bare rocky pinnacle was reached. It was a breathtaking (literally and figuratively) sight! Clear in all directions, truly the reason for being a hiker. I can truthfully say, with the others, I would not have missed it for anything, but the inspiration of the experienced hikers really made me do the last climb. As we came down the peak a lone hiker was ascending. We surveyed the remains of a stone ranger hut very near the top. Of course, Bill's lemon drops were a help, but for Mr. Morris and myself his helpful suggestions and information on hiking proved invaluable.

The time going up was about three hours actual hiking. The descent was, of course, much shorter.

We were just a short distance down from Cooper when we met a lady, we presumed her to be the mate of the hiker headed up the peak. A short way further down we passed two women hikers who were headed for Cooper overnite. We felt they were not fully equipped for it, but we wished them luck. On the return stop at Pico Shelter we met a family of six from Rutland who had hiked up for lunch. The next one we passed was a weather-beaten, suntanned hiker, fully packed, headed for Killington and points beyond. After leaving Pico Junction, Bill, Mr. Morris and I took the power line trail down and while it was steep it was also rapid. We reached the car at 3:40, tired but happy, and with a sense of great accomplishment.

Mrs. Morris and her husband are members-at-large, and come from Spring Lake, N. J. They were distinguished as the first to arrive and the last to leave the Intersectional. We want to thank her for the above write-up and say we hope to see them at another intersectional gathering. (ED.)

INTERSECTIONAL DATA

Total Attendance - 75 Young & Old

KILLINGTON (24)

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (13)

BURLINGTON (13)

WORCESTER (11)

BARTLEBORO (2)

GUESTS (12)

LONG TRAIL PATROL (4)

MILES HIKED - Many....

OTHER INTERSECTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Intersectional crowd really took advantage of the good hiking weather and each day found several groups heading off in various directions.

Beside the Killington and Tucker hikes which are written up elsewhere in this issue, hikes were taken to Lico, Blue Ridge (both the summit and the Cascades), and the beaver dam, as well as around the Fall Timber trails.

Each hike had its own satisfactions. The mountain tops offered the more spectacular appeal, but the trip to the beaver pond offered the beauty of an old road with its play of light and shade, and its borders of wild flowers and ferns.

As we passed the old school house, one of the few buildings now left on this road, it was interesting to speculate on how this area must have looked when there were enough families living around to supply children for a school.

The abundant wildflowers gave us a fine opportunity to test our skill in correctly identifying them.

The last bit of road before the pond is reached is pretty much filled in with alders and about the only way of finding the path is by its feel under foot. The pond itself was a bit disappointing as the area is so overgrown and swampy that it was impossible to get near enough to the beaver house for a good inspection.

Hiking was not the only activity. One group enjoyed a trip to the Marble Exhibit in Proctor, and nearly everyone found that a cooling dip in Fall Timber Pond made a perfect ending to the day's travels.

C. V. CAMP

Sunday, August 10th, was the day of the outing at the C. V. Camp at Chittenden Pond. It looked at first as though the weather was going to fail us at last after six years of cooperating for this event, but our luck held good and we enjoyed another fine day.

This outing brought out the best crowd of the summer, a total of 23, including 9 members of the "youngest set", being on hand at one time or another during the day.

Except for a pleasant luncheon interlude on the screened porch overlooking the pond, most of the day was spent in and on the water. Craigie's rubber boat had a busy day carrying voyagers around the pond.

This outing has been an annual event since it first appeared on our schedule in 1952. Once again our thanks to Eleanor Walker for making the Camp available to us.

CALLING ALL RUMMAGE

Start now to collect all the rummage you can beg or steal, your own and that of your relatives, friends, and neighbors. Our sale will be held in October (the exact date will be announced later), so don't delay, start now. With the Lico re-building project in the offing we really need money. Our Rummage Sale has been the only real money-maker we've found to date, so let's make this year's the best yet.

Remember that dishes, bedspreads, curtains, kitchenware, and nic-nacs, continue to be good sellers as well as clothing. In clothing the demand for large sizes always exceeds the supply, as it also does for children's clothing.



Vol. 11 No. 10 KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Oct. 1958

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Fri., Oct. 10 RUMMAGE SALE
PLACE: Neighborhood Rooms

Now is the time to collect all articles for our annual RUMMAGE SALE. This year's sale will be for the benefit of the new Pico Shelter, so please search your house from cellar to attic for useful items you no longer want. Call your friends, relatives, and neighbors, too, so this can be our biggest sale yet.

Dishes, bedspreads, curtains, kitchenware, and nic-nacs continue to be good sellers as well as clothing. The demand for children's clothing and large sizes is always greater than the supply.

All rummage should be brought to the Neighborhood Rooms as early as possible on Thursday morning, Oct. 9th. If you cannot get it down yourself call Janet Martin, 3-8621 before Thursday, and we will arrange to have it picked up. If you can work on Thursday or Friday call Vera Perkins, 3-2941.

TIME: Sunday, Oct. 12
PLACE: Hadcka Farm, Granville

This trip proved so enjoyable last year and the foliage so beautiful that it was scheduled again this fall. If you went last year we know you will want to go again. If you didn't, don't miss it this year...the maples around the pond are beyond compare, even if they are in New York state. Join the crowd at Meldon School.

TIME: Saturday, Oct. 25
PLACE: Cooper Lodge

This will probably be your last chance to go to Cooper Lodge before winter sets in on Killington... in fact there might be snow then. At any rate we will hope for a clear and crisp Oct. day for this one and try to get Cooper into top notch condition for Winter. The route to be taken will be decided by the group going. They will leave Meldon School at 9:00 AM.

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sunday, Nov. 9th
PLACE: Gov. Clement Shelter

This is a pleasant place to go in late fall, especially if we are lucky enough to get a sunny day. Those who do not wish to hike far probably would be able to drive in at this time of year. This trip will leave Meldon School at 10:30 A.M.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the executive board of the Killington Section, G. M. C. was held on September 17th at the home of Jack Martin. Craigie Perkins submitted a resolution concerning the proposed Air Force installation on the Chin of Mt. Mansfield and further reported that G.M.C. President Koerber had requested that action be taken by the individual Sections as well as the main club. The following resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS a proposed military installation on the Chin of Mount Mansfield requiring a road near the profile ridge would make the State's highest summit inaccessible to the public, and,

WHEREAS the military authorities have raised no technical objection to the use of the Nose of Mount Mansfield for this installation, therefore, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that immediate and thorough reconsideration be given to the proposed location of this installation."

Copies of the resolution will be sent to Senator Aiken, Senator Flanders, Representative

Frouty, Governor Johnson, and the Vt. Department of Forests and Parks. *

There was considerable discussion of the proposed new Pico Shelter. It was felt it should be a closed shelter and that it would probably cost around \$500. It was decided that the proceeds of the annual Rummage Sale held in Oct. would be used toward this amount. This will be followed by a benefit showing of the new collection of Green Mountain Club slides and a speaker sometime in early November. Members felt this would provide an opportunity for non-members who use and enjoy the trail to make a donation for this new shelter.

The chairman of Trails and Shelters, Craigie Perkins, reported the trail to be in fairly good condition although some brushing out should be done. Work parties in the Spring for this purpose unfortunately attracted very few workers. The shelters are almost all in need of attention. Outing Chairman, Jack Martin, reported that outings to several of the shelters had been scheduled for this Fall in the hope some of these repairs could be made. Other work parties are being planned. Anyone wishing to help should contact Craigie Perkins, 3-7954. Some of the repairs are necessitated by the age of the shelters and the very heavy snowfall last Winter, but most of it is due to the misuse of the shelters by some of the people who "use" them. In particular, we note the destructive use of firearms.

* An editorial in support of our stand on Mt. Mansfield was in the Rutland Herald on Oct. 20. There has also been three Letters to the Editor on this subject.

LITTLE ROCK POND

by
Marie Gray

With young Mary Allard setting the pace, our party stepped along the trail in hopes that the sky would be kind. The clouds passed and our ascent was made in jovial spirits with the usual bantering from Craigue and the crowd. The brook bubbled, the birds stared silently. Mr. Bell, sensing their shyness on sight of such a qucer lot, burst into snatches of warbles and trills which could have enchanted a sanctuary of birds. He really could whistle, so no one minded. Betty was delighted to spot another white-winged crossbill.

Along the way there were pieces of flint rock, toadstools, bewildered frogs, a makeshift fish-line, a "cute" toad, a beaver and his hut and above all a perfectly fine piece of pipe discovered by Carol, the youngest member on the trip.

The fire at the shelter was a welcome sight and there we were pleased to find Fran Green, a Killington Section member from Mass. and a friend, Gertrude Cook. They had not only stayed the previous night, but braved the icy pond waters, and climbed the new side trail besides.

Betty and Marie tried the blue section of this same trail. They gingerly squirmed inch by inch up the lengthy spine of a rock, similiar to a prehistoric lizards back, and explored every possible lookout they could find. The trail was well marked and the views were well worth the struggle.

On returning to the shelter the girls found that most of the party had started out, but Mr. Bell was on hand to assume the duty of life guard for one of them who felt she must cool off in the pond. However, his duties were limited to a scant few moments. This last statement comes

from a reliable source.

The whole clan finally reunited on the homeward way after a most enjoyable day.

COOPER WORK TRIP

by
Craigue Perkins

Well, it's about time! Bennett Bell and Craigue Perkins spent a beautiful fall day getting Cooper Lodge ready for winter.

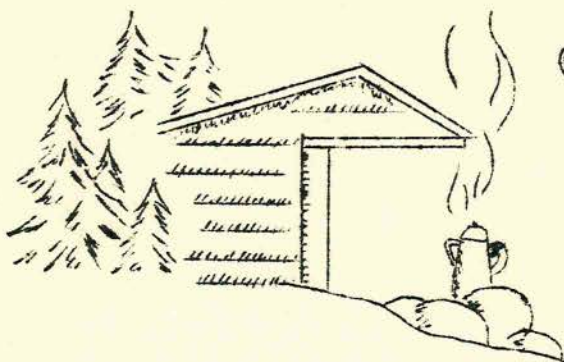
We had had several reports of the poor condition of this important camp so we were prepared for the worst. A new sash and several lights of glass were taken up the Bucklin Trail together with the necessary putty and enough tools for a big work party.

The trail in seemed less bushy than usual and we found the camp clean, with a supply of wood. It looked like the work of Ben Rolston who had been camping and hiking in this area. He is a good man to follow.

After the grate had been replaced in the stove, it worked perfectly providing hot coffee and a gentle warmth to the camp at the price of a few sticks of damp wood.

Lunch over, we fitted the new sash and removed one at a time the other sash which had broken lights. There was time for all but two which we hope to replace when we go up again in October. Needed: one second hand broom.

Taking our time, we went up in two and a quarter hours, and came down in one and three quarters hours. One of those days when everything clicked. A fine trip and a much needed job done.



SMOKE and BLAZES

Vol. 11 No. 11-12 KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN M.T. CLUB Nov.-Dec. 1958

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sun., Dec. 7, 6:00 P.M.
PLACE: "Beechwood",
Covered Dish Supper

This annual event needs no introduction to old members. If you are a new member and like to eat, we know you will enjoy it too. In order to insure a variety of food anyone planning to attend should call Janet Martin (LR 3-8621) by Fri. evening, stating what they prefer to bring. As usual "Beechwood" will be open from around 2 o'clock on so that those who wish to spend the afternoon hiking in the vicinity may do so. Supper will be at 6:00 P.M. Don't forget to bring your own dishes and silver.

After we eat, we will have a program of slides taken in Korea by Jony Fusco. Many of you will remember Jony from the time when he was a junior member, and we are happy he will be with us again.

"Beechwood" is located at the end of Curtis Ave., in the town of Rutland.

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat., Dec. 20, 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Mount Carmel

Coming so near Christmas we hope this trip will bring out some of our members who are home on Christmas Vacation, as well as those who are around all year. It would seem this would be a good time to take a break in the hectic days of shopping, don't you think? We will meet at Meldon School at 10:00 A.M.

TIME: Sun., Jan. 11, 10:30 A.M.
PLACE: Clarendon Lodge

This is a pleasant place to go at any time of the year, but particularly so when the snow is on the evergreens, the sky is a brilliant blue, and the air is crisp and clear. Mark this date on your new calendar and plan now to attend. We will meet at Meldon School at 10:30 A.M. Watch the "Rutland Herald" for advice on snow conditions, although there probably will not be enough for snowshoeing.

HADDEKA FARM by Betty Ball

An exceedingly colorful trip was enjoyed by the hikers who went to the Hadeka Farm in Granville on October 12th. With the autumn foliage at its peak, and the weather cool, crisp and sunny, the twelve hikers found it a perfect day for hiking.

Camera-enthusiasts found shots everywhere. The gay contrast of brilliant red berries and blue grapes, a golden birch against a blue, blue sky, and the flaming maples were all opportunities not to be missed.

We climbed up a long hill, getting better and better views back across the low hills to the Vermont mountains, dipped down to a pasture. With ten red coats in the crowd, we carefully skirted the field with the bulls, and ate by a gem of a pond, shimmering with colorful reflections.

A tower was our next goal, built by a wealthy man, and defaced now, but still sturdy with its solid staircase, and the view from the top was rewarding - with the Adirondacks on the west, and the Green Mountains on the east, and miles of farms and hills rolling in between, this panoramic view was one of the finest in these parts, especially in this colorful time of the year.

Reluctantly we turned back towards the Hadeka Farm, enjoying the view of the pond encircled by golden maples as we descended to our lunch stop. The trip back to the cars seemed all too short, as another perfect hiking trip came to an end.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$117

The Rummage Sale got us off to a good start on our current project of raising money to replace the old Fico Shelter with a new structure.

We didn't offer any prizes to the first 10 customers, but the lobby of the Marble Savings Bank was so crowded just before we opened our doors that we had trouble getting through to open them! How the nickles, dimes, and quarters added up in the first two hours! If we could have material enough to keep business going at that rate all day we could really make money.

Our thanks go to all the people who contributed articles for sale, and special thanks to Bennett Bell for contributing advertising space, to Ruth Fostman, "T" Valiquette and Joe Hadeka for their assistance and to Janet Martin for all the sorting and boxing she did.

STOVE INSTALLATION

It seems that the trip to Killington on Saturday, Oct. 26th generated a lot of steam in some members, for on Sunday P.M. Ray Catozzi called Craigie Perkins with the proposal that they take to needed stoves into Gov. Clement and Buffum that afternoon. The call was perfectly timed as Ben Rolston, GMC member from Schenectady was at Craigie's and offered to go along, too. Accordingly, a second-hand, range-type stove which had been waiting some time for placement was taken to Gov. Clement and installed and the

"Valiquette Special" residing at Gov. Clement was moved and located at Buffum. This is a good job done.

KILLINGTON TRIP

The old custom that a GMC trip goes on rain or shine prevailed on Saturday, October 25th. Two of us were on hand at the starting hour and we were shortly joined by a third, a new Junior member from Wallingford. While we were discussing the pros and cons of three people starting for Killington in the rain, three more arrived. This definitely tipped the scales in favor of going, especially as there were a few more window panes to be set at Cooper Lodge. We loaded ourselves into one station wagon and were on our way.

Our approach to the Bucklin trail via the Wheelerville road was enlivened by the necessity of pulling out a car stranded in the one muddy spot on the road. As the car was being pulled out backward, it slipped and slid in the mud, careening wildly to the side in true "movie" rescue fashion, thus giving the station wagon "observers" a bit of excitement to start the day. Now we had to get our car through, and somewhat to our surprise this was accomplished without much trouble.

When we parked our car at the start of the old lumber road it was still raining a bit. In spite of this it wasn't bad hiking weather as the air was crisp and not too cold with little wind. As we started climbing we had a preview of winter with the rain changing to fine snow, and making all the evergreens look as though they had been sprayed for Christmas decorations. The big brook crossing presented an interesting hazard, but was accomplished without mishap.

We found Cooper Lodge in good condition with a good supply of wood. Thanks to the kindling Craigue had brought along in his pack, the fire took hold quickly

and we were soon once more praising that efficient little stove for its fine performance.

After the warming up period and lunch, the men were ready to do their work with glass and putty while the women folks concentrated on keeping the fire going. This completed, "afternoon tea" was served, and we started the return trip about 4 P.M., glad that Cooper was being left ready for the winter.

Those making the trip were Ray Catozzi, Churchill and six year old Bobby Scott, Susan Tarbell from Wallingford, and Vera and Craigue Perkins.

A HIKE TO GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER by Charlotte Bell

Last Sunday, eleven of us drove to Governor Clement Shelter near the southern base of Killington Mountain. Since it was hunting season, we decided to drive there together and then hike a short way on the Long Trail after lunch.

When we arrived, we found the woods were damp and uncomfortable so the stove and the fireplace fires were very welcome. When the sun came out, the upper fields and mountains were pretty.

Two hunters came back from a long day of deer hunting. They had slept the night before in a homemade sleeping unit on the back of a truck, parked near the shelter. They showed us their quarters which were equipped with a tiny oil stove, a cupboard, food, and two bunk beds which looked very comfortable.

We had two new hikers from Wallingford... Florence Van Wyck and Susan Tarbell... and a guest, Mary Lull. Everyone had a good time picnicking and hiking up in the mountains.

SUNNYSIDE AND OTHERS

Most of us who started on the hike on Saturday, Nov. 22nd went to Sunnyside for lunch, approaching via Spring Lake Ranch, and were satisfied to take just an additional walk on the Trail for a view of the lake. Four hikers, however, elected to come in via Buffum, planning to join us for lunch. Two arrived as planned. The other two not being familiar with Sunnyside, mistook it for a hunting camp, and continued on until they came out on Route 103 at E. Clarendon. Nothing daunted, however, they reversed direction and hiked back again, finally going out as they had come, via Buffum, having had a really good day's hike.

We found Sunnyside in sad condition. All the window panes were shattered and two of the four window frames broken. One foundation post appeared to have been used for target practice. We cleaned up the mess, and brought the window frames back with us for repairs, leaving the openings temporarily protected with wallboard. When we find a shelter abused in this fashion it makes us wonder why we bother to provide them.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

A meeting of the executive board of the Killington Section, GMC, was held on Nov. 19th at the home of Craigie Perkins.

Plans for the location, type of shelter, and materials needed for the new Fico Shelter were discussed, also means of transporting materials to the location decided upon.

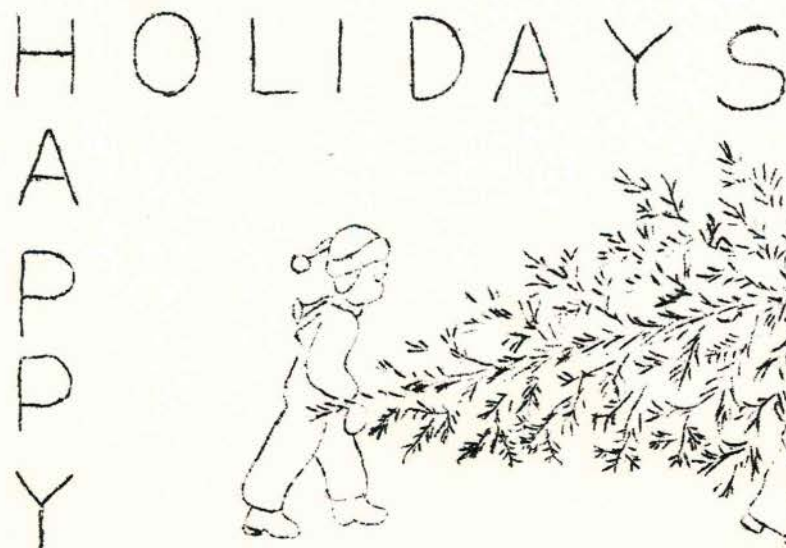
Craigie Perkins reported on condition of shelters and trails, telling of needed repairs and trail work which should be done.

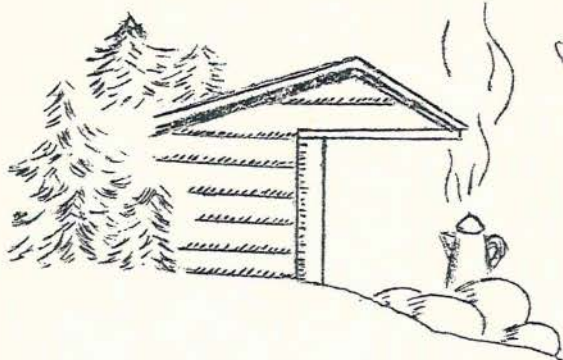
It was voted to try to have another joint card party with the Community Club, the proceeds to go toward Killington Section's share of the cost of the new Fico Shelter.

It was decided to have a Slide Show on January 10th or 12th, with a talk on Wildlife on the Trail to raise funds for the new shelter. The theme of this program would be "Outdoor Life on the Long Trail". Ray Catozzi was appointed Chairman. The show will be further discussed at the Covered Dish Supper, Dec. 7th, at Beechwood.

Contact is to be made with the teenagers at Teen Town to try to interest them in the Green Mountain Club's activities.

Eleanor Walker, Sec.





SMOKE and BLAZES

Vol. 12 No. 1

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MT. CLUB

Jan. 1959

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat., Jan. 24, 7:00 PM
PLACE: Moonlight Snowshoe Hike
to Tucker Lodge

Be sure and have your snowshoes and warmest clothing in shape for this trip which has become an annual affair that several members look forward to each year. For those who have never been....take our word for it.....it's an experience not soon forgotten. The first few hundred yards after leaving the warm cars one thinks "we'll freeze", but soon the brisk swing of snowshoes on glistening snow make one feel really alive: perhaps because of the need to adjust to the stinging cold. By the time we reach Tucker through the shimmering woods everyone is warmed up. The candlelight of the first arrivals beckons us on to coffee or cocoa and doughnuts. We will gather for this trip at Meldon School at 7:00 PM. As in past years if the weather is very poor Sat. we will go on Sun. night. If in doubt call Jack Martin, PR 3-6821.

TIME: Thurs. Jan. 29, 6:30 PM
PLACE: ANNUAL MEETING
Women's Reformatory

The annual meeting of our Section, G.M.C., will be held Thurs. evening, Jan. 29th, following a supper at 6:30 PM at the Women's Reformatory dining room. Supper will cost \$1.25. The meeting will start at approximately 7:30 PM. This is the only scheduled business meeting of your club in a year, so your officers would like to see a good representation of the membership present and actively participating. We need new ideas about membership, trail and shelter maintenance, Smoke and Blazes, publicity and fund raising for the new Lico Shelter, and trips members would like scheduled, to mention but a few possible items of business. For entertainment we will view the new slide collection of the main club.

COMING SOON:
WINTER WEEKEND FEB. 21st & 22nd
CRAIGUE PERKINS' CAMP

MORE COMING EVENTS ON PAGE 2....

COMING EVENTS, Cont.

TIME: Sun. Feb. 8, 10:30 AM
PLACE: Snowshoe to Buffum

We certainly don't expect there will be quite as much snow at Buffum this year as last, but there should be plenty for a pleasant snowshoe trip, none the less. The trail to Buffum from the Wallingford Gulf Road follows an old dirt road so the going is comparatively easy and is only eight-tenths of a mile so it is a pleasant little outing for a winter Sunday. The group will leave the Meldon School at 10:30 AM. However, if anyone wished to come along at a later hour, there would be plenty of time and the added advantage that the coffee water would probably be hot when they got there!

COMING SOON: FEB. 21-22



CRAIGUE PERKINS' CAMP

PUBLIC SLIDE SHOWING POSTPONED

A tentative showing this month of the main club's new slide collection in connection with raising money for the new Pico Shelter has been postponed until a later date due to the unavailability of the guest speaker. The committee in charge hopes to pin this speaker down to a definite date the latter part of next month. See February Smoke and Blazes for the complete details, including who and where.

CARMEL ????

Your reporter missed this one, but a brief account from one who went supplied the following information on the trip.

Three hardy hikers set out for Carmel as per schedule on the morning of Dec. 20th. Some of you may recall that this was an extremely cold day with only a light snow cover here in the city. In "New Boston" it was even colder and there was plenty of snow! Our hikers, basing their decision on snow conditions in Rutland, had left their snowshoes at home, so were now wallowing along through quite deep snow. Still, the schedule read, "Carmel - Dec. 20", so on they went.

As lunch time approached and passed, and still no sign of Carmel Camp, they decided to have an outdoor lunch. While not as cozy and relaxing as lunch around a camp stove, an outdoor lunch in winter isn't as bad as it may sound to the in-door enthusiast.

Renewed energy took the party forward once more, but by now it was becoming increasingly evident that something was wrong with the route chosen. Soon one of the party ventured to voice the thought in the minds of all three, "Let's go home."

On their way back they found the place where the trail they should have taken branched off to Carmel. It was marked, but the directional arrow was so placed that it was easily overlooked on the way in. Having by now had their day's outing the group continued on the return trip.

After hearing this report we weren't quite so disappointed as we had been that we had to miss this one.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

The Covered Dish Supper at Beechwood on December 7th drew the usual sizable group of Killington Section members and friends.

The food provided seemed even more bountiful and delicious than usual. As we checked it in we felt sure that there would be quantities left over. We should have known better, for as we have noted before, GMCers are good eaters, and easily took care of it.

Some people arrived in time to take short hikes in the late afternoon while others, anxious to have their "hot dishes" served in perfect condition, came just at supper time.

The evening program was especially enjoyable with Tony Fusco showing slides taken in Korea while on duty for Uncle Sam, and giving a very interesting and informative narration along with them.

CARD PARTY TO BE HELD

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 4, we will once more hold a card party jointly with the Community Club. We have a special interest in making this a real money making event this year as our share of the proceeds will go into our Fund for the new Pico Shelter.

Some of you will be contacted to help on this by providing sandwiches, but most especially we want you all to help by attending and bringing your friends. You will hear more details later, but make plans now and save the date.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Cecile and Emile Boselli had a nice Christmas present; a 7lb-2oz daughter, Terri Lynn, arrived on Dec. 26, 1958. Congratulations.

A card from Maxine and Carl Newhall extended greetings to all former hiking pals in GMC.

CLARENDON LODGE

This trip on January 10th brought out 9 hikers to enjoy a day at a favorite spot for an outing in any season. It was a good winter day in spite of the absence of the bright sun and deep blue sky which have so often characterized a trip to Clarendon Lodge in the winter.

Snow had covered the rocks in the old road sufficiently to make walking easy. In a short time the Lodge was in sight looking even snuggier than usual as there was smoke coming from the chimney.

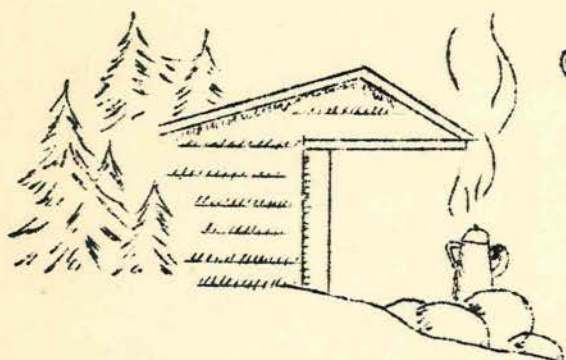
The occupants proved to be two boys from Schenectady who had spent the night there. They obligingly assembled all their gear in one spot, and in spite of our assurances that it wasn't necessary, they really turned the camp over to us for the lunch hour.

After lunch some kept the fire going and chopped wood, while others took a walk farther up the old road. Here we found that, while not a necessity, snowshoes could be used to good advantage and we were glad to make use of this opportunity.

The Lodge was in good condition and contained a good supply of wood. Even the camp register (which has such a way of disappearing from our shelters) was intact. From this we were interested to learn that Ben Rolston had been there on Dec. 10th and reported a comfortable night in spite of an outside temperature of 12 degrees above zero.

We were pleased to have two new (to us) hikers from GMJC with us and hope they come often.

As we drove home all agreed that this had been an excellent way to spend a winter Sunday.



SMOKE and BLAZES

Vol. 12, No. 2 KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB March April 1959

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sun. March 8, 10-30 AM
PLACE: Appalachian Trail shelter

This is a new shelter and a new trip to most of us. It is located on the Appalachian Trail east of Gifford Woods. This shouldn't be a very difficult trip so why not plan to get out for it. We will meet at the Meldon School at 10-30 Sun. morning.

TIME: Sat. March 21, 10-00 AM
PLACE: Clarendon Lodge

Clarendon is an enjoyable spot any time of the year. The spring runoff may make it necessary to follow the trail rather than the road in, but that would give us an opportunity to check the condition of the trail for blowdowns and brushing that needs doing. Perhaps some work could even be done. The shelter might also receive any repairs that could be done and a thorough house cleaning. Come equipped for a bit of work. We will meet at Meldon School at 10-00 AM.

TIME: Sun. April 5, 6-00 PM
PLACE: Sugar Party
Vera Perkins' Home

Once again we will have our sugar party at Vera Perkins' home on South Main Street. Snow may be terribly hard to find this year but we will hope for a late snow storm! Following the sugar party we will have a Chinese Auction to raise money for the new Pico Shelter. Reservations must be made for this event. Please call Janet Martin PR 3-8621 by Friday April 3.

TIME: Sat. April 18, 10-00 AM
PLACE: Tucker Lodge

This trip is planned primarily to get Tucker Lodge into shape for the summer. However it is a splendid time to get a sprig of hobblebush to force out at home and to look for other signs of the coming of spring. We will meet at Meldon School at 10-00 AM.

NEW HIKE SCHEDULES ENCLOSED

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held on Thurs. evening, Jan. 29 at the Riverside dining hall. A group of about 20 members enjoyed a tasty dinner.

The business meeting was called to order by President Bennett Bell at about 7-30 PM. Sec.-Treas. Eleanor Walker gave her report. Craigie Perkins reported on Trails and Shelters. About half of the blazes on our section were repainted last year although he had hoped to do them all. Small turnouts on work parties and poor weather on several scheduled trips were to blame. If members who have a little time to give for trail work would only contact Craigie a time and place could be planned and this work could easily be done. How about you!

He also reported this past year was a hard year on shelters and there is much work that urgently needs doing. He estimated that these repairs will cost around 60 dollars. Here too he needs manpower badly. We will also need to raise about \$180.00 additional money for the new Pico Shelter which will be built by the Long Trail patrol. It would help if members who visit a shelter would take the time to report on its condition to Craigie or Bennett as all our shelters should be visited at least once a month. Five of them could be visited after supper of a summer evening. If all our members took a little time to do this our section could be in much better condition than it is. Three volunteers were found to check Cooper, Clarendon, and Buffum each month. This leaves Sunnyside, Gov. Clement, Pico, and Tucker.

The request that groups of young people without a person over 18 years old in charge get permission to use the shelters was renewed. Members could help by publicizing this fact.

Craigie's report was followed by a lively discussion of ways and means to raise money for the new Pico Shelter. The Mass. D.A.R. has written that their \$200.00 has been raised. A food sale directly after Easter seemed to be the most popular suggestion and Vera Perkins and Ruth Fostman were named co-chairmen. You will be hearing from them or their committee. A Chinese Auction at the Sugar Party will also be held and members who have something to give to be auctioned off can report this to Janet Martin when making their reservations or by calling Vera Perkins at PR 3-2941.

It was suggested that the new slide collection available from the main office of the G.M.C. be used wherever possible for publicity purposes especially to groups of young people of the Junior and Senior High School age.

Outing Chairman Jack Martin asked for suggestions for the hike schedule. Vera Perkins suggested that the covered dish supper be held in October next year. A trip to Buck Mt. on Lake George was suggested. Any other suggestions should be sent to Jack at 7 Curtis Ave. Rutland. Jack also has the Killington section slides which members may borrow for showing.

Bennett Bell, Mary Perkins, and Eleanor Walker were re-elected as President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively. Following the business meeting the group enjoyed a showing of the new slide collection. Well worth seeing!

MOONLIGHT HIKE

January 24th, the time set for the moonlight hike to Tucker, was a snappy winter night but not too cold for comfort.

On the trip in we enjoyed a light snowfall which added fresh beauty to the winter woods. The snowshoeing was fair, a bit tricky in spots owing to a slippery crust, but this added excitement to the trip.

The starting of the fire at Tucker brought the usual smokey period while the chimney warmed up, but this soon passed and the stove became the center of attraction as a pleasant warmth began to surround it.

After the usual interval devoted to doughnuts, coffee, and conversation, we closed camp. We were delighted to find that the skies had cleared and on the hike out we enjoyed the light of the full moon promised for this occasion.

BUFFUM

Eleven hikers braved a cold north wind and slippery walking to make the trip to Buffum on Feb. 8th. Though it wasn't as cold on the trail as it seemed in the city, we welcomed the "Valiquette special" which has replaced the old broken-down stove formerly at Buffum.

We found Ben Rolston, that GMCer from Schnectady who gets around so much on the trail, already there when we arrived. Ben was spending a long weekend on the Trail and had stayed at Clarendon Lodge the previous night.

After lunch a few ambitious hikers went on to the top of Button Hill and it was while on this trip that Sec. President Bennett Bell had the misfortune to fall and crack a rib (as we learned later).

Though indications could be felt of the below zero night which the weather man predicted we enjoyed sun and blue skies on the homeward track.

WINTER WEEKEND

Late afternoon on Feb. 20th found the first contingent arriving at Craigie Perkins' Camp, Tall Timber, for the annual winter weekend. The arrival of a party of 5 from Medford, Mass. soon after supper brought the overnight guests to 9. Everyone slept at the cottage this first night and settled down fairly early, some of those drawing room assignments upstairs taking along a hot brick which proved a most effective bed-warmer.

Saturday dawned clear and cold and most of the morning was taken up with new arrivals, shifting of sleeping quarters, un-packing and settling. Twenty-five gathered around the table for the noon meal.

After dinner everyone participated in hikes of varying lengths and in varying directions.

The weather during the day showed some variety, alternating bright sun and swirling snow. About the time everyone was assembling at the cottage for a supper of baked beans and brown bread it looked as though a big blizzard were in the making. However by the time supper was over the moon was out. In this setting, with the tall white frosted evergreens making long shadows on the snow, and overhead a big moon in a star-studded sky looking near enough to touch, it all combined to make as perfect a winter night as any of us had ever seen. It was too good to miss and everyone took advantage of it. The final check up Saturday night showed a total of 26 - 13 in the cottage and 13 in the two cabins.

Sunday was another bright day and everyone was up and doing early. People were in and out, starting and returning from hikes all morning. There were still more new arrivals and 32 were on hand for chicken pie Sunday noon.

By mid-afternoon the people from Shrewsbury, Mass. and Springfield, Vt., were taking their leave but there was still time for some good

hikes for those who lived nearby, however, and 13 die-hards were around to help clean up the leftovers at supper time.

But all good times come to an end and finally the last pack was shouldered, the door closed and locked and another winter weekend was over - almost. There was still the moonlight walk down to the cars but this was accomplished all too quickly and regretfully we left the country behind and headed back to town.

Thanks are due to Mary and Craigie Perkins for the use of their Camping area and to Janet Martin for an excellent job of meal planning and food buying.

CARD PARTY NETS \$11.75
for PICO SHELTER FUND

A small but welcome addition to the Pico Shelter fund was provided by the Card Party held on Wednesday, February 5th. This was a co-operative endeavor with the Community Club. Although the crowd was small, "a good time was had by all".

Our thanks go to the Community Club for letting us hold this party with them and to all who assisted on the project.

We have received a few separate contributions to the Pico Fund and would welcome more. Eleanor Walker can be found at the C.V. office every day and would be glad to receive your contribution - large or small.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Congratulations to Luise and Bill Wadsworth on the birth of William Wadsworth III, on December 25, 1958. Luise, Bill and daughter Lori have been Killington Section members for over a year. They live in Medford, Mass. and have participated in several of our activities.

Charles Sabourin has taken a position with E. R. Squibb and Sons. Charlie and his family will soon be leaving us for Burlington which will be his headquarters. We shall miss them but wish them the best of luck in their new location.

1959 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Helen Bailey
Lucy Bishop
Betty Ball
Bennett Bell
Charlotte Bell
Marie Bell
Miriam Bell
Rachel Bell
Maudie Canty
Polly Crocker
Sally Crocker
Helen Pease Finlayson
Carl Johnson
George Kirk
Mrs. Caroline Lovejoy
Ronald Lussier
Betsy Martin
Carol Martin
Jack Martin
Janet Martin
Nancy Martin
Florence Mitchell
William Mitchell
Pearle Nichols
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Mrs. Richard Roberts
Richard Roberts, Jr.
Charles E. Sabourin
Gerard Sabourin
Mary Pat Sabourin
Susan Tarbell
Harold Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
Florence VanWyck
Lori Wadsworth
Luise Wadsworth
Wm. S. Wadsworth
Wm. Wadsworth III
Eleanor Walker
Clifford Wissell
Carlton Wilson (Life Member)
Berenice R. Tuttle

Treasurer's Report January 1, 1959

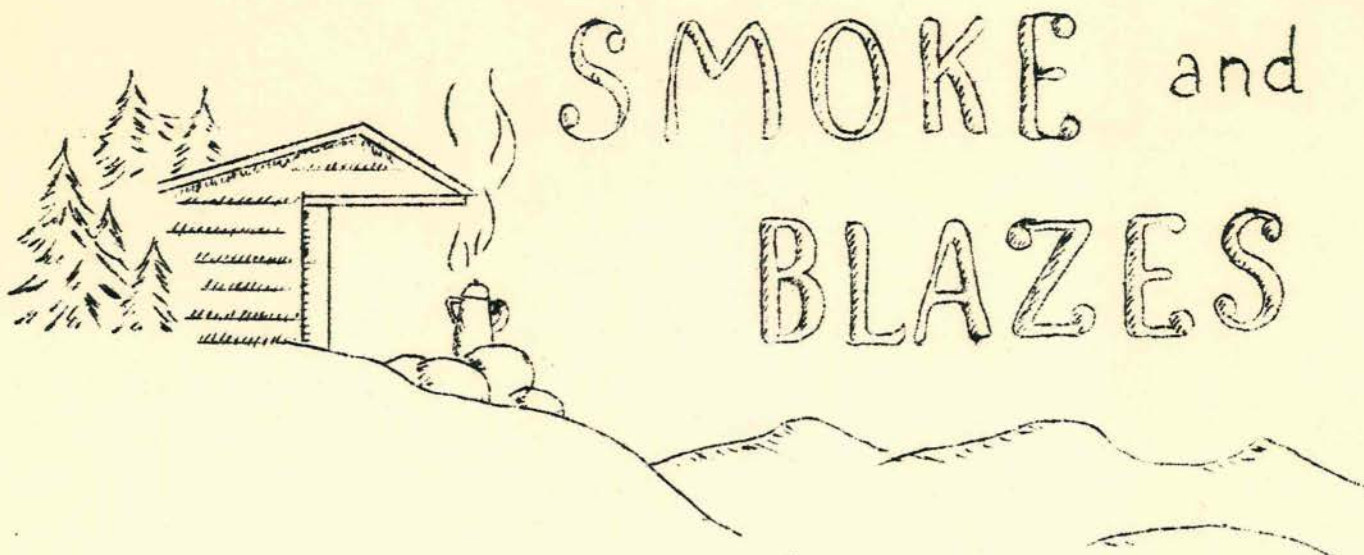
RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1958	\$ 338.57
Received from dues	129.00
Sale of Guide Books	5.00
Received from Rummage Sale	117.00
Received from Card Party	9.00
Sale of Emblems	3.00
Interest on money in the bank	15.50
Donations to Killington Section	4.00
Donations to Pico Shelter Fund	<u>7.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 628.07

DISBURSEMENTS

Expense of Shelters repairs	\$ 62.85
Expense of Outing Committee	6.44
Expense of Annual Meeting	6.25
Expense of Green Mt. Club Float	2.50
Copy of Vermont Life sent to E. Boselli	.50
Expense of Winter Weekend	.80
Expense of Sugar Party	1.35
Schedules for Outings	16.50
Coffee Hour at the Annual Meeting	10.75
Postage	2.00
Smoke & Blazes	9.88
Paid Fred Field Ins. Co.	10.88
Dues to Main Club	<u>29.10</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 159.80

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1959 - - - \$ 468.27



Vol.12, No.3 KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB May-June 1959

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat., May 16, 9:30 AM
PLACE: Route 140 to Sunnyside

This will be our second trip to Sunnyside Shelter this month but it will be approached from the other side...south this time. The section of trail from Rt. 140 into Sunnyside will be checked. Perhaps this year the weatherman will be a bit more cooperative and we can get this section of trail reblazed and brushed if a good work party turns out. The hikers will meet at Meldon School at 9:30 AM with lunch and tools for a day's work.

TIME: Sat. and Sun., May 30-31
PLACE: ANNUAL MEETING, G.M.C.
Long Trail Lodge

Once again it is Annual Meeting time. Plans are now being made to celebrate our 50th anniversary so come and bring some bright ideas!

There will be a coffee hour at 10:00AM on Saturday followed by the business

meeting at 11:00 AM. The Sections and various committees will make their reports. The meeting will recess for lunch at 12:30 and be completed afterward. The trustees will meet following adjournment of the Annual Meeting. Non trustees will have the remainder of the afternoon to hike in the area around the Lodge. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. There will be a social hour and entertainment following dinner.

Sunday will be devoted to hiking. Trips will be planned to suit the tastes and abilities of all.

TIME: Sat., June 13, 10:00 AM
PLACE: Clarendon Lodge to
Gov. Clement Shelter

Having completed the section of trail south of Rt. 103 we will shift our activities back closer to home. Clarendon Lodge was taken care of in early April so this hike will be primarily for trail work from 103 to Gov. Clement, a distance of 6.5 miles. Departure time: 10:00 AM.

COMING EVENTS (cont.)

TIME: Sun., June 28
PLACE: Gov. Clement Shelter
to Cooper Lodge

It is hoped that by June 28th it will be possible to drive into Gov. Clement Shelter and hike from there to Cooper and do trail work on this section of 4.5 miles. Since this will be a total of nine miles, round trip, with trail work to do, we will leave Meldon School at 9:30 AM.

SUGAR PARTY

On April 5th the annual Sugar-on-snow Party was held at the home of Vera Perkins. There was an excellent turnout of 32 people. Everyone, from the eight young ones on up, had an enjoyable time indulging their respective sweet tooth. Following the sugar-on-snow, pickles, doughnuts, and coffee, the group had a very enjoyable time having a Chinese auction for the benefit of Pico Shelter. \$8.80 was realized from the sale of objects donated by members! This is a profitable and enjoyable way to trade in your white elephants for someone else's! Everyone seemed pleased with what they won. Whereas a large sum was not realized, we felt it was very good for a small crowd.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped to make the Sugar Party a success, especially Vera for the use of her attic, the table decorations, and standing over the boiling syrup all afternoon; also her assistant cook, Pearl Nichols.

CLARENDON LODGE

The twenty-first of March was a bright early spring day and a group of almost thirty hiked into Clarendon Lodge to do the spring cleaning! It was one of those hikes when it looked at Meldon like some of the regulars were missing, but gradually the gathering grew. Some of the crowd took advantage of the warm sun and ate out doors. When the work of painting the windows and sash began in earnest. There was an excellent supply of wood thanks to a recent visit by Ben Rolston. The cabin was put in order while Ray Catozzi's cub scouts played cowboys and Indians in the pines. There was still a bit of snow in spots to make it slippery but not too bad... at least Nancy and Betty Martin managed to keep their "mounts" right side up, although sister Carol took a couple of unexpected slides down hill. All in all it was an excellent trip and a much needed job was completed.

LOST TIME

A watch was found on the road leading to Clarendon Lodge a short time after our March hike there. For further information contact "T" Valiquette.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Bill Allard, Jr., on his marriage in Rochester, N.Y., on May 9th, to Miss Rosalie Schifano. Best wishes, Bill and Rosalie.

LAST CALL

This is the last issue of **SMOKE & BELLES** which will be sent to the 1958 mailing list.

WE STILL HAVEN'T BEEN THERE

The hike scheduled for Sunday, Mar. 8th, was to the new shelter on The Appalachian Trail east of the road running north from Sherburne Center. This trip had been on the schedule once before as the destination of a mystery hike, but had been rained out.

Though there was no snow in the city it was a bright winter day, just right for exploring thought the five hikers who assembled at Meldon School.

As we drove along the road from Sherburne Ctr. we saw no blazes to show where the trail crossed the road and it began to seem doubtful that we would even get started on this trip. However, as so often happens, after parking the car and walking back along the road we found the blazes were right there where they belonged. Accordingly we took off up the hill. It soon became apparent that the two members of the party who had brought snowshoes, just in case, were the lucky ones. The snowshoeing was excellent, but the walking was not so good.

For about an hour we climbed up and up on a ridge between two ravines with time out now and then for relocating the trail which we missed a few times. By now lunch time was approaching and those without snowshoes were tired of plowing through the snow. "Who needs a shelter for lunch on a day like this?", we said. So by climbing the bank on one side of the trail a fine sunny spot, protected from the wind was found. There was even an excellent view and plenty of firewood.

Everyone went to work arranging stones for a fireplace, collecting wood, gathering snow to melt for coffee. In a short time our lunch spot was furnished, complete even to boughs for seats.

Sitting around the fireplace in our sunny "dining room" with its white snow-carpet and backdrop of trees, we all agreed that there is nothing which quite equals an outdoor meal on a bright winter day.

With difficulty of traveling without snowshoes it seemed best to go no farther. We lingered a while after lunch and then made the return trip to the cars.

This was one of those days that will long stay with us as a pleasant memory. We found this new territory interesting and hope to explore it again. Maybe sometime we will actually reach that shelter!

TUCKER LODGE

A good crowd turned out for the Tucker hike and spring cleaning party on Saturday, April 18.

Going in on the side trail wasn't the usual easy, pleasant walk as wood cutting operations and spring thawing had combined to produce muddy ruts which it required most of our attention to skirt. However, Tucker when reached was as inviting as ever in the spring sunshine. We found Dorothy and Ben Rolston already there. They had come in from Long Trail Lodge, over the Long Trail and reported it in good condition.

After lunch some took short walks in search of hobble bush, while others devoted their energies to the painting of window sash, general clean-up activities and repair jobs.

These outings are planned to get as much as possible of the most needed trail and shelter work done before the summer hiking season. Besides this they afford a pleasant day in the open at an interesting time of year. Let's all join in as often as possible for a good time and to help on much needed work.

ROUTE 103 TO SUNNYSIDE

About 16 hikers assembled at Meldon School on Sunday, May 3rd, ready for another spring outing. Since trail work was the chief order of the day, the party divided, some going in over the Long Trail to check the general conditions and spot the places needing more work, while the others went in the short way to get things in readiness for lunch.

Once again the Rolstons were there ahead of us having spent the night at Sunnyside. This arriving to find a good supply of wood, water, and the fire already made is pretty nice! Better watch out, Ben; first thing you know we'll be expecting this service regularly! Aside from the service though, we like having Dorothy and Ben along.

Although the trip down had shown that there was quite a bit of work to be done it was too nice at Sunnyside to hurry away. However, after a long lunch hour, the worker started back along the Trail determined to set that section in shape before dark.

Those who had elected to return by the short route lingered on until late afternoon, then enjoyed a leisurely hike out stopping to investigate the beaver pond on the way. The workers came off the trail about 7 o'clock, having had a long day but quite pleased with their accomplishment. The Trail from Route 103 to Sunnyside is now in good condition. Blowdowns were removed where possible and short relocations made where needed to get around those impractical to remove.

Although so much was accomplished a bigger supply of manpower would have been very much appreciated. Let's have more workers on hand for the next trip.

PICO SHELTER FUND

The fund for the new Pico Shelter is growing slowly, but it still has quite a way to go. It got off to a good start with the contribution of \$200 from the Conservation Committee of a Massachusetts chapter of the DAR. The proceeds from our fall Rummage Sale were designated for this project. Since then we have had additions from the following sources:

Card Party.....	\$13.95
Winter Weekend.....	8.00
Chinese Auction....	8.80
Individual Donations	8.00

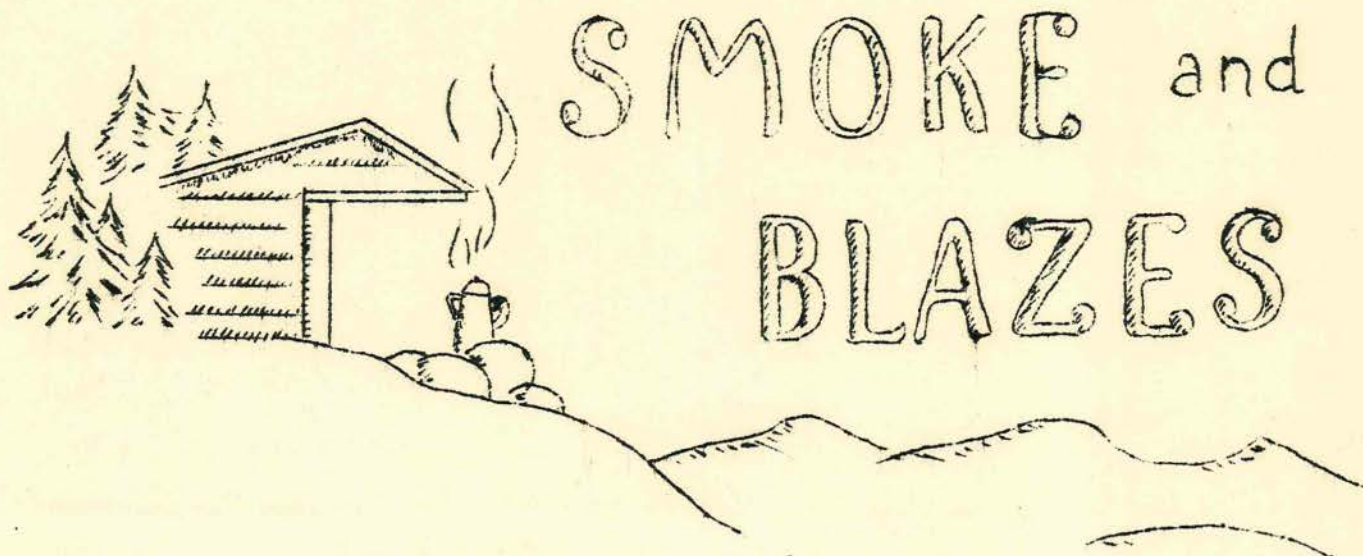
Our thanks to all who have helped so far. We still need at least \$150 more to finance this project. Eleanor Walker, Treas., will welcome donations at any time.

ADDITIONS TO 1959 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Barbara Allard
Johnny Allard
Judy Allard
Mary Elizabeth Allard
Frances Green
Minerva Minchey
Dr. Darly Johnson
Roger Pike
Bernice Tuttle

IN MEMORIAM

Killington Section members were all saddened by the death of Maude Canty. Maude was a long time member and loyal supporter of GMC. Her sincere friendliness and cheerful spirit will be greatly missed and long remembered.



Vol. 12, No. 4 KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB July-Aug. 1959

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat. July 11, 9:00 AM
PLACE: Long Trail Lodge to
Cooper Lodge

Come all ye Killington aspirants...its off to the mountain tops again. This is a work party trip although we hope there will not be a lot of trail clearing to be done. Any minor repairs at Cooper not completed on the 28th of June will also be taken care of if there is sufficient manpower. Let's all turn out and finish up our scheduled work parties with a flourish!

The group will leave Meldon School at 9:00 A.M.

TIME: Sun. July 26, 10:00 AM
PLACE: CVPS Camp, Chittenden

This trip has become a much enjoyed annual swimming party. We will hope for a cooperative weatherman and a hot sunny day when the cool water and shady porch would be most appreciated. For those who do not know the

way, the trip will leave from in front of Meldon School at 10:00 A.M. Anyone wishing to come along at a later time should feel free to come at their own convenience. The group usually stays throughout the afternoon.

TIME: Sat. Aug. 8, 9:00 AM
PLACE: Stratton Pond

It has been some time since we have had a scheduled hike to Stratton Pond. Pack your lunch and swim suit and join the crowd. It is a 3.5 mile hike in from the Grout Job to Stratton Pond around Stratton Mountain.

Because of the distance to be traveled by car this trip will leave Meldon School at 9:00 A.M.

TIME: Sat.-Sun. Aug. 22-23
PLACE: INTERSECTIONAL
Danby - Mt. Tabor

Please note this event is a week later than stated on our Spring-Summer Outing Schedule. For all details and directions see page 4.

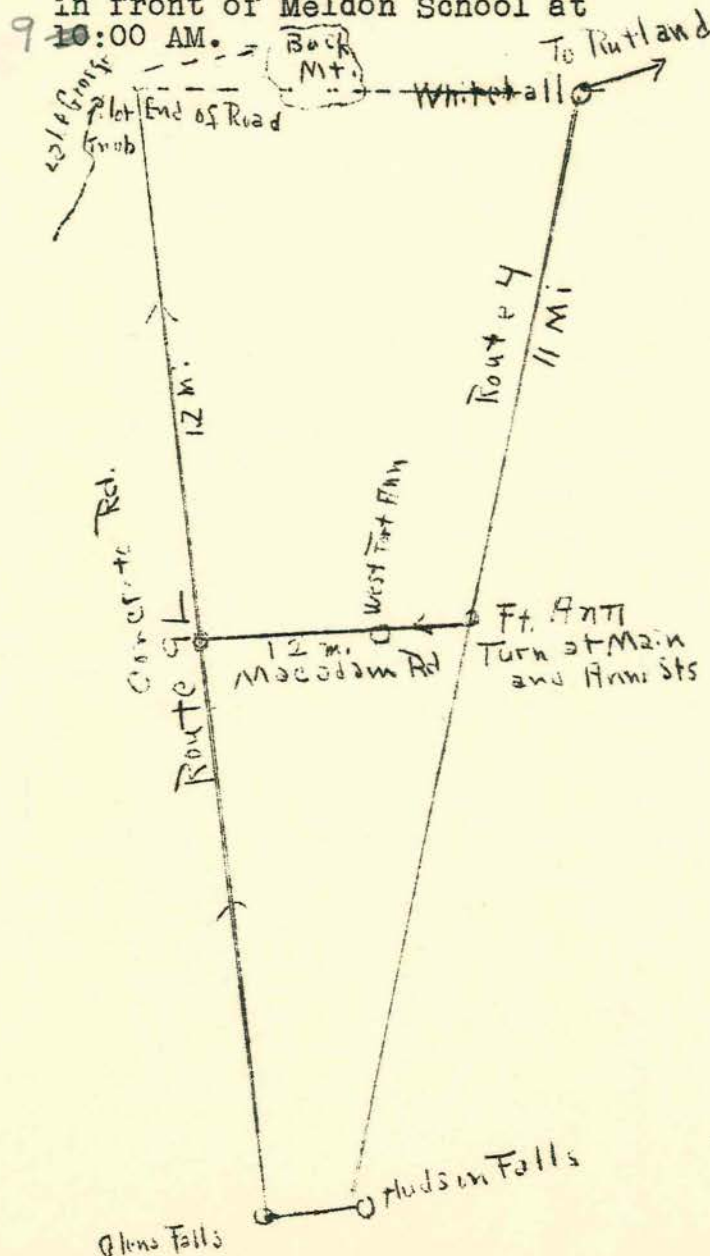
COMING EVENTS (contd.)

TIME: Sun. Aug. 30. 9:00 AM
PLACE: Buck Mountain, Lake George, N.Y.

This trip is outside of our own Green Mountains and helps to add variety to our schedule. It is hoped that some of our friends from the Glens Falls area will join us for this one.

The map below was sent to direct us by Mr. Lucius Cary, the last time we had this outing. We thank him again.

The trip will leave from in front of Meldon School at



ROUTE 140 TO SUNNYSIDE

The combined work party and outing held on Saturday, May 16 proved to be the most successful work party held in some time.

Having had a report from a reliable source that The Trail from Route 140 to Sunnyside was in reasonably good condition, it was decided to concentrate most of the effort on getting the windows back in at Sunnyside. Accordingly, while a small group hiked in over The Trail from the south, most of the party went directly to Sunnyside via the Spring Lake Ranch road.

There was still a good supply of wood left from Ben Rolston's visit and our outing of two weeks before, so work on the windows could be started immediately.

While the men worked inside the shelter, a clean-up detail disposed of most of the glass, tin cans, etc., which littered the immediate vicinity outside. With these carried to the dump and some of the dead brush cut and dumped over them, the appearance of both the dump and the outside of the shelter was greatly improved.

By the end of the day the windows were all replaced and one of the doors repaired. Although so much was accomplished, this wasn't an "all work and no play" occasion. In addition to the workers there was a good attendance of young junior members and members of Ray Catozzi's Scout Troop, all of whom appeared to be enjoying the outing. Even the workers, while keeping steadily 'at it' seemed to be having fun as they worked.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Thelma and Bob Perkins and family - David, Anne, Polly, and Timmy - arrived from California the last of May to visit Mary and Craigue Perkins. Although Bob was here for only two weeks he managed to get in several hikes.

ANNUAL MEETING

At 10 A.M. on Saturday, May 30th, G.M.C. members began to assemble at Long Trail Lodge for the 1959 Annual Meeting. It was typical Annual Meeting weather with a foggy mist blotting out everything beyond the immediate foreground - but what's a little rain to GMCers!

The day began with a pleasant coffee hour which offered an excellent opportunity for exchanging greetings.

President, "Art" Koerber opened the business meeting promptly at 10 A.M. With a two hour break for lunch, the rest of the day was taken up with reports from sections, committee reports, election of trustees - all the usual business of an annual meeting. This will be reported in detail in your August LONG TRAIL NEWS.

One of the highlights of the day was the announcement of the dedication of the new edition of the Guide Book to Roy and Helen Buchanan. We understand it took some lifingling to keep the Guide Book away from Roy until the meeting.

At the Trustees' meeting following the annual meeting Don Kent of Brattleboro Section was elected president to take over the duties which Art Koerber has carried on so efficiently during the past two years.

Following a 6:30 dinner, a social hour was enjoyed after which most of those staying for the Sunday hikes adjourned to Craigie and Mary Perkins' Tall Timber Camping Area which was turned over to GMCers for the weekend.

As if to make up for its uncooperative behavior on Saturday, the weather on Sunday was bright and clear - made to order for hiking. The suggested trip to Mt. Horrid met with general approval and by 10 AM the hikers were on their way to the starting point at Brandon Gap.

Late afternoon brot the return of the hikers. Overnight gear was packed, farewells were said, and another Annual Meeting was over.

A LITTLE COLD, A LITTLE MORTAR

Saturday the 13th of June did not dawn with too much of a promise for outdoor activities. Craigie Perkins with tools and coffee pot met the crowd of hikers at Meldon School at the appointed hour. Churchill and Bobby Scott piled into the little blue wagon and off the trio went!

As they gained in altitude, the weather improved. The road to Gov. Clement Shelter didn't prove to be very rough. The three-man team proceeded to check the trail from the bridge up to the shelter before lunch. As noon time rolled around a wandering red bus bounded up the road by the shelter with its passengers, Janet, Jack, Carol, Nancy & Betsy Martin.

Craigie had a little cold which kept him from being too energetic but, lunch brought him off those "waffle" bunks where he was resting. Our meal ration was almost increased by one baby mouse which came out of the fireplace. The youngsters enjoyed his company instead.

Jack announced that he had brought along a package of mortar mix for reducing the voids in the fieldstone chimney, if not closing them up. In a short time the males were having a grand old mud-slinging time. Our advisor explained that this was the best way to apply the mixture to the gaps between the stones.

While this was going on, the girls were down at the river where Janet found the stream more than a little cold, even though Carol went in all over.

Adding a trash pickup, two signs "Dump & Water", and some brush clipping to the above, the party left Gov. Clement shelter in satisfactory shape.

THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

INTERSECTIONAL

1959

To: ALL GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB MEMBERS

Abandon the Space Age for just one weekend -- spend a few care-free days with us at the 1959 Intersectional on August 22 - 23. Hikes, frolics, and just plain loafing, will be the order of the day.

Headquarters are once again in the beautiful Danby - Mt. Tabor Valley. Old Timers will remember this spot with nostalgia. No packing is necessary; drive your auto right to the campground.

Plenty of cold spring water nearby, wood, fireplaces, sanitary facilities furnished -- and it is hoped that Roy Buchanan will be present to sound reveille!!

HIKES: The scenic 6-mile round trip to Griffith Lake from the campground is a must.

Little Rock Pond -- A lovely elfin lake easily accessible by a 4-mile round trip on a segment of the Long Trail. Eat lunch at Little Rock Pond Shelter, situated on a rocky island reached by footbridge from the mainland.

Mt. Equinox -- Has a famous "Skyline Drive", accessible by auto or trail.

Several alternate hikes will be offered to interested groups. Some details are not as yet completed.

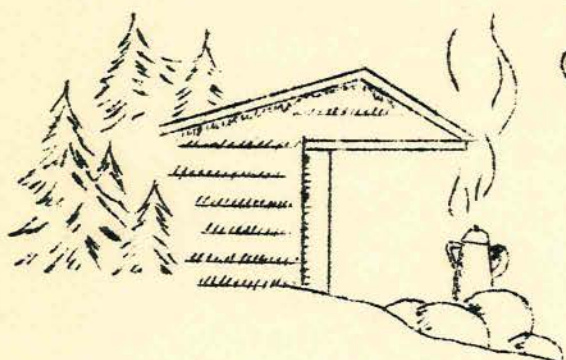
SATURDAY NIGHT CAMPFIRE: One never knows what to expect at this event! One thing sure -- the Order of The Porcupine will be conferred upon several worthy GMC members. Songs and games interspersed with tall tales of the great outdoors.

Bring the necessary equipment and food for two days. Camp will be opened Friday afternoon for those desiring to arrive Friday evening. For tent space and information write to Don Kent, Newfane, Vermont.

TO REACH THE G. M. C. INTERSECTIONAL CAMPSITE:

Driving north on U.S. 7, turn right about 11 miles north of Manchester, Vt. (or 2 miles south of Danby), cross the railroad tracks, turn right at the GMC Intersectional sign and you will see the campsite in the field ahead. Watch for large GMC Intersectional sign at intersection of side road & U.S. 7. REMEMBER THE DATE - August 22 -23! Let's have a record attendance!

Sincerely,
THE INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE



SMOKE and BLAZES

Vol.12 No.5 KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Sept-Oct. 1959

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sunday, Sept 27, 10:30 AM
PLACE: Pico Lodge, HOUSEWARMING

Now is the time to see the new Pico Shelter..now a Lodge... which was built this past summer by the Long Trail Patrol. This should be a beautiful time to be on the mountain, so won't you make a special effort to attend this outing. We will leave Meldon School at 10:30 AM. If you can't make it until later...come along when you can as we hope to spend the afternoon in and around our newest lodge.

TIME: Saturday, Oct.10, 8:30 AM
PLACE: Camel's Hump

Have you ever seen the fall foliage from the Hump? It should be spectacular, so mark the date and plan to attend. Since it is a rather long drive up to the foot of Camel's Hump we will leave Meldon School at 8:30 AM. This is somewhat more strenuous than many of our outings but well worth the effort.

TIME: Sunday, Oct. 25, 6:00PM
PLACE: Beechwood, upper Curtis Av.
COVERED DISH SUPPER

This year the Covered Dish Supper is earlier than in the past few years. This should make afternoon walks even more enjoyable. Supper will be laid out on the big table in the dining room at six o' clock. If you are planning to attend please let Janet Martin know what you would like to bring. Telephone FR 3-8621 by Friday, October 23. As in past years everyone comes up whenever they wish during the afternoon. To get there follow Curtis Avenue from south Main St. in Rutland east until you get to the end of the road.

TIME: Saturday, Nov. 7, 10:00AM
PLACE: Sunnyside Shelter
(Work Party)

Once again it is time to put our shelters in shape for the winter. It is hoped there will be many of you who will be able to turn out for the very enjoyable outing to Sunnyside Shelter.

YOUR NEW SCHEDULE CARDS ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE

LET'S WAKE UP!

Did you realize that Killington Section memberships have dwindled to the point where we are only sending out about 50 SMOKE AND BLAZES this month? We read in the newspapers that more and more people are camping and hiking than ever before. It would seem that our membership should be growing. What can we do about it?

How about every member bringing a friend, or better still, a friend and his family to the Pico HOUSEWARMING. Get people interested, let them see what the club does, and ask them to join.

Another little reminder to members....Pico Lodge is built but it isn't paid for as yet. How about it.....any money raising ideas?

CALLING ALL RUMMAGE
for
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th

The date for our annual Rummage Sale has been set for Saturday, October 17th. This means we need all your Rummage at the Neighborhood Rooms on FRIDAY, OCT. 16th for sorting and pricing.

We need money more than ever this year to pay for the new shelter at Pico. How much we make on the Rummage Sale depends on you. SO--REMEMBER THE DATE and come to the Neighborhood Rooms on FRIDAY, OCT. 16th with all the rummage you can collect. if you need help to get it there call Vera Perkins (3-2941) or Janet Martin (3-8621) before Thursday, Oct. 15th.

Besides rummage we need help both on Friday and Saturday. Let us know if you can lend a hand.

COOPER LODGE

Undaunted by lack of numbers, three adults and two junior members started for Cooper Lodge, Killington on Saturday, July 11th.

The plan was to go in over the Long Trail from Sherburne Pass in order to check trail conditions. It was a good summer hiking day - not too hot and black flies only moderately pestiferous. All went well until we reached the ski trail slashes. On the first two we managed, with searching and the use of some imagination, to pick up the trail on the opposite side but on the third we were completely stymied. We felt sure we must be within a half mile of Cooper but after spending considerable time hunting unsuccessfully for the trail, we gave up and turned back toward home. This was especially disappointing as it was to have been the last visit for some time to a favorite mountain for Betty Ball, and a first visit to Killington for the two junior members, David and Anne Perkins. We wonder how many through hikers with heavy packs have met with difficulty in this area this season.

Even though we did not reach Cooper Lodge and the top of Killington we can report that while the trail was quite badly in need of brushing out in some sections, there were few blow-downs and the trail could be easily followed as far as the ski slashes.

NEWS NOTE

Betty Ball, who was a loyal and enthusiastic member of Killington Section during all the time she was in Rutland as Regional Librarian has left to take up a new position in Washington, North Carolina. Best of luck, Betty; we shall miss you.

G.M.C. INTERSECTIONAL

The annual get-to-gether of GMCers known as the Intersectional was held at Danby on August 22-23 with well over 60 registered.

The weather, which had been hot and humid all week, cooperated beautifully and gave us two fresh, comfortable days. Some of the campers even insisted that there was frost on the grass when they got up to thaw out on Sunday morning!

This was the usual pleasant occasion with hikes of varying lengths, a Saturday night Campfire, and much conversation related to GMC and otherwise.

The feature of the Campfire was the initiation of two GMCers into the Order of Porcupine. Prof. Vondell as High Chief Porcupine and Alan Gormley as Light Hand Porcupine officiated at this ceremony. Roy Buchanan and Craigie Perkins were the members so honored. If you missed this you missed it, that's all. It was a lot of fun but no written description could do it justice.

In the excitement over the initiation, the roll call of attendance by sections was overlooked. Probably this was just as well for Killington Sect., as our count would have been only 8, including our 3 members from Worcester, Mass.

C. V. CAMP - CHITTENDEN

July 26th was a fine hot Sunday, a perfect day to spend at a lake. We had free use of a large, comfortable cottage, a beach and a boat. What happened? Three people were at Meldon School for the start of our annual outing at the C. V. Camp in Chittenden. In spite of this we consoled ourselves with the adage that "it's quality not quantity" that counts and

set off for an enjoyable day.

Soon after lunch business picked up with the arrival of Craigie Perkins, most of the California Section of the Killington Section, namely, Thelma, David, Anne, Polly, and Timmy Perkins, and the rubber boat. Toward the end of the afternoon "Mim" and Bennett Bell arrived for a swim.

This was a very pleasant occasion for those who attended, and possibly some unusual circumstances made this year's attendance so small. However, we wonder a little if we should continue to reserve the use of this popular cottage for a summer Sunday if so few of our members are interested in this outing.

ADDITIONS TO 1959 MEMBERSHIP LIST

F. A. Atkinson
Martha Adams
Emile Boselli
Harriett Bryant
Pat Bruneau
Gretta Catozzi
Dick Catozzi
Ray Catozzi
Edith Ewald
Fred Field
Helen Frink
A. C. Mason
Mr. & Mrs. Wm Montague
Carol Harmenter
Thelma Perkins
Robert Perkins
David Perkins
Anne Perkins
Polly Perkins
Tim Perkins
Ellen Russell
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Sarcka
Lawrence Smith

DONATIONS TO FICO FUND

We have recently received donations to the Fico Fund from Helen Frink and Mrs. Harriett Bryant. We certainly appreciate their interest and assistance.



Vol.12 No.6 KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Nov.-Dec. 1959

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sun., Nov. 22, 10:30 AM
PLACE: Clarendon Lodge

Although this trip is not listed as a work party we will see that this beautiful lodge is snug for the winter. A good supply of wood should be put in for winter hikers, too, so what better project for an early winter Sunday. Remember, a large turnout insures that none has to work very hard!

We will meet at the old Meldon School at 10:30 AM for a pleasant walk thru the woods to one of our nicest lodges. Come and enjoy our winter woods.

TIME: Sat., Dec. 5, 10:00 AM
PLACE: Buffum Shelter

The big question is..... will there be snow? Let's hope so, although this is also a pleasant walk thru fields and hard woods without snow cover. There is always a good chance to see some of our winter bird neighbors and occasionally other wild

life. Buffum is an old shelter in a pleasant woodsy location. We have had good trips here in the heat of summer and in winter when we found forty inches of snow on the roof. Chances are this trip will fall somewhere in between these extremes.

We will meet at Meldon School at 10:00 AM.

Merry Christmas

The turnout has been so poor on the trip nearest to Christmas that this year your outing chairman decided to skip it. The first trip of the new Year will be the annual moonlight hike to Tucker Lodge on Jan 16th.



PICO TRIL

The grand opening of the new PICO LODGE took place on Sunday, Sept. 27th. A bright day, a good crowd, and no speeches!

The new camp was made possible by the efforts of Art Koerber, former president of the GMC, in obtaining a grant of \$200 from the Massachusetts DAR. To this was added a few other small gifts. The balance of the \$700 cost will come from the funds of the Killington Section and possibly something from the parent GMC.

The Long Trail Patrol built the new camp in July. It is located exactly on the site of the old log shelter giving a fine view to the east. The door is in the north end, a window in the south end, one in the back over the table, and three big ones across the front. Very sightly.

For the trip the Killington Section turnout was twenty-three. Best in months. Keep coming!

Both the Woodstock Country Day School and the Putney School had groups of young people in the Pico area that day. Too bad more such groups don't use the Long Trail.

The trail up from Sherburne Pass was in good condition showing much use. After the Putney School group moved out we put the coffee pot over their outdoor fire and soon had the makings ready. Some hikers went up the the peak while others discussed camp improvements. (Already!) Decided to move the swinging windows to the inside where they will last longer.

A stove has been ordered for Pico and as soon as it arrives we will have a lettle work party. Several "volunteers" are anxiously awaiting for a call to action. The stove will be taken to pieces and make up into several light packs. Project THISTLEDOWN!

CAMEL'S HUMP CLIMB

The sun rose on Oct. 10th to partly cloudy skies. Three hopeful hikers met at Meldon School. After a brief wait to be sure no ambitious soul would be added to our number, we set out for Huntington Center on the west side of the mountain.

After a beautiful ride up through the fall foliage we arrived at the Borroughs Camp, parked the bus and set off for the top of the mountain. For the first mile or so the trail follows an old logging road and was an easy grade for someone who hasn't climbed a real mountain in some time to get his second wind. Soon we were climbing up through the hardwood forest of birch, beech and maple to the higher evergreens. The trail became somewhat steeper as we neared the top of the ridge between the Hump and Bald Hill. The later seemed to be quite well wooded now. The top of the mountain should have been visible from here we felt but it was pretty well hidden by clouds. However, having faith in our trusty Guide Book we traveled on and the trail climbed more steeply. We all got a welcome boost from Craigue's chocolate, and continued on with renewed vigor for the huts.

We arrived there for a late lunch around 2:00 PM. The clouds were quite low and Craigue kidded Jack considerably about the small patches of blue sky. However his faith was rewarded for when we made our way from the Huts to the summit the sky was fast clearing. It was surprisingly warm on top considering the apparently very strong wind aloft. The view was a bit hazy. The top of the mountain was surprisingly well populated, as we were one of four groups there on Camel's Hump that afternoon.

CAMEL'S HUMP (CONT.)

On the way down we met a family from Essex Jct. who inquired about the GMC. Jack just happened (?) to have some Short Trips folders in his pocket and passed them out. Too bad he did not have an extra Guide Book, too.. might have sold one! They had spent some time hunting for the right road from Huntington which we had found with little trouble using the Guide Book.

All in all we would say you all missed one of the nicest trips of the year with nearly perfect hiking conditions...it could have been snowing at that elevation in October!

PIONEER TOUR OF THE WEST by Rachell Bell

On a very hot day in June, thirteen teenagers and a tour director boarded the train in New York for the West. Each of us took only one suitcase and a sleeping bag to last us through six weeks of touring and camping in temperatures ranging from freezing to 120 degrees. Rather excited we spent our first night in reclining seats, chatting and getting acquainted, sometimes singing songs to a guitar.

After a stopover in Chicago to see the Museum of Science and Industry for a day we traveled by night to Denver. The city, like other western cities we saw later, was on a wide, high plain, with spacious streets, flower beds, and clean looking buildings everywhere. Here we met our second tour director and continued our tour by station wagon. Each car had a U-haul-it wagon behind with three tents apiece and camping gear.

Our first night camping was in Rocky Mountain National Park, and wat it rocky! I had forgotten to pack an air mattress, alas, but all the others had theirs.

The gigantic mountains on the Continental Divide were covered with snow. We felt the definite change in altitude here; running 25 yards was like running a hundred. Even walking on the level made us breathless.

In Dinosaur National Park we saw men actually uncovering the huge skeletons of prehistoric monsters, still intact after millions of years. In the Great Salt Lake the next day we swam out on top of the water, unable to get our feet down under us, and emerged coated with salt. To my great surprise, I found myself up at five AM cooking breakfast for fifteen people in Yellowstone Park. Many times after that we rose early and pitched tents late at night, for we drove long distances, covering seven thousand miles in those two station wagons in the following weeks. Old Faithful's eruption and the bears standing hopefully on their haunches waiting for food were interesting sights.

Skiing on Mt. Hood on July 19th in short sleeves and rolled up blue jeans was a lot of fun, as was the horseback riding on a ranch and swimming at Lake Tahoe. Here we visited the night clubs of movie star fame, and the casinos at Reno, as well as the ghost town of gold rush days... Virginia City.

We stayed in hotels in Denver, Salt Lake, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Colorado Springs. We rode in the cable cars up the world's steepest streets in San Francisco and visited China Town, going on to Disneyland and Hollywood; then we crossed the desert with the thermometer at 120 degrees. These were memorable experiences...especially when we lost the other wagon and ours broke down half way across the Mohave Desert with no help in sight.

After hours of delay we drove all night until we arrived at St. George, Utah, at three AM and slept with our sleeping bags

rolled out in the city park. Most beautiful Bryce Canyon, Zion and Grand Canyon National Parks came next on our itinerary. At Mesa Verde we saw ancient pueblos and later in the day we saw Indians doing Corn Dances. A tour of the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs interested us all, as did earlier visits to Grand Coolee, Bonnevillie and Hoover Dams, and the copper mine at Salt Lake City.

When the party left for the East, I met an uncle and his family and went to Los Alamos, N. M., to visit for ten days, flying home alone late in Aug. The trip was over eleven thousand miles and its vivid details will be a long time with me. It was called TEENAGE PIONEER TOUR OF THE WEST, sponsored by the Student International Tour Assoc. of New York and Los Angeles.

The teenagers on the trip came from all over the eastern seaboard and the ones from the cities or from sheltered backgrounds found it rugged going some of the time, but I thought the hiking and camping I had done in New England were good preparation for it.

What a huge and interesting country we live in! I hope to be able to go back to the West often later on, and can take this trip over again with my colored slides.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$102.81

In spite of all the Rummage Sales which had been held and were being held, trade was brisk when we opened the doors on Oct. 17th for our annual Rummage Sale. By the end of the day we had added over \$100 to our treasury to help in paying for Fico Lodge.

Once again we thank all who contributed articles; without you there could have been no sale. We also thank those who helped by working in preparation for, during and sale and in cleaning up.

COVERED DISH BULFER

Sunday morning, Oct. 25th, was rainy, dark and unpromising, weatherwise, but by noon the sun was shining. The afternoon was bright and warm, just right for taking walks in the surrounding woods to work up an appetite for supper.

By 6 o'clock everyone was ready for the "grand march" around the dining table, collecting as much food as his plate would hold en route. Then followed a leisurely period of eating and visiting, interrupted only by additional trips to the table for seconds and desserts.

After supper Jack Martin livened things up with his accordion, while the clearing away was being done. After this Jack shared with us a selection of his colored slides.

Although the group was somewhat smaller this year, those attending found it the usual enjoyable occasion.

STOVE INSTALLED AT FICO LODGE

On Sunday, November 1st the installation of the stove at Fico Lodge was completed. During the previous week Craigue had made one trip alone and one with Ray Catozzi to take up some of the parts. On Sunday, with a work party consisting of Craigue, Churchill Scott, George Conlon, Ray and four young boys on hand, the rest of the stove and necessary equipment was packed in, the stove reassembled, cemented together, installed and tried out.

This is a big job done and only those who have participated in such a job appreciate how big. However, this shows how much can be accomplished by even a small group working together. We think the fellows would agree there is fun, too, along with the work. There is still the remodelling of the windows to be done. After that, what next? Let's keep up the good work.



Vol. 13 No. 1 KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Jan.-Feb. 1960

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat. Jan. 16, 7:00 PM
PLACE: Moonlight Hike, Tucker Lodge.

Once again with the new year comes that once in a lifetime opportunity to challenge the great outdoors by moonlight. If you have never walked in the winter woods by moonlight don't miss this opportunity. Those of us who have been before will be there never fear. If the weather should prove stormy on Sat. we will take the trip on Sun. night. If in doubt, you can check by calling Jack Martin at 3-8621. We will meet at Meldon School at 7:00 PM.

TIME: Wednesday Jan. 27, 6:00 PM
PLACE: ANNUAL MEETING "Riverside"

The Annual Meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club will be held on Wed. instead of Thurs. Jan. 27 not 28 at the Riverside Reformatory. The dinner will be served at 6:00 PM and will cost \$1.25 per person. If you are unable to make the dinner the business meeting will follow at about 7:00 PM.

Mr. Paul Newcomb of the U.S. Forest Service will show two color movies on wild life and forests following the business meeting.

TIME: Sun. Jan. 31, 10:30 AM
PLACE: Sno-Shoe to Gov. Clement

If you do not brave the cool night air for the Moonlight Hike dig out your snowshoes for this trip along a back road in Shrewsbury. It should not prove to be overly strenuous but an enjoyable walk thru the winter woods and fields. We will meet at Meldon School at 10:30 AM.

TIME: Sat.-Sun.-Mon. Feb. 20-22
PLACE: WINTER WEEKEND, Tall Timber

Since we are fortunate this year in having a long weekend with Washington's Birthday on Mon. we have decided to have Winter Weekend run from Sat. noon thru Mon. noon. Craigie Perkins has kindly said that if anyone wished to extend it still further to include Fri. night they would be welcome provided they brought their own grub for the extra meals. He will be there warming up the house. (Cont. p.2)

FAMILY CAMPING FUN

By Miriam Bell

Two delightful camping spots for family fun we discovered this summer, favorite spots for years of lots of other folks, but new to us. The first was White Lake, N. H. It is a small lake hidden away at the southern rim of Mt. Chocorua, just south of Conway. Clear water above a white sand beach which extends a long way out invites one to swim lazily or sun on the shore. There is nothing on the whole lake except the state park which is purposely kept small enough to be restful. There were all kinds of fine cottage tents erected and most of them had a pair of aluminum chaise longues in front or in back of them so campers had brought their comforts with them. We met a good many G.E. families there, some of them had been returning for fifteen years...a good ad for the campground. It is important to be at the headquarters office at eight o'clock in the morning to get a site, so we camped at a private spot called White Lake Oasis a quarter of a mile away the night before. The four hour cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee not too far away, summer theatre and shopping in North Conway, and hiking up Mount Chocorua are favorite day trips from White Lake.

The second spot was Fish Creek Pond, N. Y. in the Adirondacks. This is a small lake also with a much larger campground, which extends all around the lake in a white birch forest. Each campsite is on the lake with its own beach, although clamshells make it really more comfortable to swim at the main beach where there are lifeguards. Tenters rent canoes or rowboats in the park, moor them at their tent site and enjoy the same freedom of using the water as if a lakefront cottage had been rented. The mountains and the social events

of Lake Placid, Tupper Lake, and Saranac Lake are nearby.

These lake camps make us wish that Vermont might develop some of its lakes which are just as beautiful and make inexpensive camping spots for families from all over the fifty states who would enjoy our Green Mountains, our shops and social events. Camping tourists actually spend a great deal of money in the states where they locate and the state would find increased revenue in their business if as much were done to invite their stay here as is done to invite motel and hotel guests and new industries.

Remember these two interesting camping spots when you sit by the fire this winter planning your safaris for next summer.

WINTER WEEKEND (Contd.)

We hope that the long weekend will encourage many of our out-of-town members to attend. Please remember that we absolutely must have reservations for this outing in order to obtain exactly the right amount of food. It also helps to know if those in your group are adults or children and the approx. ages of the later. Names help too in planning the division of kitchen duties! All reservations should be made by Wed. Feb. 17th at the latest as planning, shopping, and packing in to camp must be done by Fri. Please make reservations with Janet Martin, PR 3-8621 or write her at 7 Curtis Ave., Rut.

For those of you who are new to the Winter Weekend everyone packs in his own bedding; (sleeping bags are best as the cottage and cabins are heated by wood stoves and it can get pretty cold on a Feb. night.) A flashlight is also a must. It is a half mile walk from US4 to camp so come equipped for deep snow with snowshoes or skis.

CLARENDON LODGE

Sunday, Nov. 22nd, was one of those bright sunny days which seem to coincide quite regularly with a trip to Clarendon Lodge.

This outing brought out one of the best crowds of the year. We were glad to have two faculty members from Green Mt. Junior College with us again, and enjoyed the six student members of their Outing Club who came with them. We hope they will join us again soon.

It was pleasant to find the old road in from Rte. 103 once again in good walking condition. Most of the party took this short cut while a few hiked in over the Long Trail.

We found the Lodge in good condition with little cleaning up needed except for eliminating surplus food supplies which we do not favor leaving in shelters. Even these, however, had been left in as good condition as possible and were carefully dated.

During the morning a "warming bench" for the west side of the shelter near the stove was built. This was a welcome addition as Clarendon Lodge is a popular destination for winter outings and the area around the stove is a favorite focal point. Now all we need is some sort of movable bench which can be drawn up to the front of the stove, so feet can be comfortably warmed in the oven!

After lunch the chief activity was chopping practice by the girls from G.M.J.C. This gave them plenty of exercise and fun while providing an interesting spectator sport for the rest of us. Probably there has never been a larger supply of wood left after an outing.

Around 4 o'clock, reluctantly as always, we closed camp and headed back for Rte. 103, our cars and town.

BUFFUM

Our final outing for the 1959 season was a trip to Buffum on Saturday, Dec. 5th. We had hoped this might be a snowshoe trip but even lacking that it was a good outing, well attended.

There were 9 of us when we left Meldon School for the hiking point where The Long Trail crosses the Gulf Road. We found good walking conditions this year, (pleasant contrast to the icy road over which we slipped and slid to reach Buffum last winter).

We had been at the shelter but a short time when we were joined by 8 hikers from Springfield. Some of this group had attended our Winter Weekend last year. It was fun to meet them again. Attending from the most distant point was Bob Perkins from California whose short visit in Rutland coincided with this hike.

Fires were built both in the outdoor fireplace and in the old stove which functions after a fashion, although a replacement is definitely needed.

After lunch walks were taken north on The Trail to enjoy the fine view which this section provides.

Some time at the shelter was happily spent in considering a possible slight change of site for a new shelter; deciding the present site is really best after all; determining what would be the best construction plan for the new shelter. Of course this project is way in the future as we still have to complete paying our share of the expense of Pico. Still we can dream. This is really a choice location, attractive in all seasons and someday-----.

Some of the Springfield party went on over The Trail to Sunnyside, but we returned by the way we had come. We really should add 3 to this hike's attendance as on our way out we met Churchill, Bobby and Candy Scott coming in.



Vol. 13 No. 2 KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Mar.-Apr. 1960

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat. March 5, 10:00 AM
PLACE: Sunnyside

This will be a combined work party and pleasure trip. Snowshoes or skis will probably be very necessary so soon after our Washington's Birthday storm. Shelters' chairman, Churchill Scott reports the doors need some attention. Lets have a good turnout and make Sunnyside shipshape again. We will leave Meldon School at 10:00 AM.

TIME: Sun. March 20, 10:30 AM
PLACE: Clarendon Lodge.

Barring an early thaw this trip will also require snowshoes. It will also be a combined work party and pleasure trip if preliminary investigations reveal any necessary repairs and, or housecleaning. This is a beautiful walk of not too great a distance. See you at Meldon School at 10:30 AM.

TIME: Sun., Mar. 27, 6:30 PM
PLACE: Maple Sugar Party
At home of Vera Perkins
242 So. Main St., Rutland

It was voted at the Annual Meeting to hold the Sugar Party in Vera Perkins' attic again this year. A committee made up of Pearle Nichols, Ruth Fostman, Churchill Scott and Bob Hathaway volunteered to help Vera with boiling the syrup down and setting up the tables and chairs. Reservations are necessary for this event and may be made by calling Janet Martin, PR-3-8621 by Fri, Mar. 25th. The sugar-on-snow will be served about 6:30 PM.

Considerable interest was shown in repeating the very entertaining feature of a Chinese auction as held last year. Nicknacks, books, games, toys, and plants are a few suggestions of items which probably go well. It might increase the fun if you wrapped your contributions and tagged them with some hint as to contents.

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat., April 9, 10:00 AM.
PLACE: Buffum Shelter

This is usually a very pleasant early Spring outing barring a late blizzard! At any rate we will hope for the best and make do with what we get. It is neither a long nor a strenuous trip and it is always fun to look for the first faint signs of spring. This trip will leave Meldon School at 10:00 AM.

TIME: Sun., April 24, 10:30 AM.
PLACE: Tucker Lodge

Once again we visit Tucker for the annual Spring cleaning bee. It should look quite different around there from the last scheduled trip by moonlight in January. "Many hands make light work" as the saying goes so let's make this a really big work party! We will leave Meldon School at 10:30 AM.

JANUARY 31ST HIKE
GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER

As we arrived at our parking place on the Upper Road, and the seven of us disembarked from the station wagon, we were met by our Schenectady member who was accompanied by his camping partner, a very congenial guest of our outing. They had just arrived from spending the night at Clarendon, and reported the Lodge in very good shape, with an abundance of firewood remaining from our November wood-chopping ceremonies.

What superb snowshoeing, with a foot of light powder snow, a comfortable temperature, a bright sun and no wind! The shelter was soon reached, and Craigie's axe was heard above the chatter of friendly conversation as

firewood was prepared. A fire was soon roaring in the stove and on went ye olde faithful coffee pot. Another fire was started in the fireplace and the aroma of hot dogs and hamburgs filled our nostrils. Never did food taste better!

But time passed quickly and soon it was time to leave. As we returned to the road, we were grateful for a pleasant winter outing, felt sorry for those who could not share the day with us, and thanked the weatherman for his cooperation.

ANNUAL MEETING

M. Bell

As reported in Rutland Herald

At the annual meeting of the Killington Section on Jan. 27th, Bennett Bell was reelected president. Raymond Catozzi, vice president, and Eleanor Walker, secretary-treasurer. Harold Valiquette was chairman of the nominating committee.

The Green Mountain Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. It was founded March 11, 1910 in Burlington with Jim Taylor as its first president, the same year that the Dartmouth Outing Club was formed in Hanover, N.H.

The Long Trail was blazed over the tops of the Green Mountains from Canada to the Mass. border, a distance of 256 miles. During the past half-century this "footpath through the wilderness" has drawn visitors from all over the world and its 56 shelters and lodges have always been open without charge to the hikers.

Craigie Perkins, in making his report of our section, stated that Pico and Clarendon Lodges were in excellent condition; Sunnyside, Gov. Clement, and Cooper in good condition;

and Buffum in fair condition.

Volunteers are needed to clear the trail of blowdowns and to make repairs on the shelters from time to time. Work parties will be scheduled every month during the next year. He said that several troops of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and college groups from Green Mountain, Castleton, and Putney had joined the hikes this past year.

Miss Vera Perkins reported that the annual rummage bazaar netted \$100 toward the new Pico Lodge. The Sugar Party, Winter Weekend, and Card Party were well attended.

Jack Martin, publicity chairman, reported that the colored slides which are available to any local group without charge, had been shown in many schools and in club meetings.

Mrs. Mary Perkins, editor of The Long Trail News, mentioned that the intersectional meeting in August, hitherto a weekend affair, is to be lengthened to a full week including Labor Day weekend, so that vacationing families with tents may come for a part or for all of that time. The location is to be in Eden, at the Boy Scout Camp of the Long Trail Council. Raymond Catozzi was appointed to report the Killington Section news for The Long Trail News.

New members introduced were Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hathaway. They will work with Mr. and Mrs. Perkins and Mr. and Mrs. John Martin on plans for the Winter Weekend in Mendon Feb. 20-22.

Churchill Scott, Mrs. Ruth Postman, Miss Pearle Nichols and Harold Valiquette will assist Miss Perkins with the annual maple sugar party at her home. Churchill Scott, Ben Rolston and club members will assist Craigue Perkins with trail

clearance and repair of shelters.

Paul Newcomb, supervisor of the U.S. Forest Service showed three films about conservation.

1960 Membership List

Betty Ball	Lori Wadsworth
Helen Bailey	Luise Wadsworth
Bennett Bell	Wm. Wadsworth, Jr.
Charlotte Bell	Wm. Wadsworth, III
Marie Bell	Eleanor Walker
Miriam Bell	
Rachel Bell	
Lucy Bishop	
Pat Bruneau	
G. Lucius Carey	
Ray Catozzi	
Gretta Catozzi	
Richard Catozzi	
Polly Crocker	
Sally Crocker	
Ruth Postman	
Wilson F. Fowler, Jr.	
Hans J. Fritsch	
Frances Green	
Robert Hathaway	
Suzanne Hathaway	
George Kirk	
Caroline Lovejoy	
Florence Mitchell	
William Mitchell	
Pearle Nichols	
Betsey Martin	
Carol Martin	
Jack Martin	
Janet Martin	
Nancy Martin	
Craigue Perkins	
Mary Perkins	
Vera Perkins	
Ben Rolston	
Ann Reynolds	
G. W. Reynolds	
Mrs. Richard Roberts	
Richard Roberts, Jr.	
Charles Sabourin	
Gerard Sabourin	
Mary Pat Sabourin	
Michelle Sabourin	
Churchill Scott	
Robert Scott	
Harold Valiquette	
Thelma Valiquette	
Florence Van Wyck	

MOONLIGHT HIKE TO TUCKER
by
Judy Allard

About 8 o'clock on a cold Saturday evening in January a small group of hikers started from the edge of Route 4 near Pico for Tucker Lodge.

The snow was packed quite hard and we did not need snowshoes. Even though the moon was not yet up it was a nice night for hiking.

On arriving at Tucker we soon had a good fire burning without the customary "smoking out" period. While the water was reaching the coffee-making temperature, we warmed up, and then enjoyed doughnuts and coffee to the accompaniment of harmonica music, singing and chatting.

When everyone had eaten as many doughnuts as possible we left for home. On the way out it was snowing lightly, but we did get some brief glimpses of the moon.

It was a good night and a good time was had by all.

(Ed. note) We were surprised and not pleased to find on arriving at Tucker that someone had installed an auxiliary stove for his own convenience, cutting off two roof-supporting beams in so doing, as well as setting the stove directly on the wood floor. We feel this is taking too many liberties with someone else's property. This stove will be removed on our next trip to Tucker and we hope the roof isn't getting too heavy a load of snow this winter.

WINTER WEEKEND
by
Susan Barrett

As the snow fell and wind blew, a group of seventeen Green Mountain College Outing Club members accompanied by two teachers, Mrs. Lovejoy and Miss Brainwarth, trudged up the path to the lodge at Tall Timber. None of us knew what we would find at the end of our trek, but our

highest expectations could not have been realized more than when we found that we would be spending the night in a quaint cabin with a potbelly stove.

And oh, what a night it was! From the moment the first flash bulb went off to the moment a loud chorus of an old record woke us up, each of us had either been scared by an eerie ghost story, taken a midnight hike with flashlights, or roasted hot days at 4:00 A.M.

During the day each girl was assigned a duty in order to help with the meals; the rest of the time was spent in enjoying the beautiful surroundings in any way that one preferred. Some went for a hike up to Blue Ridge Mountain, others went skiing along pine dotted paths, and several tried tobogganing down the road.

Too soon came the hour to leave, and as we started back down the hill, we all had memories of another wonderful day spent with the Green Mountain Club.

FURTHER NOTES ON THE WEEKEND

Activities of the rest of the group somewhat paralleled those of the G. M. College girls, omitting the "night life".

With both cabins in the woods occupied by two family groups from Springfield, Vt., and the main cottage filled to overflowing with club members from Worcester and Chelmsford, Mass., Schenectady, N.Y. and Rutland, there was never a dull moment.

The 45 gathered around for the excellent Sunday dinner (all meals were capably planned by Janet Martin), represented the largest crowd in the history of Killington Section winter weekends.

With two bright days following the snow storm, ordered for the occasion, nothing was lacking for a perfect Vermont winter weekend and it was much enjoyed by all attending.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

We feel glad that President Bennett Bell has asked us to serve on the Trails and Shelters Committee and we will do all we can to make 1960 a very successful year. At the recent winter weekend we made preliminary plans for the spring season.

Already we have made trips to Tucker and Sunnyside to compile a list of needed materials and work projects to do on our coming hikes to these camps. Ben Rolston has kindly consented to take care of the Trail from Route 103 to the Gulf Rd.

The committee gives a great deal of time and effort to make the Killington Section the best on the Trail, but without the help and interest of every member we will accomplish very little. Please let

(NEW OUTING SCHEDULES ARE BEING INCLUDED WITH THIS ISSUE.)

us say again, our success will depend on the willingness of everyone to do their bit no matter how small.

Churchill Scott
Ben Rolston

CHAIRMEN APPOINTED

President Bennett Bell has appointed the following chairmen for the coming year:

Trails & Shelters-Churchill Scott
Ben Rolston

Outings - Craigie Perkins

Publicity - Jack Martin

Smoke & Blazes - Janet Martin

Reporter-Long Trail News-R.Catozzi

MEMBERSHIPS FOR 1960 NOW DUE

If you haven't already sent in your 1960 membership Eleanor Walker
Treas., 87 Baxter St., Rutland, Vt.
would be happy to receive it.

The next issue of SMOKE & BLAZES will be the last one sent to the 1959 mailing list.

Treasurer's Report January 1, 1960

RECEIPTS

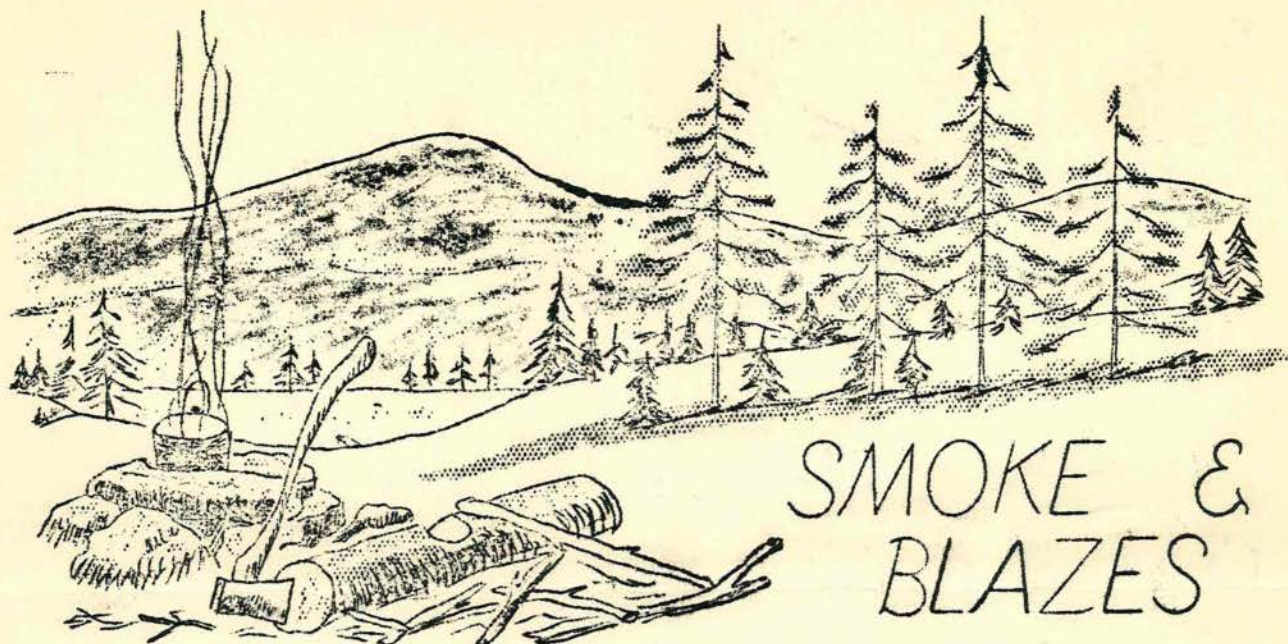
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1959		\$468.27	
Received from dues		125.00	
Received from Card Party		13.95	
Sold one Guide Book		1.00	
Sold three Emblems		1.50	
Received from Winter Weekend		8.00	
Donation by Wayne Sarcka for repairs at Sunnyside		3.00	
Sale of leaflet "Cooking on the Long Trail"		.10	
Interest on money in Bank		7.95	
Received from Rummage Sale		102.81	
Donations Pico Fund-Individual,	12.00		
Chinese Auction,	8.80		
A Mass. Chapter of D.A.R.	200.00		
		220.80	952.38

DISBURSEMENTS

Expense of Annual Meeting	5.00	
Expense of Repairs to Tucker Lodge	3.61	
Outing Committee Schedules	16.00	
Cost of "Smoke and Blazes"	21.50	
Postage	3.00	
Stationery - Letter Heads and Envelopes	10.75	
Cost of Pico Shelter	512.00	
Paid Main Club for sign at Long Trail Lodge	16.85	
Bought 4 copies "Cooking on the Long Trail"	.40	
Fire Insurance on Sunnyside and Clarendon shelters	11.56	
Dues to Main Club	26.45	627.12

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1960

\$325.26



SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 13 No. 3 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB May-June 1960

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat., May 7
PLACE: Bird Mountain

The last time we went to Bird Mt. was in the fall - it should be equally beautiful in the spring. The spring flowers are already blooming along the roadways so this area should be teeming with flora and fauna in another week. Shed the winter doldrums and get out in the woods. Meeting time will be 10:00 AM at Meldon School.

TIME: Sun., May 15
PLACE: Wilcox Hill

This is a new trip on our schedule but not far away as Wilcox Hill is located in Shrewsbury. It is reported to be a very good trip so all you explorers pack up your lunch and plan to go on this one. Explorers will leave Meldon School at 10:30 AM.

TIME: Sat., May 28
PLACE: Annual Meeting, G.M.C.
Long Trail Lodge

Let's have a really good turnout of Killington Section members for this our 50th year. Special observances are planned for dinner at night. Check your Long Trail News for further details and plan to attend.

TIME: Sun. June 12
PLACE: Stoney Brook Shelter

This shelter is on the Appalachian Trail east of Sherburne Pass and is located near Notown Clearing about 6 miles east of Vt. 100. We have been rained out on a couple of hikes planned for here so we hope for better luck this time. Departure time from Meldon School will be at 10:30 AM.

(con't. page 2)

THANKS TO RAY CATOZZI FOR DESIGNING OUR NEW MASTHEAD. WE THINK IT'S
PRETTY NICE!

TIME: Sat., June 25
PLACE: Little Rock Pond

This is one of the most beautiful spots on the Long Trail: might even be nice for a dip in the lake. To give us more time at the Pond we will meet for this trip at 9:30 AM at Meldon.

SUGAR PARTY

On Sunday, March 27th, our annual sugar-on-snow party was held. The place this year was again the third floor of Vera Perkins' home.

Members and guests totaling 33 adults and 12 juniors assembled at 6:30 PM to partake of the usual sugar-on-snow, pickles, doughnuts and coffee. For some this was a first sugar-party experience.

Contrary to custom, we succeeded in getting the syrup boiled down to the proper stage at precisely 6:30 o'clock. This was no doubt a surprise to everyone, the committee included!

With the aid of several willing volunteers, the committee soon had everyone settled and enjoying the feast.

After each had reached the limit of his capacity and had "stirred down" any syrup remaining in his dish, snow containers and dishes were quickly cleared away and we were ready for the Chinese Auction.

With chances selling at five cents each, one could safely-indulge his gambling instinct. It really was a gamble too, as items were sold wrapped. Interest was added by the clever hints as to contents which were attached to some of the packages.

After all the parcels had been disposed of and we totaled up the evening's "take" we found that, with some profit from sugar-party plus the proceeds of the auction, there was \$16 to add to our treasury. This makes a nice little start toward our next big project -

- 2 -

replacing Buffum Shelter.

Thanks go to the members of the committee and several volunteers who helped with the work, and to all who participated and so made this a pleasant and successful evening.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

The Trails and Shelters Committee has been quite active since the last issue of SMOKE & BLAZES.

Ben Rolston has spent four or five days on the Killington Section. The Trail has been completely cleared and painted from the Gulf Road north to the Smith Road above Beacon Hill.

Buffum Shelter has been made ready for the summer hiking season and the same applies for Clarendon Shelter.

Craig Perkins and Churchill Scott spent Saturday, April 30th, putting a new roof on the back half of Tucker. With such a small work party it was impossible to complete the job. There are still some shingles ripped off so just as soon as possible there should be another work party there.

The Committee has scheduled the following work parties to prepare the Killington Section for summer:

Sunday, May 22 - Pico Shelter
Saturday - June 4 - Trail clearing - Pico to Killington
Sunday, June 19 - Trail clearing - Gov. Clement.

If any members are interested and able to help please contact Churchill Scott, Tel. PR 5-5720

Churchill Scott, Chair.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Treasurer Eleanor Walker reports that she has received donations totaling \$9.80 toward the expense of re-building Pico Shelter. We certainly appreciate these donations.

SUNNYSIDE

The trip to Sunnyside on March 5th was perfectly timed, coming as it did the day after a good March snow storm.

On arrival at Meldon School we were pleased to find a good group of workers assembled, as the main object of this trip, in addition to a snowshoe outing, was repair work on the doors at Sunnyside.

Arriving at the junction of Route 103 and the Spring Lake Ranch road, all the tools, lumber, lunches, snowshoes, and miscellaneous impedimenta were loaded into Harold Valiquette's truck which was equipped to drive in as far as the snowshoeing point.

With nothing to carry we enjoyed a leisurely walk up the hills admiring the beauty of the fresh snow all around us.

Donning snowshoes at the end of the road, we took off through the fields, finding the snowshoeing excellent.

Arriving at Sunnyside a fire was started and the men went to work at once on repairing the doors.

With a good fire in the stove and a tarpaulin hung across nearby to keep out the wintery breezes, we soon had a warm corner for the non-workers to relax in while the coffee water heated.

After a lunchtime break the men continued work while of the rest, some went for walks and others continued to enjoy the cozy stove corner.

When as much work had been completed as time would allow, we packed up our gear for the return trip. This was a real day's work and one more day should complete putting the doors in good shape.

Spurning offers of a ride down we retraced our steps to the cars, while some of the juniors enjoyed the thrills and spills of a sled ride down.

With more good work parties like this 1960 should be a year of accomplishment.

CLARENDON LODGE

Sunday, March 20th was another good day for a winter outing. Opinions varied as to whether or not there would be snowshoeing - so some took snowshoes and some didn't. We found that you could get there either with or without, but we think the "withs" had a little the best of it.

Arriving at Clarendon Lodge, we found, as we had half expected, Ben Rolston there to welcome us, and a good fire going. Ben having spent the night there, the Lodge was in good shape, and as there was little work to be done, the day was pleasantly spent enjoying a leisurely lunch, taking short walks (for those who had snowshoes). and the never failing pastime of just talking. The junior members found the snow excellent for making snowmen.

Everyone seemed reluctant to leave and we lingered on until late afternoon. These late winter (or is it early spring?) outings are often some of the best ones of the year.

TUCKER HIKE

Four people braved the wet weather on Sunday, April 24th to make the hike to Tucker.

On the way in they met a group of hikers from the Middlebury College Outing Club who had spent the night at Tucker. This group reported that they had found the shelter quite "messy" on their arrival but had done a clean-up job. Arriving at Tucker, the Killington Section group found that they had indeed done an excellent piece of work and had also left a good supply of wood. Thanks Middlebury!

As Jack Martin had previously taken in some materials to work with the four hikers were able to make the most of their time at Tucker by doing some in-door repair work.

BUFFUM SHELTER
by
Barbara Allard

The paper said there might be spring flowers, so a total of 17 people, about 9 of them children, gathered to make the trip to Buffum Shelter to see what they could find.

Though the snow was gone in Rutland we found that the trail was covered with snow. The younger members could walk on the top of the crust and thought it was a big joke when the older ones sank up to their knees in snow. The trip in seemed quite short and we soon came to the shelter curled up in the snow in front of the brook. Feeling the pangs of hunger we decided to build the fire outside the shelter in the spot where we thought the fireplace was. It was there too. Even with dampish wood and the snow base the expert fireman soon had a good hot fire and two of the boys were pressed into service to hold the coffee pot over the fire. A few of the others had cleaned up the camp while the fire was being started. Even the littlest ones (three and four years) helped. The sun kept coming in to see what all the commotion was about.

When lunch was over, two of the men took a short walk up Button Hill. The rest of us stayed at camp and discussed the best site for a new shelter. When the men got back with a few pussy-willows it was getting chilly so we decided to start back to Rutland. The snow had softened so that places that were safe on the way up were now too soft. The little ones liked that!

The spring flowers? After we got to the cars and started back toward Rutland we found lots and lots of big fluffy snow-drops. Real ones.

ADDITIONS TO 1960
MEMBERSHIP LIST.

Martha Adams
Barbara Allard
Johnny Allard
Judy Allard
Mary Elizabeth Allard
Robert L. Allcott
Harriet Bryant
Miles Bryant
George Conlon
Diana Conlon
Edith Ewald
Fred Field
Helen Frink
Minerva Hinchey
Margo Montague
William Montague
Anne Perkins
David Perkins
Polly Perkins
Tim Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Ellen Russell
Patricia Sabourin
Bernice Tuttle
Carlton Wilson

KEEP IT IN MIND

This is the last issue of SMOKE & BLAZES to be sent to the 1959 mailing list. Get on the 1960 list by sending dues to Eleanor Walker, Treas. 87 Baxter Street, Rutland, Vermont.



SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 13 No. 4 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB July-Aug. 1960

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sun., July 10 - 9:30 A.M.
PLACE: Abby Pond

This one might well be called a mystery hike. All we know about it is that intrigued by a directional sign ABBY TRAIL on Rte. 116 between East Middlebury and Bristol, we suggested a trip there to the Outing Chairman and here it is.

Better meet with us at Meldon School at 9:30 and come along and see what we find.

TIME: Sat., July 23 - 10 A.M.
PLACE: Shrewsbury Peak

Shrewsbury Peak is one of our nearby mountains of the Coolidge Range. It is reached by a side trail which runs from The Long Trail on Little Killington over the peak to the Northam Camping Area in Coolidge State Forest. It is about a 2 mile hike from the Camping Area to the summit. This is a very pleasant mountain with an excellent view. It is not a very difficult climb so plan to come and bring a friend or the children.

TIME: Sunday, Aug. 7th
PLACE: CVPS Camp

Once again Eleanor Walker has secured the use of the Central Vermont Public Service Corp. camp for an outing at Chittenden Dam. This is always a pleasant family affair for young and old alike, so mark your calendar now and plan to come. Bring your swim suit and a big lunch and make it a big, leisurely day. For the benefit of those who do not know the way the group will gather at Meldon School at 10:30 A.M., or if you wish to come at a later hour directions may be obtained from Outing Chairman, Craigie Perkins (Tel. PR 3-7954). Come any time and stay as long as you wish.

TIME: Aug. 27 to Sept. 5
PLACE: Intersectional at Eden, Vt.

Full details on the Summer Intersectional are found on the last page. This is the first time a full week has been set aside for the Intersectional, so why not plan to attend all or part of the time.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of G.M.C. was held at Long Trail Lodge on Saturday, May 28th.

The day began with a Coffee Hour at 10 A.M. which gave every one a chance to greet old friends and catch up with what was new with them.

The business meeting was called to order about 11 A.M. and proceeded with the customary reports from Sections and general items of business relating to the Club and its Trails and Shelters. This will be reported on in detail in the next LONG TRAIL NEWS.

The fact that this was our 50th Anniversary was commemorated with attractive place mats used on the tables at luncheon and dinner. These anniversary place mats are available from Publicity Chairman, Jack Martin. (Price 50¢ for 25 mats).

Larry Dean of the Burlington Section announced plans for the Intersectional to be held at Lake Eden the last week in August. It is planned to make this the big event of our Anniversary Year. As Larry outlined the plans this is something you won't want to miss.

For the evening program, Ben Rolston, 3 times End-to-End, took us with him on an interesting and easy trip over The Trail by means of his excellent collection of colored slides.

A large number of out of town members made Tall Timber their over night headquarters and the Sunday hikes started from there. Favored with perfect summer hiking weather, enthusiastic groups were organized with various objectives. One group drove to Killington Basin and rode the lift to the top of the mountain, some returning by the same route while others hiked to Pico Shelter and Sherburne Pass. Another group hiked to Pico Shelter and thence to the top of Pico. Still another group, from the New York Section elected to

visit one of the shelters on their section of The Trail. Many returned to Tall Timber for a second night and made a leisurely departure on Monday.

All in all it was an interesting and enjoyable GMC weekend.

BIRD MOUNTAIN

On Saturday, May 7th we revisited a spot which has not been included on the schedule recently. Our Schenectady members, Dorothy and Ben Rolston, joined us for this one and nine of us started from Meldon School for Bird Mt.

Outing Chairman, Craig Perkins had heard from the Green Mt. College group that they would join us on the mountain later in the day, so various directional signs were devised along the way to encourage and guide them. These must have been quite effective as even though the trail was a bit hard to follow in spots, we all eventually assembled at the spring and were joined there later by the Green Mt. College group and three more Rutland hikers.

The spring was promptly christened "Rigor Mortis Spring" by two of our Junior members who claimed their hands became numb from cold in clearing it out.

After lunch there was the usual consideration as to whether or not to make the steep climb to the top of the mountain. In the end, also as usual it was felt to be too bad to be so near and miss the fine view. So, we climbed to the top and as always felt well rewarded. There's a feeling gained from being on top of a mountain which can't be described.

For the Green Mt. College group this was a first trip to Bird Mountain and they found it a wholly satisfying experience. It was equally satisfying to those of us who had made the trip many times before.

WILCOX HILL
by
Ann Reynolds

In the last issue of SMOKE AND BLAZES, the trip to Wilcox Hill on May 15 was listed as "a new trip on our schedule." It was so new in fact that none of the nine people (including four juniors) who turned out on a gray, unpromising morning, knew just how to get to the top!

We drove out Cold River Road, turned left at the bridge, and left again, near the old cheese factory, where the trail to Gov. Clement Shelter goes off to the right. We continued our ride past several abandoned-looking farm houses, until we came within sight of Wilcox Hill, and parked the cars. Here we asked directions of a farmer. He told us to go up the road which cut through his property until we came to a "big maple". There we were supposed to go left and find a road which would take us to the top of the hill.

Seeing no "big maple", we decided to continue on around the hill in search of water to go with lunch. We finally found a brook and a nice clearing in the woods for a lunch stop. Rain started and stopped several times, but it was never hard enough to dampen our spirits or the fire.

By now, the top of the hill rose rather sharply behind us, and we decided the best way was simply to take off cross country and head for the summit. The woods were quite open with many wild flowers in bloom, and we reached the top without much difficulty. Although the sky hadn't cleared much, the view still was lovely enough to make us want to come back on a clearer day. All in all, it was a very good pioneer trip!

STONEY BROOK SHELTER

When we checked in at Meldon School at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, June 12th it looked at first as though there weren't going to be enough hikers to carry out this exploration trip as planned. However, just as we were about to give up hope, four more arrived and the trip was underway.

Using two station wagons for transportation, we drove first to the Sherburne schoolhouse on the Sherburne Hollow road, where we left one car. Loading all the hikers into the other station wagon, we drove back to Rts. 100 and on to Gaysville where we turned off on the road leading to "Notown". This good country road followed along beside Stoney Brook crossing and recrossing it at intervals, for about 6 miles. We left the car at what appeared to be the end of navigation for automobiles and proceeded on foot following the old road and the Appalachian Trail marks, expecting to see "Notown" and Stoney Brook Shelter at the top of each rise.

We walked and we walked. The country was interesting, the trail comparatively easy, but no shelter appeared. The usual hour for lunch came and went, still we walked.

Finally, the trail having climbed and veered to the right, leaving Stoney Brook far below and to the left of us, we reluctantly decided we had somewhere by-passed the shelter. It now being about one-thirty we made our lunch stop near the first available water. A place for the fire was dug out, the fire was started and in record time coffee water was boiling. The mosquitoes and black flies which hadn't bothered much up to now, prohibited lingering over lunch and we were soon on our way again.

(Con't. on next page)

On and up over the ridge and then the trail followed a logging road down along the shoulder with a deep ravine on one side. We speculated on the identity of some interesting wild flowers and at one point startled a small bird from a nest under a root in the bank on the side of the road. A cautious peek into the nest revealed small white eggs with a brown ring on the end. We needed Betty Ball along to tell us what kind they were.

Finally we reached the spot where we had ended our winter hike in this area and soon came down onto the Sherburne Hollow road. Then to the schoolhouse for the car and back around to our starting point; which we now decided was probably "Notown"; and home.

No, we still haven't been to Stoney Brook Shelter but this was an interesting trip and some day we plan to go back again and find that shelter.

REPORT OF TRAILS AND SHELTERS COMMITTEE

The Trails and Shelters Committee has very little to report for this two month period. The most important work done was to repair the windows at Pico with the help of Mrs. Lovejoy and a group of students from Green Mountain College.

Mr. Ben Rolston has returned from a very interesting drive through the western states and soon we are going to have some more trail clearing parties to finish the work on the Killington Section.

Churchill Scott,
Chairman

LITTLE ROCK POND

Arriving at Meldon at 9:30 A.M., on Saturday, June 25th, we were surprised to find only six hikers on hand for this old favorite. Although not a bright sunny day the temperature was good for hiking and a fresh breeze promised that bugs would be no problem.

Going in most of us decided to go around the east side of the Pond and in so doing found that the beavers had changed the terrain in that area considerably. We spent some time in finding a spot where we could cross without deep wading, but finally made it with Mary Perkins' guidance. Even the bridge to the island was partially under water so at this point one of the party gave up and taking off her shoes and socks, just waded.

At the shelter we found a fire already going, thanks to a group of Massachusetts Boy Scouts and their leaders who had been in camp over night. They reported a very heavy rain and thunder storm in the night.

The wind from the Pond was quite cool and no one felt any urge for a swim or even to linger long after lunch. We made the return trip along the west shore, finding the trail quite wet from the recent storm.

Betty Ball planned a short vacation in Vermont to coincide with this outing and it was good to have her hiking with us again. Betty reports that she likes her work in North Carolina and has recently purchased a bit of land outside of town and a trailer, so she is enjoying country living in her own home.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS OF THE BIG 1960 INTERSECTIONAL!

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB INTERSECTIONAL WEEK - LAKE EDEN, VERMONT - 50TH YEAR, 1960

PLAN TO ATTEND the Intersectional Week, August 27 through September 5, at Lake Eden, Vermont. The Long Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, has kindly given us the use of the facilities of the Mount Norris Scout Reservation, including camping sites, cook shacks with stoves, recreation hall, beach, boats, canoes, cots, mattresses and even one or two large tents. Stay one day or ten days but be sure to come!

ALL KINDS OF ACTIVITIES can be enjoyed. There is something for everyone. Hiking, camping, swimming, fishing, canoeing, boating, woodland walking, wading, bird watching, just plain loafing and even badminton and volley ball. This is the schedule of hikes the committee has planned, not to mention innumerable hikes you can take on your own. Notice that at least two hikes have been planned each day: usually an easy one and a little harder one.

- Aug. 28 - (1) Mount Norris
(2) Belvedere Mt. to Tillotson Camp and back by way of Frank Post Memorial Trail
- Aug. 29 - (1) Mt. Hunger (Worcester Range)
(2) Spruce Peak (by chair lift or trail) and Elephant's Head
- Aug. 30 - (1) Domey's Dome to Taft Brook and out to Rt. 100 (Bushwhacking)
(2) Burke Mt. (you can drive up if you want to)
- Aug. 31 - (1) Belvedere Mt. to old mine
(2) Ritterbush Pond and Devil's Gulch from Frying Pan Brook
- Sept. 1 - (1) Mt. Pisgah and Lake Willoughby
(2) Westmore or Bald Mt.
- Sept. 2 - (1) Camel's Hump
(2) Pinnacle near Richford
- Sept. 3 - (1) Jay Peak
(2) Journey's End and International Line Post 592
(3) Rt. 105 to Journey's End
- Sept. 4 - (1) Mt. Mansfield by trail, chair lift or toll road
(2) Owls Head and view of Lake Memphremagog

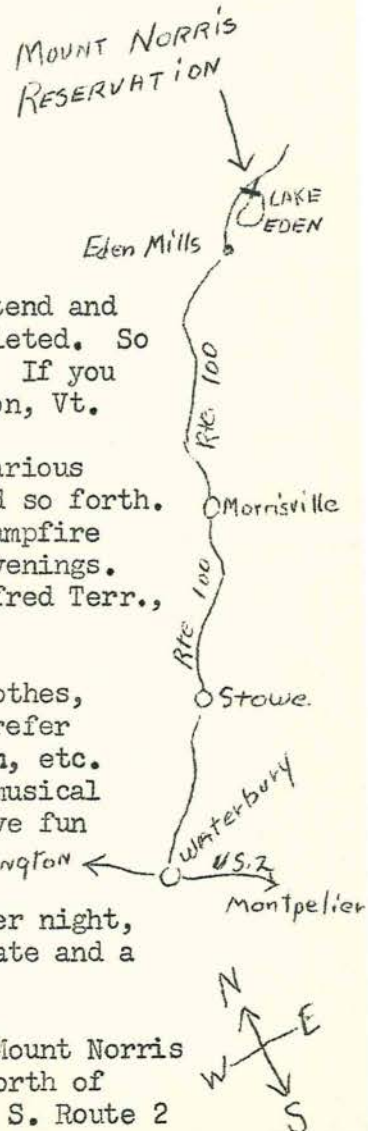
SECTION PRESIDENTS should find out how many of their members plan to attend and should notify Larry Dean by August 5, if possible, so plans can be completed. So let your Section President know your plans by then if you possibly can. If you can't plan in advance, come anyway! Larry Dean, 964 Pine St., Burlington, Vt.

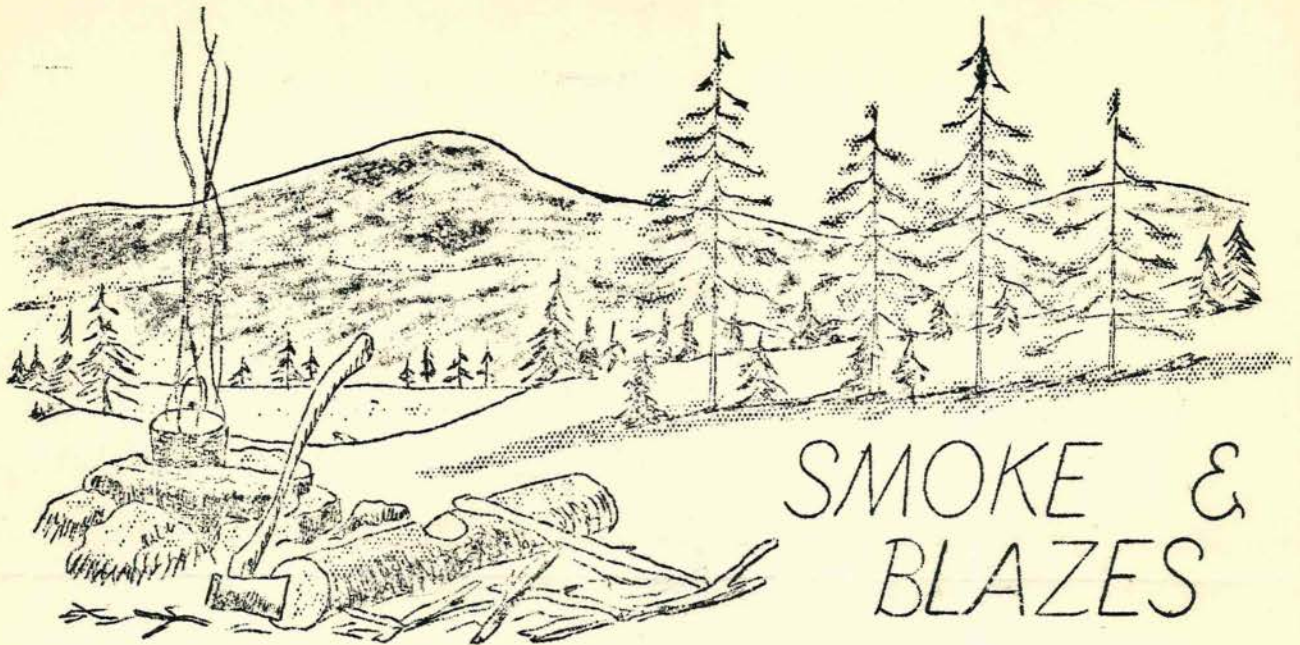
CAMPFIRES OR OTHER ENTERTAINMENT will be presented every evening, the various Sections taking turns as hosts. Stunts, song-singing, story-telling and so forth. Make your Section's night the best and the most fun! The Recognition Campfire event will be Sept. 3, but your Section can pick any one of the other evenings. Tell Don Havens which night and what you plan to do. Don Havens, 46 Alfred Terr., Burlington, Vt.

BRING YOUR OWN food, cooking and eating utensils, hiking and camping clothes, swim suit, bedding, tent, gas or kerosene lantern and/or stove if you prefer (wood stoves and wood provided), flashlight, packsack for carrying lunch, etc. If you have them, bring your own: wife or husband, kids, pets, canoes, musical instruments, sports equipment, imagination and a desire to relax and have fun and hike if you feel like it.

IT WILL COST YOU fifty cents per person per night or \$1.00 per family per night, which you can pay on arrival. At this time you will be given a name plate and a souvenir shoulder patch commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Club.

YOU CAN GET TO THE CAMP by taking Route 100 north from Waterbury. The Mount Norris Reservation is on Lake Eden, just north of Eden Mills, about 15 miles north of Morrisville, which is about 19 miles north of Waterbury, which is on U. S. Route 2 twelve miles west of Montpelier.





Vol. 13 No. 5 Killington Section - Green Mountain Club Sept.-Oct. 1960

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat. Sept. 24 - 10 A.M.
PLACE: Bald Mt. - Red Rocks

This mountain in our backyard should make an excellent fall foliage trip. The road up the Notch is always beautiful, the trail is not very difficult, and the views worth the effort. Your editor hasn't made the trip since the year the "coffee froze" but think I might risk it again! Red Rocks is down over the side of the mountain and should provide an excellent view and an interesting return route. This trip will leave Meldon School at 10 A.M.

TIME: Sun. Oct. 9 - 10 A.M.
PLACE: Blue Ridge

This is another old favorite close by. The trail is very pleasant through a full range of hard and soft woods with enough opening at the top to afford an excellent view up and down the valley. The beautiful cascades about two-thirds of the way up

should make an excellent lunch stop. The foliage should be at its height so set the date down and plan to attend. We will leave Meldon School at 10 A.M. If you wish to go after Sunday School or Church call the Martins (3-8621) as they plan to go around 10:30 AM.

TIME: Sat. Oct. 22 - 6 P.M.
PLACE: Covered Dish Supper at Beechwood.

The covered dish supper is to be held a bit earlier this year so that the last of the fall foliage should still be visible - the walking excellent with many paths and byways to explore in the vicinity before we sit down to the heavily laden board. As usual we'd like to know how many plan to attend and what you'd prefer to bring - hot dish, salad or dessert, or one of the store items. Please call Janet Martin (3-8621) by Saturday A.M. Oct. 22.

Supper will be set out at 6 P.M. but come early if you can to tramp around the woods and renew old friendships.

RUMMAGE SALE - OCT. 29 RUMMAGE SALE - OCT. 29 RUMMAGE SALE - OCT. 29

COMING EVENTS (CON'T.)

- 2 -

TIME: Sat Oct. 29
PLACE: Neighborhood Rooms
Activity - RUMMAGE SALE

Now is the time to go through your closets and attics to find everything you can to add to that collection you have been making all year for the RUMMAGE SALE. Call on your neighbors too and see if they haven't some things they'd be glad to get rid of.

Remember this is our one big money making activity. As soon as we feel we can afford it we'd like to replace Buffum Shelter so let's see if we can't add at least \$100 to the fund on Oct. 29th. If we have enough to sell we can surely do it.

As usual we'll be at the Neighborhood Rooms all day the day before the sale to receive your donations and get them priced and arranged so bring us your things on FRIDAY OCT. 28. If you can't get them to us call Craigie or Vera Perkins before Friday and we'll arrange to collect them. Anything sells - well almost anything!

We'll need some helpers so get in touch with us if you can help on either Friday or Saturday. If we don't hear from you some of you will hear from us!

TIME: Sun. Nov. 6 - 9 A.M.
PLACE: Mt. Hanley, West Rutland

This might be classified as a mystery hike as it will be our first trip to this haystack shaped mountain near West Rutland. All you explorers pack your sack and come along; reports are this in an interesting mountain. We'll never know until we try it. It is located north of Route 4, west of West Rutland. We will gather at Meldon School at 9-00 AM.

THE ABBEY POND TRIP

by
"Barbie" Allard

It looked at first as though there would be only two to make the trip to Abbey Pond, but by waiting a half hour the number swelled to sixteen. The weather still looked good so we left Rutland to conquer the unknown (to us) trails. Leaving the cars at an intersection of wood roads, we took the one heading into the woods. The trail is an old road though it is now quite impassable to anything but animals, human or otherwise. It isn't so terribly steep but goes up quite steadily until it levels out on the top. The up part was really more interesting than the level part. There are a great many very large rocks, some as large as houses, lying around as if some giant had gotten tired of carrying them and had chucked them out of his pocket. Much of this part of the trail follows a very lively brook. When hunger stopped us we decided to eat where we could sit beside the brook. There we discovered that the men outnumbered the women and for the first time in quite awhile they did all the wood-gathering and fire-building. Since the GMC now uses instant coffee there could be no discussion as to how that should be made, but there was much arguing as to the proper procedure for building a small fire. Regardless of this the water still boiled, finally.

After eating we continued on our way. Abbey Pond turned out to have been taken over by the beavers. It was too mucky around the edges to swim or do much wading. Three of us decided to go back to the brook and try swimming there. We hurried back and had about a half hour before the others came. When they arrived almost everyone stuck his feet in. That's all that was needed to cool off! From there a short jaunt took us back to the cars. For some reason the trail to Abbey Pond is longer than the trail from Abbey Pond.

SHREWSBURY PEAK

Augmented by a sizable group of Cub Scouts and their leaders, we left Meldon School on Saturday, July 23rd for a visit to Shrewsbury Peak.

Driving to the old Northam picnic area, we parked our cars and started hiking along a shady trail. The trail soon became more rocky and steeper - first down and then up. A rain the previous day had left it wet and slippery enough in places to add a touch of excitement.

Lunch time came before most of the group had reached the peak. Since there would be no water available at the top, we decided to make a lunch stop first and go on to our objective after lunch.

Chief firemen, Churchill Scott and Ray Catozzi soon had the coffee water hot and all settled down to the enjoyment of a meal.

With energies revived by food and rest we packed up our gear and started on the last lap to the top.

The trail seemed to be a bit longer and steeper than we had expected, but all was going well until with a sharp crack of thunder the rain, which had been threatening all morning, arrived.

Some of us immediately decided to turn back while others went on a bit farther before concluding that since there would be no view at the top there was little point in a longer walk in the rain. One small group had gone on to the peak before stopping for lunch. This group not only had the distinction of being the only ones to reach the peak but also enjoyed (?) the full effect of a thunder-shower on a mountain top.

The return trip was made in alternate sun and rain with sun predominating sufficiently so that everyone was pretty well dried out by the time we reached the cars. This was a new trip for most of us and the hike was fun. Next time we hope the weather cooperates.

C.V.P.S. CAMP

Our luck still held and Sunday, August 7th was the typical fine summer day we have come to expect for our outing at Chittenden Pond.

The attendance was good this year with nearly everyone arriving in time for a swim before lunch. We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Hans Fritsch, Killington Section members from Copiague, N.Y., who were vacationing at Tall Timber, with us. Mr. Fritsch brought along his telescope which he set up on the beach. This aided not only in observing any birds and other wild life which might be around but also in watching the water skiing which some of the party were trying out.

We missed the Craigie Perkinses the Allards, and the rubber boat, but otherwise the day followed its usual pleasant program of swimming, sunning, eating, and talking.

Most of the group left in the late afternoon but a few stayed on to watch the twilight settle over the Pond.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Marie Bell is now Mrs. George Daley and will be living at 739 Main St. Bennington. Marie and George are both teaching in Bennington this year and hope to hike some of the southern end of the Trail.

During the summer several new prospective GMC members have made their appearance.

Ernest Graham Hathaway, son of Suzanne and Bob Hathaway.

Thomas Philip Martin, son of Jan and Jack Martin. (Tommy has already attended two GMC outings).

Elizabeth Anne Buchanan, daughter of the Andy Buchanans, who though Burlington Section members are known to many in the Killington Section

Congratulations to all.

The week long Intersectional at Lake Eden proved to be a great success and congratulations should go to Larry Dean and all his helpers in the Burlington Section for a well organized and all around excellent performance.

The next LONG TRAIL NEWS will no doubt give an over all story of the week. Each person attending could write a story from his own point of view and each would be different. Your editor, Janet Martin, has written hers as follows:

The Martin clan with the able assistance of Aunt Vera Perkins made the Intersectional Camp for Labor Day weekend by converging on the south and east. Jack had been working on a highway project in Bloomfield, way up in "The Kingdom". The family of course was all in Rutland. By diligent planning, and packing tents, sleeping bags, stove and non-perishables in Jack's car a week in advance (some people may have wondered why anyone would drive a car all over the state with a crib and basinette in the back) and carrying the perishables and clothing with us, we managed to arrive at camp within ten minutes of each other. Just at the time too when our youngest was beginning to get a bit insulted that no one fed him his supper! That situation was soon corrected while Vera got supper out and Jack set up camp - a very efficient team. Supper was soon followed by bedtime for the little ones: Betsy and Tommy in the "bus" and Carol and Nancy in the tent. Soon all was quiet and Jack and Jan went over to the main building for campfire where Jack entertained with his accordion. Several members of other sections related tall tales. Our President, Don Kent, we discovered was quite talented along these lines.

When we returned to camp the

moon was up - almost full - and the air was crisp and clear. We made ourselves some hot cocoa from the hot water after warming the baby's bottle and it really hit the spot. The moon was so bright flashlights were unnecessary,

Saturday dawned clear and cold but by putting our clothes on over our pajamas we managed to be quite warm for breakfast. Mid morning found us making a circuit of the main camp area, meeting on the way Florence Van Wyck and Barbie and Judy Allard who were just arriving. We didn't attempt any hikes this year but did take a drive up through Hazen's Notch where Jan waxed nostalgic about a porcupine incident on her honeymoon.

Returning to camp we found that Craigie and Mary Perkins had arrived for the End-To-ENDER's campfire. They ate their picnic supper at our campsite. Note to interested family campers: paper dishes and cups are well worth the investment as the children don't like to hang around while the dishes are washed and mother likes a vacation too. Simple meals with one cooked item seem most convenient for a short trip. Save the complicated meals until the kinder are big enough to do some of the chores. It is also recommended that you get an extra "aunt" or such to go along if you have several little ones - they are worth their weight in gold.

After the End-to-ENDER Campfire program Saturday evening, we once again bedded down for the night in full moonlight with little hint of what was to come. Shortly after midnight the moon was covered with clouds and we awoke in the morning to the ping-ping of rain on the roof. We were thankful our camp site had a cook shack where Jack quickly moved our stove, table and chairs under cover. The rain chased us home after breakfast as it seemed impossible to keep the active youngsters in out of the rain.

REPORT OF TRAILS AND SHELTERS COMMITTEE

The trails and Shelters Committee has been rather inactive during the summer months but there have been a number of individual work parties.

Mr. Henderson and a group of Boy Scouts from Pittsfield, Mass. spent a week hiking the trail from Little Rock Pond to Sherburne Pass staying over night at Buffum and Gov. Clement Shelters. At each shelter they spent a few hours cleaning up the camp, rebuilding the fireplaces and cleaning up the dumps.

Mr. Ben Ralston has spent two days working on the Trail north of Gov. Clement shelter, getting it in good shape as possible but he says it will take much more work to be in A-1 shape.

Ray Catozzi, Ken Day and their sons spent a day clearing trail between Cooper and Pico Lodge. They clipped brush and put up arrows and improved the Trail in general but especially where the ski trails and lifts cross the Long Trail.

Before the snow flies the Committee would like to plan two over-night work parties - one at Pico Lodge to work on the trail and one to Gov. Clement to work on both the shelter and Trail. If anyone is willing and able to help, the Committee will be very glad to hear from them.

Churchill Scott
Chairman

ADVENTURE IN THE WEST By Charlotte Bell

On August 1st an invitation came from an uncle in Rochester, N. Y. to drive west with him and his two children - Sue, who is my age and Alan who is twelve. The plan was to meet my other uncle at his home in Los Alamos, N.M. and tent in five national parks, taking along his son Earl, also twelve. That paried up uncles, girl cousins and boy cousins, like three sets of twins.

We left Rochester on the 6th in a station wagon, with our green umbrella tent, an air mattress and sleeping bag apiece. We used the latter for naps along the way.

Being in a hurry to get out to the Rockies, we made a fast trip directly to New Mexico, dirving through New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. On the way out we saved time by staying at motels. After driving 512 miles one day, with the temperature 95 in the shade, we certainly enjoyed our midnight swim in the motel pool.

The flat land of the west stretched on as far as we could see. It made me want to run on and on; it made me feel light and free. It was easy driving; I wished I was old enough! It was smooth riding and I wrote a log of the trip.

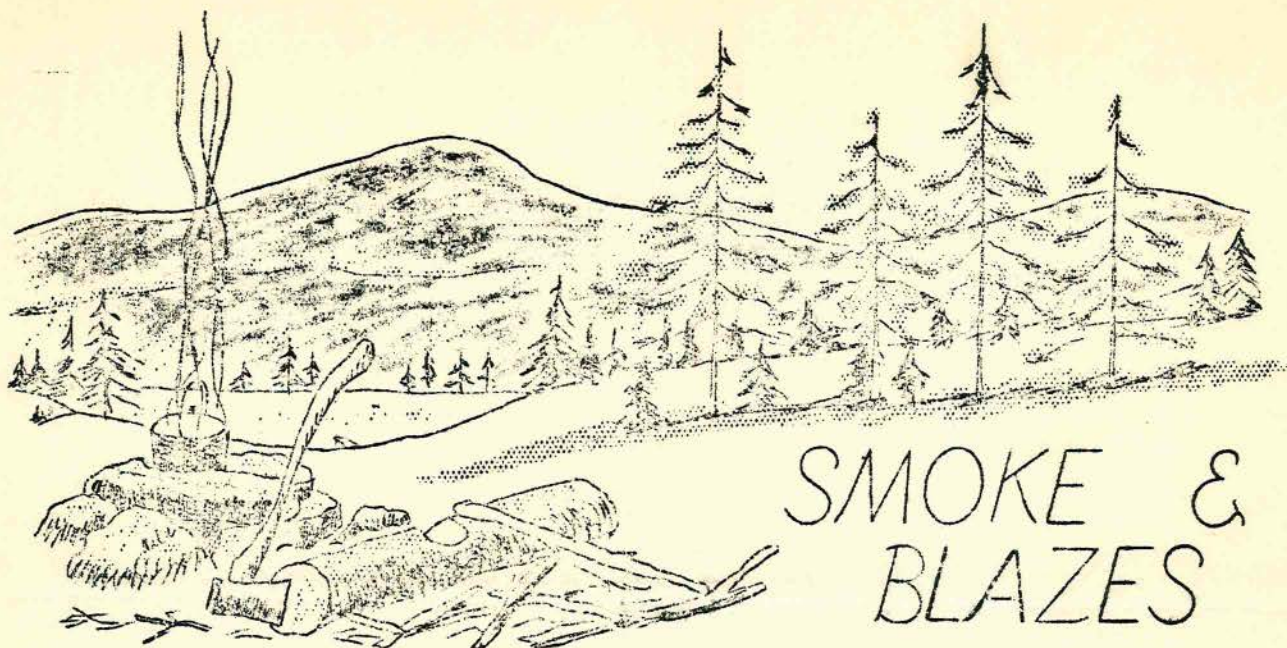
Uncle Joe's home in Los Alamos is a new one of western ranch style. He is a physicist working on Uncle Sam's hydrogen bomb project there. Both his home and his office are over a mile high. The altitude made me a little dizzy at first. The skiing is good there in the Rockies.

Our first national park was Frijoles Canyon where we explored the Indian cliff dwellings. At the Otowi Caves I was lucky enough to find an arrowhead chipped out of white quartz and bits of pottery which had been washed down from the dwellings above.

In a half day spent in Santa Fe it was obvious that the boys were most interested in the wild west aspects of the museum - the old guns, covered wagons and prairie stagecoaches - while Sue and I liked best the Indian and Mexican crafts in the gift shops. We bought beautiful rings of turquoise and silver.

On the desert we saw a few pueblos with TV antennas, but usually the adobe houses looked shabby. The roofs were so flat that sometimes the children played on them. Some Indians still live in caves.

(To be continued)



SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 13 No. 6 Killington Section - Green Mountain Club Nov.-Dec.1960

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat. Nov. 19, 9-00 AM
PLACE: Pico Peak

Here is an opportunity for one last visit to the mountain tops before they become snow-bound and the special provence of the skier. Bundle up in your warmest windbreaker and join us for the climb to see that our new Pico Shelter is ship-shape for the winter. We will meet at Meldon School at 9:00 AM.

TIME Sun. Dec. 4, 11-00 AM
PLACE: Buffum Shelter

We may find a little snow on the ground for this one, but probably not enough to dig out the snowshoes. Better be looking them over though as they will be needed soon! This is always a favorite winter trip as it isn't too far but always enjoyable. We will leave from Meldon School at 11:00 AM.

TIME: Sat. Dec. 17, 10-00 AM
PLACE: Gov. Clement Shelter

Take a break from the rush of Christmas shopping and get out in the great outdoors. If there is enough snow for snowshoes bring them or skis. If not, the walking will be good up the road to Gov. Clement. We will meet at Meldon School at 10-00 AM

TIME Sat. Jan. 7, 7-00 PM
PLACE: Moonlight Hike, Tucker Lodge

Once again we find on our schedule a moonlight hike into Tucker Lodge. Those who have gone before know how enjoyable this different sort of outing is. We use snowshoes if there is sufficient snow and flashlights before the moon rises. Coffee, cocoa, and doughnuts. are enjoyed at the Lodge. Dig out your "long-Johns" and make plans to go this year. We will gather at Meldon School at 7-00 PM.

THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN HIKE

by
Mary C. Isbell

The hike to the summit of Blue Ridge Mountain was especially rewarding because the Fall Foliage reached its climax that weekend. For this reason we enjoyed the drive to and from the trail almost as much as the hike itself. Starting from Tall Timber Camp, we ambled along what appeared to be an easy trail, until we came to a steep path of jagged rocks which resembled a long ladder or stairway. At this point everyone decided to have lunch and gather strength.

We found a group of flat rocks adjacent to The Cascades and here the women filled canteen and coffee pot while the men cut wood and built our fire. After lunch we climbed briskly until we reached the top of the mountain. There we enjoyed the views and planned our next trip.

Descending proved to be more difficult than climbing. Alas! The rocks bruised feet clad in "sneakers" and plain old shoes and caused the careless to slip and slide.

A tour of the camp was the next attraction. The cabins looked comfortable, and the pond was more inviting than the usual swimming pool. We also sampled the tasty red apples from Craigue's orchard just before we left.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Dr. Wm. Allard and wife and daughter Kathy are having an interesting experience living and working at The Crow Agency in Montana. "Dr. Bill" is with the U. S. Public Health Service.

BALD MT. AND RED ROCKS

On Saturday, September 24th a sizable group was on hand to take advantage of a perfect fall hiking day.

It was planned to vary the Bald Mt. trip this time by returning over Red Rocks. Accordingly, Vera's car was left at the cement bridge on the Cold River road to await the return of the hikers who all piled into Craigue's station wagon and set off for the top of "The Notch".

The hike up Bald Mt. seemed surprisingly short and easy, possibly because on our last trip the trail was hard to find which resulted in much wandering around.

Lunch hour on the top of the mountain was very pleasant with the sun warm and the trees just beginning to show their fall color.

The trail down over the rocks was sort of "catch-as-catch-can", but since there was no doubt as to which way was down there was little difficulty in striking the old road which would lead us back to the Cold River road and the waiting car.

At just about this time Vera suddenly recalled that the keys to said car she had safely cached in the glove compartment of the station wagon at the top of "The Notch".

Fortunately, a little extra hike of about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles would procure the spare set of keys. Mary and Vera set off ahead with no dilly-dallying, leaving the others to follow more leisurely, inspect an old cemetery along the route, and generally fill in time. After not too long an interval the group was reunited and everyone eventually reached home.

It's often an unexpected quirk on the part of the weather or some individual which adds a bit of extra spice to an outing.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$158 TOWARD NEW BUFFUM SHELTER

We were hoping for \$125 this year just for the fun of breaking our \$121 record. We could hardly believe it when the final tally showed \$158 to add to our treasury.

This was possible only because of the excellent cooperation of everyone. Some of our out-of-town members as Helen Bailey and Fran Green took the trouble to bring us their clothing donations. Through the efforts of another out-of-town member, Mrs. Harriot Bryant, and the courtesy of Mr. Lincoln Isham of Dorset, another excellent collection came to us. Some of our newer members as the Bob Hathaways and the George Reynolds, brought in fine material. And of course all our long time in-town supporters must have come through with bigger and better collections than ever.

In addition to raising the most money, this year's sale goes on record as being the least work on the part of those in charge. Again, this was due to fine cooperation. With "Mim" Bell, Ruth Postman, Churchill Scott and "T" Valiquette all on hand most of the day Friday, we went through the work of sorting and pricing like a breeze. On Saturday back they came plus Bennett Bell and Eleanor Walker to help with the selling. Clean-up time brought Jack Martin and Harold Valiquette to lend a hand on that job.

Thanks everyone. Let's make it \$175 next year. Maybe we'll have that new shelter at Buffum sooner than we thought.

LOSE A WALLET ANYONE?

A wallet was found at Tall Timber after the Blue Ridge hike. The owner may retrieve it by contacting Mary or Craigie Perkins.

MT. HANLEY

The exploration trip to Mt. Hanley in West Rutland, on Sunday Nov. 6th, proved very successful.

Leaving the cars on the Whipple Hollow road 10 hikers started off through a pasture in the general direction of the mountain. After a short distance we came upon the first of a succession of wood roads. Guided by frequent checking with Churchill's topographical map we were able to choose the right one to lead to the ridge. Here we had a magnificent view of the valley and mountains to the west and south, for miles.

We followed along the ridge to the summit which on a clear day would afford a good view of the Green Mt. Range in this area. However, all agreed the view from the first look-out was the most outstanding.

As always, the lunch stop provided a pleasant interlude. We were especially interested in observing the expertness with which some of our younger hikers cooked and served their meal.

This hike took us through grass carpeted woods dotted with large clumps of deep green wax, or Christmas, ferns. Every now and then a stand of white birch added their own special charm.

Here is a nice mountain almost in our dooryard and it is well worth a visit. Go in late fall as we did, or try early spring, as foliage on the trees would conceal the views.

ANOTHER NEW HIKER

Arriving just too late to be announced in our last issue was John Reynolds, son of George and Ann Reynolds. John came to the Covered Dish Supper and we expect to see him out hiking most any day now! Congratulations.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Trails and Shelters Committee has been quite busy since the last issue of SMOKE & BLAZES.

Ray Catozzi and Churchill Scott have finished putting a new rear roof and replacing rotten roof boards on Tucker. Craigie Perkins has repaired the windows in Pico Lodge and checked it over for our scheduled hike there on Saturday November 19th.

Ray Catozzi, Bobby and Churchill Scott spent one day working on the Trail south of Pico Shelter, and last week a work party of Ray Catozzi, Geo. Reynolds, Craigie Perkins, Stephen Clapp, Ben Rolston and Churchill Scott labored in the snow and cold all day to clear the Trail between the Big Swamp and the ski trails to Killington Basin.

It has been years since we have had as large a work party as listed above. The committee is very glad to see so much enthusiasm in maintaining the Trail properly. We hope that in the future we will have many more such work parties for there are several miles of Trail which have not felt the touch of an axe or saw for years. Please support your Trails and Shelters committee by giving all the help you can to them.

Churchill Scott, Chairman

ADVENTURE IN THE WEST continued By Charlotte Bell

After crossing the lovely Painted Desert, we visited the Petrified Forest and brought back souvenirs of wood long since turned to stone. At Grand Canyon we tented with many people from all over the country. We hiked a mile and a half down into the canyon, in spite of the heat, and back again. We should like to have taken the mule trip down but it took a whole day. The scenery was unbelievable.

By this time we had settled on a rugged and unvaried pioneer lunch - a sandwich made of two slabs of bread with hunks of ham and cheese between - and something

to wash it down. It saved a lot of time, but I've tasted better!

Sometimes Sue and I slept in the station wagon with the others in the tent, and occasionally we slept right on the ground under the stars, and sometimes we changed around. We began to look for automats to do the laundry. At the end of the trip we kept four machines going at once!

Zion National Park and Bryce are photographers' paradises. Here the talks by the Rangers were very interesting, and so were the shows put on by college boys and girls who were employed there. (I'd like to spend a summer working out there myself someday).

When we drove through Salt Lake City we saw the first mountains which reminded me of home. In Grand Teton the lovely peaks were mirrored in Jackson Lake. To me this was the most beautiful view of all.

At Yellowstone National Park we had left the hot weather behind. In fact it was snowing when we pitched the tent; then the temperature went down to 29 degrees. There were two inches of snow on the ground in the morning, plenty for the boys to pelt us with snowballs. We shivered all night from cold and from fear of the grumpy bears who had been bothering the tourists. One had smashed a tent and broken a car window, ripping the interior before the ranger shot him. Alan saw a big black bear walking down the tent line. Some of them weighed three hundred pounds.

When Old Faithful erupted, it was a beautiful sight, as were the other geysers and boiling pools, some bright blue or black as ink. This really ended our sight-seeing, as Alan's face began to swell like a chipmunk's with a nut inside his cheek. The Wyoming Hospital said he had mumps! Next day I came down with mumps which stayed with me for five days and seven states.

Like all good Vermonters, I was glad to get home but will long remember the country out west and its fascinating scenery. What a great country we live in!

COVERED DISH SUPPER AT "BEECHWOOD"

"Beechwood", with its wooded trails, its large comfortable kitchen, and a blazing fire in the living room fireplace, once again was the setting, on October 22nd, for our fall covered dish supper. A record crowd of fifty (including two infants--the Martin's Tommy and the Reynolds' John) filled every available table and chair.

The many children present -- not to mention the adults -- made short work of the great variety of main dishes, salads, and desserts. The busy kitchen crew kept the coffee in circulation and the dining room table filled.

After everyone had eaten, and furniture had been moved around in the living room the gang settled down for an interesting slide show. Bennet Bell showed pictures taken by their daughter Rachel, on a camping trip in the West. Ray Katozzi provided scenes from a recent hike, and Churchill Scott showed an assortment of slides from activities during the past year.

Craigie Perkins, as "master of ceremonies", outlined the club schedule for the next few months.

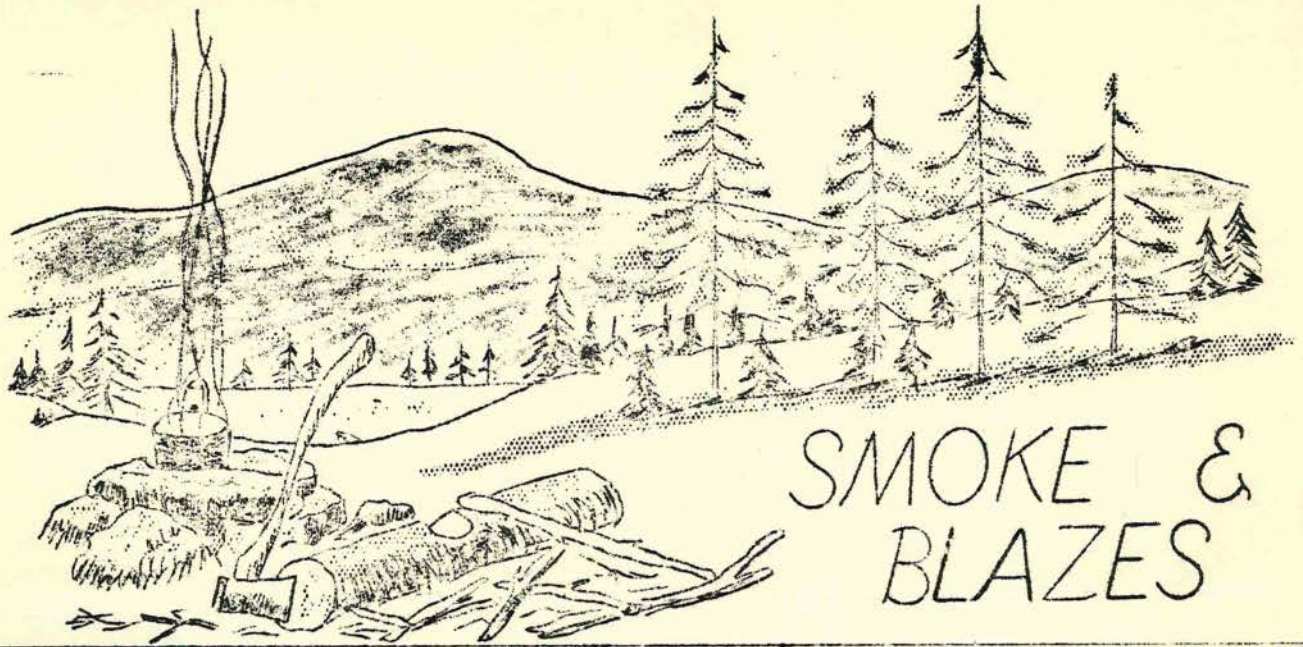
Our thanks go to the Perkins for making possible this evening of good fun and fellowship.

Ann Reynolds

ARE YOU WONDERING?

Are you wondering why you have found on page 5 the article which should have been on page 3; or why page 4 is crowded to the margins while page 5 has plenty of extra space? Don't waste energy trying to find the answers - your editorial assistant confused the issue this time. Cheer up though the year is nearly over and you can hope for a change of management.

In the meantime since this is the last issue of SMOKE AND BLAZES before the holidays we will take this opportunity to wish you all a bountiful Thanksgiving - A Merry Christmas-- and a Happy New Year.



SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 14 No. 1 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Jan.-Feb. 1961

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sun. Jan. 22, 10:30 A.M.
PLACE: Sunnyside Camp

Snowshoe time is here with several good trips coming up. This one, familiar to many of you, follows a woodland road to Sunnyside Camp...a favorite spot in the winter time. Pack up a lunch and join the crowd at Meldon School.

TIME: Thurs. Jan. 26, 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: ANNUAL MEETING
C.V.P.S.C. Building

(Please use Maple St. parking lot and go in door from there.)

Your Executive Board this year decided to change our annual meeting from a supper meeting to dessert and coffee. It was felt that perhaps we could get better attendance than in the past few years. Besides the business meeting we hope to have an interesting program with a talk and slides on Alaska. A charge of 25¢ will be made to cover small incidental expenses.

Mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. It's your club and a large attendance will best assure the planning of activities and projects which will

have the support of the majority. We will meet in the lunchroom of the Central Vermont P.S.C. Building.

TIME: Sun. Feb. 5, 10:30 A.M.
PLACE: Clarendon Lodge

Another lovely snowshoe trip in the offing! This is always a favorite trip to one of our best lodges. Bring your family and friends. We'll meet at Meldon School at 10:30 A.M.

TIME: Sat. and Sun. Feb. 18-19
PLACE: Winter Weekend at Tall Timber

Once again it's Winter Weekend time. As in the past exact reservations are necessary...with the large turnout of the last few years it is even more essential than in the past. They may be made by calling or writing Janet Martin at PR 3-8621, 7 Curtis Ave., Rutland, by Wednesday night, Feb. 15th. Meals and sleeping arrangements will be planned on the basis of reservations so help your committee by making them as early as possible. Many hands and paper dishes make light work of the meals, so bring your skis or snowshoes and enjoy the great outdoors.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Martin.)

PICO SHELTER
by
Barbara Allard

There were about 17 GMCers present to make the annual trip to Pico Peak. Almost everyone was attired in a bright color as hunting season was in progress. Regardless of the season we met only a few hunters - all empty handed.

The first half the trail was in good condition but we moved rather slowly because of the large supply of beechnuts lying right on the trail. Many chipmunks were out gathering their winter supply. In the upper half of the trail some clearing was done by Churchill Scott and company.

Those who dressed for a dry trail got their feet wet a few times. We did try to drain a few pools that the trail went through.

With these interesting delays it was eating time when we reached the shelter. The sun made it warm enough to sit outside and eat so fires were made both inside and out.

Only seven had ambition enough to go to the summit. There is a regular city of buildings on the top now. When we headed back it began to cool off fast. Rousing those who were napping in the lodge we all headed home. Almost down to the cars we got a beautiful view of Deer's Leap which the setting sun had turned to a golden pink. It was a very nice day. (Barbie picked some hobble bush on this trip for forcing. She reports that it was in full bloom by the first of the year. - Ed.)

GREETINGS RECEIVED

We were pleased to receive Christmas greetings for Killington Section from Cecile, Emile and Terri Boselli and also from Mr. and Mrs. Hans Fritsch. The latter were at the Chittendon Pond Outing last summer, and enclosed a couple snapshots taken there, which we will bring to the annual meeting.

BUFFUM SHELTER
by
Judy Allard

On December 4th, a brisk, sunny day, a group of nine hikers covered the short distance from the road to the open shelter. It was a beautiful day for a hike and we ambled along slowly and marvelled at the nice weather at this time of year. There was a very light dusting of snow and a good amount of ice on the trail. When we arrived at the camp a good hot fire was started and the water boiled in a remarkably short time. We ate our lunch and sat around soaking up sun, cocoa and coffee.

Churchill Scott, Ray Catozzi and George Reynolds, who had been working on the suspension bridge, came up and had lunch. Then we all looked around for a suitable site for the new lodge. There were several proposed sites chosen by different members of the party. The men went back to the bridge and the rest of us left. We stopped at the bridge to see how the work was going. Members were Vera and Mary Perkins, Carol and Nancy Martin, Barbara Judy and John Allard, Mary Isbell and Gerard Coursey.

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER

The trip to Gov. Clement on Saturday, Dec. 17th, gave us our first real winter hike of the season. A recent snow storm had left a generous covering on the ground and in some shady spots along the road the trees were beautifully etched with white.

We left our car at the crossroad and enjoyed a good hike to the camp. No one brought snowshoes but we found that while not a necessity they could have been used for the last part of the trip.

At the last farmhouse a very well-mannered dog (German Shepard we thought) joined the party and spent the day with us, appearing to enjoy the outing as much as

we did.

Arrived at Gov. Clement we found a good supply of wood and fires were soon going in both the stove and the fireplace. A cold wind made the two fires especially welcome. With these plus a "tarp" hung up in front to break the wind the shelter made a very cozy place for lunch.

After being well fed and thoroughly toasted we started the return trip. The attendance on this outing was rather small due possibly to the nearness of the Christmas season. All present however agreed it was an enjoyable day and it certainly provided relaxation in preparation for the busy holidays ahead.

MOONLIGHT HIKE

by
Mary Isbel

Only the moon was missing, otherwise our after dark excursion to our mountain shelter fulfilled our fondest expectations. The weather was warm for this time of year (lucky for us members who tried snowshoes for the first time). Experts fastened us to the snowshoes and rescued us from time to time whenever we lost one shoe and sank into the cold snow.

There is a wonderful stillness about a winter night here. One is filled with a sense of solitude and grandeur that is only slightly erased by voices or the sight of a flashlight far ahead.

Once we reached the shelter we were very cozy especially after the wood in the stove was persuaded to burn. The soft cheerful glow of candles lit our feast of doughnuts and coffee. We waited for moonrise but in vain as by then the sky had clouded over. However, it was a beautiful night just as it was.

FROM THE TUCKER REGISTER

Looking over the Tucker register, while waiting for snow to change to hot water for coffee, we were interested to note how general was the comment "found the camp a mess". One such entry especially intrigued us. Two boys recorded that they came in to look the place over as a possible spot for a party. (they didn't say what kind) They decided it was unsuitable as it needed a good cleaning. Apparently cleaning it up never occurred to them. Most of the groups, however, did report some cleaning up activities.

Congratulations to whomever left the excellent diagram and set of instructions for use of the so-called stove. Might it have been Ben Rolston?

And speaking of the Tucker stove, it was the unanimous opinion that a new stove for there should have top priority in our 1961 Budget.

DON'T FORGET!

Your presence is earnestly desired at Killington Section's

ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY Jan. 26th 7:30 P.M.

(details on page one)

TRY AND BE THERE. WE'LL

BE LOOKING FOR YOU



SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 14 No. 2 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB March-April 1961

TIME: Sat. March 4, 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Stonybrook Shelter

Tired of being cooped-up all winter? Get out your hiking boots and come help us find Stonybrook shelter. We've tried twice before, but this time we'll find it. Leaving Meldon at time specified.

TIME: Sun. March 19, 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Tucker Lodge

This is a good hike for everyone even the little ones. It may turn out to be somewhat of a work party, if the new stove comes. A group will leave from Meldon around 10, but come any time in your own car.

TIME: Sun. April 9, 6-00 P.M.
PLACE: Maple Sugar Party at Vera Perkins' house.

The annual Sugar-on-Snow party will be held at 242 So. Main St. Call PR 3-2941 for reservations before Friday, April 7th. The only hiking necessary for this event is up Vera Perkins' stairs. Eats consist of maple sugar on snow with all the trimmings - pickles, doughnuts, coffee and nice folks.

TIME: Sat. April 22, 1000 A.M.
PLACE: Bald Mountain and Red Rocks.

Here's the first Spring hike. Should be a good one. Up the mountain and maybe lunch-on-the rocks.

TIME: Sun. May 7, 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Mount Hanley

Bring your binoculars and telescopes along, as Mt. Hanley is supposed to have a beautiful view. It is in West Rutland, and we will leave at 10:00 - promptly.

HIKE SCHEDULES ARE ENCLOSED

Watch the time.

Be careful you aren't left behind.

Groups will leave Meldon School at the hours given above.

Bring yourself to the Maple Sugar Party. It's in town. Pack a lunch for all the hikes unless we announce that refreshments will be provided.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Killing-ton Section of the Green Mountain Club was held on Thurs., Jan. 19 at the Central Vermont Public Service Building.

After a short informal visiting period, President Bennett Bell called the meeting to order at 8 P.M.

The following committee reports were given:

Publicity: Jack Martin

Outings: Craigie Perkins

Trails & Shelters: Churchill Scott

The overall picture of our section looks very good. The bridge at Mill River will be the first job for Spring work parties.

The following officers were elected:

President: Raymond Catozzi

Vice-President: Harold Valiquette

Secy.-Treas.: Churchill Scott.

A vote of thanks was given to Eleanor Walker for the fifteen years of faithful service she has given as Secretary-Treasurer.

A resolution to change the manner of appointing Trustees was discussed, but we came to the conclusion that the present method is best.

After the meeting, Dr. J. D. Schultz, who lives in Ludlow, gave a talk on the two years he spent in Alaska as a member of the U.S. Public Health Service. The talk and the slides were enjoyed by everyone. Coffee, pie, cake and samples of smoked salmon, which Dr. Schultz brought from Alaska, were served later.

We wish to thank Vera Perkins and her helpers for making our evening so enjoyable.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

An Executive Board meeting was held at Craigie Perkins' on Feb. 8, Craigie, Mary and Vera Perkins, Janet Martin, Mary Isbell, Harold Valiquette, Ray Catozzi and Churchill Scott were present.

Janet Martin gave up her job as Editor of Smoke and Blazes because of her many other responsibilities. She will serve as our reporter for

Long Trail News. Mary Isbell will be the new Editor. Judy and Barbara Allard are Assistant Editors.

The following Budget was drawn

up: "Smoke and Blazes"	\$ 30.00
Schedules	20.00
Pictures	4.00
Outings	5.00
Postage	2.00
Fire Insurance	20.00
G.M.C. Dues	30.00
Trails and Shelters	485.00
Total --	\$596.00

Mr. Lincoln Isham donated \$100.00 in honor of his great-grandfather, Abraham Lincoln, on Feb. 12th to be used as we think best. A discussion was held to see if a fund for trail and shelter maintenance could be started with a portion of this generous gift.

The outings for the Spring and Summer weekends were chosen, and the new schedule is included in this issue of "Smoke and Blazes". We decided that the annual sugar party would be held as usual.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

The Trails and Shelters Committee must again remind each and every member that the condition of our section of the Long Trail depends upon the willingness of each one of us to help maintain and improve it.

The following work parties are planned: March 11 - Buffum

March 25 - Sunnyside

April 15 - Gov. Clement

April 29 - Clarendon

Any folks able to help can contact Churchill Scott at PR 5-5720 for details.

ATTENTION WINTER HIKERS!

Mr. George R. Ellwood, 61 Baxter St., Tel. PR 3-8521 has a brand new pair of Tubbs snowshoes with harnesses for sale at a reasonable price.

SUNNYSIDE HIKE
By
Churchill Scott

On a sub-zero morning in the middle of Jan., a small group of G.M.C. hikers made the regular winter hike to Sunnyside.

We had visions of a cold windy day, but after leaving our car at the iron bridge, putting on our packs and starting up the hill, we warmed up fast. The group was very congenial. We put on our snowshoes near Spring Lake Ranch and soon reached Sunnyside - too soon for me.

The sun broke through, scattering the storm clouds, and the temperature rose quickly. The camp was found to be in good condition with all the windows intact and a good supply of firewood.

Everything seemed to work in our favor that day. We all enjoyed a nice snug camp, good food and pleasant company. It was hard to leave, but more fun was in store for us as we slid down the hills, bouncing off banks every once in a while.

We all agreed that it would be good to see more folks interested in coming out every other week to enjoy the fresh air, blue sky and bright sunshine of a cool winter day.

CLARENDON LODGE
By

Barbara and Judy Allard

On a beautiful day with clean fresh snow and a blue sky, only six people came to snowshoe into Clarendon Lodge. Arriving at the start of the trail, we found someone had broken it for us. We made several stops for photographs before we got to the camp. Ben Ralston and two friends had spent the night there. They had the fire going and the camp all warmed up. On went the coffee pot, and we were ready to eat. Just as we were starting, a group came in from Springfield - and then another party of six! Now the eating got a little crowded.

After lunch, some of us took a walk up the road. There, we found

many animal tracks. The greens, browns and blues of the trees against the dazzling snow made us want to stay there a few weeks.

When we got back to the shelter for a final cup of coffee, a party of five - and then another couple - arrived. This was a grand total of thirty for the day!

Though a few others claimed to have found the lodge messy, we found it clean and, of course kept it that way.

WINTER WEEKEND
By

Betty Weeks and Frances Roberts

On a spring-like day in Feb., three carloads of Springfield GMC-ers arrived at Tell Timber for the long awaited Winter Weekend. We were met by the hospitable Perkins family and other Killington Section members who already had lunch started. We pulled our sleeping gear on toboggans through the melting snow, around the pond, to the log cabins in the beautiful evergreen woods. By the time we were settled and had fires going to warm the cabins, it was time to return to the farm house for delicious beef stew.

During the afternoon, one group snowshoed into Tucker returning late with two puppies which had hitchhiked on their snowshoes for the last three miles. Others tobogganed, skied and snowshoed on forest trails or told stories around the wood stove in the comfortable farm house living room. By mid-afternoon, about 40 had arrived to enjoy the Winter Weekend - groups coming from Worcester, Mass., Schenectady, N.Y., Springfield, Vt. and, of course, Rutland.

After enjoying Craigie Perkins' Long Trail slides during the evening, we groped our way by flashlight through the drizzle up to our cabins. Exhausted after a day in the out-of-doors, we crawled into our sleeping bags. The crashing of pots and pans and ski poles jolted us out of our deep sleep, and we found our temporary clothes line, fixed for drying mittens and

socks, had collapsed. We rose in time for the 7:30 breakfast. The weather had cleared up enough for us to take some pictures before going home.

Dicky Roberts gave the version of the younger set this way:

"This year's Winter Weekend, an experience shared by about 35 people and two D.P. canines, will probably be remembered by me primarily because of the things I'd rather forget, namely, wet feet, a cold night, and bad weather. Not that I didn't have a nice time! When 35 people get together, there is combined friendliness and warmth that can dry even my feet and disperse any rain-cloud".

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Congratulations to Cecile and Emile Boselli on the birth of a son, Kevin Emile, born Jan. 29, 1961. The Boselli's, who formerly lived in Rutland, built the suspension bridge in Clarendon. They now live in Ohio but are still members of G.M.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Bell are the proud grandparents of little Anne Marie Daley, born Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1961. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Daley of Bennington.

1961 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Judy Allard
Helen Bailey
Bennett Bell
Miriam Bell
Anne E. Berg
Lucy Bishop
Pat Bruneau
Harriot M. Bryant
Miles Bryant
Myrtle Bitz
Hedrick Cahee
Raymond Catozzi
Stephen C. Clapp
Sally Crocker
Edith Ewald
Hans J. Fritsch
Frances Green
Robert Hathaway
Suzanne Hathaway
Mary C. Isbell
George Kirk

John Martin
Janet Martin
Betsy Martin
Carol Martin
Nancy Martin
Tom Martin
Florence Mitchell
William Mitchell
Margot Montague
William Montague
Maxine Newhall
Pearle Nichols
Craighe Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Ben Rolston
John Reynolds
Richard Roberts
Mrs. Richard Roberts
Richard Roberts, Jr.
Charles E. Sabourin
Gerald Sabourin
Mary Pat Sabourin
Michelle Sabourin
Dr. J. Donald Schultz
G. J. Stannard, Jr.
G. J. Stannard III
Harold Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
Florence Van Wyck
Eleanor Walker
William S. Wardsworth
Luise Wardsworth
Lori Wardsworth
William Wardsworth III
Mrs. Lloyd Weeks
Diane Wilder
Donald Wilder
Richard Wilder

DON'T FORGET! DUES ARE DUE.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING December 31, 1960

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1960	\$325.26
Received from dues	134.50
Received a balance on 1959 Rummage Sale	1.26
Received from 1960 Rummage Sale	158.00
Donations to Buffum Shelter Fund	11.80
Sold 1 copy of "Cooking on the Long Trail"	.10
Interest on the money in the Bank	8.12
Received from the Sugar Party	16.00
Sold 5 Emblems	2.50
Received from the sale of Guide Books	16.50
Total	\$674.04

DISBURSEMENTS

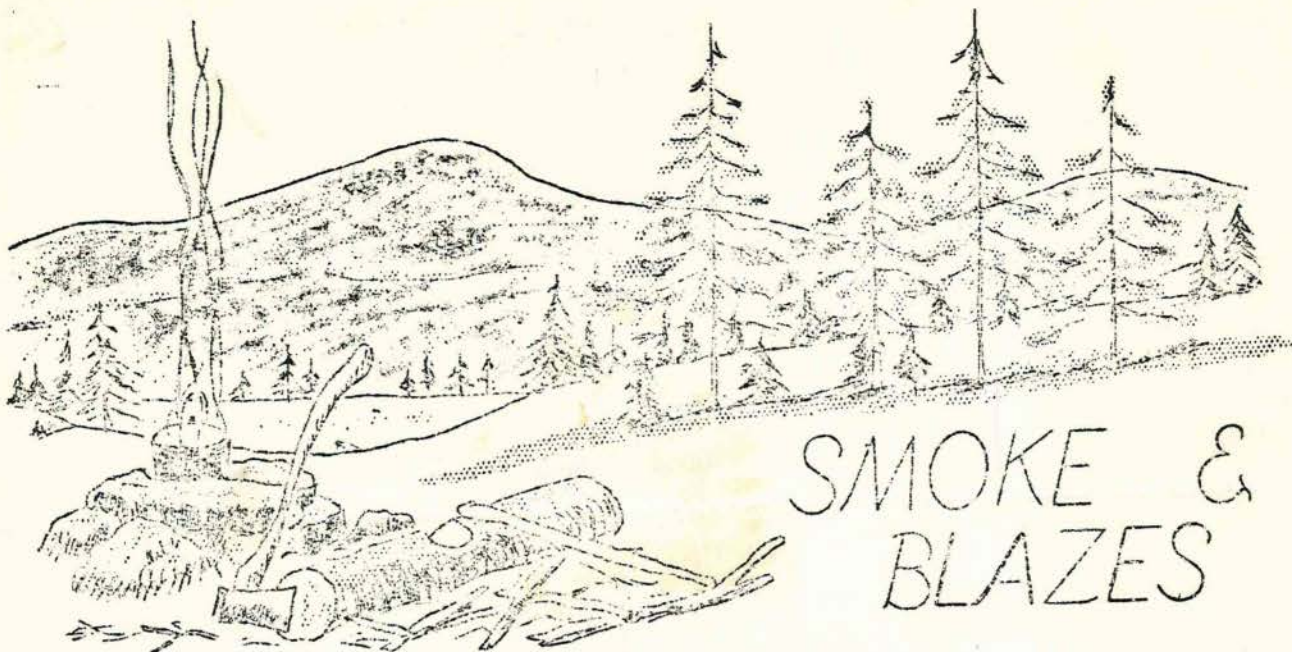
Expense of Annual Meeting	\$ 5.00
Trails and Shelters expense -	
Paid to Churchill Scott and Ray Catozzi	
for tools and materials to repair shelters	46.53
Paid Outing Committee for coffee, cocoa, Pream and sugar	3.99
Paid for Outing Schedules	19.25
Postage	2.00
Expense of "Smoke and Blazes"	28.45
Cost of Printing colored slides for album	1.28
Balance paid on Winter Week-end expense	3.21
Paid to Main Club for Guide Books	10.00
Fire Insurance on Sunnyside and Clarendon Shelters	12.60
Dues to the Main Club	27.95
Total	\$160.26

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1960 - \$513.78

Respectfully submitted

M. Eleanor Walker

Treasurer



SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 14 No. 3 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB May-June 1961

Sat. May 20 - MT. AEOLUS, Dorset (Formerly Green Peak)

Mt. Aeolus is a good hike for anyone interested in caves. There are also a few old quarries to look into. If you intend to go into the cave, bring a warm jacket, as it is rather chilly in there. Leaving Meldon at nine. Come help us look for spring flowers.

Sat. May 27 - ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held at the Long Trail Lodge, starting with a coffee hour at ten A.M. The general meeting starts at eleven and runs to about twelve. The Lodge will then serve lunch to anyone who wishes it. After lunch, another meeting will be held until two o'clock. Then the trustees will meet in the Chalet, and all others are free to explore the woods and trails around there.

The evening meal will be served at six, and if you can't make it, try to get to the surprise entertainment after dinner. Come and see how things are doing in the G.M.C.

Sun. May 28 - PICO CAMP

The Club has a nice new camp on Pico. If you haven't seen it, why not come and look things over. Pico has some beautiful views, and the one from the camp is well worth the climb. We'll be leaving Meldon School at nine. Come and join us.

Sun. June 11 - LITTLE ROCK POND

Leaving at nine. We'll head on for one of the favorite trips. The first swimming hike of the season (if you're brave). If not, you can always wade or watch.

Sat. & Sunday June 24 & 25 - CAMEL'S HUMP

This is a go-as-you-please type hike. You can go Sat. and stay over night in one of the camps or just go for one day. Camel's Hump has one of the most beautiful views in the state (or so I hear). Chances are we'll meet some other sections. Plan to come.

Sat. July 8 - DORSET PEAK

Dorset Peak is a first time hike. Cancelled last year. We should have a good time exploring. Who knows what we'll find? So be ready to leave Meldon at eight.

NOTICE: LAST ISSUE sent to 1960 members. Please send your \$2.00 membership dues for 1961 to C. W. Scott, 132 Maple St. Rutland, Vt. if you wish to receive forthcoming issues of "Smoke & Blazes".

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club is scheduled this year for Sat., May 27. I would like to take this opportunity to urge all Killington Section members who are able to attend this meeting, to do so.

Of particular interest to us all will be the voting on proposed changes in the by-laws concerning the election of trustees. These proposed changes were discussed at the annual meeting of the Killington Section held last January, at the written request of G.M.C. President Don Kent. There, a resolution was passed stating our desire to leave the election of trustees as it has been in the past - that is, elected at large from no particular section. A draft of these proposed changes will appear in the May issue of Long Trail News, so all will have an opportunity to study their pros and cons. If it was your desire last January to leave these by-laws as they are, and if you still feel this way after reading and studying the proposed changes in the News, then you should, by all means, attend this GMC annual meeting May 27th and vote for the status quo.

In past years the Killington Section attendance at the annual GMC meetings has been far from satisfactory, considering the proximity of the meeting place - the Long Trail Lodge. So let us make a mark on our calendar and reserve May 27 for this all important meeting.

There will also be time for short hikes in the immediate area following the afternoon session. Dinner in the Long Trail Lodge dining room, and entertainment in the evening will complete the day. Killington Section will host a hike to Pico Lodge on Sunday, May 28th. See you there!

Ray Catozzi, President
Killington Section

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

The Trails and Shelters Committee has been quite active for the past two months. Ben Ralston has spent a number of weekends working on the trail. So far, he has completely covered the section from the upper Cold River road south to the Gulf Road.

The following are work parties scheduled May through July.

Sat. - May 13	Sun. - June 18
Sun. - May 21	Sun. - July 2
Sun. - May 28	
Sat. - June 3	

We wish to thank all who have taken part in the past work parties and hope more of you will join us when warm weather comes. Contact W. Churchill Scott. Phone 5-5720 for more complete information.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

This month's executive meeting was held at Craigie Perkins' house. President Ray Catozzi announced that Jack Martin had added 15 new slides to the Killington Section collection, bringing it to a total of 55. The Trail was reported to be in good condition. Clarendon bridge is scheduled to be repaired, April 29th, if all goes well. The location of Buffum Shelter is still to be decided. Craigie Perkins will handle the purchase of lumber for this new shelter, and a new stove is in cold storage until the time Buffum Lodge is completed. The damage at Cooper Lodge was discussed, and a trip to White Rocks was suggested as an Autumn hike.

Membership was reported to have fallen short of the 1960 total. A committee was formed to phone delinquent members.



STONEY BROOK SHELTER TRIP

By
Craigie Perkins

Well, we "dood it!" After failing on two previous occasions to locate the Stoney Brook Shelter, we finally found it. It must have been sitting right there all the time.

Of course, the Perennial Pessimist was sure we wouldn't get within miles of the place, but we paid no attention to him.

Bare ground in Rutland, and when we loaded snowshoes into the car, Doc. Beale raised both eyebrows. However, there was still snow in them thar hills.

The road up Stoney Brook was in very good condition. No snow, and not thawed enough to be muddy. We drove in about three miles and then took to the snowshoes.

We reached No Town and decided which of four roads was the most likely route. In about a quarter of a mile we came to another clearing and had to choose between two roads. While discussing the situation, somebody glanced around, and there in the bushes was the long sought shelter. "You can't miss it".

We found a lot of dry wood, and soon coffee water was hot. Later, Churchill Scott got out his trusty saw and we worked up some more fire wood. Not satisfied with this exertion, he then read to us from a book about the history of Pittsford and we voted "yes".

We had just returned to the cars when who should arrive but President Catozzi. Ray said, "Well, it was a nice day for a ride anyway".



TUPPER - OOP! - TUCKER

By
W. Churchill Scott

The main purpose of this hike was to carry a new stove into the shelter, but that failed to arrive on time (it arrived the following day). Nevertheless we had a very good sized group to help with the other repairs.

It was good to see Fred Field, who brought part of his Scout Troop. There were also some Cub Scouts. Seventeen hikers in all.

After a good hot meal, the window frames were repaired, and plans were made to do extensive repairs to the floor and foundation as soon as the snow disappears.

Two of the more hardy souls snowshoed over the Blue Trail to the Elbow Road and down to meet the returning cars, bringing to a close a very enjoyable winter outing.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY

By
Florence Van Wyck

On Sunday, April 9th, the annual Sugar-On-Snow party was again held on the third floor of Vera Perkins' home.

Some thirty members and guests of all ages gathered together to partake of the sugar-on-snow, pickles, doughnuts and coffee.

The boiled syrup and steaming hot coffee were served by several willing volunteers, and soon everyone was relaxed and enjoying the feast.

We girls enjoyed the many interesting dolls and other toys Vera and Amy played with as little girls.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who helped make this party a success, particularly Vera and Amy Perkins.

BALD MT. and RED ROCKS

By
Vera Perkins

Where were you all on Saturday April 22nd? Since you weren't with us for this early Spring hike, we will take you along now.

Here we are, all four of us, at Meldon School at 10 A.M.

As there is still enough snow on the mountains to make difficult walking, we decide on a change from the planned route. Instead of going to Bald Mountain, down over Red Rocks to the old Girl Scout Camp, we will drive to the cement bridge on Cold River and follow the old road all the way.

This is an interesting road, as it goes up in easy stages toward the foot of the mountain. As we follow along around the mountain, we find frequent forks in the road where we must make a choice.

Now lunch time is approaching, so we find a sheltered spot, hang the tarp between two trees on the windward side and make our campfire. Soon we are enjoying coffee and sandwiches.

After lunch, we again take to the road which, suprisingly enough, is clear of snow and dry. We hear the sound of water, and looking down from the top of the steep bank, we are following along, we catch glimpses of the river rushing along far below us.

Comes 3 P.M., and we still have not reached our objective. Perhaps we made a wrong chice at one of the road branches. Opinion is divided. Shall we go on further or turn back now?

Finally it is decided that one of the party will wait here for half an hour while the others who wish to go on will see where 15 minutes further advance brings them. Three of us take off at a fast pace and, sure enough, in just 15 minutes, we are opposite the Girl Scout Camp entrance.

Now, at a somewhat slower pace, we are returning. Taking the wrong branch at one fork, we almost pass by our waiting companion.

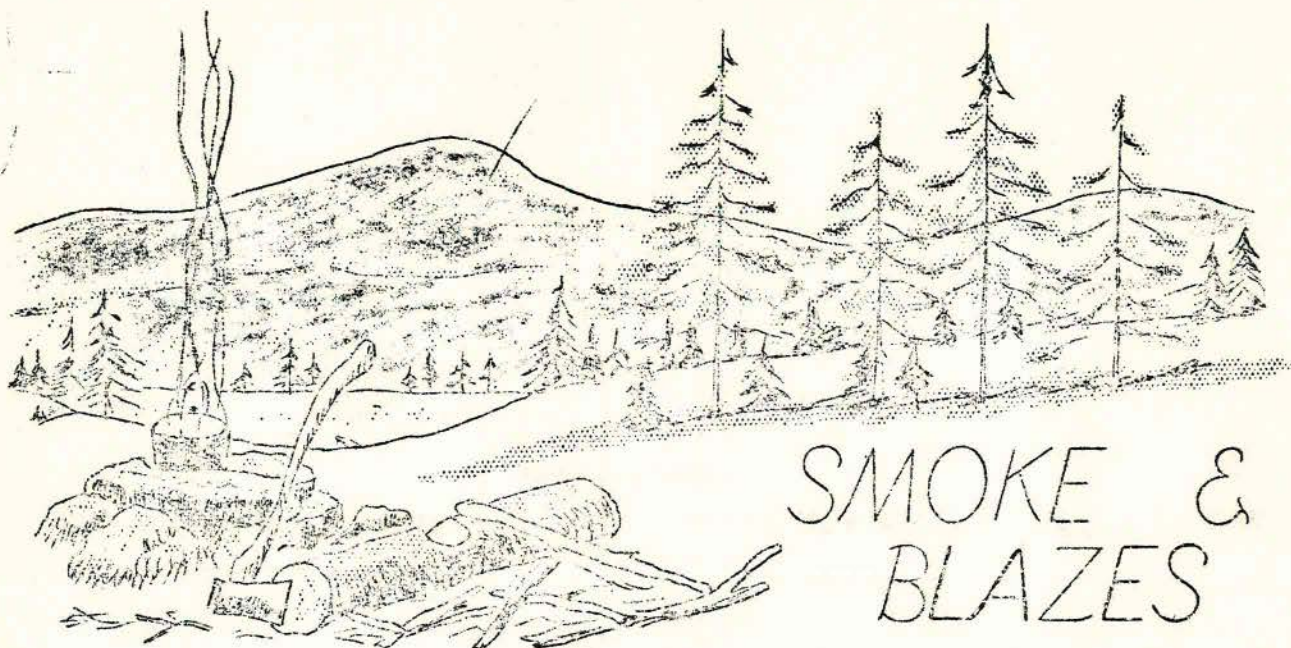
The return trip is made without incident. Even the rain obligingly holds off.

It is 5:45 P.M., and we are back in Rutland after a relaxing and rewarding day. Now aren't you sorry you didn't come along?

NEW MEMBERS

Barbara Allard
John David Allard
Mary Elizabeth Allard
Jimmie Catozzi
John Catozzi
Polly Crocker
Mrs. Herbert Fostman
Helen E. Frink
Joel Mumford
Minerva Hinchey
Ann Reynolds
George Reynolds
W. Churchill Scott
Candice Jean Scott
Robert Irving Scott
Patricia Sabourin
John E Sickman, Jr.
Bard Whedon





SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 14 No. 4 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB July-Aug. 1961

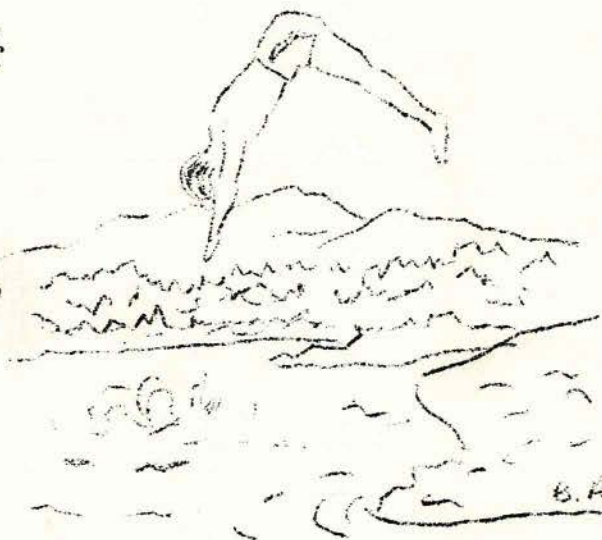
Sat. July 29 - PLEIAD LAKE

Our group will be leaving from Meldon School at ten Saturday morning for Lake Pleiad. The lake is a good place for sunning and swimming. The trip may also include a stop-off at Texas Falls, a favorite we have not visited in some years. Come along and bring your swim-suit.

Meanwhile, don't forget to make plans for attending the Intersectional. Details ~~in next issue.~~ *enclosed.*

Sun. Aug. 13 - WALLINGFORD POND

Next trip is to Wallingford Pond, otherwise known as Spectacle Pond. We'll be leaving Meldon about ten o'clock. This is the last on the current schedule of hikes. A new schedule is forthcoming. Hope to see you soon.



ANNUAL MEETING

Following a coffee hour, the annual meeting of Green Mountain Club was called to order May 27, 1961 at 11:05 A.M. at the Long Trail Lodge by President Don Kent. Reports of the various sections were read, and accounts of activities and trail conditions were given. The rebuilding of Mad Tom Shelter, vandalism in the Burlington Section, and the Intersectional Outing at Camp Plymouth were discussed, and appropriate plans were made to take care of these things.

John Vondell reported that the official count of End-to-Enders is now at 107.

After lunch the meeting was reconvened at 2:00 P.M. Ted Goddard reported for the Trust Fund Commission. The main theme was the renewal of the Trust Fund Contract for a period of 10 years. Mr. Stevens invited the G.M.C. to host the Appalachian Trail Conference in Manchester in 1964. Craigie Perkins will assist Mr. Cleveland of Randolph in establishing a new Randolph Section of G.M.C.

The nominating committee, headed by John Vondell, proposed the following names of members who were elected to the respective offices:

Trustees: (5) Roy Buchanan
Harlan Farnsworth
Miss Marion Hardy
William Bartlett
Raymond Catozzi
Clerk - Don Kent
Corresp. Sec. Miss Minerva Hinchey

After much discussion, the proposed changes in the by-laws regarding the election of trustees were passed and will go into effect Jan. 1, 1962.

Two excellent programs of slides and motion pictures were presented in the afternoon and after dinner.

TRUSTEES MEETING

The Trustees Meeting of the Green Mountain Club Inc. was called to order at 4:20 P.M., following the annual meeting, by retiring President Don Kent.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President	John Vondell
Vice President	Ben Rolston
Treasurer	Ted Goddard
Auditor	H. Gale Spaulding

Next, repairs and improvements of various shelters were discussed.

Retiring President Don Kent then turned the symbol of office, the gavel, over to incoming President John Vondell, who adjourned the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

PICO HIKE

What a beautiful day for a hike! And what a contrast to Sat's. weather! The activities were even more interesting than usual. One group went up the chair lift which Mr. Smith ran especially for them. Another took a new stove up to Cooper Lodge on Killington Peak and cleared the trail on the way back. A few people went all the way to the tower and visited with the new Fire Warden. The rest just hiked. And what fun they had!

Craigie Perkins was host at the Tall Timbers Camp for visitors who stayed overnight for this hike.

LITTLE ROCKY POND

This was a trip through Mudville following a week of rainy weather. Two of us silly females wore old worn-out footwear because our new hiking shoes were too nice and shiney to soil just yet. Ofcourse the clod-hoppers sank before long. Somehow we lost them and had to wallow barefoot in the bog to retrieve them. Eleanor Walker walked ahead and told us when to leave the trail and where the dry ground was. The Martins carried their baby and their little girl through it all.

Little Rocky Pond was unusually beautiful and in the most lovely stage of Spring. But alas! some careless outlander had burnt the front logs of the shelter when he had evidently moved the outdoor fireplace inside (under the roof of the shelter) and had built a fire during a storm. Fortunately this shelter is maintained by the Forestry Service. Jack Martin moved the fireplace back where it belongs.

The return trip was easy hiking. We kept meeting more members who got a late start. Two coeds from College were with our group. They were here working with the children in our hospital as part of their practice teaching program.

C.V. CAMP OUTING

The law of averages finally caught up with the Chittenden Pond Outing, and for the first time, the weather was uncooperative for our day at the C.V. camp. The skies were dark and overcast, and mist hung low on the mountains for most of the day.

A family party from Pennsylvania, father and three sons, joined us for a short time in the morning. Their original plan was to get to the Long Trail and spend most of the day hiking, but the dubious weather caused them to decide to investigate activities at Killington Basin instead.

Mary and Craigie Perkins arrived in time to eat their lunch with us, and, taking a short breather from business at Tall Timber, stayed to relax and chat a while before the fire.

Late in the afternoon "The Martins" and "The Hudsons" (their Sunday company from UVM Summer School), came in, bringing their picnic supper. Before supper, however, the really young set, taking advantage of a few minutes of (almost sun), indulged in the only swimming of the day. The water was warm, but a chilly wind made the fire doubly welcome after their dip.

After supper the families piled into their cars for the trip back to Summer School, and we closed camp.

Thus ended another GMC outing, rather different than our others at Chittenden Pond, but a pleasant one nevertheless.

Other hikes previously scheduled were canceled.

SWINGING BRIDGE

After a span of over two years the Trails and Shelters Committee can report that the bridge over Mill River has been repaired.

Ray Catozzi, George Reynolds, and Churchill Scott worked one

full weekend in helping George Holden and Donald Schmidt cut cable, remove broken suspenders, level up the cat-walk, and tighten up the various fasteners.

Now we feel that even the most timid can walk over this bridge and feel secure in the knowledge that it will not collapse while he takes the next step.

WORK PARTIES

The Trails and Shelters Committee has only had two work parties since the last report. Bill Mitchell and Churchill Scott spent a very pleasant Sunday cleaning trail from Governor Clement shelter north toward Killington Peak. About one mile of trail was taken care of, brush clipped, blow-downs cut out, and arrows replaced.

During the next week Ray Catozzi and Churchill Scott spent an afternoon working the the same spot. At this time a steady two hours was spent, and then, when it was time to return, it took only seven minutes to cover the length of trail that was improved. One can see how many man hours of hard work it will take to cover the 4.1 miles of trail between Cooper Lodge and Gov. Clement Shelter. This is the part of our trail the Killington Section is responsible for keeping in A-1 condition.

In spite of the numerous work parties listed in "Smoke and Blazes" only three members spent any time attending these. It seems very hard to believe that out of about 70 members we are unable to get more than 3 people to show the GMC what we can do to make the Intersection an enjoyable one from a hiking standpoint. Ben Ralston deserves a vote of thanks for all he has done in addition to all the other parts of trail he has worked on this season.

Ben has also prepared very detailed instructions on how to reach Baker Peak, via a new trail he has cut from the U.S.F.S. Lake Trail to Griffith Lake below Denby. He has also made some forms to report recent trail and camp conditions. If anyone is anxious to have these two items contact Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt.

FOLKS WE KNOW

We have received word of the birth of a son, Mark William, to Dr. and Mrs. William E. Allard of Crow Agency, Montana. Dr. Allard is a former GMC'er.

W. Churchill Scott received an award from the American Red Cross for giving 50 pints of blood over a period of time. Congratulations also on your new son, Kim Shappy Scott, Churchill.

In case you didn't know, Barbara Allard and Miriam, Rachel and Charlotte Bell are exhibiting their paintings at the Rutland Museum of the Arts, July 16 - Aug. 13.

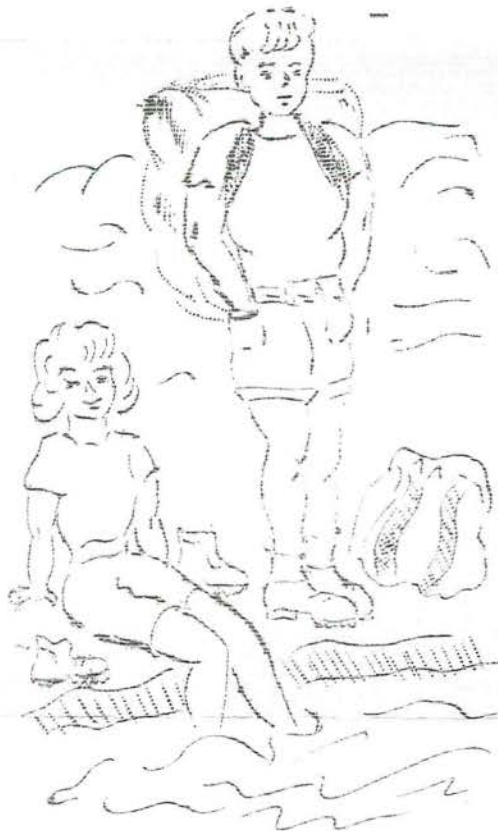
NEW MEMBERS

Martha Adams
Ricky Charlton
Jean S. Davies
Wilson F. Fowle, Jr.
Stephen Durkee
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Anne Perkins
David Perkins
Polly Perkins
Tim Perkins
Ellen Russell

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB INTERSECTIONAL WEEK-ECHO LAKE, TYSON, VERMONT

THE TIME-Monday, August 28 through Monday, September 4, 1961.

THE PLACE The Calvin Coolidge Council, Boy Scouts of America, has kindly given us the use of facilities of Camp Plymouth, on the east side of Echo Lake in Tyson, Vt. (1 mile from village center and store). Facilities include large meeting hall, piped mountain spring water, 14 open front shelters, and a babbling mountain stream near some of the camp sites. Camp reservation is 265 acres with trails to nearby hills. Good beaches and swimming, boats and raft. Ample area for tents. This camp does not have cook houses like last year, so campers should come prepared to cook on their own stoves, or on small open fires. We will furnish dry wood.



ACTIVITIES-Lots of fun for all ages. Hiking, camping, swimming, boating, loafing, swapping hiking experiences, badminton, ping pong, and whatever else you like. We are planning on hikes to Mt. Killington, Mt. Okemo, a day on the LONG TRAIL near Cold River and south to Clarendon Camp and Gorge. A day around Plymouth and the new Coolidge Cheese Factory. At one time gold was mined in this area, so we plan to explore for some by panning in local streams.

AFTER SUPPER GET-TOGETHER-We plan to meet each evening in the large new dining hall or outside for a campfire at the Council Ring. We will have singing, story telling, and movies, both educational, and entertaining. A special surprise colored slide showing, by one of our good members. One night will be "Show Your Best Slides Nite". Will each of you "Shutterbugs" bring 10 or 12 of your choice slides of outdoor life, and we will have a projector and screen ready to show them. Musical talent will be appreciated too, so bring your instruments.

FOR CAMPING-Bring your own food, eating and cooking utensils, hiking and camping clothes, swim suits, bedding, and tents. There will be 14 shelters which sleep 5 comfortably. Please write Robert Humes, 50 Miles St., Millbury, Mass., to reserve shelter. Bring stove, or fireplace grate, and camp refrigerator. Food stores are in Tyson or Ludlow, (5 miles).

COST TO YOU-A charge of 50¢ per person/night or \$1.00 per family per night, or \$5.00 for whole week per family.

HOW YOU GET TO CAMP-Camp is located one mile northeast of Tyson just off Route 100 5 miles north of Ludlow, Vt. Ludlow and Route 100 from southeast or north is reached best via Route 103. New York or Conn. folks will find Route 7 north to Wallingford Vt. then east on 140 to Route 103 best. As you approach Tyson look for Echo Lake Inn at center, and cross the cement bridge to the east. This road with one left turn will take you to camp area. Be on lookout for G.M.C. signs.





SMOKE & BLAZES

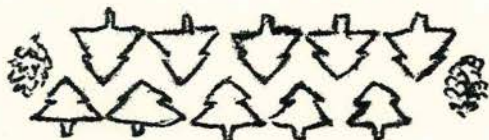
Vol. 14, No. 5 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Sept.-Oct. 1961

Sat. Sept. 16 - BAKER PEAK

This week we try a new trail. Ben Rolston did the heavy job of making and blazing it. Now it needs to be packed down. Ben also made a map with very good directions, and they say that there is a good view. So bring the binoculars! Leaving Meldon at 9 o'clock and we hope to see you all.

Sun. Oct. 1 - MENDON PEAK

This promises to be a long (around eight miles) rugged hike. We will start at Clement Shelter and go to Consultation Point. There we will leave the trail and follow the height of land west. Should be exciting. Take a light pack and meet us at Meldon at nine o'clock. Total hike - about eight miles. Should try to learn the story of Consultation Point.



Sat. Oct. 14 - MOUNT AEOLEUS

Wear old clothes and bring a flashlight if you have any intention of exploring the cave on the mountain. There are old quarries to look into also. This will be a nice easy hike of not more than four miles. Leave at nine o'clock.

Sat. Oct. 21 - CALLING ALL RUMMAGE

Now is the time to go through those closets, cupboards, attics, etc. to collect any and all items you have no use for which could be donated to our Rummage Sale.

Remember, this is our one big money making event for the year, and its success depends on you.

This year we have a change of location, as the Neighborhood Rooms are no longer available. We expect to have the use of the former Adams & Noe store, corner of State and Grove Sts. This should be an excellent location, being near the parking lot and with good show windows to afford additional publicity. With all this, we might even top last year's record!

As usual, we will be on hand all day Friday, Oct. 20th, to receive your donations and get things organized and priced. The change of location will make some additional problems in preparations, so we will need plenty of help. Anyone who can give some assistance please contact Vera, Mary, or Crague Perkins.

Remember that dishes, household equipment, nic-nacs and so on are good sellers as well as clothing and such items as bedspreads, curtains etc.

Proceeds of the sale will go toward the expense of rebuilding Buffum. The lumber for this is already on hand, and we hope the shelter will be built this fall.

All together now, let's have the cooperation we had last year and we can't miss!

Sat. Oct. 28 - COVERED DISH
SUPPER - BEECHWOOD

This year we have an addition to the supper - an afternoon hike. A group will leave Beechwood about 2 PM for "The Bump". If you don't know where that is, come early and find out.

You'll be back in time for supper, naturally. We will have a large selection of good food to appease your appetite. After supper, there will be an entertainment.

Call Vera Perkins for reservations by Thursday, Oct. 26th. Her number is PR 3-2941. Supper at six-thirty. See you there!

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the Killington Section held a meeting recently at Tall Timbers. Ray Catozzi, Crague, Mary and Vera Perkins, Eleanor Walker, Barbara Allard and Churchill Scott spent a very pleasant evening around the fire at the Perkins' cottage.

The construction of the new camp at Buffum was the most important subject covered. Ray has received permission from the owners of the land. Crague has ordered the lumber, and construction will start as soon as possible. After much

controversy during the past year, it was finally decided to build it in the same location.

The fall and winter schedule of activities was drawn up, and the meeting came to a close as the last of the dying embers of our fire faded into the darkness. We all agreed that membership in the Killington Section becomes more enjoyable each year.

WORK PARTIES

There have been a number of trail cleaning work parties during the past month, so now we can say our section is in good condition. Ben Rolston has finished from Gov. Clement Shelter to the Gulf Road. The other have gotten the rest of our section cut out and cleared.

Now we are all looking forward to building a new closed camp at Buffum. This will add another snug, warm camp to visit while the cold winter winds blow.

INTERSECTIONAL DOINGS By Ann Reynolds

If the rest of the 1961 Intersectional was as full of fun and friendliness as the last two days, which we attended, we know everyone must have enjoyed it. The setting on Echo Lake, with its many trees and surrounding mountains, was beautiful, and the facilities of the Boy Scout camp were excellent. Many members worked hard to provide an outstanding program to make everyone comfortable.

A grand total of 177 were registered during the eight days, with 37 members-at-large accounting for the largest number. Burlington Section with 31 and Killington Section with 28, were two of the largest groups.

On Sunday, campers had a choice of several scheduled hikes, as they had throughout the week. Ben Royston led a group to Baker Peak and hiked out along the Long Trail while the less ambitious visited a nearby abandoned gold mine. Two tardy 'day-ers' spent the whole afternoon at Plymouth and did

not reach the camp until after dark.

Sunday night the new Memorial Hall dining room was again the gathering place for singing and slides. Terry Gulick, who works at the Coolidge cheese factory in Plymouth, read an interesting article about the gold mining in that area. The previous night John Vondell had shown some of his favorite slides - his work often appears in "Vermont Life".

Swimming in the lake was always an attraction, especially when hikers came down from the Trail, hot and dusty. And GMC'ers were always ready for impromptu pranks-- as on Monday morning, when a group decided to give Larry Dean the "cold water treatment", because he had waked them up every other morning. Larry foiled their plans, however, by crawling out of his tent just as they started to drip water on him. Practical joker Don Kent was continually thinking up tricks, such as substituting raw eggs for hard-cooked ones in his tentmate's trail lunch, and putting coconuts in sleeping bags.

No hikes were scheduled for Monday, because people were leaving throughout the day, but a group of us did make the trip to the gold mine. No gold on this trip, but there was talk of the GMC's "gold reserve" -- a few flecks in a bottle -- which had been gathered on an earlier panning expedition.

The Martins had come over for the day, after spending four days camping here earlier in the week, and we joined them for a swim. When we left late in the afternoon, Chairman Bob Humes, Roy and Mrs. Buchanan and Don Kent and others remained to do the cleanup work.

Once again we were impressed by the easygoing friendliness and helpfulness of GMC members and by the fact that the Club's activities are enjoyed by so many of all ages and varied occupations.

.....
WALLINGFORD POND
By Florence Van Wyck

On Sunday, the 13th of August some 23 people met at Meldon School. We were happy to see Ella and Hans

Fritsch Killington Section members from Copiague, N.Y., who were vacationing at Tall Timber. We hadn't seen them since last Aug. at Chittenden Pond. Hans brought along his telescope which he set up. This aided him in observing any birds and wild life which might be around.

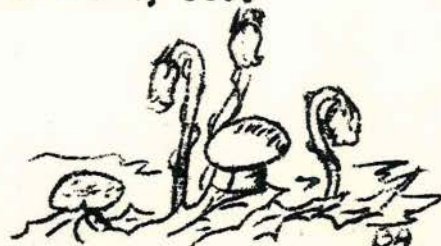
It was a clear, cool day, for a change, and we drove to Wallingford, turned off Route 7 at Wallingford Inn and up 140. Instead of turning to the White Rocks picnic area, we followed the road up Sugar Hill beyond the Cemetery until we came to a sign marked "2 miles to Wallingford Pond". Next, we turned right and followed that road until we couldn't drive any farther, so we parked and hiked the rest of the way, - a good 2 miles.

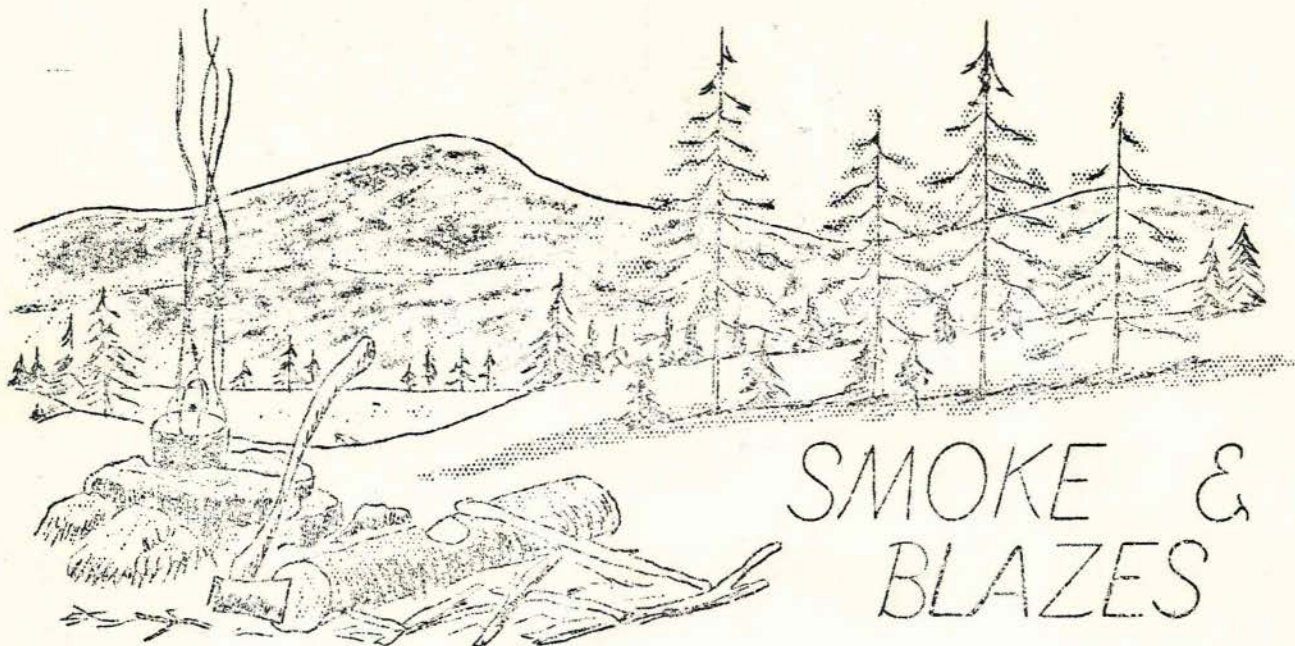
Arriving at our destination, we were met by two interesting fishermen who had brought their boat, food, etc. by truck all the way to the pond. (Later when ready to leave, some of us were lucky enough to ride on the back of their truck to our cars. What a ride!)

When an interesting spot was found, a fire was started with one match and no paper. In the meantime Churchill Scott went by boat with our two fishermen clear to the other side of the pond for water, and since he was quite a while, we thought the water was being boiled.

After he returned, we were anxious to settle down to the enjoyment of a meal, rest and chatter. We shared our fire with the helpful fishermen whose pithy wit added zest to the occasion.

When our energies had been revived we walked around the pond enjoying the many interesting things along the way, especially the wild flowers of the following varieties: Queen Ann's Lace, Indian Pipe, etc.





Vol. 14, No. 6 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Nov. Dec. 1961

Sun. Nov. 12 - MT. HANLEY

One of our newer hikes in recent years. Those who have been there before enjoyed it very much. In case you don't know, Mt. Hanley is located west of West Rutland. At 10:30 we will leave Meldon. Come have lunch with us.

Sun. Nov. 26 - PICO COMP

The group will be leaving at nine o'clock on a fall trip to Pico Peak and Lodge. We always have a good time here, even if you take a nap after lunch. Anyway bring your family, friends and otherwise and come along.

Sat. Dec. 16 - GOV. CLEMENT
SHELTER

Time to start checking the shelters before winter. This time bring something to cook instead of a sandwich. See if you can cook a steak or maybe

bacon outdoors. Get the idea? See you at ten.

Sat. Dec. 30 - BUFFUM LODGE

This is the first scheduled hike to our newest camp. If you haven't gotten there by now it's time you did. Take time off from the mad holiday dash and come relax with us for a while (You may need a breath of fresh air by now, it's very restful). Leaving at ten from Meldon, but you are welcome to come anytime.

Sun. Jan. 7 - SUNNYSIDE CAMP

Break out the snowshoes and skis. Bring a sled or toboggan along if you like to slide. It's Sunnyside this trip. Hope for lots of snow and sun and come along at ten.

BAKER PEAK
By Crague Perkins

Wherezat?

This was a new one on our schedule and should be repeated soon.

Equipped with Ben Ralston's step by step instructions, we set out up the Lake Trail from Danby. The weather was fine, and we took the time to visit the lookout on a short branch trail.

The brook was reached at mealtime, the coffee pot was put on the fire, and hikers did a little cooking over the grate provided by Churchill Scott. What, no sink? Fried peppers flavored with forest herbs. Yum! Yum! Someone suggested that we ought to have an honest-to-goodness cook out sometime. We have gotten too much into the sandwich habit.

After lunch, we set off up the new Baker Peak Trail. The going was easy along a terrace, but then the trail climbed to another terrace and led around the shoulder of the mountain. Very soon we came out on an open ledge on the west side of the peak. The rock was of an interesting formation, being much wrinkled and broken. We pursued a very large porcupine which ran very slowly. We ran very rapidly but the porcupine escaped. Mystery.

Baker Peak, situated just east and far above the village of Danby gives views equal to those from Equinox. Most of the peaks from Bloodroot to Stratton were visible. Dorset Peak, just opposite, reminded us of our much scheduled and much postponed trip to its summit.

After a couple of hours in the sun, we registered in Ben's mailbox and returned to the cars. A fine new trip to a scenic spot. Thank you! Ben, for discovering and building this train.

GOV. CLEMENT TO GIRL SCOUT
CAMP

By Susan Tarbell

The mountains rolled in the distance
The birds beneath us flew
And God was in His heaven
As we looked at his world anew.

We walked and walked along the trail
Until we reached Four Brooks
And there we sat and ate and talked
For no one had brought any books.

Some opened a can of sardines
And some a can of pop
The sardines didn't have a key
And the pop it wouldn't stop.

By then it was getting close to twelve
So again we hit the trail
And walked the county up and down
Where beauty did prevail.

But then at the point consultation
We departed from the trail
Our navigator fixed his compass
And we settled down for travail.

We first went up Little Killington
Three times we did it, no less
The views were quite satisfactory
The footing was not of the best.

Then past the thick pines of the summit
Down into the slash underneath
The walking was very bouncy
The air was still cool and smelled sweet.

Soon we went off that nice broad trail
And into the marsh beyond
And followed there the ridge to the west
'On to Mendon' was our song.

Then on with our packs and down we went
Down four foot, six foot or two
I tried not to step on the hands of my friends
But my feet were lost in green stew!

Then down to the relative flat of
a slope
Where the drop is in fractions,
not feet

And past the uncut telephone poles
While stopping at clearings petite

And then we followed some 'Loggins
Roads'

That went this way then that
If we can lose roads as recent as
these
Crown Point hasn't got a chance.

Well, on we went and on and on
'Til we could trudge no more
And then we saw a miracle
Lefe had opened another door.

For there was a road, a substan-
tial one
And we followed it to the end
And thanks to our clever geniuses
We ended where we had planned.

So while we waited for the car
We made plans of going anew
And blaxing a trail to Mendon
For the lucky ones like you.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$123

In spite of slightly higher
expenses due to a necessary change
in location, the Rummage Sale
went over the top with a take of
\$123. This will be a substantial
aid in paying for the materials
in our new Buffum Shelter.

We want to thank all those who
donated articles. Additional
thanks go to these people who
worked on the sale - "T" Valiquette,
Ruth Fostman, Churchill and Bobby
Scott and Barbie Allard helped
in pricing and selling; Eleanor
Walker acted as cashier; Janet
Martin provided the advertising
posters; Jack Martin arranged a
window display of GMC material;
and at closing time we welcomed
the help of Harold Valiquette and
his truck for the clean-up job.

Mary, Crague and Vera Perkins,
Committee

COVERED DISH SUPPER AT
BEECHWOOD

This fall foliage hike and tast-
ing supper is one of our sections
most cherished festivities. The
comfortable old farm house at
Beechwood is a perfect setting for
this event. I am always reminded
of the Victorian house parties one
reads about in 19th Century English
novels, or in American ones for
that matter. Only this is more
confused. A taste of this and a
taste of that. Soon the plates are
piled high and it's a scrimmage for
a seat somewhere.

After several desserts, the
conversation is interrupted by a
program. This year Barbara Allard
gave a witty talk on her trip to
Montana last summer, (accompanied
by sister Marjorie) and showed us
some beautiful slides. John
Reynolds flirted outrageously
with the ladies, both during the
entertainment and after it was
over.

Suddenly, the guests departed
leaving a few hangers on to tour
the house, an antiquarian's delight.
Did you get to see the darling
little stoves upstairs? You
might have, if you hadn't hurried
off so fast.

WORK PARTIES

After months of planning, the
rebuilding of Buffum Shelter
finally got underway. On Sunday
Sept. 24 Mr. Walter Gartner loaned
us a truck and a good sized work
party of Ray, Jimmie and Johnie
Catozzi, Candy and Churchill
Scott loaded it up and took off
with high hopes of a short after-
noon's work.

The plans all worked out well
until we got to the last grade
about 100 yards from camp. There
a combination of wet grass and a
bit of mud stopped us. There we

stayed, as every known trick was tried to ease us over that last little hill. Finally, with heavy hearts, as darkness descended, we threw off the supplies so neatly piled a short time before.

The next day Ray and Churchill were loaned a jeep by Mr. Henry Douglas and were able to take all the heavy material the last few hundred yards.

On the following Sunday Mr. Vic Randolph and two of his older Scouts spent the weekend there and helped to carry the remaining boards, helped by Ben Ralston.

On Sunday, Oct. 29, another work party put the finishing touches on Buffum. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Weeks of Springfield, Prof. and Mrs. Buchanan of Burlington, Ben Ralston and George Reynolds were a few of those present.

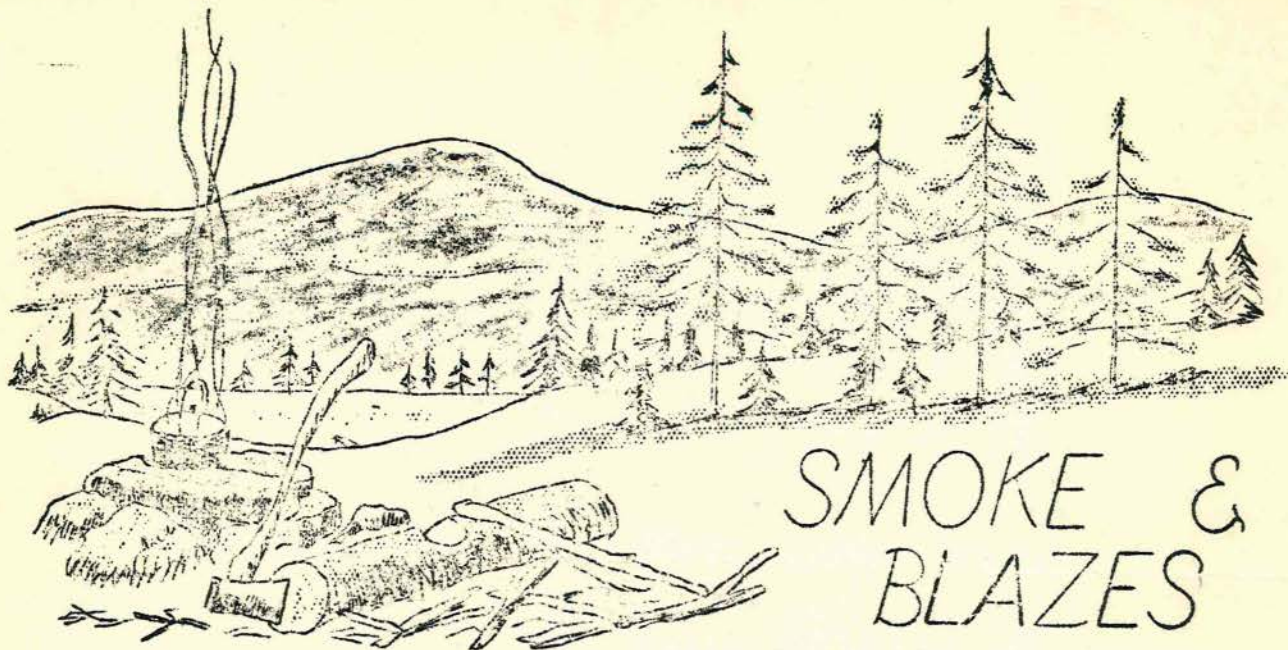
The Killington Section owes a great deal to Craig Perkins for the great amount of time, effort and energy he has spent to make Buffum a camp we can all be proud of. Also to the many folks who have contributed both money and manual labor to the completion of our latest addition, we all owe so very much and shall be grateful for many years to come.

TRAIL CLEARING

Pres. Ray Catozzi has led two recent work parties to trail clearing spots. Last month a group of Boy Scouts finished the mile and 900 (according to Ben Ralston) south of Killington Peak, so that now the trail from Gov. Clement to Cooper Lodge is in fine shape.

Later he took another group of Scouts up between Pico and

Killington at the swamp area and spent the day clearing the trail in this area. Even though a great deal of work was done, he reports that there is still more, and we don't know if time and the weather will allow us to complete this work before snow flies.



SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 15, No. 1 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Jan. Feb. 1962

Sat. Jan. 20 - MOONLIGHT HIKE
TUCKER LODGE

The calendar promises a full moon. How about an evening in the fresh air? If the stove gets hot, we'll have something warm to drink. If you've never been before, why not take the evening off and meet us at Meldon at 7-30 PM.

Thurs. Jan. 25, 7:30 PM - ANNUAL
MEETING Mark the date down
and don't forget it. You'll
be sorry if you do!
STORY ON PAGE TWO

Thurs. Feb. 1 - SPAGHETTI SUPPER
CLARENDON LODGE. GROUNDHOG
EVE.

This hike celebrates that great night - GROUNDHOG EVE! Naturally, we must have something special for this one. A spaghetti supper. SPAGHETTI AND COFFEE FREE. Bring YOUR OWN equipment and any trimmings (food) you wish. If you can get near the stove you can cook. Serving begins at 6:30, but if

you want to eat don't come too late, RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. DEADLINE JAN. 31 Call Mary Perkins at 3-7954,

Sat. & Sun. Feb. 10 and 11 -
WINTER WEEKEND. TALL TIMBER

Would you like a weekend in the country? Everyone always enjoys it here. Meals will be served from Sat. breakfast (in case you want to come Fri. night) to Sun. dinner at noon. For RESERVATIONS, call Mary Perkins at 3-7954 by Wed., Feb. 7. If you can't make it for the whole time, come up for a few hours. Lots of people you don't see very often will be there, so why not come?

ACH TUNG ! ! ! ANNUAL MEETING

TIME: Thurs. Jan. 25, 7:30 PM
PLACE: C.V.P.S.C. Bldg. (Please use Maple St. parking lot and go in back door from there.)

ONCE AGAIN we have been fortunate in obtaining the use of the C.V. Conference rooms for our annual meeting, and we have planned the evening to follow the pattern of last year: business, entertainment and then refreshments. Following the business meeting, we will take an interesting trip to another continent via a talk and a showing of colored slides by Dr. A. G. Barrett of Granville, N.Y. Dr. Barrett has traveled extensively in foreign lands, and we have heard glowing praise for his beautiful color photography and pleasant talks.

Going to a meeting isn't as strenuous as some of our other planned events, like going cross-country over Mendon Peak, so we want to see all you armchair hikers as well as the active ones at this annual meeting.

A slight charge will be made to cover incidental expenses of the evening.

MT. HANDLEY

By

Churchill Scott

On Sunday, Nov. 12, we held our annual hike to Mt. Handley. A rather small group left Meldon School in the face of threatening weather. The walk started smoothly enough, but soon we had missed the turn onto the old wood road. Soon we were bushwhacking through the woods toward the summit. But then this came quite natural since our trip over Mendon Peak.

At last we hit the road and hiked along a nice easy path, looking forward to eating by a nice cool brook. But when we got there, it was bone dry!

Nevertheless, we built a fire and Susan shared her hot chocolate with those who had no drinks. Carol and Vera decided to rest by the fire as the rest of us hiked on,

As time went by, the weather continued to improve, and after a final short climb, we reached the top in bright sunshine. We rested for some time, enjoying the view to the south and west - planning hikes to some of the other mountains visible from Mt. Handley.

Soon we were headed for home, drawing to a close another enjoyable fall hike.

SUNNYSIDE CAMP

Since Sat. had been a bit nasty, it was surprising to have ten show up for Sunnyside. Snowshoes made the going a bit easier for a couple.

We found the camp with plenty of wood, but too many grates in the stove and an oven door that fell on the feet of those who stood in the wrong place. This troublesome door went under the stove with three of the five grates. Once lit, the fire did very well and produced hot water and heated both various foods and the campers.

After lunch, only four had enough energy to go on to the clearing that overlooks the lake and valley. The view was well worth the effort. Going back to Sunnyside, we were ambushed by a couple of Indians who used snowballs instead of arrows. After they made us wash 'our' faces in snow!

In camp, things were just as strange. Someone was smashing the furniture. Naturally we had to fix it before we could leave. Then we headed for the cars. Four by way of some wild sledding down the icy hill. The rest slid on their feet (I guess).

We came to the conclusion that just because it looks unpleasant

out from beside the fire, doesn't mean it's like that when you get out.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER

Five members came. It was a beautiful blue-sky day, with snow, and the river was full of blue ice and green water.

The stove at Clement is lacking a decent top to cook on, so we used the fireplace for our fire. That is getting a little smaller each year. Still, plenty of room to heat water and burn hotdogs.

This shelter is going to need a little attention next summer - new bunks, stove top etc.

It was a lovely winter hike.

PICO CAMP
by
George Reynolds

It was a cloudy, wintery day when the group donned their hiking gear at Sherburne Pass and started up the trail. The No Trespassing signs on the gate to Long Trail Lodge seemed to apply as much to the trail as to the Lodge, but we ignored them. The going was a little slippery in spots where previous hikers had trod, but thanks to the crust, it wasn't too rough.

Before we got to Pico Camp, we passed a group of high school boys from New Jersey hiking out with their teacher. They had hiked in Thursday in the rain and snow.

We arrived at the camp with our bundle of newspapers, only to find a large pile already there. Before the water had a chance to boil, a family arrived and was invited to join us for coffee as soon as the water got warm. We then directed them up

to Pico and back down on a route which would not pass the shelter, so they never got their coffee. We wondered later what they thought of this kind of hospitality.

The weather cleared so that we got good views of the surrounding mountains both from the camp and later from the fire tower on top. For a time the light was such that the mountains stood out in emphasized perspective.

Killington, Shrewsbury, Mendon, Blue Ridge and Ascutney were positively identified, while Washington, Mansfield, Camel's Hump and others were found in various locations depending on the viewer. Anyway, no matter which mountain was which, the view was well worth the hike.

The trail down was difficult to locate, due to the cut for the new lift, but a few signs should remedy this.

I guess it is only fitting that as a first-timer on Pico, I should be drafted to write this piece.

TWENTY-THREE OUT FOR THE
BUFFUM HIKE
By
Miriam Bell

On Sat., Dec. 30th, there was a really good-sized turn out for the hike into New Buffum shelter in North Wallingford (twenty-three in all). We traveled through a winter wonderland, almost a mile up to the spot from the main road.

The closed shelter was warm because another member-at-large, Ben Ralston, and his young friend, Raymond Secor of Schenectady had spent the night there as part of a long weekend - two days and three nights --- in the cabin. "It takes a lot of wood chopping to keep us warm," they said.

Water from the winter brook was soon boiling in the old club coffee pot, and lunches were cooked on the

good wood stove. Then the young children went outside to play in the snow in the yard, while Joe Mandella and Peter Hadeka explored a bit, and the older folks just sat around the stove visiting. They talked of how Churchill Scott, Ray Catozzi and George Reynolds had hauled in the wood to build the shelter last fall and of how Craigie Perkins had hiked in nearly every day in October to build the cabin all by himself. The neat painting of the sash by Mary Perkins was admired too.

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club now maintains five such shelters and is proud of them. Their guest registers show the public appreciates them too. The only one which remains an open shelter now is Gov! Clement. While the buildings were formerly used mainly in people's summer vacations, an increase in leisure time and an increased interest in winter camping mean that the closed shelters are most welcome all the year round.

Buffum is one of the most cheerful shelters because its new windows face the west, and even when we left at three-thirty, the cabin was flooded with sunshine. Coming down the trail, we stopped to take pictures of the big trees laden with new snow. Some of those hemlocks stood forty or fifty feet tall. They were like giants of old, guarding the mountain passes.

We hated to leave the winter woods, the quiet broken only by chickadees' chirping; but as we came down the Long Trail, we chatted with three cheerful strangers on their way up, their snowshoes under their arms - so we knew someone else would be enjoying the beauty we had left.

NEW MEMBERS FOR 1962

Polly Crocker
Sally Crocker
Robert Deemer
Mrs. Ruth Fostman
Alexander C. Mason
John M. Paddock
Mrs. John M. Paddock
Ann Reynolds
George Reynolds
John Reynolds
Ben Rolston
Ray Secor
Candance J. Scott
Robert I. Scott
Walter C. Scott

TRAIL TALES

Many of us, we are sure, have enjoyed reading the registers placed in our shelters and camps along the Long Trail. There is rarely one that doesn't disclose abundant writing talent amongst the hikers and campers who take more than the time to write just their names and where they come from. There are many humorous anecdotes, beautiful descriptions of scenery and sunsets, sad tales of uncooperative Vermont weather and pesky porkies, and even a few entries of good poetry.

Starting with this issue we are going to print some of these items, in part or in whole, some old, some of recent times, all interesting, we believe. We will use names as they appear if we feel they have any bearing on the story's interest, or if we feel the writer should be credited for his excellent work.

For an opener we couldn't find a better one than this from the Tucker Lodge register dated June 6-7, 1959 -

"...spending our 0th wedding anniversary, having successfully escaped attacks of various MMC-ers.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Day
Middlebury Mountain Club"

This from the Montclair Glen Lodge register of Aug. 11, 1957: "...arrived in fine condition at 6 p.m. - not even breathing hard; in fact, not breathing. Art Watson recorded our respective pulses at 200 (+), blood pressures unobtainable. Expired at 11 p.m."

From an entry in the Clarendon Lodge register on Aug. 10, 1960: "...arrived about noon Aug. 9th, foot-sore and weary, was so pleased with this camp that we decided to rest, wash up and enjoy ourselves. Beautiful afternoon, studied ferns, birds and generally enjoyed ourselves. Have now identified seventeen different ferns, and several birds, some new for some of our party. Light rain about 3:00 AM, E.D.T. Still showery as we leave 7:45 AM.

Nine members of the Forest Audubon Club.
Steubenville, Ohio

From the same register on Aug. 16th, a postscript: "...we left some paper plates, hamburger rolls and some triscuit wafers..."

followed by this entry on Aug. 18: "...we ate the triscuits at a short lunch stop here on the way to Killington. Thanks."

Here is a lengthy piece from the register at Cooper Lodge on Killington, dated July 15-16, 1947, a year when Tom Pease was the caretaker for the Killington section there that summer:

"Twenty-two campers spent the night after a rainy afternoon. Nine came up from Sherburne Pass, arriving in a cloud-burst. Later on thirteen boys and councillors came in from the south and dried out after a wet hike up from Blue Triangle.

"It was a bit of a job to manage meals with the young fry dashing about, but we managed by cooking in shifts. We used up a lot of Tom Pease's nice dry wood, but have chopped up some rather wet stuff that will eventually dry out.

"Both parties leave in the morning for Sherburne Pass and will try to leave the place ship shape.

"A few of us are old timers who have been to Killington on and off since the old hotel woodshed was still standing, and it is an

old story to us but the youngsters are getting a real thrill out of it.

"It is a great improvement to have a camp like this, especially when well taken care of. Quite a contrast from the January day in 1921, when the writer and a friend came up from Rutland via the Notch road and old hotel trail to the tin shack, and slept on a sheet of ice that had formed on the floor.

"Incidentally, the first group were students of St. Albans School, Washington, D.C.
Walter Boyd"

This same register at Cooper Lodge had many interesting entries by Tom Pease, himself, and is almost a day to day record of Tom's experiences on Killington Peak that summer. We plan to do a whole column on just Tom's interesting entries in a future issue of S & B.

One of the following four persons from New York City wrote this ode to camping in the register of the new Pico Camp in November of 1960:

"...Joy Hornung - Julio de la Torre, Harry Sydor - Iere Brian
...arrived tired 11/15/60

departed wet 11/16/60 with provisional thanks for the knotty pine mattress, heatless stove, and solid salt.

Let us go, oh, friend
To where the cloud bends way, way
down
To plant a gooey smooch on Pico's
crest
And gaze with awe
At autumn's sauce and gravy stains
On Pico's once green vest.
Abandon, man, the city's enervat-
ing warmth and rich food,
Wallow through wet ferns, stumble
over moldy rocks and roots,
Recapture anew that near-lost
sylvan mood.

Eat dry bread, salami, weak tea -
man's food!

Stumble in blackness unsullied by
watts and amps!

Crouch around a stinking fire!
Sleep with that healthy awareness
of a pine-scented board
mattress!

The wild joy of morning rain!

Let us go, oh, friend, and cast
our city sins away,
And gather strength from secret
thought
That it's only for a day!"

How many of us have had similar
experiences such as these that have
been written in the camp registers!

Even though we have a fairly
large supply of old filled registers
in which to find these entries, if
any of you readers find any interest-
ing ones on your hikes or camping
trips, write them down and send
them to Ray Catozzi, 103 Bellevue
Ave., Rutland, Vt. We would like
to print them for all to enjoy.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE BIG

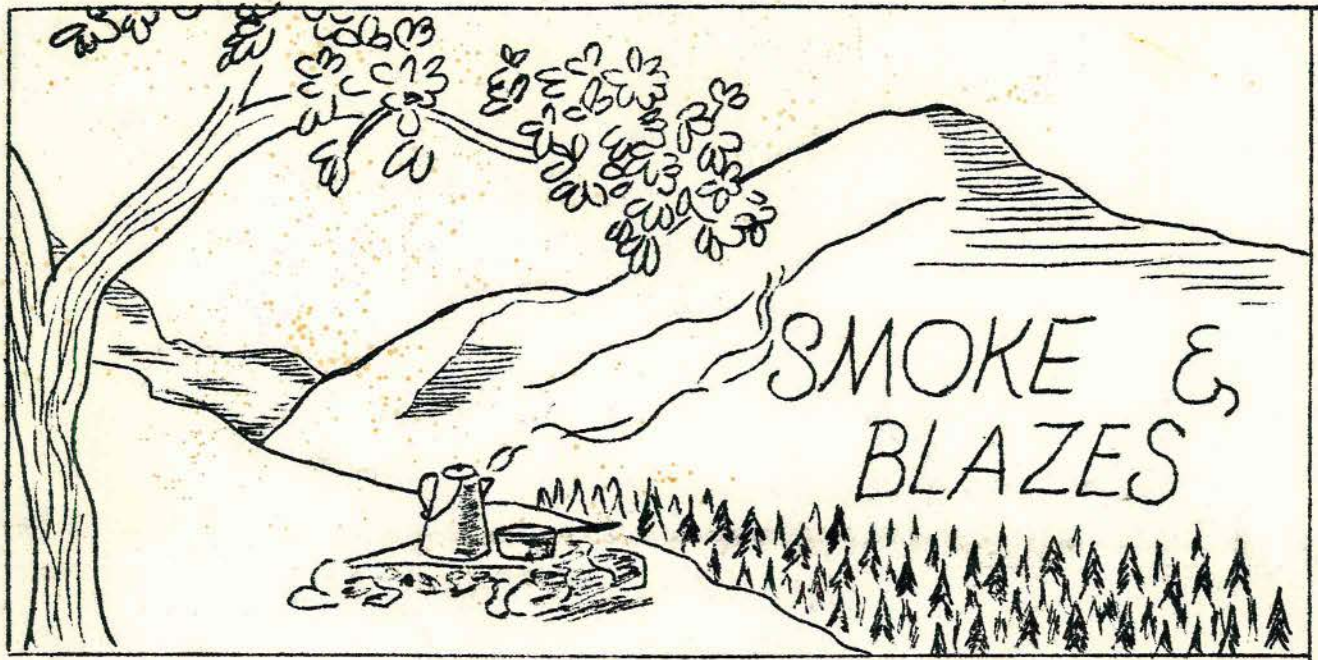
ANNUAL MEETING OF

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC

BE THERE, 'CAUSE

WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU

(Details of meeting on page 2)



Vol. 15, No. 2 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Mar. Apr. 1962

Sunday, Feb. 25 - BALCH PASTURE

Di. out the snowshoes and check your harnesses. We're leaving Meldon at 10 AM for a rough-it hike (no shelter) covering some territory south of Bald Mt. Those who have already been there say that the country is lovely.

Saturday, Mar. 10 - SUNNYSIDE
FROM CLARENDON GORGE

We'll be going into Sunnyside from the north today. This ought to be a good snowshoe hike too. Shake your legs and meet us at Meldon at 10 AM. P.S. If you'd rather, you can go in by Spring Lake Ranch.

Saturday, Apr. 7 - MAPLE SUGAR
PARTY

How long has it been since you have come and enjoyed the donuts, dill pickles and sugar-on-snow? The party will be at the Perkins' home, 242 So. Main St. Serving will start at 6:30 PM. If you haven't paid your dues yet, this will be a good time to do it! Call PR 3-2941 for reservations before Thursday, April 5th.

Saturday, Apr. 14 - HAYSTACK MT.

We will leave at 9 AM from Meldon for Haystack Mt. in Pawlet. We predict that this will be a snowshoe or a sunshine hike. This might prove to be interesting. Coming along?

Sat. & Sun., Apr. 28 and 29 -
BUFFUM SHELTER OVERNIGHT

Sort of a do-it-yourself hike this time. Come along whenever you can. Bring your own transportation, food and sleeping bag. It's supposed to be a pancake breakfast Sunday morning, so bring along the makings. If it's been a long time - or never - since you've slept in one of our camps, now is your chance. You are welcome just to drop in and visit too.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE is Wednesday, April 25th. Please get copy to Ann Reynolds, at 33 Temple St., on or before this date. No reminder calls will be made, so it's up to the members what will appear in Smoke and Blazes. Ideas and suggestions welcome - Call Ann at PR 3-3295.

1962 ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of G.M.C. was held at the CVPS rooms on Thursday Jan. 25, 1962.

President Ray Catozzi began the activities at 7:30. Craig Perkins gave a report on outings, saying that four were called off during the year because of bad weather. Future hikes were discussed for the new schedule.

Jack Martin reported on photos, photo album, and publicity. He stated that new slides or pictures are always welcome.

Trails and shelters were taken care of by Ben Ralston and Churchill Scott. Ben Ralston and Craig Perkins were thanked for the great amount of time and effort given to clearing trail and building Buffum, respectively. The suspension bridge over Mill River has again been repaired.

Mary Isbell was commended for the good work she has done as editor of "Smoke and Blazes". Ann Reynolds has agreed to act as the new editor.

The Secretary and Treasurer's report was read by Churchill Scott. (See separate page for Treasurer's report.)

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers: Ray Catozzi, President; Harold Valiquette, Vice President; Churchill Scott, Secretary-Treasurer. A motion was made for the Secretary to cast one ballot for the slate of officers.

President Catozzi explained the election of trustees, and Ben Ralston was elected to represent the Killington Section.

Ben Ralston spoke of the 1964 Appalachian Trail Conference to be held in the Manchesters with the G.M.C. as host.

Craig Perkins made a motion that Lincoln Isham be made a Life Member of our section in appreciation of his generous gifts. Also discussed was a fund (to be named the Lincoln Isham Fund) to be set aside for major repairs and maintenance work on our section.

After the business meeting was adjourned at 8:30, Dr. A. G. Barrett of Granville, N.Y. gave a very interesting talk, complete with many colorful slides, of a recent trip to Africa. Members enjoyed the comparison of wildlife encountered by Dr. Barrett with that which we meet hiking in the Green Mts.

Refreshments served by Vera Perkins, Ruth Postman and Eleanor Walker, ended another very warm and friendly get-together of the Killington Section.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS REPORT

By W. Churchill Scott

The year 1961 has been the most active one in the memory of present members. A great deal of thanks and appreciation go to Ben Ralston for his endless work of clearing trail and repairing camps. Thanks also to Craig Perkins for the good job of constructing Buffum Lodge as another closed shelter that the Killington Section can be proud of.

This coming year promises to be just as busy, with many odds and ends to do. To name a few: Sunnyside - door repaired, camp creosoted, annex built. Swinging bridge - catwalk creosoted. Clarendon - stove pipe repaired, annex rebuilt. Gov. Clement - roof and lower bunks repaired, annex built. Pico - windows rehung, outside creosoted. Tucker - foundation rebuilt, upper windows repaired, annex built. In addition we have 22 miles of trail to maintain. Anyone willing and able to help with these projects please contact Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St.

The new spring and summer outing schedule is enclosed with this issue. If you would like extra copies for "prospects", see Craig Perkins. Have a few handy in your pocket when you're on the trail!

* * * * *

WINTER WEEKEND at "TALL TIMBER"
By Barbara Allard

The party began Saturday morning with the arrival of several groups in time for lunch. They must have smelled the good stew. Everyone enjoyed the meal.

The afternoon was perfectly beautiful - blue sky and lots of sun. Also no mosquitoes. One group went into the woods to inspect the cabins. They soon came back to the fire and games, as feet had a tendency to cool off.

Supper was a gay affair serving about 30 people. After cleanup we saw an interesting group of photographs with comments by Craigie Perkins. Then one group went out to the workshop and tried somewhat unsuccessfully to pop some corn. All the others stayed in the house and saw slides belonging to Ben Rolston.

Bedtime came, with a bit of discussion as to who would keep fire watch. This was important, as the temperature was now heading toward 20 below zero.

Morning came, and while none of us froze, some of the cars were slow in starting. Hot air and elbow grease finally got them going.

Sunday dinner was somewhat smaller than in former years - not in the amount of food, but the number served! Then it was time to start heading for home. Thanks once again to "Tall Timber" owners for the use of their very nice camp.

- - - - -

David John Martin timed his arrival into the world most auspiciously, coinciding with the beginning of the "Winter Weekend". He weighed in at almost 10 pounds early on the morning of February 10th. Congratulations Janet and Jack!

MOONLIGHT HIKE TO TUCKER
By Judy Allard

On a rather brisk evening in January, six brave souls started out on a moonlight excursion to Tucker Lodge. Before the shelter in the woods was reached, the wind was cutting and cold. Snowshoes were not needed on account of the crusty snow. However, the going was quite rough. The snow made the woods seem very bright, even though the moon didn't show its face until later, and the lodge was reached without the aid of flashlights.

A fire was quickly started and water for warm drinks was put on. Donuts were put in the oven to warm. The hikers huddled around the stove and helped immensely by watching the pot. Contrary to popular superstition, the water boiled anyway, and we were soon warmed by the coffee, tea, cocoa and donuts. Three of the four dozen donuts were devoured, and there were even donuts on the roof!

After six appetites had been satisfied, and the hour noticed, we prepared to start for home. As usual, the moon appeared as soon as we left. The short walk out was very invigorating and a perfect ending to a very pleasant evening.

- - - - -

NOTE: The next issue of "Smoke and Blazes" will be the last one sent to the 1961 mailing list. If you have not already paid your dues, please send them to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. so that you won't miss the next issue.

* * * * *

Additions to 1962 Membership List

Martha Adams	Louis Catozzi	George Kirk
Dr. A. G. Barrett	Raymond Catozzi	Florence Mitchell
Bennett Bell	Edith Ewald	William Mitchell
Miriam Bell	Ella Fritsch	Doris Newton
Gene Broecker	Hans Fritsch	Pearle Nichols
Harriet Bryant	Frances Green	Vera Perkins
Miles Bryant	Robert Hathaway	Ellen Russell
Janice Catozzi	Suzanne Hathaway	Dr. J. Donald Schultz
James Catozzi	Lincoln Isham	Harold Valiquette
John Catozzi	Jay A. King	Thelma Valiquette

TREASURER'S REPORT - 1961

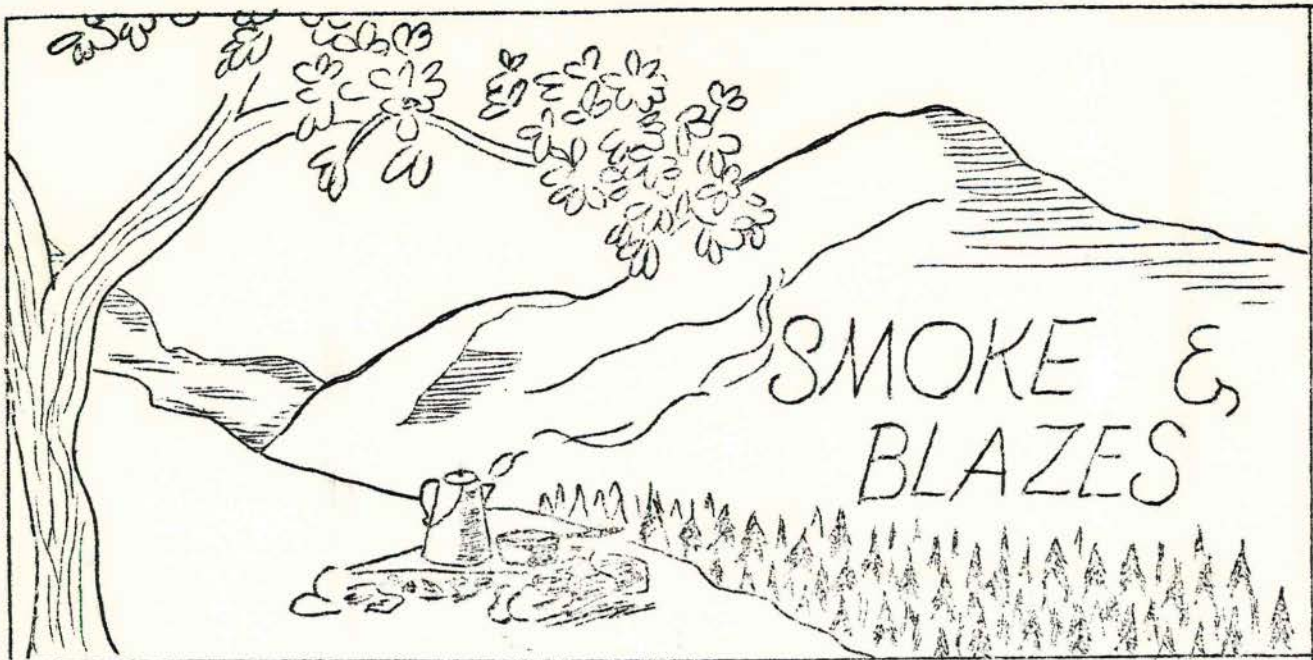
RECEIPTS

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1961	\$ 513.78
Received from dues	140.00
Received from Rummage Sale	139.13
Donations for Buffum Shelter	221.00
Interest on money in bank	11.17
Received from Winter Week-End	5.95
Received from Annual Meeting supper	4.10
Received from sale of Guide Books.	9.00
Total	\$1,044.13

DISBURSEMENTS

Buffum Shelter	390.51
"Smoke and Blazes"	37.70
Outing Committee	8.43
Outing Schedules	17.50
Fred Field - Fire Insurance	15.00
Trails and Shelter Committee	58.96
Postage	5.00
To Main Club for Guide Books	10.00
To Main Club for Dues	30.05
Rummage Sale expenses	13.50
Total	\$ 586.65

Cash on hand December 31, 1961 \$457.48



Vol. 15, No. 3 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB May-June 1962

Saturday, May 12 - MT. AEOLUS

If you see anyone doing a rain dance about this time -- shoot them! Once again we are headed for Aeolus, the cave, and maybe spring flowers. The group leaves Meldon at 10 AM.

Sunday, May 27 - PICO CAMP

Meet us at Meldon at 9 AM for a beautiful day and a nice climb to Pico Camp. We always have a good time here. If you haven't seen the new camp by now, you really should come.

Saturday, June 9 - DORSET MT.

We have heard that Dorset Mt. had a trail. Seemed a bit doubtful that we could find it now, but we are going to try anyhow. There will be a good view, if we can find the top! Leaving Meldon at 9 AM, and this will be a hard one, if you haven't already guessed.

(P.S. Remember the fun we had on Mendon--another hard one.)

Sunday, June 24 - KILLINGTON

A trip to an old pal, with a slightly different twist. Leaving Meldon at 10 AM, we'll go to Clement Shelter and head north on the Long Trail up to the peak. It is a very beautiful walk. Of course, if you're lazy, there's always the lift.

ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, May 26

The annual meeting of the entire Green Mountain Club will be held at the Long Trail Lodge annex on Saturday, May 26th. There will be a "get-acquainted" coffee hour at 10 AM, followed by a business meeting.

The afternoon program, to be planned by the Killington Section, will feature hikes to nearby spots. The evening program, at 8 PM, will feature Roy Buchanan of Burlington as speaker. He will reminisce about "50 Years of the GMC".

Lunch and dinner will be available at the Lodge, with

members signing up on arrival.

A new feature this year will be displays by the various sections, depicting the history, activities, etc. of each section.

The annual meeting offers an excellent opportunity to meet members from other sections and to renew old friendships. We look for a good representation from Killington Section.

MAPLE SUGAR PARTY--M-M-M-M!
by Eleanor Walker

On April 7th at 3:30 PM the maple syrup was put on to cook. All preparations for the annual event to take place that day at Vera Perkins' home had been made. The tables were set on the third floor, and were gay with vases of flowers from Vera's greenhouse. At the top of the stairs we were greeted by branches hung with eggs that had been decorated by Janet, Carol, Nancy and Betsey Martin.

The syrup boiled and was watched by Vera, Pearl and Eleanor and at 6:30 was ready to be served, along with pickles, doughnuts and coffee.

The snow was carried up from Vera's freezer by Jack Martin, George Reynolds and Harold Valiquette. Between 45 and 50 members and their friends gathered to partake of sugar on snow.

The work of clearing was done quickly by the committee, assisted by Mary Allard, Candy and Bob Scott, and Carol Martin.

Barbara Allard, the Reynolds, Churchill Scott and Mary Perkins brought slides of past activities and Barbara operated the projector. It was fun to see where we had been and to see members who are now living in other states.

Among those from out-of-town who attended were Ben Rolston, Ray Secour, Mr. and Mrs. John Vondell, and Bob Humes.

All Killington members who did not attend missed a good time.

BUFFUM OVERNIGHT

The Killington Section held its first official overnight trip to the new Buffum Shelter the weekend of April 28-29, with warm spring weather prevailing.

Craigie Perkins, Churchill and Bobby Scott, Ben and Dorothy Rolston, Ray Secour and his sister Joan (from Schenectady), and Susan Tarbell initiated the new bunks and proclaimed them comfortable. Brian and Richard Gallagher came for the day on Saturday and returned on Sunday, while George, Ann and John Reynolds, Vera Perkins and the Martin girls joined the Sunday group.

Although the trip was billed to include a pancake breakfast Sunday morning, the Reynolds seemed to be the only ones enjoying that treat! Part of the fun on each trip is to see the interesting variety of food brought by the members, and this outing was no exception.

Saturday's activities included a climb to Button Hill and looking for deer (none sighted). Got a report that Susan found "a utensil", but no further details! Pulling stuck cars out of the mud was a diversion on both days, with Craigie's car being the victim on Saturday and the Reynolds' on Sunday.

The outdoor picnic table and benches made by Ben Rolston during the winter "when he had nothing else to do" were put to immediate use.

It was good to see in the register the names of some of our members from Springfield--the Roberts family, the Weeks family, and Mr. Herick Cahee. We missed them up at the Winter Weekend, but were glad to see they have been enjoying some of our section just the same.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER
at CLARENDON LODGE
by Florence Van Wyck

(Editor's note: This writeup arrived too late for publication in the last issue, but it serves as a good reminder that we better enjoy summer--while we may!)

On Groundhog Eve, February 1, a spaghetti supper was held at Clarendon Lodge. The hike to and from the Lodge was quite an experience, since it was the coldest night of the year--and I do mean cold--20 below zero. The walking was fair, a bit slippery in spots, owing to ice under the snow, but this added excitement to the trip.

We parked our cars in a clearing off 103 about 50 or more yards from the trail and walked to the path.

Ray Catozzi, John Allard, Vera Perkins and others had arrived early. The frost-bitten stragglers came upon a most welcome sight as they approached the warm and glowing Lodge.

The delicious spaghetti contributed by Mary Perkins and sauce by Jan Catozzi, along with the hot coffee, climaxed an interesting day for the hungry hikers.

CAMPING GUIDES

Mary Isbell reports that the Rutland Free Library has added two camping atlases to its reference collection. They are "Campground Atlas of the United States and Canada", by James A. Bier and Henry A. Raup, and "Camping Family's Guide to Campsites", Hammond and Co. "These should be useful for outdoors-minded vacationers who plan to do a little sightseeing this summer", says Mary.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE
Wednesday, June 21st. Please send material to Ann Reynolds at 33 Temple St. or call her at 3-3295 if you have anything you wish to be included.

HAYSTACK MOUNTAIN
by George Reynolds

It was a dark damp day when a group of seven diehards assembled at Meldon School.

After a drive through slate-quarried hills and along Lake St. Catharine, we finally arrived at a farm near the base of Haystack Mountain in Pawlet.

During the first part of the hike, we came upon a handful of small deer which promptly took off. Soon we turned off what appeared to be a trail and struggled up a steep slope through numerous trees knocked down by one of the hurricanes.

Reaching what appeared to be a trail, we followed it a short distance along the ridge to the top. From the bare knob we could see off in all directions and the various shades of gray made a striking view.

Being cold and hungry, we moved back down the ridge a short distance to a pine sheltered spot to light a fire. The fire finally decided to flourish without benefit of kerosene and soon got hot enough to burn marshmallows, hot dogs and a few boots.

The hike down turned out to be easy, as we followed the old trail back to the car.

As we passed Mt. Aeolus, Baker Peak and Dorset Peak, we thought of hikes to come.

BALCH PASTURE
by Churchill Scott

"Smoke and Blazes" did not get out in time enough to give this hike in late February much publicity, so when the departure hour came, there were only three hardy souls at Meldon.

We were at the point of tossing a coin to decide whether or not to go, but the brilliant sun, blue sky and warm air proved to be too much of an attraction for us to stay home.

The snow was perfect for snowshoeing, and as we passed the Balch Cemetery, then the Locust Spring, we began to get hungry. We stopped by a huge pine windfall, hung up the tarp, rested our backs against a side hill, and let the sun pour in.

Soon we were on our way again, but the warm sun made the snow too sticky to enjoy good traveling, so we turned around and headed for home.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS COMMITTEE

The committee has been quite busy since the last issue of "Smoke and Blazes". Ben Rolston and Ray Secour report that they have covered the Trail from Rt. 140 (the Gulf Road) north to the Lower Cold River Road, and have done all the necessary repair work to have it ready for the summer season. They also repaired a broken pane of glass at Clarendon Lodge.

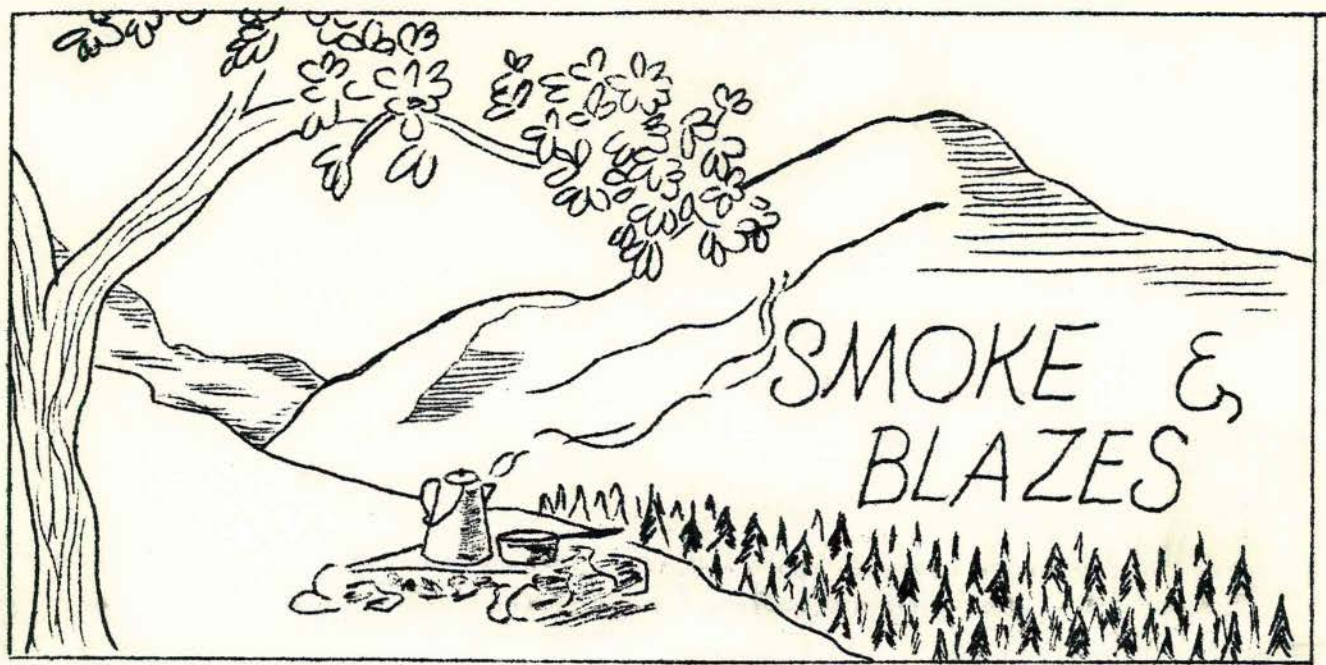
On the winter hike to Sunnyside, the door was repaired, and on the recent overnight trip to Buffum, one light of glass was repaired, the annex was given a roof and a creosote job.

As we see the snow line move up and up the mountain sides, it means the summer hiking season is getting nearer and nearer. There remains a great amount of work to be done in the next two months to put our section in first class condition.

ADDITIONS TO 1962 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Barbara Allard	Richard Gallagher	David Perkins
John Allard	Mary Isbell	Polly Perkins
Judy Allard	Veda Knipes	Tim Perkins
Mary Elizabeth Allard	Joel Mumford	Charles Sabourin
Helen Bailey	Margot Montague	Patricia Sabourin
Anna Berg	William Montague	Gerard Sabourin
Herick Cahee	Craigie Perkins	Mary Pat Sabourin
Diana Conlon	Mary Perkins	Michelle Sabourin
George Conlon	Robert Perkins	Florence Van Wyck
Helen Frink	Thelma Perkins	Eleanor Walker
Brian Gallagher	Amie Perkins	Mrs. Lloyd Weeks

NOTE: This is the last issue of "Smoke and Blazes" to be mailed to the 1961 list. If you have not yet paid your dues, please send them to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt., so you won't miss the next issue.



Vol. 15, No. 4 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - July-Aug '62

PLACE - Little Rock Pond
 DAY - Sat., July 7
 DEPARTURE TIME - 9 AM
 DEPARTURE PLACE - Meldon School
 REMARKS - We plan to meet another section of the GMC. Hiking, swimming and lunch are the order of the day.

PLACE - Camel's Hump
 DAY - Sunday, July 22
 DEPARTURE TIME - 8 AM
 DEPARTURE PLACE - Same as above
 REMARKS - Since we have a long drive before we can hike, we leave early. The view is wonderful from the top.

PLACE - Lake Pleiad
 DAY - Sat., August 4
 DEPARTURE TIME - 10 AM
 REMARKS - How about a nice swim at Lake Pleiad and then a cooling (?) splash at Texas Falls.

PLACE - Greenwall Shelter
 DAY - Sun. August 22
 DEPARTURE TIME - 10 AM
 REMARKS - We hear the blueberries should be good here.

AND DON'T FORGET THE 1962 GMC
 -- INTERSECTIONAL --

TIME - Monday, August 27, through Labor Day, September 3.
 PLACE - Stratton Mountain Scout Reservation at Grout Pond, Stratton, Vt.
 (Details in May issue of Long Trail News.)

ADDITIONS TO 1962 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Patricia Bruneau
 Minerva Hinchey
 Jack Martin
 Janet Martin
 Betsy Martin
 Carol Martin
 David Martin
 Nancy Martin
 Tommy Martin
 Bernice R. Tuttle
 Mrs. William S. Wadsworth, Sr.
 William S. Wadsworth, Jr.
 Mrs. William S. Wadsworth, Jr.
 Lori Wadsworth
 William S. Wadsworth, III

PICO CAMP by Judy Allard

At 9 AM on Sunday, May 27, an ambitious group started for Pico on a beautiful and promising day. After a short ride we reached the Long Trail Lodge, our starting point.

The trail was in rather bad condition. One member remarked that this particular section hadn't been quite that bad since the '52 hurricane. It was damp in spots, and this added to the hard going. One thing which surprised us, though, was the absence of bugs in the woods.

Despite the trail's condition, the outing was a lively one, with the youngsters setting the pace. About noon we arrived at the camp and set about starting a fire. Water was soon boiling and we occupied ourselves with devouring our lunches. We were soon joined by three adventurous people who had hiked over from Killington.

Later, different groups started for either the top or the bottom. The only broken panes of glass were fixed and then the fix-it men proceeded to the top to get a look at the marvelous view. After the camera bugs had taken enough shots, the last group started for home. The trip down was very pleasant, with the many wild flowers making the trail look like a garden path.

The whole outing was enjoyable for all, and everyone went home with a feeling of accomplishment.

KILLINGTON CLIMB by Barbara Allard

The day started cloudy, but nine brave (??) adventurers showed up at Meldon. No one stopped us, so we headed for Killington by way of Clement Shelter. The sun did try, so we can say that much for it.

At Clement we found a familiar black VW from N.Y.

Up the trail we went and by the time we reached the brooks (there were three then), it was time to eat. Our expert firemen had only damp wood, but they soon had a fire going that could not only cook but also keep the bugs away.

Our energy renewed, we hiked along, meeting Ben Rolston disguised as Robin Hood. He was clearing trail.

Cooper Lodge, we found, is in a very sad state. Vandals have smashed every one of the 96 panes of glass, allowing the porkies to take over the camp. It was a mess.

We took a quick trip to the summit, where we got a short cloudy peek at Pico--over to inspect the top of the lift and then back to do a quick cleanup job at the lodge. All hands pitched in and we worked until thunder drove us out. However, if you feel like helping out, there is still lots of broken glass outside the camp.

Thunder and clouds began to roll and so did we. About half way down the trail ran (or changed) into a brook. Everyone slid the rest of the way to Clement. It was a change from walking.

WORK PARTIES

The Trails and Shelters Committee has planned a number of work parties for June and early July to prepare our section of the trail for the summer season.

With the Girl Scout Roundup at Button Bay and the increased interest in hiking the Long Trail, we feel that this year will be the largest ever.

Ben Rolston has cleared the Trail from Rte. 140 north to Gov. Clement. This leaves the rest (about 10 miles) up to the remainder of the section.

Anyone who is willing and able to help in any way at all, Please contact. W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland.

MT. AEOLUS
by W. Churchill Scott

On a bright and sunny day in May, a hardy group of G.M.C.ers left to find the caves and summit of Mt. Aeolus.

At East Dorset the local rural mailman directed us to the correct path, where we left the cars. After a short time this trail divided three ways, and with a great deal of talk we chose the most likely looking one. We followed up a small stream beside the wood road and at last came to a very small marble dump and a surface marble quarry where the wooden derrick had long since rotted away.

Here the road swung north, so we bush-whacked south a ways and hit another road. Soon we had a tasty pot of coffee, thanks to the jug of water Craigue had carried. As we were resting, a bit of red flashed by and upon closer look we saw two scarlet tanagers.

Soon we were climbing up the steepest wood road we had ever seen. Near the top we had some very good views of the Coolidge Range, Bromley, Stratton and Mt. Equinox.

The road bore around the south shoulder of the mountain and Craigue believed we'd gone too far, so he led us in a likely direction and sure enough, we hit some red blazes (seen earlier), which we had thought were property lines. Nevertheless, as we followed them they went on and on over a rather hard trail. Along the way we had numerous views to the east and north, at last reaching the summit where the blazes changed to yellow and a sign said "Dorset". Here on a small ledge there was a beautiful view south down the valley toward Bennington and Glastonbury Mt.

On the way back we met Carol Martin and Vera Perkins resting by the Trail. Soon we hit the wood road and left the red blazes. Perhaps this is where we made our mistake--we should have followed the trail to the east in order to

find the cave, according to our later conversation with Mr. Aldrich, who knows a great deal of Mt. Aeolus.

At last we got back to the cars and found a note from President Catozzi, saying that he'd been there but couldn't find us. So ended an enjoyable hike to another new spot, and thanks to Craigue's perseverance, we found one of our goals.

COOPER LODGE--AND REGRETS

Because of recent vandalism--and we suspect that it may have been ADULT vandalism--all 96 panes of glass have been smashed from the windows of Cooper Lodge.

The few are evil. And the majority of innocent, as usual, must suffer. Until such time that we can determine the reasons for vandalism, and a method of preventing it, we must take the following action on Cooper Lodge:

The cabin will be cleaned up, screening will be installed over the windows to prevent the entry of porcupines, a missing stove part will be replaced, and a new stove pipe will be installed. Cooper Lodge will then be AN OPEN SHELTER.

Therefore, it is suggested that those planning trips in the Killington area be advised that, should the weather report predict cold or stormy conditions, the use of Pico Lodge or Clement Shelter is recommended for over-night stops.

Ben Rolston

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF
SMOKE AND BLAZES -Wednesday
August 29.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT -
By Ben Rolston

I am most pleased that, after an absence of five years, the Killington Section once again has one of its own trustees in the presidential seat of the Green Mountain Club. Your new president will, through personal contacts and his huge volume of correspondence, do all he can to boost the Killington Section and to bring to the hiking public the advantages of hiking and camping on this section of the Long Trail.

We are proud of our portion of the Long Trail, and proud of our volunteers who have made it the fine trail that it is today. Volunteers conquered the engineering feat of constructing a suspension bridge across Clarendon Gorge. Volunteers built Clarendon Lodge, one of the finest on the entire Long Trail. Another volunteer built, almost single-handed, the magnificent new Buffum Lodge. And untold thousands of hours of volunteer labor have continued to keep the Killington Section of the Long Trail alive.

We salute these volunteers--those from the Rutland area and those from our neighboring states. Why have they contributed, with throbbing hearts, aching muscles, and sweating brows, those efforts--without any thought of monetary remuneration? Because they LOVE the Trail and Shelters, and want to make them available for others to enjoy.

We are proud of our views too. Not counting the horizon-sweeping panoramas from the heights of Killington and Pico, we have views which we consider among the finest in Vermont. The pastoral view from Button Hill Ridge, with the cliffs of White Rocks across the valley. The view from Spring Lake clearing of the range of mountains named for one of our native Vermonters who attained the highest position in our nation. And the view from under

those maple trees atop the hill just south of the Cold River School--a view of the peaceful valley of the Cold River. PEACE-FULL VALLEY--a dream of millions of enslaved people throughout the world--yet enjoyed so freely in our beloved Vermont

Yes, we are proud of our section of the Long Trail. To the hundreds of hikers from near and far who will hike our section of the Trail this season, we sincerely say WELCOME! We hope that you will receive the same enjoyment and inspiration--yes, the mental and spiritual uplift--during the use of our Trail and Shelters that we have experienced in preparing them for your hiking pleasure.

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable summer season.

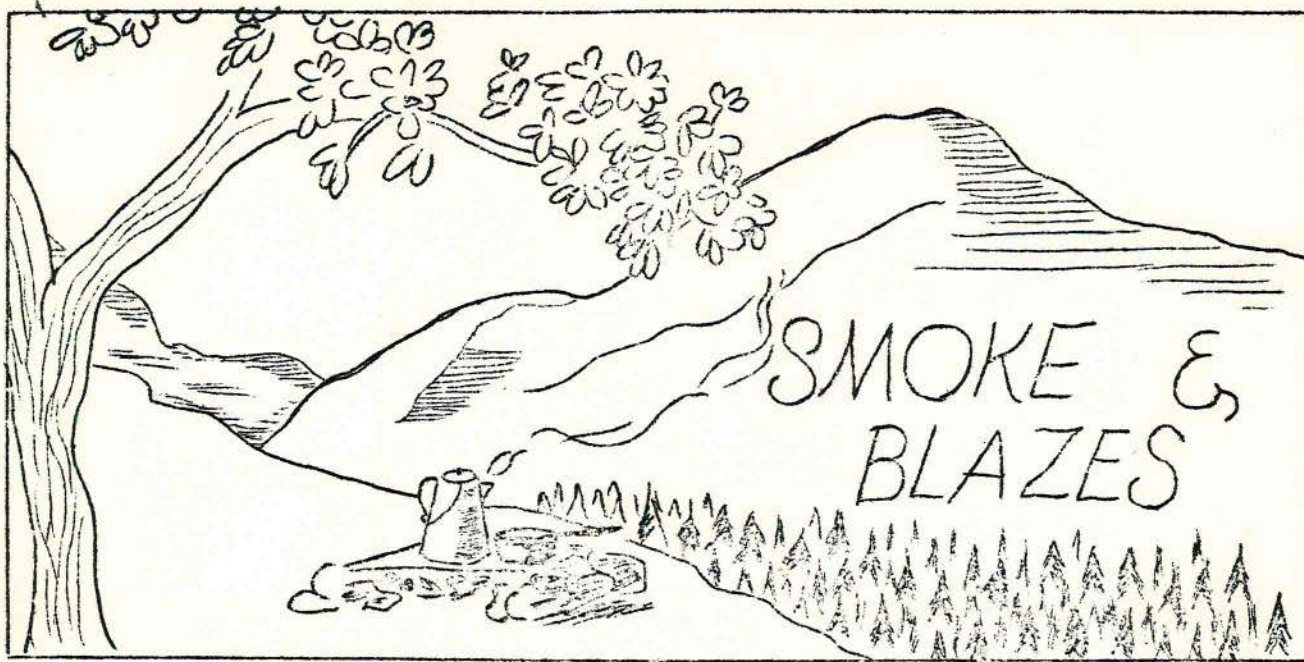
END-TO-END, ANYONE?

About 12 years ago, the Killington Section planned a series of hikes designed to qualify the participants for the End-to-End Award. We utilized the long Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends for distant parts of the Trail and hiked over closer parts at other times of the year.

After seven years of steady effort Mary, Craigie and Vera Perkins covered the whole length of the Trail and won the End-to-End Award.

About three years ago this idea was started again, but interest died out and it was forgotten. Now a number of members feel this might be an easy way to cover the Trail, so we would like to try it again.

Anyone interested in this type of hike is asked to contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St. Rutland.



Vol. 15, No. 5 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Sept. Oct. '62

COMING EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all hikes depart from the old Meldon School building, on Center St. just off South Main St.

DATE - Sunday, Sept. 16
 DESTINATION - Bromley
 DEPARTURE TIME - 10 A.M.

It's time now for the fall hikes--no more bugs! Come along and enjoy the view. Bring your camera.

DATE - Saturday, Sept. 29
 DESTINATION - Mt. Cushman
 DEPARTURE TIME - 9 A.M.

This is a new hike to most of us. Maybe it'll be a good one!

DATE - Sunday, Oct. 14
 DESTINATION - Mt. Hanley
 DEPARTURE TIME - 10 A.M.

The color should be nice today. Everyone who has hiked this mountain in West Rutland has enjoyed it.

DATE - Saturday, Oct. 27
 DESTINATION - Beechwood, for the annual covered dish supper.
 TIME - Supper begins at 6 P.M., but come earlier if you want to take a walk.

Call Vera Perkins at 3-2941 by Friday, Oct. 26, for reservations and instructions about what dish to bring. Please bring your own plate, cup and silverware. After supper you'll be properly entertained. GMC Trustees meet in Rutland the same day and we hope to have some of them present.

DEADLINE DATE

Deadline for the next issue of "Smoke and Blazes" will be Wednesday, Oct. 31. Please get material to editor Ann Reynolds at 33 Temple St. on or before that date. If you are asked to write up a trip that you attend, please try to do it as soon as possible and send it on in. The editor is making no follow-ups, as you can see by the size of this issue!

GREENWALL SHELTER by John Carnahan

A week of gray, muggy weather in Rutland broke almost on the hour for our departure from Meldon School on Sunday, August 12, and our small group of eight had a perfect day for the hike into Greenwall from Wallingford Gulf Road.

Just below U.S.F.S. road #19, we were joined by Ben and Dorothy Rolston, who had been camping at Gifford Woods for the weekend. Their appearance on the trail was most welcome.

Biggest surprise was the progress on the new shelter at Greenwall. A completely new, prefabricated-spearing leanto, facing west and nearer the trail, was awaiting us, together with steel-covered picnic table to ward off the porkies. Some cleaning up and perhaps some finishing touches were all that remained to be done to this handsome shelter.

For lunch our group preferred the sunshine and pleasant solidness of the older log shelter. Also, the older shelter is closer to the outhouse and the spring. Water is in short supply at this camp and along most of this section of the Trail.

All were agreed that the log shelter should be allowed to remain. Forest Service, please take note! It is in good repair and has many more years of useful life. Furthermore, it is a beautiful job of log construction and has a Long Trail character which newer structures cannot duplicate.

For a short hike after lunch, the group went on up to the peak of the cliffs at White Rocks. There we were joined by Crague Perkins for the homeward trip. All in all, it was a good half-day outing.

LATE NEWS FLASH

RUMMAGE SALE NOV. 17th --

NEIGHBORHOOD ROOMS

RUMMAGE SALE

The date and place for the annual rummage sale, Killington Section's chief fund-raising event, have not yet been set -- but it will be SOON, and you will be notified in some way, if it is before the next issue of "Smoke and Blazes".

In the meantime, start gathering your donations. The committee reports that the following items have sold especially well in the past: books, jewelry, puzzles, yarn, toys, dishes, wallets and handbags.

LITTLE ROCKY POND

The first Saturday in July proved to be an ideal one for a trip to Little Rocky--not too hot, yet warm enough for swimming and sunning, and the bugs seemed conspicuous by their absence, compared with last year.

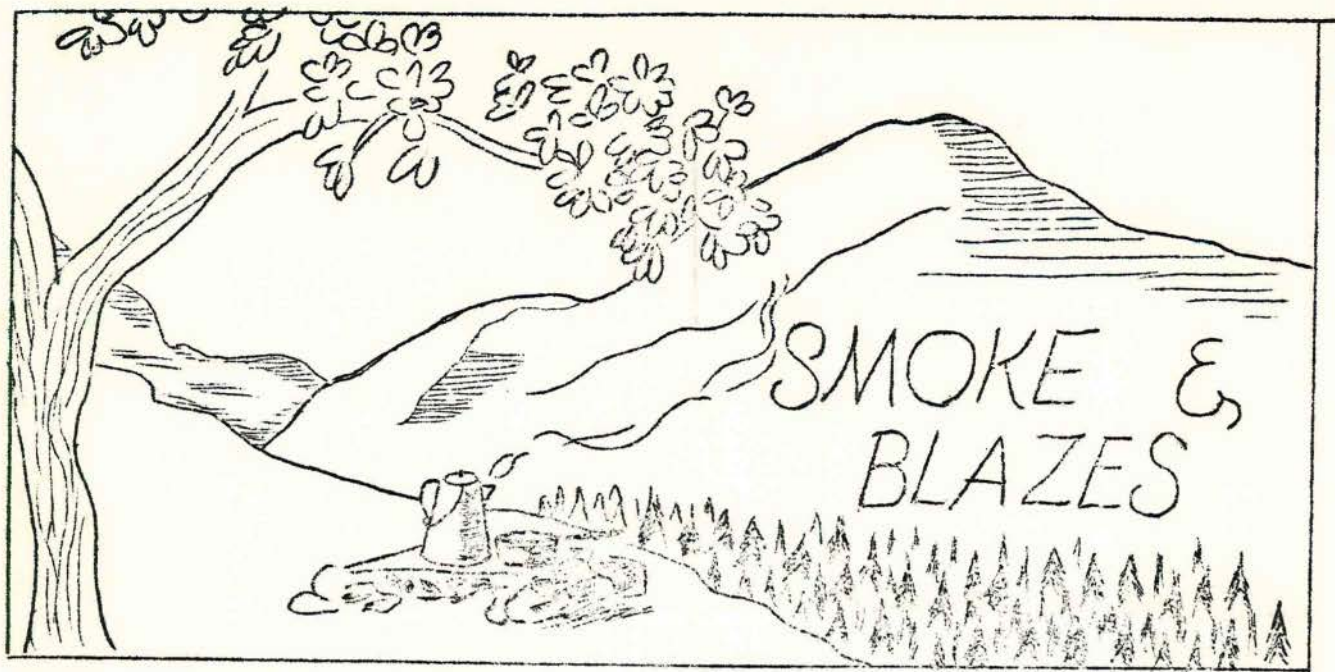
The trip was marked by its large attendance, with some 25 people joining in at one point or another. In addition, a large group of Boy Scouts stopped for a rest.

Everyone traveled at his own pace, so that actual arrivals and departures from the pond were spread out over a long period--and no one seemed in a hurry to leave.

As the next-to-last groups got in their cars at the road, we wondered how six Allards and one additional hiker were going to return in one small volkswagen, but somehow they made it, we learned later!

NEW OUTING SCHEDULE

With this issue of "Smoke and Blazes" you'll find enclosed the fall and winter outing schedule. We'll visit each of the shelters in our section, as well as other hikes, old and new. Extra copies of the schedule may be obtained from club officers.



All trips leave from the old Meldon School building, on Center St. just off South Main St. unless otherwise noted.

DATE - Sunday, Nov. 11
DESTINATION - Saltash Mountain
DEPARTURE TIME - 10 A.M.

This is a new one and I don't know much about it. Come and see if I'm wrong.

DATE - Saturday, Nov. 24
DESTINATION - Pico Shelter
DEPARTURE TIME - 9 A.M.

The view from the tower last year was marvelous. The beechnuts might be good, and the company is always excellent-- naturally.

DATE - Sunday, Dec. 9
DESTINATION - Tucker Lodge,
Moonlight Hike
DEPARTURE TIME - 7 P.M.

After much consulting of charts, graphs, etc., the powers that rule decided this was the right time for moonlight. Let's see if they are right.

DATE - Saturday, Dec. 22
DESTINATION - Clement Shelter
DEPARTURE TIME - 9 A.M.

If the season is getting you down, and you slump into a valley of fatigue, come out into the fresh air and get rid of your worries.

DATE - Sunday, Jan. 6
DESTINATION - Buffum Lodge
DEPARTURE TIME - 10 A.M.

This will probably be a snowshoe hike. Try to get them in shape before you leave, but bring along a piece of string, just in case. It always comes in handy!

RUMMAGE SALE

The annual GMC rummage sale will be Saturday, Nov. 17th, at the Neighborhood Rooms, starting at 9 A.M. Please bring rummage on Friday, for sorting and pricing. If you need to have your contributions picked up, call Craigie Perkins. Let's make this fund-raising event a successful one.

BROMLEY MOUNTAIN

On Sunday, Sept. 16, a large group took advantage of a good fall day to climb Bromley Mountain. Mr. and Mrs. Paddock's daughter and family from Manchester accompanied us, along with little Louie Catozzi, who started working on his End-to-End award.

After a short trip from the road, we arrived at Bromley Shelter, where we ate lunch. This is a rather small camp, but snug and in a nice spot. Nearby a good-sized brook supplies the water.

With lunch finished and a good rest, we hiked up a very well-kept trail gently climbing through brilliant hard-wood foliage. Everyone set his own pace and soon we broke out into the ski runs. From here the trail became pretty steep and soon we were at the top.

Some folks were content to bask in the sun and enjoy the view of mountain after mountain to the east, south and west. Others went on to the tower, where we could get a 360 degree view of the Adirondacks, Green and White Mountains and the Berkshires. But none of us could figure out what is the fifth state one can see from there, according to the publicity. Soon it was time to go and we ended another enjoyable day hiking to the top of another beautiful mountain of Vermont. May we always be able to walk to the summits instead of taking the easy way via chairlift!

ANOTHER NEW HIKER

George and Ann Reynolds are the happy parents of a second son, born Sept. 17. Bob was introduced at the covered dish supper, just as his brother was two years ago. Your editor thanks the GMC members for their cards and expressions of good wishes.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

On Oct. 27, Ray Secor checked the Trail from Clarendon to Gov. Clement and reported that it was in good condition, in spite of the recent wind and rain storm. Clarendon was in good shape, with only one broken window. Ray and Ben Rolston spent the night of Oct. 26 there.

On the same date Churchill Scott checked from Clarendon south to the Gulf Road. There was a small amount of brush and blow-downs. The camps were in excellent shape, with no broken windows, a good supply of wood, and were swept clean.

There were at least three entries in the Sunnyside log book about the poor water supply. This will have to be taken care of on our next trip there.

On Nov. 24, when we have a hike to Pico, there are a number of things that can be done before winter. The window frames can be moved, the trail cleared from Pico Junction, and if time permits, a new annex can at least be started. If weather permits, we plan to cut a new trail around the big swamp south of the near junction.

COVERD DISH SUPPER by Mary Isbell

Almost 60 people attended the annual covered dish supper at Beechwood on Oct. 27. This gathering included several GMC Trustees and their families, who had come for a Trustees' meeting that day. Among them were Ben Rolston, Bob Humes, Roy Buchanan and Bill Bartlett.

The food was delicious, as usual, with a variety of dishes and desserts. Although we expected to bring our own dishes and silver, we found that silver, and paper plates and cups had been provided. We had a lot of fun visiting with our out-of-town guests before and after dinner.

LONG TRAIL HIKE by W. Churchill Scott

From Aug. 19-23, I enjoyed leading a group of Girl Scouts and their leaders on a trip from the Wardsboro-Arlington Road 26 miles north to Mad Tom Shelter and out to East Dorset.

When I volunteered for this job, I figured there would be seven or eight in the group. But when it came time to go and I was informed there would be seventeen of us in all, I had my doubts. Our section has always maintained that only small groups should use the Trail, so I was hoping I'd meet no one on the Trail that I knew.

However, after four days of watching these girls handle themselves and the various situations they met, I'm sure that if all groups conducted themselves as well, the GMC would have nothing to worry about.

We left Grout Job about 3 P.M. Sunday and hiked up the logging road to Willis Ross Camp, passing a good-sized beaver dam on the way. Each group set its own pace, with a counselor in charge. With 12 girls and five leaders, this was no problem. We just missed the work party, for they had been going over the Trail and had painted the annex. We dug a temporary one with the trench shovel we'd carried for just this purpose. This first night we all crowded into the shelter.

Next day we went on to Swezey past Bigelow and Stratton View. Beavers have done a lot of work at Stratton Pond, and at the outlet there is a 30-foot log to cross. With the packs some girls had, this was a job. I finally wound up taking off my shoes and socks and going in up to my knees. You should try that early some morning!

New Swezey is a good camp, but we went on to Old Swezey. We decided to sleep out in spite of the threatening rain, making shelters of our ground cloths and ponchos.

The following day we went on by Spruce Peak, where we got a good view of the Manchester Valley and arrived at Bromley Camp in the early afternoon. Since it was occupied, we decided to eat, fill our canteens, and go on to the two brooks mentioned in the Guide Book. They were dry as a bone when we got there. We felt full of pep, and the brisk northwest wind had cleared the sky, so it was good and cool.

So we kept going, and soon were on top of Bromley. Here we made our beds, planned to have a dry lunch, and eat at Mad Tom the next morning. There wasn't a cloud in the sky, but about 3 A.M. the clouds rolled in and everything got wet. We ate and went on to Mad Tom, where we ate a breakfast-lunch, rested and viewed the new Mad Tom Shelter. We hiked down the Mad Tom Brook Trail to East Dorset.

In this 26 miles of hiking, there are only 2.5 miles - climbing Bromley - that is uphill. The Worcester and Brattleboro Sections have done wonderful work on the Trail and shelters. The group I was with came from California, New York, Maine and all over Vermont, and they all learned a great deal about the GMC and the Long Trail. We all want to thank the GMC for a wonderful experience.

NEW MEMBERS

The following have been added to the membership list for 1962:

Allen Camp
Dr. Earle Johnson
Ken LaPlant
Elsie Maier
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
Les Pfenning
Marc Pfenning
Susan Pfenning

Which reminds us - it will soon be time to pay 1963 membership dues to Churchill Scott, Treasurer,

-4-

MT. CUSHMAN
by Vera Perkins

A small but optimistic group met at Meldon School on Saturday Sept. 28th for the trip to Mt. Cushman. Tho the morning was foggy we anticipated clearing weather and a colorful drive up scenic Route 100 to Rochester. Tho we kept telling each other that over the next hill or around the next bend we would run out of the fog, it stayed with us all the way. We had occasional glimpses of bright trees - just enough to show us what we were missing.

At Rochester we took the road toward the east just beyond The Common and stopped for directions soon after leaving the village. Following these brought us to the place for leaving the cars and beginning the actual hike. Here we crossed an open pasture and after several false starts found the trail. A fairly steep but not too long climb brought us in sight of the fire tower which proved to us that we were on the top of something. The fire warden assured us that it was Mt. Cushman, but for all we could see it might have been anywhere as we were enveloped in clouds.

After a brief warm up in the warden's cabin, Churchill built one of his famous fires in spite of the dampness. The hot coffee never tasted better.

We learned from the warden that there is a Jeep road practically to the top. An old issue of THE VERMONTIER tells of a proposed project of the Rochester Improvement Association to develop Mt. Cushman. The old road leading from Rochester to Randolph and passing near the summit was to be restored, also a connecting road leading over to Bethel.

The first annual Mt. Cushman Day was held on the summit on August 27, 1936 with 600 persons picnicing there. Many years

earlier a building 30 x 40 ft. had been erected on the summit by the original Artemis Cushing for parties and dancing.

In spite of all this enthusiasm 25 years ago, two fireplaces for picnic parties are the only remaining "developments" and the warden reported that the mountain had very few visitors these days.

The view from here is said to be excellent. We wouldn't know about that but we'd like to go again and find out.

We returned to our cars by the same trail we had followed up the mountain, arriving just as a steady rain began which accompanied us all the way to Rutland. In spite of the poor weather this was an interesting trip.

CHRISTMAS GIFT
SUGGESTION

For that friend or relative "who has everything", why not a membership in the GMC and/or the GMC Guide Book? Churchill Scott 132 Maple St., will be happy to help Santa Claus by filling your order.

BEWARE - HUNTING SEASON!

With not one, but two hikes scheduled during hunting season, it might be well to equip yourself with an item seen in a local sports store - a bright red vest boldly labeled, "DON'T SHOOT - I'M A MAN!"

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Binder #1	1948 - 1954
Binder #2	1955 - 1962
Binder #3	1963 - 1975
Binder #4	1976 - 1983
Binder #5	1984 - 1991
Binder #6	1992 - 2001
Binder #7	2002 - Date

A Note About Numbers

Smoke and Blazes started in 1948 as a monthly publication and continued so until about 1959 when it became a bimonthly. In about 1967 it switched to quarterly publication. Occasionally issues were skipped, especially in 1970 and 1971.

In general each calendar year was assigned a new "Volume" and "Numbers" were assigned consecutively from "1" through each year.

There is some lack of consistency in the months of publication, and there are some out-and-out errors in the numbering.

The following Table of Contents lists the issues in this binder showing the Volume, Number, and Date as printed, and, where different, what the Volume, Number, and Date probably should have been.

Dedication

This set of copies of Smoke and Blazes is donated to the Rutland Historical Society in memory of my parents, Mary and Craig Perkins and my aunt, Vera Perkins. They conceived the idea for a Killington Section newsletter in 1948 and served as editors and publishers for the first several years of its existence, cutting stencils, and running mimeograph copies in our living room. They continued as frequent contributors to the publication and as active members of the Club for over a half century. Fortunately, Dad had a pack rat proclivity which I seem to have inherited. By combining his collection of Smoke and Blazes with mine, I have been able to put together this complete run of the publication.

Bob Perkins
Rutland, VT
April, 1999

Table of Contents

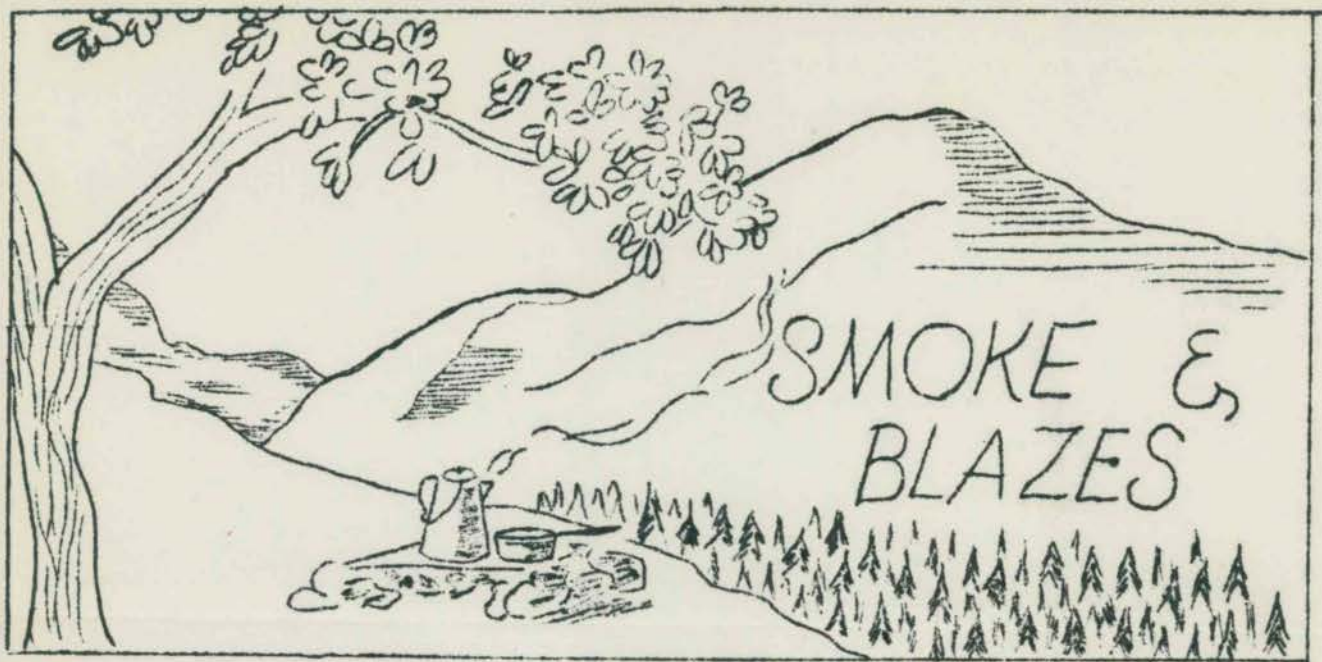
Smoke and Blazes

Binder #3

As printed				Probably should be			
Vol.	No.	Issue	Year	Vol.	No.	Issue	Year
15	7	Jan/Feb	63	16	1	Jan-Mar	63
15	8	Apr/May	63	16	2	Apr/May	63
15	9	Jun/Jul	63	16	3	Jun/Jul	63
15	10	Aug	63	16	4	Aug	63
15	11	Fall	63	16	5	Sep/Oct	63
15	12	Winter	63	16	6	Nov/Dec	63
17	1	Jan/Feb	64				
17	2	Mar/Apr	64				
17	3	May/Jun	64				
17	3	Jul/Aug	64	17	4	Jul/Aug	64
17	5	Fall	64	17	5	Sep-Dec	64
18	1	Jan/Feb	65				
18	2	Mar/Apr	65				
18	3	May/Jun	65				
18	4	Jul-Sep	65				
18	5	Oct/Nov	65	18	5	Oct-Dec	65
19	1	Jan/Feb	66				
19	2	Mar/Apr	66				
19	3	May/Jun	66				
19	4	Jul/Aug	66				
19	5	Sep/Oct	66				
19	6	Nov/Dec	66				
20	1	Jan-Mar	67				
20	2	Apr/May	67	20	2	Apr-Jun	67
20	3	Jun-Aug	67	20	3	Jul-Sep	67
20	4	Oct/Nov	67	20	4	Oct-Dec	67
21	1	Jan/Feb	68				
21	2	Mar/Apr	68				
21	3	May/Jun	68				
21	4	Jul/Aug	68				
21	5	Sep/Oct	68				
22	1	Nov-Jan	68/69	21	6	Nov/Dec	68
22	2	Feb/Mar	69	22	1	Jan-Mar	69
22	2	Apr/May	69	22	2	Apr-Jun	69
22	3	Jun-Aug	69	22	3	Jul-Sep	69
22	4	Oct-Dec	69				
22	1	Jan-Sep	70	23	1	Jan-Sep	70
23	1	Sep-Mar	70/71	23	2	Oct-Mar	70/71
23	2	Apr-Aug	71	24	1	Apr-Sep	71
23	3	Oct-Dec	71	24	2	Oct-Dec	71
23	4	Jan-Mar	72	25	1	Jan-Mar	72
24	2	Apr-Jun	72	25	2	Apr-Jun	72
24	3	Jul-Sep	72	25	3	Jul-Sep	72
24	4	Oct-Dec	72	25	4	Oct-Dec	72
25	1	Jan-Mar	73	26	1	Jan-Mar	73
25	2	Apr-Jun	73	26	2	Apr-Jun	73
25	3	Jul-Sep	73	26	3	Jul-Sep	73
25	4	Oct-Dec	73	26	4	Oct-Dec	73

Vol.	No.	As printed Issue	Year
26	1	Jan-Mar	74
26	2	Apr-Jun	74
26	3	Jul-Sep	74
26	4	Oct-Dec	74
27	1	Jan-Mar	75
27	2	Apr-Jun	75
27	3	Jul-Sep	75
27	4	Oct-Dec	75

Vol.	No.	Probably should be Issue	Year
27	1	Jan-Mar	74
27	2	Apr-Jun	74
27	3	Jul-Sep	74
27	4	Oct-Dec	74
28	1	Jan-Mar	75
28	2	Apr-Jun	75
28	3	Jul-Sep	75
28	4	Oct-Dec	75



Vol. 15, No. 7 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Jan. Feb. '63

Sat., Jan. 19 - SUNNYSIDE

We'll be leaving at nine A.M. from Meldon School for a good snowshoe trip to Sunnyside Shelter. Bring along your cameras, and sleds if you like to slide.

Sun. Feb. 3 - SPAGHETTI SUPPER AT CLARENDON LODGE

The dinner gong rings at six P.M. GMC provides the spaghetti and sauce free. Bring your own salad, garlic bread, wine, or whatever else you like with spaghetti. Come right to the lodge at six or sooner. Those of you who went last year remember what a smashing success this hike was. Come on and join the fun.

Sat. & Sun., Feb. 16 and 17 - WINTER WEEKEND AT TALL TIMBER

Reservations will be necessary for this weekend. Call the Perkins at 773-7954 by Tuesday, the 12th. If you can't come for the whole time, come and visit us and take a walk in the woods.

Sat. Jan. 26 - ANNUAL MEETING

President Ray Catozzi will call the annual meeting of the Killington Section to order at 8 P.M., Saturday Jan. 26, in the CVPS rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Weeks of Springfield will show slides of their Long Trail travels, and refreshments will be served at the end of the evening. Anyone willing to provide refreshments is asked to call Vera Perkins at 773-2941.

RUMMAGE SALE REPORT

Vera Perkins and her committee report that the annual fall rummage sale netted about \$115.00, which they felt was a good return. They want to thank everyone who contributed rummage, including the out-of-town folks who brought or sent items--including Betty Ball, who sent rummage all the way from Florida.

In the 15 years since they began, rummage sales have netted the Killington Section nearly \$1,800.00--a lot of money we wouldn't have had otherwise.

A MESSAGE FROM SCHENECTADY -

It was surely nice getting out again with the Killington Section on the January 6th Buffum Lodge trip. One of the nicest camps on the Long Trail, and one of the friendliest groups to hike with. It was encouraging to see the many children along --these young people will be tomorrow's GMC leaders.

On the 5th, made a snowshoe trip over one of my favorite sections of the Trail--between Upper Road and Lower Road. A most inspiring walk--the sound of Cold River gurgling under its coating of ice; the surface of the snow broken only by the footprints of the deer, rabbits and other wildlife in search of food; the quiet of the winter woods broken only by the sound of whirring partridge wings, or the chickadee-dee-dee of my favorite bird. These are the rewards of snowshoeing thru the wilderness.

Munch will probably be written and discussed about the recent vandalism at Clarendon Lodge. Such acts are most discouraging. Yet we can feel fortunate, for this is the first major vandalism to hit Clarendon since it was built 10 years ago. Perhaps such damage, instead of discouraging us, may make us so mad that we will be even more determined to work hard to keep our Long Trail program moving ahead. And our appreciation goes to Churchill Scott who has been working so diligently to repair the windows.

As 1963 starts to roll forward, we know that the program of the Killington Section will move forward too, keeping pace with the increasing interest in hiking, camping, and enjoying the beauty of our Vermont forests, streams, and mountains. With our combined efforts, 1963 will be a great year for GMC.

--Ben Rolston

MOONLIGHT HIKE TO TUCKER

by Doris Newton

At take-off time the first real snowfall of the season was in full progress, but after all, when did snow ever stop the GMC? After some sliding around on the road, cars were parked, equipment gathered, and we were off on the path to Tucker.

Isn't it surprising how light the open hard-woods can be at night and in a snowstorm? Still, lights in the window of Tucker were a pleasant sight. Members from Springfield were already there after an afternoon of scrambling around on Deer Leap. They had been as glad as we were not to find a stone cold cabin and to find dry wood and coals in the stove; thanks to a morning trip by Craigie Perkins and Churchill Scott. (Thanks to both of you from all of us there!)

With about 25 people present, Tucker was not quite bursting at the seams, but space was at a premium and the upper berths were well filled. After good talk, good coffee, good doughnuts, and a pleasant walk out thru heavily falling snow, the "Moonlight" hike was pronounced very satisfactory.

PICO PEAK

by Barbara Allard

Even though the weather looked bad, quite a few showed up to climb Pico. We even had some of our members from way down in Springfield. There was just enough snow to make the walking interesting. The higher we got on the mountain the lovelier our surroundings. Everything was covered with white.

In camp we found some clever person had knocked a hole in the stove so he could build a fire in the oven. Makes it difficult for people who know how to use the stove.

After lunch the expert carpenters had an audience while they rehung windows. After the traditional last cup of coffee, it was time to go home. It had been overcast all day, but with sunset came some clear and colorful views. So you missed a good one if you didn't come along.

BUFFUM SHELTER By W. Churchill Scott

Our annual winter hike to Buffum proved to be a big success with visitors from New York and Massachusetts.

The early arrivals decided not to wear snowshoes, except for George Reynolds, but when we saw the amount of snow in the woods--14½ inches deep, according to Craigue Perkins--we were sorry.

Ben Rolston, Vic Randolph and family and friends were there, and as usual, a good fire and warm cabin greeted us. Soon lunches were being eaten, and then all we wanted to do was sit around the fire and talk.

George tried many times to promote a hike to Sunnyside, but after numerous attempts said "What a bunch of hikers!"

After lunch the Martins, Vera Perkins, Doris Newton and the Valiquettes arrived to swell our total number to 26.

Soon it was time to leave and all of us are very grateful to the Wallachs, for permission to use their land, and to Craigue, for his willingness to build such an enjoyable shelter for us.

SALTASH MOUNTAIN by W. Churchill Scott

The day for this hike was very threatening, and as the five of us sat in the car hoping more would show up, rain fell now and then, Craigue, Churchill and the Gallagher boys discussed the pros and cons of going. Seeing this was a new trip, we finally decided to try it.

After many crooks and turns we arrived at the spot where, according to the topographical and Vt. State Dept. of Highways maps, a road was to lead us to Bear Mt., a peak just north of Saltash.

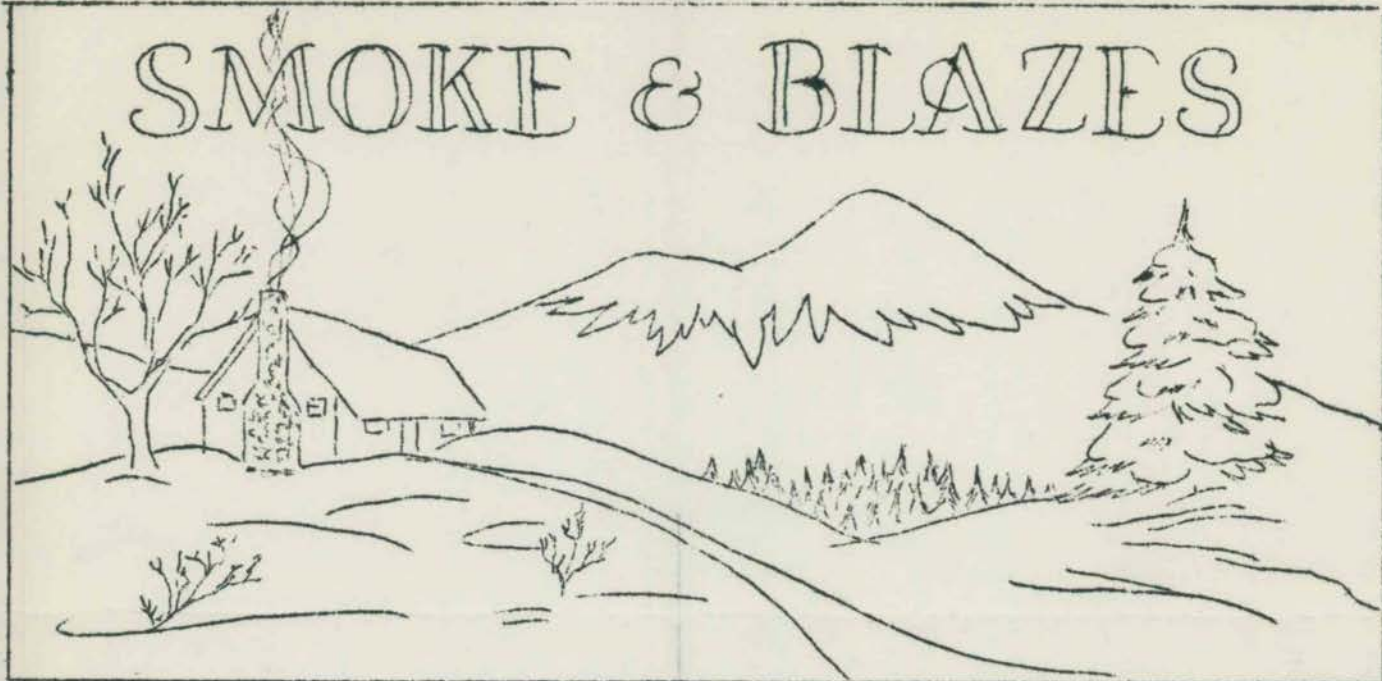
Just as we left the car snow began to fall and lasted all day. We hiked along a well defined wood road, choosing the right turns for over a half mile. Then, seeing we were turning north too far, we found a good spot to eat.

With Craigue's ever-present tarp, good dry wood and a brook, we had a very comfortable rest and a chance to dry out the boys' socks. We decided to return a ways to a fork in the wood road, which turned to the east. This proved to be a very easy grade through young pine trees. We made a mental note that this would be an ideal snowshoe hike for the future.

Soon the boys were getting wet and tired, and the sun was setting, so we turned toward home as the clouds broke. The last few minutes' walk was beautiful, with the sun's rays piercing the clouds to speed over the snow covered farm land.

We feel that if we'd been able to see Saltash we'd have had better luck, but now we'll have to wait till next time.

SMOKE & BLAZES



Vol. 15, No. 8 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Apr.-May 1963

DATE - Saturday April 6
DESTINATION - Sugar Party at
Universalist Church, West Street
TIME - 6:30 PM
The GMC is holding its annual
"sugar on snow" party in a public
place this year. Call 773-2941
for reservations by Thursday
April 4th.

DATE - Sunday, April 21
DESTINATION - Greenwall Shelter
DEPARTURE TIME - 10:00 AM
We have a new shelter at Greenwall.
We may still have a bit of snow,
so be sure to wear good boots.
There'll be a chance to visit
White Rocks too. Leave from
Meldon School.

DATE - Saturday and Sunday, May 4-5
DESTINATION - Tucker Lodge
The club will be meeting right
at the lodge. It seems that
since the lodge was built in 1936,
it now needs an operation. We'll
be using all the consultants and
assistants we can get. Activities
will be going on both days, and
you're welcome to stay overnight.

DATE - Sunday, May 19
DESTINATION - Clement Shelter
DEPARTURE TIME - 10:00 AM
Clement also needs a bit of
attention, so this will be a
combination work and pleasure
hike. We may be able to drive
right to the shelter by this
time. Leave from Meldon School.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

At a recent meeting of the
committee, it was decided that
with the tremendous amount of
snow (29 inches on top of table
at Buffum) it will not be
possible to do much work until
after the next issue of "Smoke
and Blazes". At that time we
will have more information on
work parties.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mr. Lincoln Isham has given
the Killington Section another
very generous contribution in
honor of Abraham Lincoln, to be
used in trails and shelter work.

WINTER WEEKEND AT TALL TIMBER
By the Days and Cahees
of Springfield, Vt.

The bright sun and cloudless blue sky made the 40 hikers forget the frigid air and biting wind as they packed their gear up the hill to the Perkins's camp Tall Timber, on Feb. 16. A total of 50 people registered, coming from Schenectady, New York City, Worcester and Shrewsbury, Mass. Springfield and Rutland, Vt., with 26 staying overnight.

Beef stew, the kind that sticks to the ribs, and all one could eat, was served at noon in two sittings to about 40. This grand meal with all the trimmings gave everyone extra energy for the afternoon activities.

After lunch, six hikers, led by Ben Rolston, snowshoed to Tucker Lodge, arriving at 4:30. After a short rest they continued on to the main road and hiked back to Tall Timber on foot, enjoying the colorful alpine glow as the sun set, on Pico Peak.

The Springfield group chopped umpteen cords of wood to help keep Jack Frost out of their cabins, while others took short snowshoe hikes over the beautiful countryside and snapped many pictures of the sparkling white snow and the bluest sky imaginable.

The hearty supper of corned beef hash, cabbage salad, and chocolate bread pudding, more than satisfied the appetites of the hungry hikers. The lively after-dinner discussions were suddenly hushed as many found themselves engrossed in trying to extricate the pencils with string attached which Harold Valiquette had deftly fastened to sweater or shirt buttonhole.

Around nine o'clock, 12 of the group left the cozy farmhouse and braved the 15 below zero temperature to hike to the cabins - to sleep? During the night, the temperature dropped to about 20 below.

Those in the farmhouse and workshop retired soon, and all met the next morning for a welcome breakfast featuring hot oatmeal.

After breakfast had been digested, one group snowshoed to the Beaver Pond near the old Chittenden road crossing and beyond to the Long Trail, arriving back just in time for dinner. Others took advantage of the second day of pure blue skies to take further short hikes and more colored pictures. Still another group spent the morning enjoying the excellent skiing at Pico.

Another sumptuous meal, starring fricasseed chicken breasts, was enjoyed by the Winter Weekenders at noon on Sunday. After dinner, gear was gathered up into packs as all reluctantly prepared to head down the trail to the cars.

No one will ever forget the hospitality of the Perkins, the warmth and cheer of the comfortable farmhouse, the delicious meals so ably planned and prepared, and the good fellowship of old and new friends.

BOOK NEWS

THE FUN OF FAMILY CAMPING, by George S. Wells, is a new addition at the Rutland Library. It contains everything imaginable about family camping, from menus to stoves. "Ignoring outdated wood lore, 'The Fun of Family Camping' is an invaluable handbook for lovers of today's tamed wilderness,"

LONG TRAIL NEWS

There have been reports that some members of the Killington Section have not been receiving The Long Trail News. Please notify W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, if this happens to you, so the mistake can be corrected.

1963 KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP LIST

Following is a list of paid members for 1963, to date. You can still pay your 1963 dues (\$2.00 for adults; 50 cents for juniors) to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland. The next issue of "Smoke and Blazes" will be the last one to be mailed to the 1962 list.

Martha Adams	Fred Field	Ann Reynolds
Rachel Berry	Ella Fritsch	George Reynolds
Richard Berry	Hans Fritsch	John Reynolds
Theresa Berry	Frances Greene	Robert Reynolds
Thomas Berry	Mary Isbell	Ben Rolston
Vanessa Berry	Lincoln Isham	Richard Roberts
Harriot Bryant	George Kirk	Ellen Russell
Miles Bryant	Florence Mitchell	Ray Secor
Lucy Bishop	William Mitchell	Candace Scott
Henry Bride	Joel Mumford	Robert Scott
Anna Berg	Pearle Nichols	W. Churchill Scott
Hedrick Cahee	Doris Newton	Susan Tarbell
Florence Cahee	Herbert Ogden, Jr.	Florence Van Wyck
Jimmie Catozzi	John Paddock	Harold Valiquette
Johnnie Catozzi	Florence Paddock	Thelma Valiquette
Louie Catozzi	Anne Perkins	Elizabeth Weeks
Raymond Catozzi	David Perkins	Donald Wilder
Polly Crocker	Polly Perkins	Diane Wilder
Sally Crocker	Robert Perkins	Robert Wilder
Virginia Day	Thelma Perkins	Carleton Wilson
William Day	Tim Perkins	
Thomas Dunn	Vera Perkins	

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1962

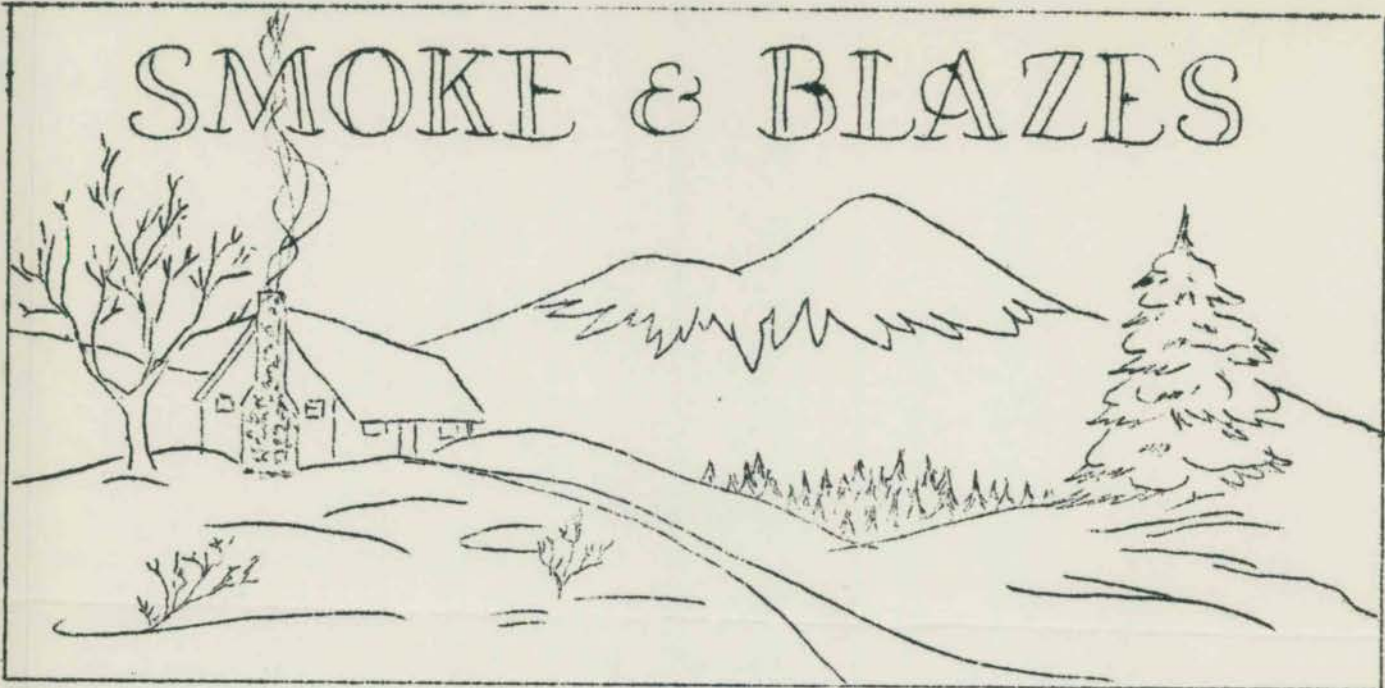
RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1962.....	\$457.48
Membership dues	147.50
Rummage sale	119.26
Gifts for trails and shelters	119.00
Interest on money in bank	18.30
Winter Weekend	6.10
Sugar-on-snow party	2.80
Sale of 2 guide books	3.00
Sale of 2 GMC patches	1.00
	<u>\$874.44</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

To Fred Field for fire insurance.....	\$ 25.50
To main club for dues	32.55
To main club for guide books	10.00
"Smoke and Blazes" expense	23.82
Outing committee	20.47
Trails and shelters expense	19.67
To Novak Printing for membership cards	10.50
Postage	4.00
Annual Meeting expense	2.99
	<u>\$149.50</u>
Balance, cash on hand.....	\$724.94

SMOKE & BLAZES



Vol. 15, No. 9 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - June-July 1963

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 1 - GMC ANNUAL MEETING

As announced in the recent Long Trail News, the annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club will be Saturday, June 1st at the Long Trail Lodge.

Here's the schedule:

- 10:00 AM - Coffee hour
- 11:00 AM - Business meeting
- 12:15 PM - Lunch at the Lodge
- 2:00 PM - Conclusion of business meeting
- 6:15 PM - Dinner at the Lodge
- 8:00 PM - Program to be announced.

Let's have a good representation of the Killington Section. No advance reservations required for meals; they'll "count noses" at morning session.

Sunday, June 2 - BLUE RIDGE

Bring a good pair of shoes to hike in if you're coming along today. We'll be passing the Cascades, and the view from the top is very nice. Leaving Meldon School at 10:00 AM

Saturday, June 15 - STRATTON POND

Stratton Pond comes under the heading of a difficult hike. Whoever comes along should have at least some idea of what he is doing. Don't forget your swim suit if you like to swim. Meet at Meldon at 9:00 AM.

Sunday, June 30 - WILCOX HILL

The GMC'ers are going to try a different assault on Wilcox. The view should be tremendous from the top, so don't forget the cameras. Meldon School at 10:00 AM.

Saturday, July 13 - SALTASH MT.

We now have another of our famous discovery hikes. We don't know what we'll find here. The Club meets at 9:00 AM at Meldon. Come looking with us.

CLEMENT CLEARING AND CLEANING TRIP

An excellent cleanup crew appeared to give Clement shelter a good spring cleaning. We found the shelter fairly clean, but walled against the winter wind with balsam branches. After lunch and hot, hot coffee, we moved out the branches and swept the floor. A bit of discussion went on as to how the lower bunk should be repaired.

The shelter now spotless, all but three people left for home. These three steamed up the trail about a mile and a half, tore out blowdowns, ripped out brush, and in general smoothed the way for future travelers. Upon returning to camp, we found more visitors and a final cup of coffee. All day we never saw even one porkie.

---Barbara Allard

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Secretary-Treasurer Churchill Scott reports the following names added to the 1963 membership:

Helen Bailey
Allen Camp
John Carnahan
Mary Carnahan
Paul Carnahan
Sarah Carnahan
Ruth Fostman
Helen Frink
Brian Gallagher
Richard Gallagher
H. Minerva Hinchey
Elsie Maier
Margot Montague
William Montague
Craig Perkins
Mary Perkins
Charles Sabourin
Gerard Sabourin
Mary Sabourin
Michelle Sabourin
Patricia Sabourin
M. Eleanor Walker

It's nice to see some new names on this list, as well as old familiar ones. When did you last get a new member for the GMC?

"SHORT TRIPS" FOLDER

A revised edition of the popular folder, "Short Trips on the Long Trail", is now available from the GMC office in Rutland. The state of Vermont has also purchased a large quantity of the folders for distribution to visitors.

GREENWALL SHELTER

On a bright spring day, a good-sized group of hikers drove to the Gulf Road and walked south on the Trail to Greenwall Shelter. There were a number of new faces and we all had an enjoyable walk as we climbed toward the Boule Farm. At the upper road we found a jeep parked and decided it belonged to Don Kent.

After plowing through a number of snow drifts and passing numerous pussywillows, we soon arrived at the new Greenwall Shelter, built last year by the U.S.F.S.

Sure enough, there was Don Kent with a couple from Middlebury College, and two more girls from Middlebury who had come in over the Keowaydin Trail from the White Rocks picnic area. They had a good fire going and in no time dinner and coffee were served.

After a short rest, the more active members continued on to the top of the White Rocks Cliff, and on a side trail had a beautiful view of the Otter Creek Valley, the western mountains of Vermont, and the Adirondacks.

At last we began to head for home in our own little groups, talking over plans for our future hikes and work parties. Just as we crossed the brook by our cars, it started to rain; once again the weather had treated us very good.

--- W. Churchill Scott

TUCKER WORK PARTY

On our first scheduled work party in a number of years, we hiked in to Tucker where there were a number of jobs to do before the camp would be ready for the summer season.

Craigie and Churchill had made a special trip the day before to carry the material in. On Saturday most of the day was spent in tearing up the floor, jacking up the joists, putting solid footing under them, and relaying the floor. We leveled up the bunks and secured the stove pipe. Eleanor and Vera came in to wash the windows for us, but we were almost ready to leave, so they came out with us.

On Sunday we tackled the foundation that has given us so much trouble for years. Thanks to Harold's and Craigie's knowledge of masonry, a new wall was built. One would have to see it to believe what a big difference this makes in the appearance of Tucker. The front roof was repaired, a gutter added, and the front steps rebuilt.

In mid-afternoon a large group from Springfield stopped in for coffee after spending the day clearing the Deer Leap Summit Trail. This had not been done for a number of years and will be a welcome addition for use at both the Annual Meeting and Intersectional.

We did quite a bit of work, but there is still much more that could be done if we had just a few more members who could give a few more hours of help, in return for the many days of enjoyment they have had on the Trail.

"LONG TRAIL NEWS"

There continues to be reports that some members of the Killington Section have not been receiving the "Long Trail News". Please notify W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt., if this happens to you, so the mistake can be corrected.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR GMC PRESIDENT

As my term of office draws to a close, I think back with pleasure and gratitude on the events of the past year. True, there has been a lot of work -- most of it involving editing of the new Guide Book and a continuous job of keeping up with the biggest amount of correspondence I have ever tackled.

But this type of work is most gratifying, knowing that each effort is directed toward improvement of the Green Mountain Club and its program. I trust that my efforts have achieved the goals toward which they were directed.

I am sure that hikers will be very pleased with our new Guide Book. This book is possible only because of the splendid help given by our Guide Book Committee and others who volunteered their services. We are again indebted to Janet Martin, for most of the sketches she prepared for past editions of the book have again been used as page fillers.

Am also pleased that the Killington Section has offered to make all arrangements for the 1963 Intersectional, to be held at the Tamarack Notch Girl Scout Camp near Rutland. Once again, our Killington Section trails will be swarming with happy GMC'ers and prospective End-to-Enders.

Dorothy and I enjoyed attending the Killington Annual Meeting, the spaghetti supper at Clarendon, and once again, the Winter Weekend. I also extend the appreciation of the Trustees for your arranging the October covered dish supper and the April sugar party so that many Trustees could attend.

As the GMC year ends, I extend my official and personal thanks to the Killington Section members who contributed so much of their time and efforts toward the Trail, the shelters, and the Club program. And as the new GMC year begins, I wish all Killington members a

(Continued on next page.)

very enjoyable season of GMC activities, a successful program of Trail and Shelter Maintenance, any many miles of good hiking in sunny weather!

---Ben Rolston

WORK PARTIES

In addition to clearing trail from the Long Trail Lodge south to within one and a half miles north of Governor Clement, each camp we maintain will need to have at least one day's work put in to prepare them for the coming hiking season.

With the 1963 Intersectional to be held at the Tamarack Notch Girl Scout Camp, we must also improve the side trails in our section so that we can take pride in them.

Work parties are scheduled on each Saturday that we do not have a scheduled hike. Each member is asked to do as much as possible to help. We need old brooms and large metal containers for trash cans.

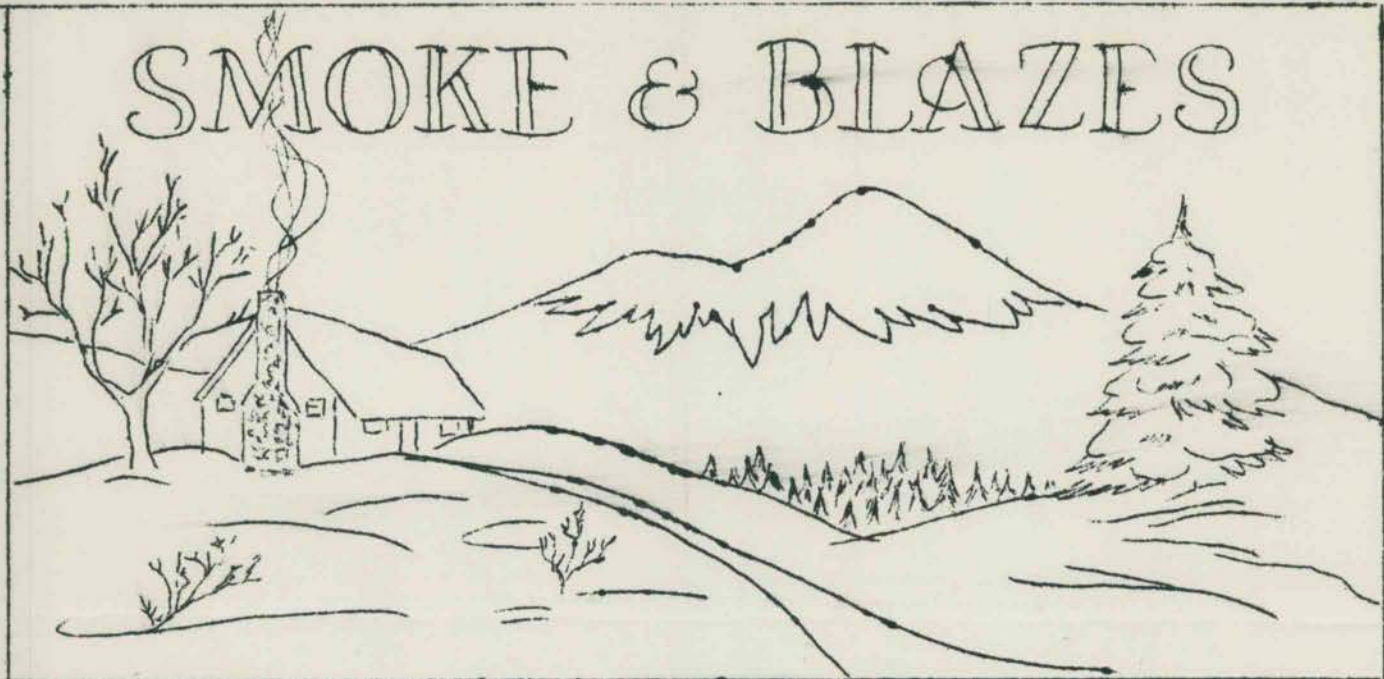
Anyone who is able to help is asked to contact Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland.

NEW LONG TRAIL GUIDE BOOKS

According to the current Long Trail News, the 1963 edition of the Guide Book is now available. Any Killington section members wishing to purchase them are asked to remember that Churchill Scott will have them for sale at \$1.50 each, with the Section making a small profit from each sale.

Also available are the new sleeve patches, in addition to about ten of the old style, which some folks might like for keepsakes.

SMOKE & BLAZES



Vol. 15, No. 10 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Aug. 1963

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 28 - ROCKY POND

The hike to Rocky Pond is slightly over two miles, but with a very nice reward at the end of the trail. Two new shelters and an excellent place to swim. The new shelters make room for many more people. The group will leave Meldon School at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

Saturday, August 10 - LAKE PLEIAD

This will be sort of a double feature swimming party. We're leaving Meldon at 9 a.m. First stop is Lake Pleiad for swimming and lunch. The rocks here are a good place for sunbathing.

We will probably leave here early enough to stop at Texas Falls for a cooling off swim. This is a fairly easy trip, so bring the kids along.

Saturday, August 24 to Monday September 2 - 1963 INTERSECTIONAL

Killington Section will be hosts for the Intersectional at Tamarack Notch Girl Scout Camp. With two weekends included, everyone should be able to come for at least a little while. Details written up separately, or call Ray Catozzi for further information. Ray will be needing lots of help, so volunteer if you can.

EDITOR'S NOTE

As you can see from reading the bylines in this issue of Smoke and Blazes, as well as in other recent issues, we wouldn't have much of a paper if it weren't for Churchill Scott. Let's have come contributions from other members. Your editor will especially welcome firsthand coverage of the Intersectional. Please send material to Ann Reynolds, 33 Temple St., Rutland, or call me at 773-3295 if you have any ideas, etc.

SALTASH MOUNTAIN by Churchill Scott

On Saturday, July 13, we reached the summit of a new mountain, after a rather poor attempt last fall. The group, consisting of four young members, Vera, Churchill, Mrs. Preston, and Mrs. Biddle of Eastham, met at the latter's summer home, with a handful of different directions for climbing Saltash.

After much discussion we walked up an old CCC road to an abandoned stone bolt, where our instructions said to go straight up. Soon it was noon and after a good hearty meal we were ready to go again.

Bushwacking was rather hard for a time, but soon we hit the ledge right on the nose and at last we arrived at what we felt was our destination. The view was good to the west and southwest, but would improve after the leaves fall.

Saltash Mountain Camp has a trail painted yellow from the south, and we scouted around the top for it, but at last cut south down the grade.

We all agreed it is easy to get mixed up on Saltash, but already are looking forward to it as a snowshoe hike or a trip up the south trail in the near future.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS REPORT

The latest report from Ben Rolston is that the Trail from Route 140 to Gov. Clement is in good shape. North to Cooper Lodge is in good shape too, having been cleared during July. From Route 4 to the northern ski trail has been cleared, leaving the middle section undone as usual. This will need to be done during August to have it in good condition for the Intersectional.

Once again Clarendon and Sunnyside have suffered from vandalism, with at least 20 broken windowpanes in each camp.

In view of all the work we have to do on the trail and shelters, the following work parties have been scheduled:

July 29 - Gov. Clement Shelter

July 30 - Sunnyside

July 31, August 1 - Overnight to Pico

August 2-3-4 - Bucklin Trail

This year the Club will furnish meals for all members of the work parties, and the oldtimers will tell you how delicious those meals can be. Why don't you come along and see?

Please contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt.

BLUE RIDGE by Churchill Scott

On Sunday, June 2, after the GMC annual meeting, a good sized group hiked up Blue Ridge. Ray Catozzi and his Scout group brought the number to over 20, in spite of a rather hot and humid day, and many bugs.

By the time the Cascades was reached, the hikers were well spread out, with the resulting confusion of lunches being in one spot and eaters in another! Soon the hot drinks were served and the climb started again.

After a short stiff climb the trail leveled off and within minutes we reached the summit.

It was pleasant to visit with Mr. Gene Banforth as we enjoyed the view and planned summer activities.

At last we had to hike our way home, and as we neared the end we met John Reynolds with his mother and father and Allan Camp, just starting up the trail. We learned later that John and his mother failed to reach the summit, but George and Allan made the grade.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

The following names have been added to the 1963 membership list of the Killington Section:

Barbara Allard	Kenneth R. LaPlant	Dennis Payne
Johnny Allard	Jack Martin	Tim Payne
Judy Allard	Janet Martin	Leslie Pfenning
Mary E. Allard	Betsy Martin	Marc Pfenning
Mark Battles	Carol Martin	Susan Pfenning
Edith Ewald	David Martin	Francis Roberts
Earle E. Johnson	Nancy Martin	Bernice Tuttle
Kenneth A. LaPlant	Tom Martin	Bard Wheeden

THE BUCKLIN TRAIL
by Churchill Scott

After hearing many reports about the very poor condition of the Bucklin Trail, we have had a chance to observe it at first hand.

A short time ago a group of Girl Scouts from Tamarack Notch hiked to Killington for overnight. They made a wrong turn, wandered over the ridge, hit the old Rooney Trail and returned to Brewer's Corners.

On July 17, we tried again and found the right way, marking the old road and clearing the brush from the blazes along the way.

Now it is passable as far as the spring, but the last mile is a terrific tangle. It will take a great deal of work to clear this trail, and unless it is done soon, it will be an outstanding example of how very little the 110 members of the Killington Section care about the success of the hiking program of the 1963 Intersectional. At that time this trail will be a most important one.

Cooper Lodge was in worse condition than ever, yet many people use it. That one night there were 13 Girl Scouts, 4 young men from Shelburne, Mass., (via USFS Road #10), and 10 campers from the Farm and Wilderness Camps.

SWIMMING TRIP TO WILCOX HILL
by Ann Reynolds

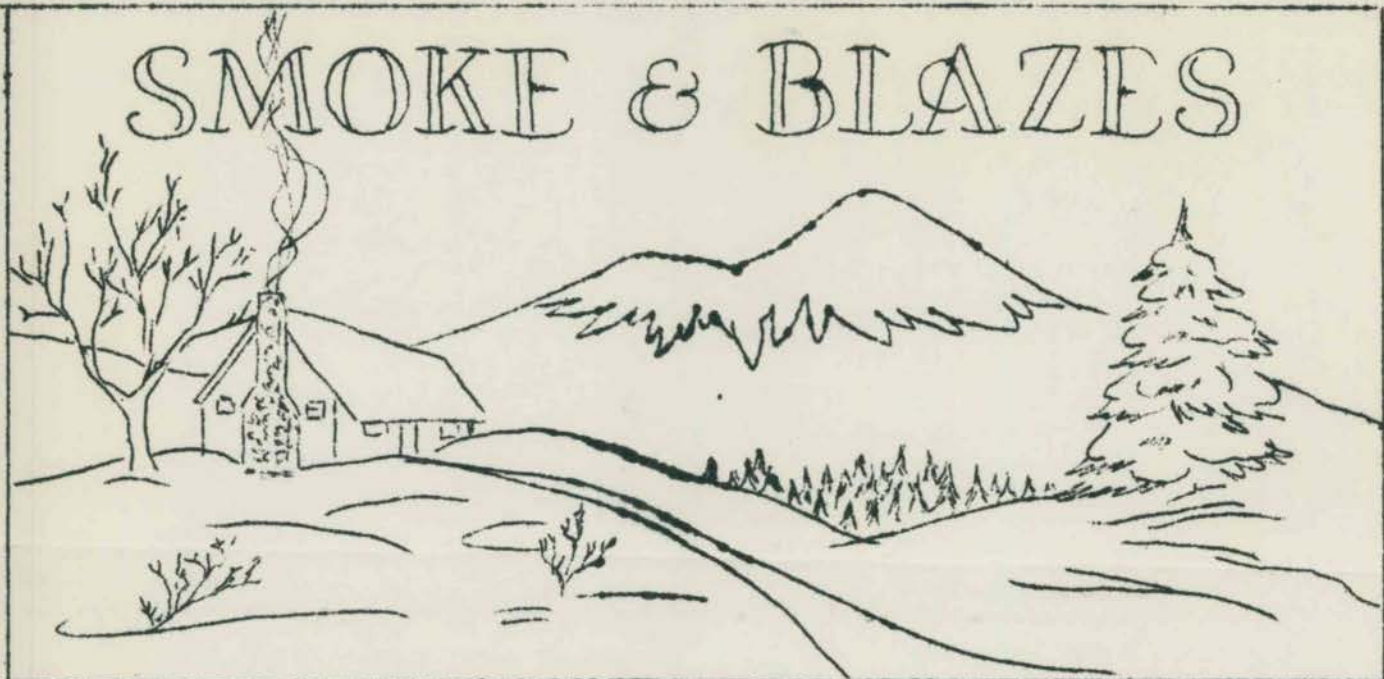
When Churchill Scott, George, Ann, John and Bob Reynolds, and Allan Camp were the only ones to show up for the scheduled trip to Wilcox Hill, we decided to change our destination.

With only a vague plan in mind, we stopped off at Spring Lake Ranch to say hello, parked our car further up the road, and made the short trip in to Sunnyside camp. Here we were very disappointed to find the place a mess, with the floor dirty, the register gone, and nearly all windowpanes broken. We decided windows were unnecessary in the summer, if they are only to be broken, and Churchill removed the damaged sashes and took them home.

Although we got the place in pretty good shape, we felt it would be more pleasant to eat on the trail, and soon found a shady spot. Instead of continuing on the level open road to reach Spring Lake, we stayed on the Long Trail, and began to wish we hadn't. We had not come prepared for swimming, but the water looked tempting, and nearly everyone managed to get wet. We thought we were at the Spring Lake Ranch dock, where we had been invited to come, but found out that the Ranch has traded docks with the Shrewsbury Outing Club. Later we went on up to the other dock and tried the water there,

We certainly didn't see much of Wilcox Hill, but we had a good time!

SMOKE & BLAZES



Vol. 15, No. 11 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - FALL 1963

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 6 - Mt. CUSHMAN

Fall color time is here. Now is the time for a walk in the leaves. Hamburgers sizzling over a fire. How can you possibly stand not to meet us at Meldon at 10 A.M.?

Saturday, October 19 - BAKER PEAK

Leaving Meldon at 9 A.M. to hike down Danby way. We first head toward Griffith Lake and then cut off to head for Baker Peak. Bring the children. There are many nice views too.

Saturday, October 26 - COVERED
DISH SUPPER AT BEECHWOOD

Supper will be served at 6 P.M. at Beechwood. Call 773-2941 by Thursday, Oct. 24 for reservations. Plan to bring along one of your favorite dishes for everyone to taste.

Sunday, November 10 - BALD MOUNTAIN

Leaving Meldon School at 10 A.M. The Bald Mountain hike will be a nice walk in the woods.

Saturday, November 16 - PICO CAMP

Always a good hike. You can meet with the Club at 9 A.M. at Meldon School or come along later.

Sunday, December 1 - GOV. CLEMENT
SHELTER

The GMC leaves Meldon at 10 A.M. Clement has had some work done on it this past summer. Besides that there is a good walk up the road. We would like to have you along.

1963 GMC INTERSECTIONAL by W. Churchill Scott

A very successful Intersectional drew to a close on Labor Day at Tamarack Notch Girl Scout Camp, with the Killington Section acting as host.

The weather was just right for hiking with only one day of rain. Many folks were able to do short sections of nearby trails for their End-To-End award. Baker Peak, Blue Ridge, Bird Mountain, Deer Leap, Killington Peak, Pico, and Mendon were visited. The trail was covered from Lincoln-Warren Pass to USFS #10 at Danby.

Killington Section was third in attendance behind Burlington and the members-at-large. More than 200 overnight visitors were registered, probably a record for Intersectionals.

NEW MEMBERS -

Added to the Killington Section membership list since last issue were:

Wilson F. Fowle, Jr.
Charles B. Gulick

(Ed Note: A special welcome to "Terry" Gulick. Some of us met him at the Intersectional two years ago, when he was working in Plymouth, Vt. He is now director of student activities and bookstore manager at Castleton College.)

TRAILS AND SHELTERS REPORT -

The section is very grateful for the work done by Ben Rolston, George Reynolds, Allan Camp, John Carnahan, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Weeks of Springfield to clear the trails and to make our part of the Trail in such good condition for the many hikers at the Intersectional.

There are going to be a number of day-long work parties to the various camps to prepare them for winter. The roofs must be checked, the windows repaired, exteriors creosoted if possible, and nearby areas cleaned up. The swinging bridge at Clarendon Gorge must also be creosoted this fall without fail, and the cables checked and tightened if necessary.

Anyone who can help on any of these projects is asked to contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St. Rutland.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING -

The Executive Board of the Killington Section met recently at the home of President Harold Valiquette to discuss plans for the Intersectional and also the problem of increased damage to our shelters.

Clarendon and Sunnyside have been hard hit and the board voted to offer a \$50 reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of any person damaging the camps or surrounding property.

We feel that it may be necessary to visit each one of our shelters, except Pico, once a week, in order to keep a closer check on their condition and to keep repairs up to date.

A VOTE OF THANKS -

I propose a vote of thanks to all who pitched in to make the Intersectional a success: Mrs. Whitney for helping in many, many ways; Ray Catozzi for the advance planning, maps, and signs; Churchill Scott for long hours of trail clearing and working all week at the camp; Jim and John Catozzi for pitching in around the camp, and all the others who also helped.

George Reynolds

LAKE PLEIAD
by Vera Perkins

The weather on August 10th was clear and cool. Black flies, the plague of summer hiking, were gone. A perfect day for going to Lake Pleiad.

Hikers assembled at Meldon School and proceeded by car, via Goshen, to the top of Ripton-Hancock pass. This was a lovely drive, much of it over wooded secondary roads.

Leaving our cars where the Long Trail crosses the highway, we enjoyed the easy hike to Lake Pleiad. Our party included two family groups with four small children. This is a perfect "family outing" as the distance is short and much of the Trail can be negotiated by even the toddlers.

The Lake was as lovely as ever in its mountain setting, with its rock ledge on the near side for lunching and sunning.

After lunch one or two braved the chilly water for a quick swim. Others enjoyed voyages on the old raft, while the rest of us loafed in the pleasant sunshine.

Early in the afternoon we packed up for the return hike and the trip to Texas Falls which is a traditional part of a Lake Pleiad outing.

At Texas Falls we enjoyed the Nature Trail with its explanatory leaflet. For once, no one took a swim in the icy waters below the Falls!

Leaving the Falls area, we drove home by way of Hancock and Route 100, always a beautiful drive, thus ending another enjoyable GMC outing.

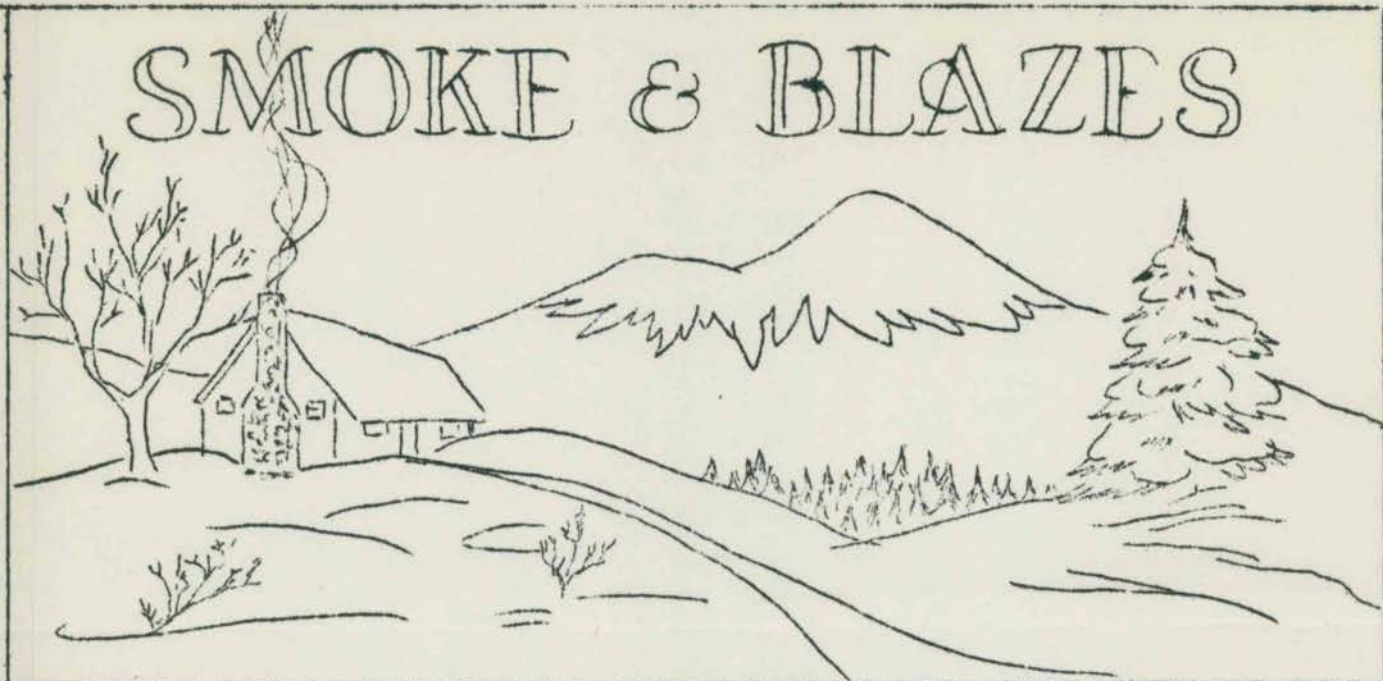
RUMMAGE SALE COMING!

We can't give you the exact date of the Rummage Sale at present. However, we know that there is going to be one --So--- if you haven't already started collecting items for it, do it now.

Remember that housewares, dishes, curtains, spreads, kitchen utensils, gadgets, nicknacks are all good sellers, as well as clothing. Children's clothing is especially in demand.

Let's have a big supply of salable items and a good corps of volunteer helpers. We'll let you know the date soon.

SMOKE & BLAZES



Vol.15 No.12 Killington Section, Green Mountain Club. Winter 1963

COMING EVENTS

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

On Saturday Jan 11 comes our annual shaggetti supper. For reasons explained elsewhere in this issue the event will be held at Tall Timber instead of Clarendon Lodge. The Club will serve spaghetti and coffee. If you want all the fixin's bring your own. It wont be necessary to bring cups plates, or cutlery. Supper will be ready at 6 P.M. Come when you like. To get to TALL TIMBER turn north from Route 4 opposite the Mendon Fico Hotel. Dont park your car so as to block the road or any drive way.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Killington Section of the G.M.C. will be held at the Central Vermont Pub.Serv. Corp. hall at 7:30 P.M. Friday Jan.17,1964

This is an important event in the program of the Section and all members should try to be in attendance.

First will come the short business meeting. Pres.Harold Valiquette has appointed a nominating committee composed of Eleanor Walker, Susan Tarbell, and Craigue Perkins. Officers will be chosen, reports of committees will be heard, and it is rumored that some action will be proposed to try to curb the vandalism that has been so bad this last year.

For entertainment we have a very special treat. Mr.Fernand Bartlett will be on hand to tell us about his travels in Africa. He has slides momentoes, and a big stock of anecdotes. Some of our older members will remember when Fernand started hiking with the Section in 1938. It is nice to have him back in Rutland for a while.

After the entertainment there will be refreshments.

Let's try to get a big crowd out for this affair and start the Club off with a bang on the New Year.

WINTER SPORTS DAY

Sunday, January 26, 1964 has been designated G.M.C. Winter Sports Day. The place will be at Tall Timber where warming facilities and coffee will be available all day. This will be a good chance for our outdoor cooking enthusiasts to try their skills. There will be twelve fireplaces available. Also we are planning games of skill and chance to keep everybody from climbing Blue Ridge Mountain. Now be there!

MT. H. ANLEY

At 10 A.M. we meet at Meldon School for our ~~Saturday~~ ^{Sun} Feb. 9 hike to Mt. Hanley. This is the first time we have made it on snowshoes. It should be good going on these old wood roads. For those from Castleton and points west we should be on the Whipple Hollow Road just off Route 4 about 10:30. You could meet us there and save a trip into Rutland.

BUFFUM LODGE

Saturday Feb. 22 at 9 A.M. we meet at Meldon to go to Buffum Lodge. This trip always brings out a good crowd. Sometimes even a big crowd. There are lots of hills for free-style skiing or you can snowshoe up Button Hill. Or you can just toast yourself by the stove.

Isn't that quite a program of "coming events"? O.K. then, let's see some action.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer Scott requests that all bill due for Club expenses be presented to him at once so he can get his books cleared up for the ANNUAL MEETING.

PAST EVENTS

PICO CAMP

The annual get-ready-for-winter hike to Pico earned the Club some much needed recognition from the Rutland Herald. Mr. Jackson went all the way with us, took several pictures, and wrote an interesting account of the outing. Thank you.

The camp was found in perfect condition. The damaged stove was patched with aluminum and that was all that was necessary.

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER

We parked our cars on the upper road and walked all the way in to the shelter. For the last several hunting seasons a group has been "winterizing" this open shelter and using it as a camp. This year they donated a good new stove. Believe it or not! It has two griddles and is made of cast iron so it should withstand the rust pretty well. Thanks, boys wish we knew who you were.

We were happy to have with us Fernand Bartlett who has been out of Rutland for several years.

SUNNYSIDE CAMP

(by Harold Valiquette)

The weather was cloudy and cold, only a few of us showed up. Churchill Scott checked with us at Meldon School to let us know he is working around the clock to get your Christmas card through, and could not make the trip with us.

Craig, Peter Hadaka and myself arrived at Sunnyside and found things in pretty good shape. We repaired the stove and the door and then who ?? dropped in but the chickadee man from Schenectady, who told us he was going to sleep there that night.

Us natives didnt like the idea of this---it being so cold--but he did never the less. I told him I would be back Sunday morning at 9 A.M. to thaw him out. When I arrived at 9:15 A.M. Sunday the temperature was zero and it was winday. Two brave men from Schonectady joined Ben about 11 P.M. Saturday---- Clifford Farrington and Richard Kenyon.

We all pitched in and put a 12 foot strip of tar paper on the roof. We were finished about 11:15 and I was back home by 12:30.

TUCKER LODGE

This was the moonlight hike and no flashlights were required. Thirty people (count 'em) with two staying over night. The camp was clean and in good repair. The stove worked perfectly and a good time was had by all. We enjoyed the company of several new comers and hope they can be with us often.

WORK PARTIES

CLARENDON LODGE

Some time ago we learned that all the sash had been smashed out of this camp. At last we have them replaced. The cost will run over \$40. Those participating in this little exercise were Judy Allard, Churchill Scott, Michel Wiley, and Craigho Perkins.

First a trip to view the wreckage and get measurements. Then ordering the windows and waiting for them to come. Then a quick trip with the sled to get them to the Lodge before the snow got too deep. Then two trips to fit them in and put on the hardware. We found that more work was required to keep the stove from smoking us out than was needed to replace the windows.

We plan one more trip to replace the stove pipe. This may improve the smoke problem (we hope). However a new stove should be provided next summer. It was discovered that after the fire was going good the smoke could be prevented by closing all drafts. Only trouble was that the fire promptly went out. So you have a choice; a fire and a room full of smoke, or no fire and no smoke.

It was the opinion of those who took the cure that it was impractical to try to boil a big pot of water for the spaghetti supper on that stove under winter conditions. So we had to change the location for the party.

And next summer let's try to get a coat of creosote on Clarendon. It is beginning to look shabby.

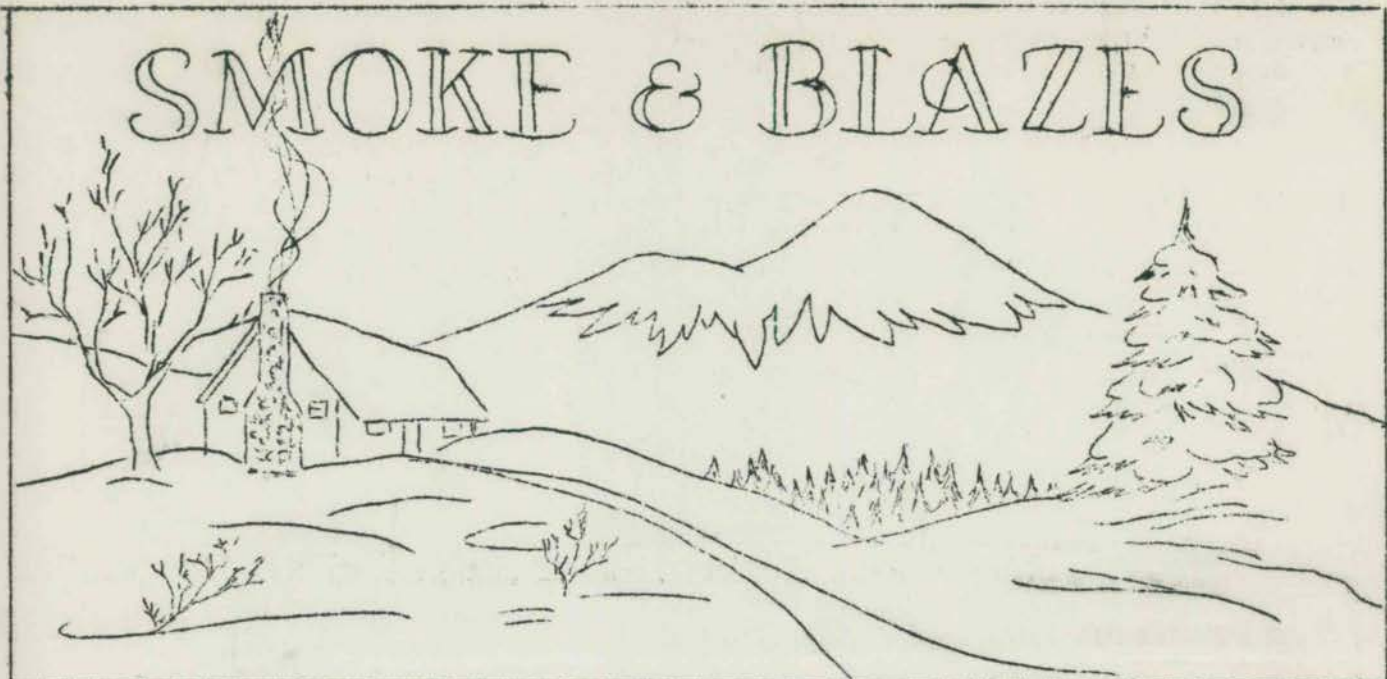
PROJECTS PROJECTS PROJECTS

We have more projects than members in our Section. The Annual Meeting is a good time to bring several friends and prospective members. If everybody would bring just one other person think of what it would mean in terms of money and muscle to help keep up our part of the Trail.

The main Club's slides are again available for showing. By choosing from them, from our Section slides, and from slides belonging to the members it should be possible to put on an interesting program for Clubs and so forth.

Let's see if we cant build our Section membership up to two hundred this year. It can be done if everyone gives it a try.

SMOKE & BLAZES



Vol. 17, No. 1 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Jan.-Feb. 1964

COMING EVENTS

RUMMAGE SALE - Saturday, Feb. 29th at the Neighborhood Rooms, Marble Savings Bank Bldg. We need a lot of things-----not only clothing, but dishes, nicknacks, books, toys, etc. There will be someone at the rooms Friday the 28th after 9 o'clock so bring your things there, or if you can't bring them in call Craig Perkins 773-7954 or Harold Valiquette 773-8422 and they will pick them up.

SUNNYSIDE - This is a favorite of us all, so let's be at Meldon School at 10:00 o'clock on March 8th, (it's a Sunday). We will probably hike in from Spring Lake Ranch so this will be a good time to bring the young'uns.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT - Sat. March 21st will see us on our way to Governor Clement. We'll leave Meldon at 9 a.m. If the roads are good we may be able to ride right in.

MAPLE SUGAR PARTY - What do you know - it's Sugar-on-Snow time again. This year we're holding it at _____ better be there at _____

o'clock if you expect us to leave you some. Place and time will be announced in the paper. It will be held Saturday, April 4th.

TUCKER LODGE doesn't live up to it's name; so, come on everybody it's an easy hike and the company is usually good. We'll leave Meldon at 10 a.m. Sunday, Apr. 19th.

NEW SCHEDULES

The new spring and summer hike schedules are inclosed. The outing committee hopes that these hikes will meet with your approval and if any extra copies are desired they are available from C. Perkins H. Valiquette or C. Scott.

SMOKE & BLAZES deadline

The deadline for the next issue of Smoke & Blazes will be Apr. 13. Please have all the items in to the editor before that date so that the issue may go out on time.

I was very pleased to see such a large attendance at our Annual Meeting. As I begin my second year, I wish to thank all the

committeemen who served with me this past year. This year we hope to make 1964 a bigger and most interesting year for the Green Mt. Club members.

As most of you know January 11th we had our Annual Spaghetti Supper. It was held at Tall Timbers and 26 people turned out for this supper. On Jan. 17th 50 people turned out for our Annual meeting. On Jan. 26th 52 turned out for Winter Sports Day held at Tall Timbers.

Let's keep it up! Nice going.

Harold D. Valiquette
President

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held on Friday, Jan. 17, 1964 at 7:30 p.m. at the Central Vermont Public Service rooms.

Among the out-of-town members and guests that came to the well attended meeting were Mr. & Mrs. Wilman Day, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Weeks and Mr. & Mrs. Hedrick Cahee of Springfield, Vt., Terry Gulick and Miss Edith Ewald of Castleton State College, Ray Secor and Pres. Ben Rolston of Schenectady and Peter Sikakana of Southern Rhodesia visiting the U.S. to study the teaching methods of this country.

The Treasurer's report will be found in this issue.

Adult membership stayed the same at 67, but juniors increased from 35 to 47 making a total of 114 - twelve more than 1962.

Craigie Perkins spoke on Outings. The season was very good with a number of new spots visited. As usual the Winter Weekend, Sugar-on-Snow, and covered dish Supper were well attended.

The 1963 Intersectional was hosted by this section. It was favored by very good weather. Attendance and hiking records were broken and our section was well represented.

George Reynolds spoke on behalf of Ann as editor of Smoke and Blazes. She asked to be relieved of her job but would be willing to be correspondent for the Long Trail News. The section voted to thank Ann for the very good work she has done and to express sorrow that she must resign.

Ben Rolston spoke for the Trails and Shelters. He said the section was in good shape with just one lumber job between lower and upper Cold River Road giving any trouble.

The present officers were re-elected to serve another year and W. Churchill Scott was chosen as Trustee to replace Ray Catozzi whose term will expire in May.

Fernan Bartlett gave an illustrated talk of his vagabond trip throughout Africa. He also had many interesting articles on display showing different styles of native handiwork.

Once again the ladies served very delicious refreshments of cakes, pies, cookies and coffee. The section thanks them for putting on a pleasant finish to a very successful meeting.

REPORT OF TRAINS & SHELTERS COMM.

At our Annual Meeting Ben Rolston gave a very complete report of the southern half of our section. The trail is in good shape with the exception of a lumber job between the lower and upper Cold River Road. The shelters are in good condition. Clarendon has all new windows, new stove pipe, and roof patched and coated.

The northern section was completely worked over this year, including that remote area between the near and far junctions on Pico, thanks to George Reynolds and Allen Camp. Pico is in good shape and Tucker had a coat of creosote and most important the floor was leveled and the foundation was strengthened greatly.

There are still many jobs to be done on the trail and to the shelters which will improve them very much for the many hikers whom we hope to have use our section this season.

We need a great deal of help and if anyone can spare some time please contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vermont.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER W.C.Scott

After a number of trips to Clarendon to repair the windows and stove the Outing Committee decided to change the locale of our Annual Spaghetti Supper to Tall Timbers.

Once again our section is indebted to Craigie and Mary for the use of Tall Timbers. Each time we visit this spot it is more enjoyable. Also to "T" and Harold for preparing the tremendous amount of spaghetti.

The group began arriving in the afternoon and soon the water was boiling fast and furious. There was a bit of confusion due to the notice in the Rutland Herald about folks bringing their own sauce. So consequently there were many different types of sauce for different types of appetites, but in the end everyone was fed and happy.

The night was clear and cold with many stars, the road was all ice for fast sliding, and the stoves good and warm for sitting and talking.

There were 29 folks at Tall Timbers including Fernand Bartlett, an old timer, to enjoy a very pleasant evening.

WINTER SPORTS DAY - TALL TIMBER by Vera Perkins

On Sunday, January 26th, following a week of thawing weather, a number of winter enthusiasts gathered at Tall Timber to enjoy a Winter Sports Day.

When we arrived, soon after 10 a.m. we found the cottage warm and cozy thanks to Mary and Craigie. Among other early arrivals were three GMCers from Massachusetts who planned to climb Blue Ridge.

By noon quite a sizeable group had gathered, including several of

our Springfield friends and Ben Rolston from Schenectady.

Lunch time was a busy hour with each one assembling his or her own meal supplemented by the standard GMC coffee, tea or cocoa.

After lunch everyone was ready to see what could be found for outdoor activity. The thaw of the previous week had left a rather thin, breakable crust over ice, so that neither walking nor snowshoeing were top notch. In spite of this many short trips were taken. These same conditions made for excellent sliding and tobogganing which were greatly enjoyed by the Junior members (as well as some Senior ones!).

Perhaps another time with different snow conditions more varied and ambitious "Winter Sports" could be carried on, but we feel sure all attending agree that the day was a most successful and enjoyable one.

MT. HANLEY
H. D. Valiquette

Sunday Feb. 9th was clear, crisp and sunny. Eight GNC hikers met at Meldon school and we traveled to West Rutland in two cars.

After parking our cars we started up the old logging road. Before hiking too far we were very glad we brought our snowshoes.

The ones in the lead started a fire about 1½ miles in and when the rest arrived the coffee pot was boiling briskly and soon everyone was enjoying his lunch.

The hike to the top was pretty steep in places. If you couldn't make it standing up you crawled up on your hands and knees (coming back you sat on your snowshoes and slid down). It was well worth the effort when you reached the top. The view was magnificent.

On our way back we found the fire still burning and the water in the coffee pot boiling so we enjoyed hot drinks again. After chatting a while we picked up our packs and started back to the cars. All in all it was a very enjoyable day.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1963.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1963	\$ 724.94
Received from dues	152.50
Received from donations	216.00
Received from Winter Week-end	3.30
Interest on money in the bank	28.96
Sale of Guide Books	36.00
Sale of G.M.C. Sleeve Patches	3.70
Total -	\$1,165.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Expense of Annual Meeting	2.00
Trails & Shelters expense	63.66
Paid Outing Committee for supplies and schedules	29.17
Postage	5.00
Smoke & Blazes expense	40.50
Sugar-on-snow expense	23.18
Paid to Main Club for dues	35.20
Paid to Main Club for Guide Books	30.00
Paid to Fred Field Insurance on Shelters	23.25
Total	251.96

Cash on hand December 31, 1963 \$ 913.44

Respectfully submitted,

W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer

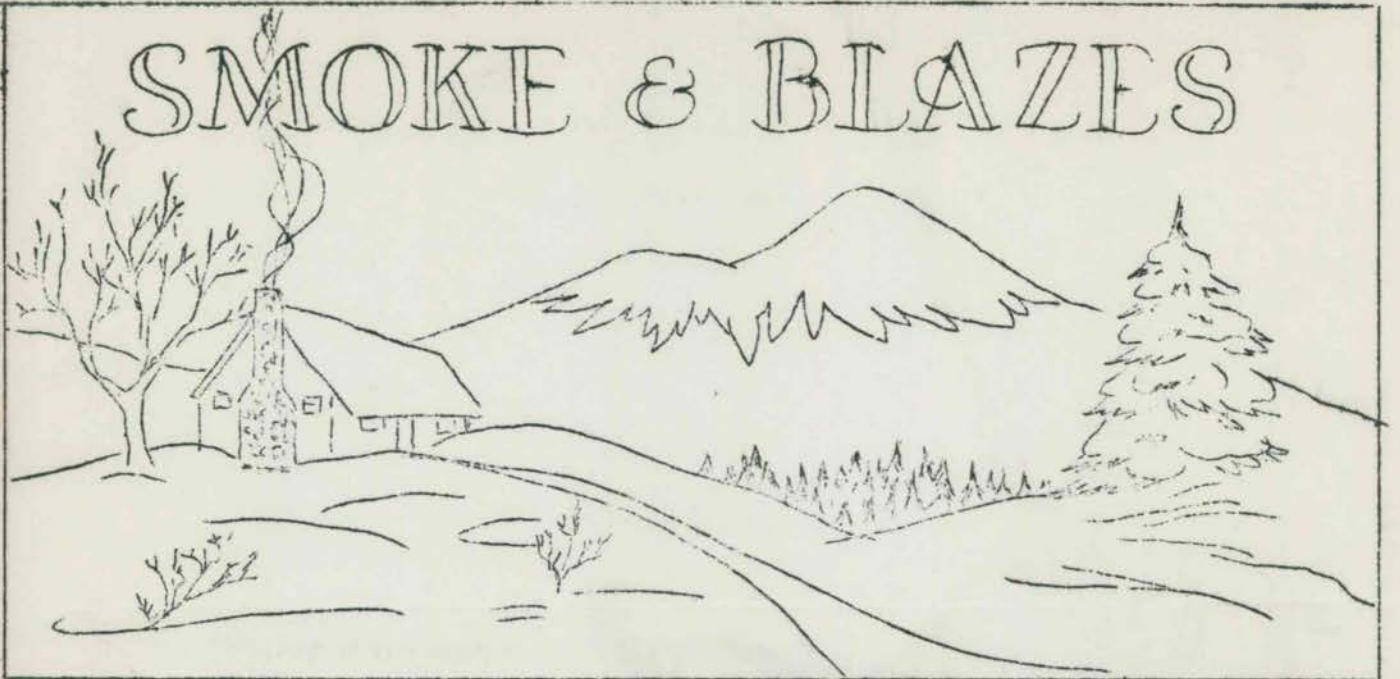
Mr. Lincoln Isham has given the Killington Section another very generous gift during the Holiday Season for use in trail work and shelter maintenance. Each member of our section express our very great thanks for this gift and am sure that it will be used wisely.

1964 KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP LIST

Following is a list of paid members for 1964 to date. You can still pay your 1964 dues (\$2.00 for adults; 50 cents for juniors) to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland. The next issue of "Smoke and Blazes" will be the last one to be mailed to the 1963 list.

Martha Adams	Edith Ewald	Candace Scott
Bennett Bell	Lincoln Isham	Robert Scott
Miriam Bell	Veda Knipes	W. C. Scott
Anna Berg	Pearle Nichols	Ray Secor
Marjorie Burditt	John Paddock	John Joseph
Christine Cahee	Mrs. John Paddock	Valiquette
Hedrick Cahee	Vera Perkins	Harold Valiquette
Mary Ellen Connors	Ann Reynolds	Thelma Valiquette
Joanne Connors	George Reynolds	M. Eleanor Walker
Sophie Connors	Robert Reynolds	Elizabeth Weeks
Jerry Connors	John Reynolds	Michael Wiley
Virginia Day	Ben Rolston	Carleton Wilson
Wilman Day	Patrick Riordan	
	Ellen Russell	

SMOKE & BLAZES



Vol. 17, No. 2 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Mar.-Apr. 1964

COMING EVENTS

by
Susan Tarbell

Up Mendon Mountain we'll go,
It's a bushwhacking trip you know,
We'll leave Meldon at 9:00,
And we'll have a good time,
So on May 2nd - let's go.

May 17th is a Sunday,
And East Mountain is our goal,
It truly should be a fun day,
Be at Meldon at 10:00 if you go.

On May 31st is a trip we all like,
The spring flowers should make
an interesting hike,
We'll leave Meldon at 10:00,
Go to Pico and then,
We will eat and come home when
we like.

Bird Mountain is a favorite of mine,
The view is simply divine,
June 13 is the date,
Please don't be late,
Cause we're leaving the school
at 9:00.

The Killington Section has been requested to furnish the coffee and donuts for the "Get Acquainted Hour" at the Annual Meeting of the Green Mountain Club to be held at the Long Trail Lodge, Saturday, May 30th.

We will need a few folks to volunteer to help with this project which will probably last from 9:00 to 10:15 AM. Anyone willing to do this, please contact President Harold Valiquette or Churchill Scott.

TRAILS and SHELTERS REPORT

Once again as the snow slowly recedes up the mountains we must think of putting our section of the Long Trail and its shelters in first class shape for the coming hiking season.

This year it is more imperative than ever, for in addition to the Annual Meeting in May, the A.T.C. gathering in June at Stratton Mt. and the recent article in FORD TIMES by Fran. Green about hiking the Long Trail has brought many inquiries to the main club for information about the Long Trail.

We have over 30 miles of main and side trails to maintain plus 6 shelters. It is hardly fair to expect Ben Rolston, who lives

100 miles away, to almost single-handedly take care of our section.

There are over 100 members in our group and it certainly seems that more than 3 or 4 could be able to attend the very infrequent work parties we schedule.

This year we hope to cover the entire section to continue the good work started last year. Each camp will have to have a great deal of odds and ends done to it. Clarendon Gorge bridge must be checked and given a good coat of creosote.

Work parties will be scheduled for each Saturday that a regular hike is not planned.

Anyone able to help please contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St. Rutland, Vt. 05701. Tel 5-5720.

THE LONG TRAIL NEWS

It has been brought to our attention that some members are not on the mailing list for The Long Trail News.

If anyone is not receiving a copy please notify W. Churchill Scott, Secretary-Treasurer.

BUFFUM LODGE
by
Vera Perkins

There are some of us who always maintain that a good winter outing just can't be beat. Saturday, February 22nd seemed made to order for such an outing, Clear, snappy weather, good snowshoeing, and cozy Buffum Lodge for our destination. All that was lacking was the crowd! However, we started off gaily with one car load - and we do mean load! Eleanor Walker, Churchill, Janet Martin, Carol, Nancy, Betsy and Tommy Martin, all squeezed into Vera's car and we were on our way.

After parking at the Trail crossing on the Gulf Road, we donned snowshoes and enjoyed a leisurely hike up snow covered hills to Buffum. There we found a good supply of wood, and the fire was soon crackling merrily and the stove sending out a welcome warmth.

The "mitten line" above the stove was appreciated and used to capacity. So too, the "sitting space" on the bench around the stove.

We were soon joined by Michael Wiley and his sister and brother who were visiting him in Chittenden, and by George Reynolds and son John.

After lunch the junior members enjoyed building snow tunnels and forts, providing a fresh supply of damp mittens for "the line". The rest did a little picking up, loafed around the fire, turned the mittens as needed, and exchanged the customary wise-cracks.

About 2:30, having decided there would be no more arrivals and the mitten supply being completely exhausted, we started the return trip. This was made the easy way by some of the youngest using a snowshoe as a toboggan.

About half way down we exchanged greetings with Marjorie Burditt and Doris Newton who were making the trip as an afternoon jaunt.

Arriving at the car, we peeled the wet clothing from the juniors, wrapped them in sweaters and car robes and proceeded happily on our way to Rutland.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$102.48

Killington Section's 16th Rummage Sale was held on Saturday Feb. 29th. The usual crowd was assembled in the lobby of the Marble Bank awaiting the opening of the gate and business was brisk for the first 2 hours. After that a steady trickle of customers throughout most of the day gradually pushed the sales up over our goal of "at least \$100".

A willing and able committee was on hand Friday, collecting, setting up tables, sorting, marking and arranging. The same workers, augmented by several additional volunteers, helped out on Saturday. This extra help was especially welcome in the early part of the day as the first hour of a Rummage Sale is always a "rush hour". The stand-bys who

were on hand for the clean-up deserve a special vote of thanks. This is a discouraging part of the project if help is scarce.

We are continually amazed at the amount of rummage our small group of GMCers can round up year after year. Without these faithful contributors there could of course be no sale.

The fact that this sale was held at a different time of year appeared to make no appreciable difference in the results. However, most of the workers felt that our usual fall date has some advantages. So we will probably have our next sale next fall. We realize this brings two rather close together so start now to collect all those things you overlooked or couldn't decide to part with this time.

With plenty of help, working on these sales is really fun. We look forward to seeing our regular customers each year and to what your attics and cupboards will produce for us to sell. It's nice too, to have money in our treasury for needed projects as they arise. So start now, get set for our 17th Rummage Sale.

SUNNYSIDE TRIP by Ann Reynolds

From the first arrival (Susan Tarbell, who had hiked in from Wallingford and gotten the fire going) to the last (Churchill Scott, who arrived just in time to have a cup of coffee and turn around to start back), all 32 people who took part in the Sunnyside outing on March 8th enjoyed an early glimpse of spring.

Pussywillows were in bud, and the road was not so much snow as MUD. Most of the intrepid drivers went all the way to the clearing beyond Spring Lake Ranch, but Craig Perkins extended his hike by parking at the bottom of the road.

Youngsters of all ages were in the group, as well as a dog or two, and the shelter was really humming with activity. (Item: Fernand Bartlett was catching a nap

while one of the smallest GMC'ers was trying to rouse him.

A highlight of the trip was the unveiling of the handsome Killington Section banner which President Harold Valiquette presented to the Club.

Ben Rolston, President of the main Club, dropped in long enough to make a few announcements and tell of his week-end adventures. Several people from Spring Lake Ranch joined us for the morning, and when they expressed an interest in hiking to Clarendon Gorge, Geo. Reynolds was a willing companion.

There were a number of new faces in the group, and we hope they will be with us often.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT by Doris Newton

Perhaps the March 21st outing should have been called "open house" at Gov. Clement. People arrived and departed at different times and by different routes. We even hear that two members did not arrive at all - Churchill Scott and George Reynolds went up the Long Trail from the Lower to Upper Roads, studied the tracks at the bridge - decided that everyone had left and so came out themselves.

By whatever route or at whatever time one arrived (or didn't arrive) it was a perfect day to be out-of-doors. There was still a good deal of snow in the woods, but the track was so well packed that snowshoes were not necessary.

As Marjorie Burditt and I came up the road, we were joined by a large and amiable dog. It seems that the GMCers bound for Governor Clement are usually joined by him. Maybe he should be made official Governor Clement mascot?

It was pleasant to hear voices as we approached the shelter, to smell woodsmoke, and to see the famous big black coffee pot on the fireplace. I'm sure we all went home with the feeling, well known to GMC members, of a pleasant day, well spent in the open.

- 4 -

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY
by W. Churchill Scott

The Annual Sugar-On-Snow party of the Killington Section was held on Saturday, April 4th at the Universalist Church.

Even the weatherman helped to provide new snow which Pete Hadeke, Patrick Riordan and Harold V. gathered near the Long Trail Lodge Saturday morning. In the afternoon Mary Ellen Connors helped the boys fill the 80 cartons.

Along the middle of the afternoon the workers began to boil the syrup and the sweet aroma filled the entire hall. Carol, Betsy and Nancy Martin helped set the tables.

At 6:00 PM the guests began to arrive and soon we had the largest group in the history of our sugar-on-snow parties. About 80 persons including 7 Trustees of the main Club enjoyed the sugar, donuts and coffee, as well as Jack Martin's music and the usual talk fest about past experiences on the trail and planning things to do in the future.

Following is a list of additional members paid to April 17th. You can still pay your dues (\$2.00 for adults, 50¢ for juniors) to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701. This issue of "Smoke and Blazes" will be the last one mailed to the 1963 list.

Helen Bailey
Harriet Bryant
Allen Camp
John H. Carnahan
Mary F. Carnahan
Paul A. Carnahan
Sarah K. Carnahan
Ruth Fostman
Helen Frink
Ella Fritsch
Hans Fritsch
Frances Greene
Charles B. Gulick
Peter Hadeke
Mary Isbell
George Kirk
Elsie Maier
Florence P. Mitchell
William N. Mitchell
Joel Mumford
Jack Martin
Janet Martin

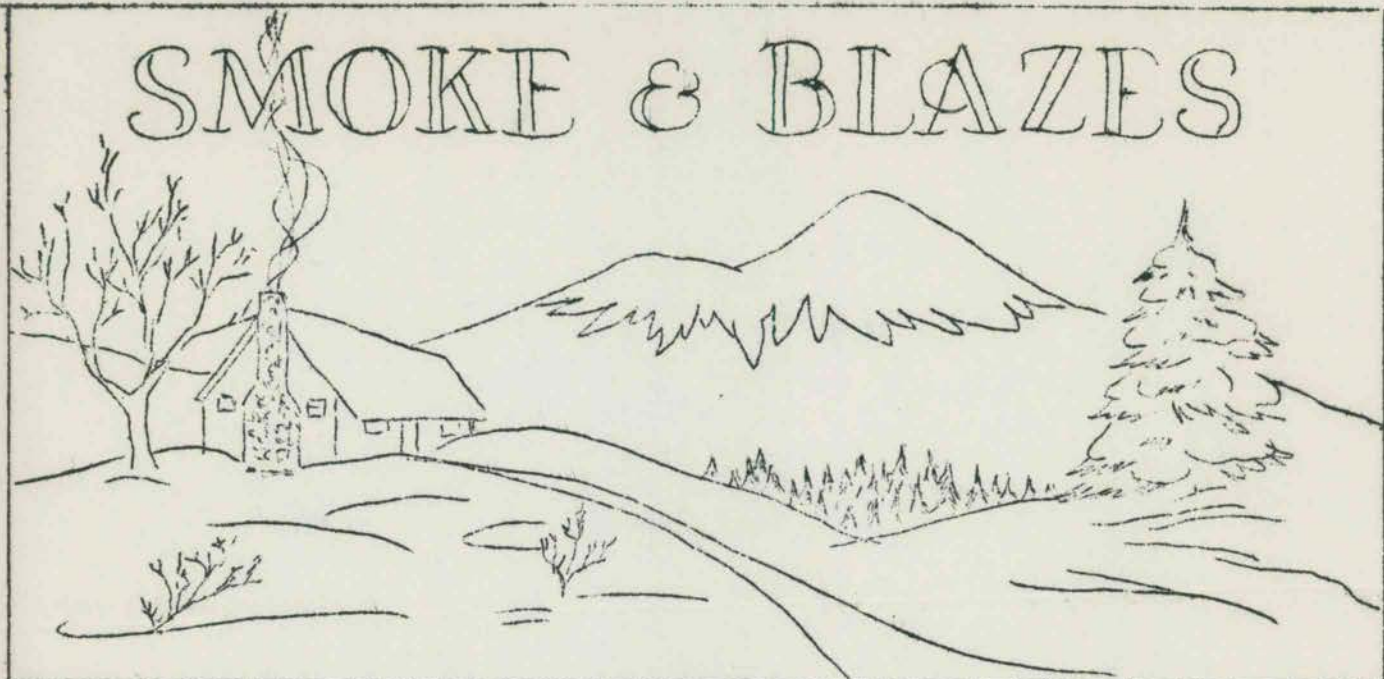
Betsy Martin
Carol Martin
David Martin
Nancy Martin
Tommy Martin
Doris Newton
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
Anne Perkins
Craigie Perkins
David Perkins
Mary Perkins
Polly Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Tim Perkins
Leslie Pfenning
Marc Pfenning
Susan Pfenning
George J. Stannard, Jr.
Denny Payne
Timmy Payne
Florence VanWyck

Been thinking of new equipment? Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, 1916 Sunderland Place, N.W., Washington 6, D.C. has a 70 page catalogue entitled "Lightweight Equipment for Hiking, Camping & Mountaineering". A concise current listing of items from the catalogues and display shelves of many dealers. Each of the items listed has been tested or examined by the Committee and only items which are considered satisfactory have been included.

Essential information on the listed items help the prospective buyer make an informed choice. Description, weight and price give the needed information for comparisons. The dealers listed welcome requests for catalogues. Send for 70 page catalogue for 50¢ plus 10¢ for handling charge.

SMOKE & BLAZES deadline - Let's get all items to the Editor by middle of June so we can get that issue out on time.

SMOKE & BLAZES



Vol. 17, No. 3 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - May-June 1964

COMING EVENTS by Susan Tarbell

Baker Peak
Nice treat
June 28
Sunday's the date
Meldon at 10
See you then.

Let's have enough at Sucker Brook
So we can trade cars at the trail
Some come in from Mt. Horrid cliff
And some from the Lake Pleiad trail
So July 11 from Meldon school at
9:00 we'll go
Shake your bones, leave your troubles at home
It's only 9 miles - Tally---Ho!

We're going to Tinmouth
Where?
We're going to Tinmouth
Why?
We're going to Tinmouth
To see what's to see
And when we get there
We'll decide.
Meldon - July 26 (Sunday) 10:00

Mystery Hike (Saturday)
We know what day we're going-Aug 8
We know what time we're leaving-9:00
We know who's taking us-Terry Gulick
We know where to start - Meldon
So what's the mystery?
Where we are going!!!
Come dressed for anything
From caving to climbing.

Aeolus - Aug. 23 - Sunday
This one we got lost on
The last time we went up
We got out of the woods all right
But without any sup
No kidding tho this hike is fun
And there is a cave to see
So leave with us from Meldon
You all come now, it's Sunday.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Our section has again received a very generous gift from Mr. Lincoln Isham for use to help maintain our trails and shelters. Mr. Isham's

generosity for a number of years has enabled the Killington Section to keep its trails and shelters in very excellent condition and we are all very grateful for this help.

TUCKER LODGE

Peter Hadeka

The party of eight hikers left Meldon School at 10 A.M. Sunday. Soon after arriving at our hiking point we were joined by a group of Castleton State College boys.

After the stove pipe was repaired by Harold V. and Craigie P. and ample firewood was gathered by the boys, we proceeded with the fire and the hot water. As the first of the small group sat down to eat their lunches we were joined by more and more members until the day's total reached 26 hikers.

Side trips of the day included Deer Leap and other little mountain summits nearby. It was a most enjoyable day in which many merely sat in the sun and soaked up the fine spring weather.

MENDON MOUNTAIN

Patrick Riordan

On Sat. May 2nd Craigie, Churchill and I took off for Mendon at about 9:15 AM in Craigie's car.

We took the road to Governor Clement Shelter. Before we got there we left the car in a small clearing off to the side of the road. When we reached the shelter we signed the new register. Then we started up the trail to Cooper Lodge. About halfway up we stopped to eat. We then cut off the trail and went up the mountain. It was pretty hard going with no trail to follow.

We finally reached a shoulder of Mendon. For a while the three of us did a little looking around. At times we weren't too sure of ourselves but thanks to Craigie and Churchill's skillful guiding we got back safe and sound.

On our way back we cut down the side of the mountain to save time - the going was rugged. Another day well spent.

WHERE HAS EAST MOUNTAIN GONE?

Fernand Bartlett

For a variety of reasons and lack of numbers the East Mt. May 17 hike missed the area by a wide mark. It was go south boys, so south for an eventful and sunny jog near Clement to Clarendon Gorge.

Enthusiastic Mark Pfenning led the group a merry chase and run on, off across the trail. Daniel Boone would have found him an apt and enthusiastic companion. With Terry Gulick keeping all happy with endless discovery of 7 varieties of violets, crinkle root, painted and red trillium, dog-tooth violet, cowslip, oceans of wild strawberries (sorry only in flower) wild columbine, pink lady-slippers, etc.

Heard and/or seen among the birds scarlet tanager, red breasted grosbeak, robins, red-yellow throats, song thrush, white throated sparrow, oven bird, catbird and some others.

The luscious scenery, rushing streams, swaying evergreen forest did on rare occasion distract from the nature lore hunt. Pat Riordan who nobly protected the rear was detailed to keep his sharp lookout for Okra. This strange and mysterious beast was continually brought to the hikers attention by numerous notes left by previous UVM geology field trippers. We still are trying to learn whether Pat was able to corner the Okra market thru his halo of mosquitoes. Our impression at times being that if he continued to swing his arms any faster at his mosquito monopoly, he would be the next man in space.

Chance meeting on the trail were 11 students from Putney School and 2 staff who trekked from Old Job to north of Clarendon. At Clarendon Lodge about 26 from Springfield rushed Beacon Hill and we suspect 80 years young Mr. Aldrich was first on all counts. A young miss hailing from Argentina only regret on her trip "do we have to leave such a beautiful place".

We are still in need of help to discover the meaning of a comment of Mark's as we entered the cow pasture on the far side of Beacon Hill. "Watch out for all the country fudge"???

ANNUAL MEETING
Churchill Scott

The Annual Meeting of G.M.C was held at the Long Trail Lodge on Saturday May 30th.

Killington Section had charge of the get together coffee hour before the meeting and Vera, Thelma, Harold and Churchill poured and served.

Very cool, clear and windy weather helped to keep the black flies away and boost the attendance to about 125 (a record we believe). Killington Section was very well represented with about 32 members present.

Bob Humes was elected President by the Board of Trustees to replace Ben Rolston. Ben has certainly done a wonderful job for the past two years and we feel the Club owes him a great deal of thanks.

THE SEARCH ON PICO
M. G. Wiley

On Sunday May 31 at 10:30 A.M. Ferd. Bertlett, Peter Hadeka and I left Meldon School with every expectation of finding at least a dozen more Killington Section people on Pico. The weather was fine and we were sure to have a fine trip. On reaching the parking lot at Long Trail Lodge we found only one familiar car and that belonged to a friend of Ferd's who we did not locate either. Where had everyone gone? Were we on the right mountain? Where were Craigie and Churchill? Oh! they are at the shelter already of course---so we began to climb the 3,900 ft. peak.

Our first encounter with another mammal was a small chipmunk and we tiptoed past so as not to disturb him. Farther up the trail we met a man and his wife and oddly the man was lying in the grass. As we approached we found that he was taking a picture of a maroon or red trillium--supposed to be rare in this area? The trillium became the topic of conversation over the rest of the trip. We agreed that photos were the best method of collecting wild flowers, however there was much speculation as to how rare this maroon trillium really was. As we climbed they became more and more

- 3- frequent with sometimes as many as 20 in a single area.

By now we were sure that our Killington section was on top having lunch and enjoying the view. Water temperature at the spring was 37°. We again began to climb and got our first taste of bushwacking as we lost or never started on the trail. It was slow going zig-zagging over blow downs and crawling thru low spruce. Suddenly without any warning from a large clump of low spruce on our right we came on the trail. We proceeded most rapidly up the remaining few hundred feet to the summit but still no sign of anyone - not even the look-out tower. This was the first time any of us had seen Pico without the tower and it was not a pleasant sight. The peak was littered with rubbish and its face was torn with scars left by heavy machinery. The ranger's cabin was in a similar shambles and we sat down to contemplate the fate of this mighty peak. With our spirits dampened it took a little time to decide that it was time to head down but we now had a problem. Which route should we take? Finally we decided upon the road which crossed the newly cut lift line.

As we descended our spirits livened and we soon entered Pico's famous Sunset Schuss trail which Ferd had skied in the days past. We found the walking much easier with wild flowers and grass at our feet instead of the rocks and gravel of the road. The water temperature here was 39° and Ferd and Peter quipped that we might soon be overcome by heat exhaustion. When we reached the tower at the head of the main ski area it seemed to challenge us, after all we had climbed the mighty Pico, and although the stairs were broken and the railing was shaky we climbed on. On top the view was beautiful but our unsteady vantage point seemed to be trying to tell us something as it creaked under our weight. When Ferd suggested that the platform would be a fine place for a square dance Peter and I decided the altitude was too much for him and convinced him that we better head down.

Upon reaching the parking lot we

Upon reaching the parking lot we⁻⁴ still saw no familiar Killington Sec. cars and decided to give up the search. We returned tired but happy GMCers after a fine trip and only regretted that more could not have enjoyed the fun.

BIRD MOUNTAIN SOLO

M. G. Wiley

It was rainy but looked like a fine day for a Green Mt. Club hike. After waiting for a half hour I decided the crew must have already left so off to Bird Mt. I ventured expecting to find hikers. I had been to Bird before and in my estimation it is one of the most beautiful mountains and views in the Rutland area. It is a fine example of the Taconic mountains and although not as high as some of the Green Mts. certainly as good a climb.

I did not go south far enough when starting and as a result had to climb and descend two other smaller peaks before getting to the summit of Bird. It was misty and a bit rainy at times but just as lovely as ever. Looking across to Pico and Killington one could see these two summits seemingly floating on an ocean of clouds.

I returned via the trail doing some clearing as I went and would like to suggest that the Club - with the permission of land owners - again take the responsibility of keeping this trail open. It was a fine trip in spite of the rain and I still think that Bird Mt. is one of the finest in the area. How about coming along next time and judging for yourself.

FAREWELL TO KIP

Kip - the big black pack dog of Caroline Parmenter's has passed away. A recent note from Frances Green, Caroline's long time friend, told us this news.

Kip made friends with the Killington section about 1950-51 at Stratton Mt. where his mistress was fire warden. When they transferred to Pico he made many new admirers with his ability to travel down to the spring and return with full water jugs on his back. All he asked was that some-

one be there to fill them. In recent years his activities were curtailed by old age and arthritis but many of us will always remember him striding up and down the slopes of Pico.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

W. Churchill Scott

Terry Gulick and Churchill Scott have been out on work parties a number of times clearing the trail up Pico. On Sunday June 21st at the urging of Wm. Mitchell of Worcester, Mass. we are having a work party to do as much trail clearing as possible on Pico and on toward Killington. Also any work on Pico Camp that is necessary. There will be more work parties this summer so how about some of the members who did not go on the last work party getting out and doing their bit.

The Trails and Shelters Comm. have decided to furnish the meals for the members of work parties as was the custom years ago during the 1950's. If anyone has any suggestions to offer we'll be very glad to hear them.

MYSTERY HIKE AUG. 8th

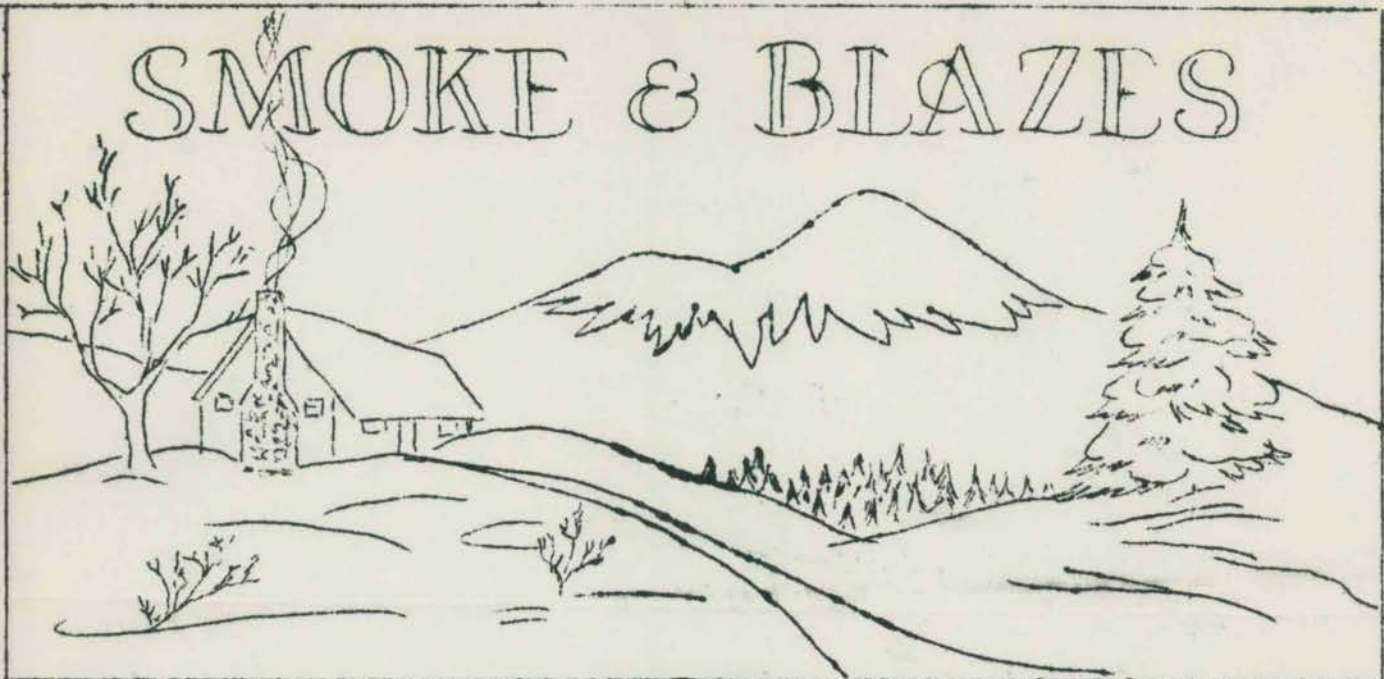
Destination - A part of Vermont

For a treat of a Vermont phenomenon unknown to many, the much talked about Mystery Hike scheduled for Sat. Aug. 8th will provide a spectacle that only camera can record! To be led by Terry Gulick of Castleton, the hike will start from Meldon at 10 A.M. using motor vehicles for the initial phase. Walking will be the final method of reaching the mystery destination. Total one way distance by foot is estimated at 3 (or so) miles. Recommended to bring: waterproof footwear (boots or bare feet), camera, lunch and a cup, and a jeep if you or your friends have one.

Make the summer complete by including the Mystery Hike in your plans -- Remember the date Saturday August 8th''''

The Intersectional's coming at last
The information's enclosed, come have
a blast.

SMOKE & BLAZES



Vol. 17, No. 3 - KILLINGTON SECTION

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - July-Aug. 1964

COMING EVENTS by Susan Tarbell

Sunday Sept. 20

A compass, a road map
A spy glass and lunch,
Are what you will need
If you follow my hunch.

For we're going up Stratton
(There's a view at the top)
And we'll have to leave early
9:00 by my watch.

So meet me at Meldon
In warm hiking togs
And we head up Mt. Stratton
And hope there's no fog.

P.S. For the less energetic
a ski lift (\$2.00) will bring you
to within a flat 3/4 mile of the
fire tower where we will eat lunch.
The view is tremendous.

Sunday Oct. 4th -

A mystery hike again I see
I wonder where this one will be,
It might be high if the color's good
Or it might be low, a walk in the wood
So if you have a mystery hike yen
Meet Terry at Meldon, he's leaving
at 10:00

Saturday, Oct. 17th

East Mountain again for this
foliage season
I wonder if the view is the reason
If you would go, be at Meldon
at 9:00
and come on everyone, you'll have
a good time.

Saturday, Oct. 24th

Many people like food. They like to
look at it, eat it, make it, or
smell it.
If you belong to one of these
categories I would strongly suggest
that you be at Beechwood for a
covered dish supper on Oct. 24th
at 6:00. And, please, don't tell
anybody or we will be crowded.
Call 773-2941 by Friday, Oct. 23rd
for reservations. Plan to bring
along one of your favorite dishes
for everyone to taste.

Sunday, Nov. 1st

Weaklings don't come
This is work for men
We're having a work party
Leave Meldon at 10:00
We'll go where we're needed
That should be fun 'cause
We're needed most everywhere
Come on gang, let's run.

(Ladies see next page.)

Now ladies don't cry
You're needed there, too
Who else do you think's
Going to lug in the stew.
By stew, I mean food
A conglomeration.
Let's make something special,
Have a celebration.

Sunday, Nov. 15th, Meldon at 10:00
Here's the nearest hike
To the snowy season
It may be your last chance
to hike without freezin'.

So come up to Pico, the
Gang will be there
Get clean air in your lungs
And pine in your hair.

Saturday, Nov. 14th -RUMMAGE SALE
at the Neighborhood Rooms, Marble
Savings Bank Building. Anything
that anyone can spare in the line
of clothing, dishes, nicknacks,
books, toys, etc. will be apprec-
iated. There will be someone at
the rooms Friday, Nov. 13th, after
9 o'clock. If you can't bring
your articles in, call Craigue
Perkins 773-7954 or Harold Valiquette
773-8422 and they will pick them up.

BAKER PEAK
Harriot Bryant - Dorset

Hiked into the Peak on the new
section of trail from USF.S. #10,
admiring the new shelter and
suspension bridge over Big Branch.
A beautiful sunny day and fine
hiking. The new section is great!
My Welsh Corgi friend and I enjoye
ed every inch and were welcomed
by Mike Wiley and two friends on
the Peak. They came as scheduled
from the McGinn Brook Trail (right
straight up they said). Mike had
a fire going in no time for coffee
and treated us to cookies while
we waited for the others and
enjoyed the fine panorama below
us and in all directions. The
rest of the party did not arrive
and Laurie Berglie and Susan
Wiley decided they would like to

walk back with me. Enjoyed their
company and Mike was waiting for
them when we emerged from the
woods on #10.
P.S. The rest of the party had
left a note that they had gone home.

SUCKER BROOK
Florence Herrick

On July 11th an enthusiastic twelve
people from Springfield joined the
Killington Section of G.M.C. on
the 9.8 mile hike from Brandon Gap
to Middlebury Gap. Although it
was a very warm day, a cool breeze
was felt along the mountain ridges.

After climbing Mt. Horrid, Cape
Lookout, White Rocks and Romance Mt.
we arrived at Sucker Brook Shelter
newly constructed by the U.S.
Forestry Department. We stayed
here to eat lunch and catch our
breaths before climbing Mt. Worth
and the long trek home. It is
worth mentioning that the woods
were very lush with vegetation.
Wood sorrell was evident as were
several species of fern.

A variety of ages was represent-
ed in the group with hikers rang-
ing from 10 to 80 summers. A
variety of hiking speeds was also
represented, as Churchill Scott
can confirm! The octogenarian not
only held his own but put those
half his age to shame by bush-
wacking to the top of Romance Mt.
This was a long, arduous trip but
a day well spent in the peace and
serenity of the woodland trail.

MYSTERY HIKE
A mystery of interest

With warm, threatening weather
on tap, and an hour's hopeful wait
at Meldon, the small but enthusias-
tic hikers left for destinations
unknown to anyone but the leader,
Terry Gulick. (One report was
heard that the mystery was so
mysterious, some parties became
apprehensive about it, and so, did
not turn out.)

All kidding aside, the group,
consisting of the leader, Les

Pfenning, and a group of youngsters from Castleton, headed south towards the junction and after much guessing found the NW heading south on U.S. 7.

Winding along through Wallingford South Wallingford, the course remained unchanged down into Denby and Mt. Tabor, on that new stretch of 60 MPH highway.

Suddenly, after slowing down and the course changed---No, not to Baker's Peak, or the Green Mts., but a right hand turn into the Taconics! Up a paved road, under the Vermont Marble Railway, and the old country road (as we were told to call it) until we came to a stop.

A while later, after some walking, a landmark---an arrow and a path, and a cave!!! Exploring the entrance, it was concluded that a return trip was in order. Returning to the road, the hike continued until a bridge (in good condition) was approached. Then, a left hand turn into a brook (dry), and suddenly a gorge opened up ahead. Under rocks and through wide crevasses the group trudged on 'til a natural foot bridge was discovered overhead, then, more gorge, and a picnic spot! right in the middle of the brook bed.

Lots of fun. As a matter of fact the gang wants to go again. Join them this fall. See the schedule.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS W. Churchill Scott

As the summer hiking season draws to a close the Trails and Shelters Committee wants to thank all the members that have worked so much to make our section of the Long Trail so well kept.

There are numerous entries in the registers at the various shelters expressing amazement and appreciation for the very well cleared and marked trails and the snug clean shelters.

Nevertheless there are many small details that must be done at our various shelters to get them ready to go through another Vermont winter.

If anyone is willing and able to help please contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. Phone 5-5720.

According to a number of reports the suspension bridge over Mill River is in very great need of extensive repairs. President Harold Valiquette is going to inspect it and if there is any work that he feels the members can do, we will have a work party leaving Meldon School on Saturday Sept. 26th at 1:30 PM. Anyone willing and able to go can contact W. Churchill Scott. Phone 5-5720 for more details.

INTERSECTIONAL 1964 LAKE EDEN Janet Martin

The Martins, all 7, accompanied by Vera Perkins spent three days at the Intersectional at Lake Eden. Sunday, Aug. 30th, was a beautiful day when we left Rutland about 10 AM. After lunching at a way-side park we arrived at Lake Eden about 2:30, chose a camp site which would get the morning sun, and proceeded to set up our two umbrella tents.

Ours went up in a breeze but Craigue's, which we had borrowed, proved to be a bit more of a problem. However, we finally got it up with only a slight list! and got our corn cooking for supper.

In the evening there was the usual gathering in the main lodge with singing which Jack accompanied on the accordin, followed by a park service movie about Yosemite Park.

Monday we awakened to threatening skies and the heavens opened up in the middle of breakfast. It became necessary from time to time to dump the water from the large tent fly we had rigged up in front of the tents. We had planned to try Owl's Head in Canada but the periodic showers discouraged us and we settled for a swim and

tramping around camp.

Monday night's entertainment was much the same with a movie on Trans Canada. The hikers reported several showers and we were glad we had stayed in camp.

Tuesday morning we spent breaking camp and drying out the canvas. Following lunch we headed for home.

Following is a list of additional members to date -

H. Minerva Hinchey
Paul Magoon
Frances H. Roberts
Katherine E. Roberts
Richard N. Roberts
Raymond A. Catozzi
Mrs. Jean S. Davies
Father Raymond A. Giroux
Kenneth A. Laplant
Kenneth R. Laplant
James Watson Jutte
Joseph Pyne O'Ryan
Susan Tarbell

Harold Valiquette received the following letter from Bob Humes, President of the Main Club. Let's make a special effort to attend the dedication.

"I would like to inform you about a new shelter dedication on the Long Trail so you can pass the information along to your section.

The new Sunrise Shelter, replacing old Sunrise Camp, has now been completed by Roy Buchanan, and the trail crew. As you probably know this is located one mile south of Brandon Gap, (Route 73) on the Long Trail. We plan to have a dedication at the shelter on October 11, 1964, Sunday 11:30 AM.

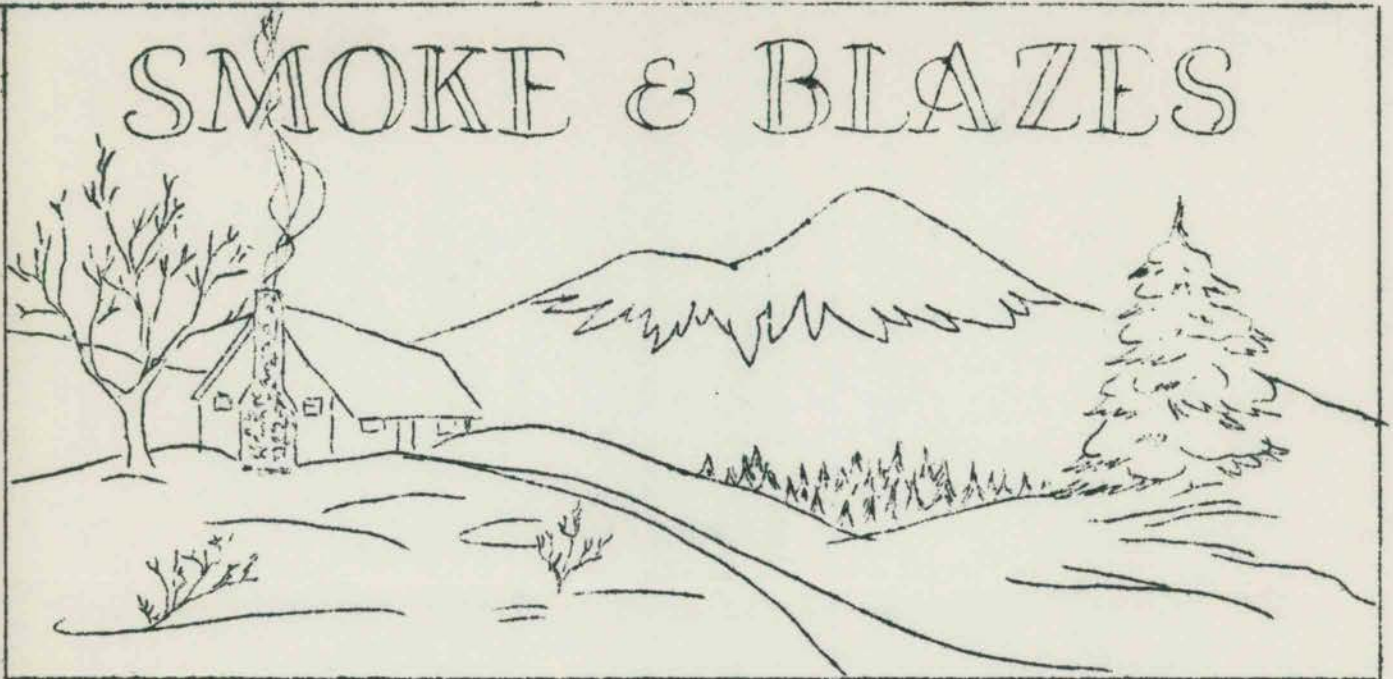
Mr. Mortimer Proctor, an old friend of the Club has donated the cost of labor and materials and made it a gift to the Green Mountain Club. Any who might be up in that section on a foliage trip are invited to attend the exercises. Please spread the information in your section.

Happy Hiking
(signed) Bob Humes, President G.M.C.

NEW SCHEDULES

The new fall and winter hike schedules are enclosed. The Outing Committee hopes that these hikes will meet with your approval and if any extra copies are desired they are available from C. Perkins, H. Valiquette or C. Scott.

SMOKE & BLAZES



Vol. 17, No. 5 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Fall 1964

COMING EVENTS by Susan Tarbell

Good gracious, it's Gov. Clement
time, and
On Sunday again this year, so grab
your lunch and
Volley forth before the snow you
must fear.

Come and meet us at Meldon School
and
Let us be your guide. We'll show
you a camp
Erected with stone in 1929.

Many's the pleasure that is
in store
E're the camp is left
behind
Now if you'd be there on
November 29
Ten o'clock would be on time.

Come one, come all and
Let us begin to erase
All our Thanksgiving dining,
Really, you should come to
Clarendon

E're the Christmas season starts
winding, at
Nine o'clock we will be on our
way
Don't try to reach there
after
On December 12 we'll meet at our
school, and let
No one forget to bring laughter.

Moon light is best for many things
and
One of them is hiking

Or if you prefer a-

Nother term maybe showshoeing's
to your
Liking.

If so, and you want to join the
Gang, we'll gather on 12/19

Here's to Tucker Lodge and our
Moonlight hike
Time for take off 7:13.

Sunnyside is not too far, only
Up one rise, so come and bring
your
Neighbors or your
Nephew or
Your bride.
Sunday is the day to come
It's january three so
Dig out your knapsack and long
woolen wear
Else you all are liable to freeze.

Green Mountain clubers, the time
has come,
If I read this schedule right,
when
Robust hikers gather inside to give
fire and
Light, we'll play a few games and

Sing a few songs and some will go
out in the
Cold, all will do whatever they
wish
Or maybe whatever they're
told. The
Usual procedure (meet at Meldon at
nine) will again work
Today, but if you are late, don't
worry much

Cause you can come anyway.

At the Rotary Cabin you'll find
us all
Munching on food hot and cold,
so
Pack up your games and your sand-
wiches, come along now, do as
you are told.

Buffum is the place we'll be
Up the hill and over the tree
Fun and laughter, snow galore
Few G&Cers dare ask for more
Unless I'm wrong and I

-2- Must be right

Life starts at Buffum

On Sunday night NO

Daylight it is (Leave from Meldon
at ten)

Guys and gals this trip is the

End of January the 31st.

To tell the honest to goodness
truth

All's not as it should be, I may be

Lying when I say to meet on Feb
one three and

Lying again about Craigie Perkins'
camp and also about

The time, but elsewhere

In this nice news sheet the details

Might be there to find

But whatever does happen I know one
thing

Every one will have a ball
so spaghetti fans heed this
call.

STRATTON MOUNTAIN
W. Churchill Scott

On Sunday Sept. 20th a hike was
held to Stratton Mt. and pond. It
will long be remembered by each and
every hiker for various reasons.
Some for riding backwards, other for
not knowing whether we were flying
or riding and for one it was his
first hike with such a controversial
group. Our route via the Manchest-
ers, Bromley, Jamaicas and Wards-
boros covered a lot of road with
our wheels touching most of the
time.

After a threat of rain the weather
cleared, sun shone and visibility
improved as we ascended the mountain.
A pleasant feature along the trail
was the rustic benches placed at
the various lookouts along with
signs pointing out the prominent
landmarks. Terry Gulick caught up

with us along the way. Mrs. Harriot Bryant of Dorset, (who was fire lookout on Stratton Mt. after Caroline Parmenter and her dog) joined us for lunch. After enjoying the excellent view in every direction, visiting with a group that came up the lift and hiked over from the north peak, Mr. Weeks and Mr. Cahoe of Springfield returned to the cars and the rest of the group continued on to the pond.

Passing a number of beaver dams we arrived at Willis Ross Lodge where the fast hikers had a fire going and hot water for a good coffee break. The lodge was in good shape and the pond looked good too.

We had to make tracks soon for the cars and everyone hurried to get out of the woods before dark. On the way we met Mr. Coleman, a trustee of the G.M.C. from the Brattleboro section, and his wife going in to Bourne Pond for the night.

Upon arriving at the road we continued along to the Webster marker erected to commemorate Mr. Webster's speech to a Whig Convention in July 1840. As we stood there it was hard to picture a gathering of 15,000 people where now is heard only the rustle of the wind in the leaves and the occasional passing of a wild animal.

At last we fastened our safety belts, held our breaths and took off. Terry almost had some fresh venison when an old deer did not bother to look before he crossed the road. Again Stratton mountain favored us with very wonderful weather and each trip there is more enjoyable than the last and more members should try to come along.

OCTOBER MYSTERY HIKE
An Adventuresome Success
by Terry Gulick

With colorful scenery and ideal weather conditions, Killington Section members followed Mystery Hike Leader Terry Gulick to destinations unknown Sunday Oct. 4.

The trip originally scheduled during the summer, was attended by 22 GMCers and guests who kept prodding their hike guide as to what was so mysterious about it all. They soon found the answer.

After meeting the Springfield delegation at the Vermont Marble Co. quarry tracks on U.S. 7, the entourage motored over nearly vertical inclines to a point on the so-called "County Road" on Dorset mountain. The hike then began. First stop: the water fountain nicely located beside the road which, after ascending the mountain a short way, eased south for a distance before rising up further on the big rock conglomerate, one of several composing the Taconic Range on the western side of Vermont.

Many, many steps later, after taking inventory of the butternut trees and this year's production, tension built as the gang learned that part of the mystery was to unfold. A sudden right turn off the trail and a short walk brought the hikers to a large rock formation with a deep cavity leading into an underground cave. Much exploration ensued.

Lunch became the order of events next. Craigie Perkins and John Paddock took charge of fire building operations, and with freshly heated drip water from the rocks, a sort of drip instant coffee was consumed by those assembled! After some more cave exploring, the group terminated the mysterious walk by descending a gorge which at times is part of a brook. This body of water apparently was vacationing at the time. Suddenly, to the surprise of the outdoorsmen, a natural foot bridge appeared before the group. Not all parties cared to try it out, but others photographed it, walked across it, ran, or just simply napped on it awhile.

Rock specialists found the trip a field day. Others enjoyed the two unusual sights and the rest enjoyed the colorful foliage along the hike route.

THE EAST MOUNTAIN HIKE By Doris Newton

It must be the fates don't want us on East Mountain. On the very day of the hike the woods were closed south of Route 4. A bit of discussion at Melton resulted in a decision for Tucker Lodge, and a little car spotting made it possible to vary our routes.

Some went in by the regular route, and some by the Long Trail. While the coffee brewed, the men rebuilt the steps and repaired a window. Folks of all ages kept arriving until there were 26 present; about 16 junior members among them.

After lunch departures began in the same way. Some went back by the regular route and two groups came out by the trail to the "Old Turnpike Road" where a car waiting at Craigie Perkins' camp returned drivers to cars on the Mountain Road. East Mountain still awaits exploration, but even so, the day was a most pleasant one.

COVERED DISH SUPPER By Eleanor Walker

The Annual Covered Dish supper at Beechwood on Oct. 24th was attended by the usual fine crowd of about 40 members and guests.

Vera Perkins went to Beechwood at 10:30 and built three fires so by the time the first guests arrived the house was toasty.

The adults liked the fires so sat around and talked while the children played out doors until called to supper at 6:30. The young people were starved and could hardly wait their turn in line to fill their plates. The food was delicious and plenty of it so that no one went away hungry.

After supper, Mr. Alex Nagy entertained the group by showing pictures of the Mystery Hike to Dorset Mountain and the hike up Killington showing the snow on the trees and bushes after the early snow storm.

Thanks to Vera Perkins another Covered Dish Supper and evening was enjoyed at Beechwood.

PICO by W. Churchill Scott

Six of us hiked up Pico Nov. 15th. After dinner Alex Nagy, Marc Pfenning and Betty Gilman hiked up to the top. The view was excellent. The rest of us excused the cabin as far as we could reach. Replaced a pane of glass and cleaned up the cabin. After we got through working around the cabin Terry Gulick, Marc Pfenning and I went out as far as the Big Swamp to see how you could get the trail past there without being so wet, but here wasn't much that could be done. Craigie Perkins stayed around the cabin and worked, Terry Gulick jumped a good size deer. It was getting dark so we had to hurry down.

RUMMAGE SALE

Our 17th Rummage Sale was held Saturday Nov. 14th at the Neighborhood rooms in the Maple Savings Bank Building. We netted about \$60.00. This is the first time we have gone below the \$100 mark. We had about the usual amount of clothing but we had very few items for the "Cutlery and Miscellaneous" tables.

There have been a number of rummage sales this fall and probably we were a little late with ours. Next fall we hope to have it earlier - so start saving now. Thanks to everyone who contributed and worked.

We will soon be making up new schedules. If you have a special hike you would like included please let us know.

Since the last issue of "Smoke & Blazes" the Trails and Shelters Committee has been bushwhacking. A work party at the Mill River Bridge straightened the towers, tightened the horizontal cables, leveled the catwalk and added extra cable to secure the towers in position. The next day Harold Valiquette gave it a coat of creosote. Now all that remains is another coat of creosote and some grading around the approaches.

On Nov. 1st our work party spent the morning at Buffum. Mr. & Mrs. Weeks and Mr. Cahoe of Springfield met us there and everyone pitched in and repaired the steps, cleaned up the yard, swept the cabin, moved the stove to secure the pipe, creosoted the cabin to window level and replaced glass. The water was soon boiling away so we ceased our labors to eat and visit a while.

The Springfield folks left and the rest journeyed to Sunnyside where the camp was found to be in perfect shape.

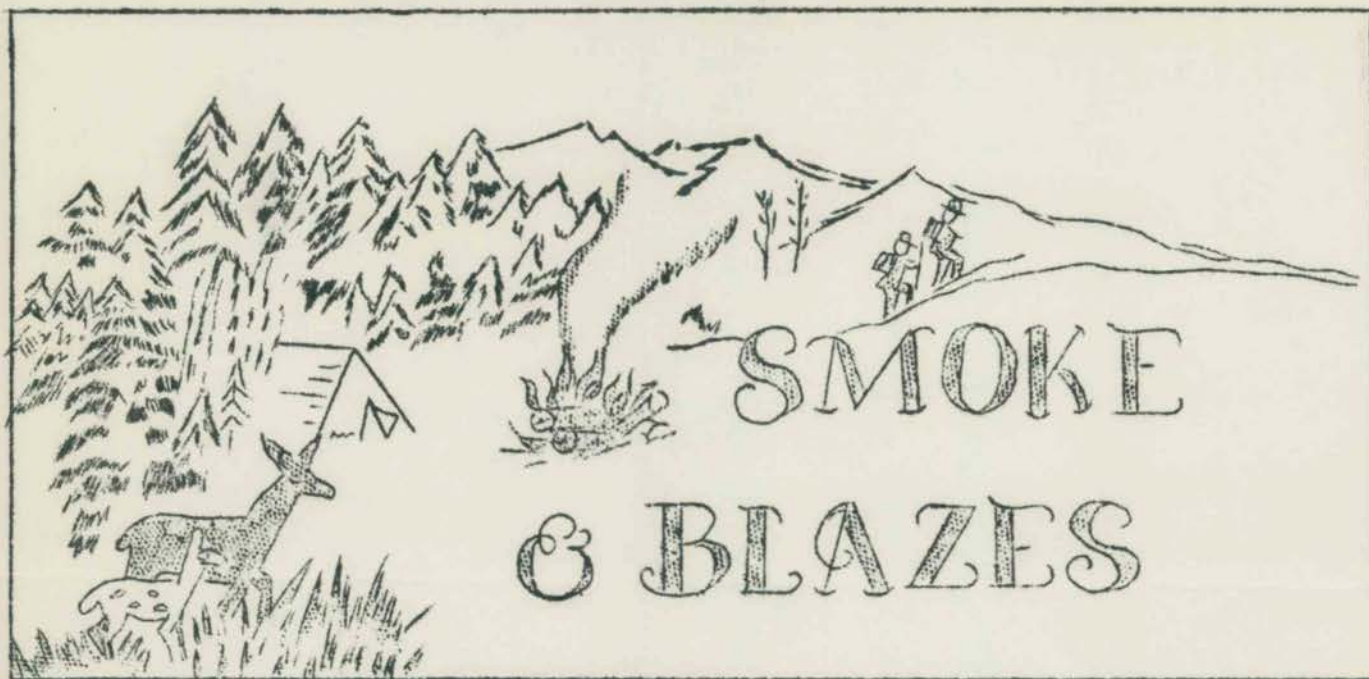
Clarendon Camp was also visited and found to be in good shape. Clarendon and Sunny-side will soon need new stoves. Otherwise the shelters are in very good condition.

The Bronze Plaque in memory of James P. Taylor, the Father of the Long Trail, has been placed on a large boulder at the Long Trail Lodge.

The Annual Meeting is going to be held Friday January 22nd at the Central Vermont Public Service rooms. Please keep this in mind. There will be a notice in the Herald.

List of members for 1965 to date.

Mary Elizageth Allard
Johnny Allard
Judy Allard
Rev. Raymond A. Giroux
Alex Nagy
Linda K. Rozowicz



Vol. 18, No. 1 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Jan. Feb. '65

COMING HIKES

CLARENDON LODGE - Sunday Feb. 28th
10 AM. Meet at Meldon School. Another hike to Ben Rolston's favorite. See the new stove in action. Help repair camp. If good snowshoeing visit old cellar hole, mill site, dam and cemetery of early 19th Century settlers.

TUCKER LODGE - Saturday, March 13th,
10 AM. Meet at Meldon School. Snow shoes will probably be needed for this trip. Come early - stay late - enjoy pleasant company and surroundings. Be prepared to talk over plans for spring work parties.

BUFFUM LODGE - Sunday, March 28th,
10 AM. Meet at Meldon School. A new idea will be tried this trip. Depending on snow conditions, a hike will be attempted to Sunnyside. If some wish they can go to top of Button Hill and east along prominent ridge with good views along the way.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY - Saturday
April 10, 6 PM at Mendon Grange Hall. Here is another big affair of our section. We will need help to make this another successful party. We have planned this to coincide with the Trustees' meeting so plan to attend and meet some folks from other sections. A nominal charge will be made to meet the expenses.

EAST MOUNTAIN - Saturday, April 24th
9AM. Meet at Meldon. Here is our old nemesis again. Please note the 9-00 AM starting time for this will be an exploratory hike, covering new ground to most of us. Bring a good lunch and walking shoes.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT

The weather was cold and threatening as a small group of us left Meldon for Governor Clement. Alex, Marc, Don and Churchill finally got a ride to the Four Corners where we parked the car. A short hike

up the road brought us to the oldest shelter in our section and the only open front structure between Sucker Brook and Greenwall.

After a good meal and hot drinks from the old coffee pot the pros and cons of trying to improve this shelter were discussed. All suggestions will be appreciated.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A thank you is due to Ray Secor for his gift to help purchase a new stove for Clarendon Lodge.

CLARENDON LODGE

The early snow fall made walking rather hard but Harold and Churchill followed tracks into Clarendon hoping to find others there with some hot water for that delicious cup of instant coffee, but all there was, was a note in the register from Ben Rolston saying he was checking Sunnyside and Buffum and returning to spend the night.

The cabin was creosoted and the fire started for Ben. It was soon time to leave and a bit down the trail Ben was met and the latest news of the GMC discussed. Ben turned over Ray Secor's gift to be used to help purchase a chunk stove for Clarendon. For that we want to again thank Ray very much.

MOONLIGHT HIKE

by

Vera Perkins

This year the annual Tucker Lodge Moonlight Hike coincided exactly with the full moon, and on Saturday December 19th the moon, though a bit hazy, was right on the job. Soon after 7 PM a good sized group had assembled at the meeting place. After distributing the hikers among the available cars we were on our way up Route 4 to

our starting point.

Leaving the cars where the "short-cut" to Tucker takes off from the highway we were soon enjoying the quiet beauty of the woods. While there was not enough snow for snow-shoeing, there was enough to give the woods their winter charm. Walking was a bit tricky as any step might be the one on which the crust broke through suddenly letting the foot down a few inches, but this only added a slight element of excitement to the trip.

In what seemed like a very short time welcoming lights were streaming towards us across the snow from Tucker where a candle was glowing brightly in each window. Within the Lodge all was cozy and warm with coffee water already steaming. Two of our ambitious members (guess who), had come in and worked up wood in the afternoon and four more had come in later for supper and so had "kept the home fires burning" for our arrival.

There was the usual feast of doughnuts warmed in the oven, accompanied by coffee and more coffee. The junior members indulged in tobogganing and snow fights outside while the rest of us enjoyed the warmth and sociability within. We were glad to have Diane and George Conlon with us again, accompanied by "Muggs" the successor to our old friend "Punchie".

As the moon rose higher and the hour grew later we reluctantly, as always, decided it was time to pack up for the homeward journey. Hiking out we found the moon brighter and the woods even more beautiful. The temperature was perfect, cold enough to give the air a snap, but in pleasant contrast to the below zero temperatures we have often had on this outing. For a grand finale, just before we reached Route 4 we had a breath taking view of Pico in the moonlight, which alone would have been well worth the trip.

SUNNYSIDE HIKE

by
Judy Allard

On the clear, cold Sunday of January 3rd, a brave (??) group of eight hikers started from the main highway and set off up the road to the Spring Lake Ranch on their way to Sunnyside Shelter. The packs, snowshoes and the sleds brought along for the return trip, went on ahead with the ninth hiker in his trusty truck. It was expected that the packs 'n' stuff would be left "by the pig pen". When we arrived at the designated spot, neither the truck nor its contents could be seen. After deducting that the "trusty truck" must be ahead of us, we proceeded on to the shelter.

When we arrived at Sunnyside the green truck was out in front, the fire started, the shelter was warm and the water in the coffee pot was well on its way to boiling. Plenty of wood was found near the shelter, dragged back, and cut up. We then had our lunch, and, after the sandwiches and coffee were consumed, we discussed the need of a new floor in the shelter. It was decided that the wood should be brought in and the floor replaced sometime in the near future while the truck could get all the way up to the shelter.

The return trip was as pleasant as the morning outing and much faster for some of the hikers as they rode a sled down the steep hill between the Spring Lake Ranch and the main road.

When we had all gotten down and loaded the car, we took off for home, having had a very pleasant day.

ROTARY CABIN

Where were the rest of you on that nice cool day, January 16th, when we took a jaunt to the Girl Scout Camp? Home by your cozy fire no doubt. Maybe you were the smart ones at that. However,

we all got a bit of good bracing air and we all survived. We must admit that some of us probably wouldn't have been there except that we expected to be able to ride all the way. A light covering of snow over icy roads changed our minds for us on that little idea.

Even a good fire and Harold's 'plastic partition' to conserve its heat failed to make Rotary Cabin exactly a cozy spot. Lunch with its accompanying hot coffee was especially welcome.

The low temperature, (close to zero) plus an icy wind dispelled any inclination for further hiking around the area for most of us. We were soon ready to return to warmer quarters.

Once again the Valiquette truck, which had made the hills, served us well. As many as possible piled into the back and enjoyed a ride to the cars, while the more rugged did it the hard, cold way.

BUFFUM

Buffum seems to be a lucky draw for a winter hike. We so often have a perfect day for this one and January 31st was no exception. Snowshoes were not a must but several took advantage of the opportunity, rare this winter, to use them and found the snowshoeing excellent.

The first arrivals had to spend some time in collecting and re-assembling various parts of the stove before a fire could be made. We often wish it were possible to give some of the users of our shelters a course in The Care and Feeding of Wood-burning Stoves. We realize that such stoves are a new experience to many of them but we haven't yet figured out why they think it will help solve their problems to take them apart and put them together differently. However there was a fine supply of wood and the cabin was soon very comfortable.

There was some talk early in the

day of going on to Button Hill but after lunch everyone seemed content to enjoy the comfort of the cabin and make short explorations in the area, or take a few pictures. We really appreciate our several closed cabins. They add much to the pleasure of winter hiking.

The trip back to the cars seemed all too short ending a most successful and well attended winter outing.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The annual spaghetti supper of our section was held at Tall Timber on February 13th. The weatherman favored us with a beautiful sunlit day and a cool clear night with almost a full moon. Perhaps he knew Mr. & Mrs. George Kirk were coming to visit us and it was so very good to see them again.

Some of the group came early to move benches, cut and gather firewood, and to get the building ready for the crowd. Others enjoyed hiking along the Elbow Road as far as the Beaver Dam.

At 6 PM, thanks to the old faithful group that seems to be there when the work needs to be done, we all sat down to a hearty and delicious meal of spaghetti. The folks kept arriving until at last the register held 48 names which seems to indicate the popularity of this affair.

We were very happy to at last meet Miss Elsie Maier and her group of friends from New York who have visited Tall Timber many times. Even though at one time it looked like we'd have to send a search party for some of the group who were out walking way after dark without lights. Also we were glad to see a number of new members who made this their first outing and we hope they will continue.

Our thanks go again to Craigie and Mary Perkins and the many others who helped to make this supper a good one to remember.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held at the C.V. P.S. meeting rooms at 7:30 PM Friday January 22nd. 1965.

In spite of the small attendance there was a great deal of interest and many interesting items were discussed. Ben Rolston turned over two trail side registers to the section along with a record that Mrs. Jakeway kept of hikers passing her home near the suspension bridge and railroad crossing at East Clarendon.

Mr. & Mrs. Fujiwara and two of their friends of the Japan Publications Trading Company were invited guests and we hope to see them at some more of our activities during the year.

The following officers were elected and during the coming year will try to serve to the best of their ability -

President George Reynolds
Vice President-Alex Nagy
Sec'y-Treas. - W.Churchill Scott

Again the meeting was climaxed by a social hour with the most delicious cakes, pies, cookies and hot drinks served by the ladies of the section. Our thanks once more to them for such a pleasant evening.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A board meeting was held at the home of President George Reynolds recently. Plans were discussed for the coming season and the following Chairmen appointed -

Outing - Alex Nagy
Trails & Shelters - Harold Valiquette
Long Trail News Reporter - Ben Rolston
Smoke & Blazes - Vera Perkins,
Doris Newton, Terry Gulick
Eleanor Walker, Betty Gilman.

The February issue of the Long Trail News should be mailed soon. If there are any members of the Killington Section who do not receive a copy within a reasonable time please notify W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St. Rutland, Vermont 05701.

TRAILS & SHELTERS REPORT

Once again the southern portion of our section is in tip-top shape due to the very great amount of time and effort that Ben Rolston spends each year.

Many trail clearing trips were held in the northern part also. For the first time in many years the trail between Pico Junction and Pico Camp has been cleared very thoroughly. The swamp problem near Killington has been surveyed and at last it has been decided to bridge, ditch and trim the present route.

Pico shelter received two coats of creosote, windows and stove repaired, knot holes patched.

Clarendon a new stove and creosote.

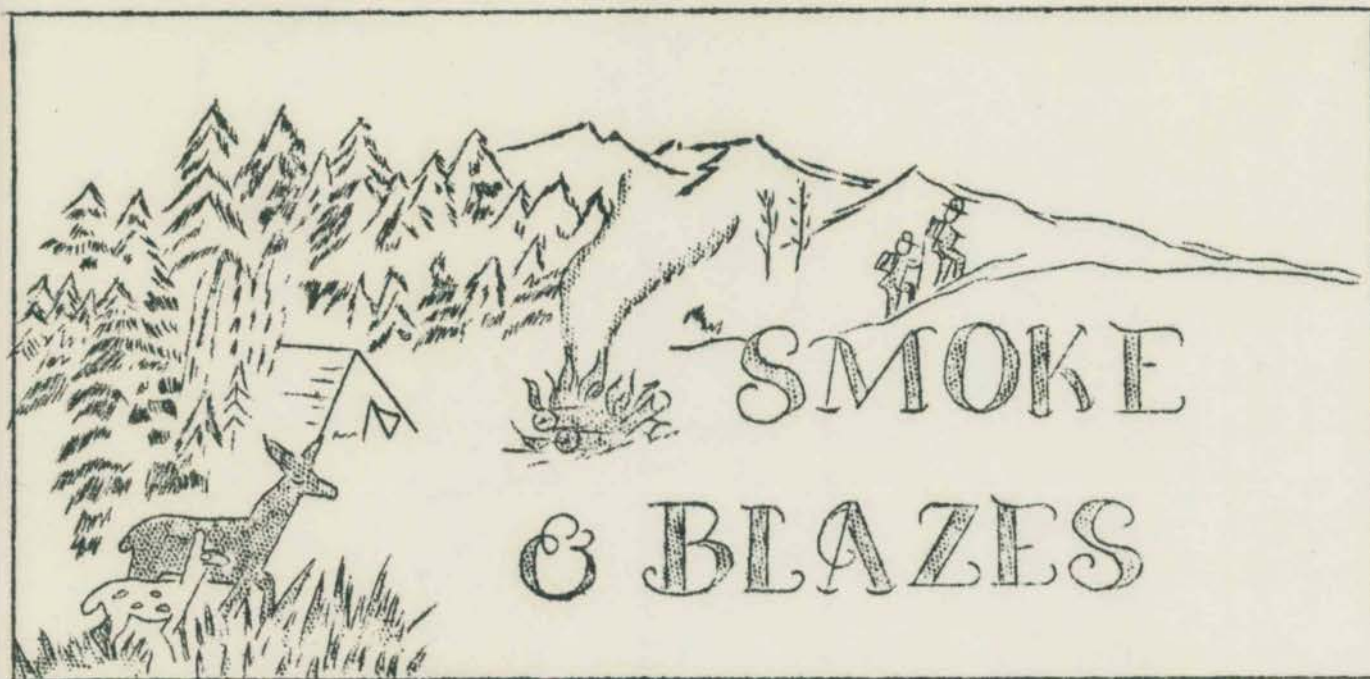
Sunnyside creosote, walls painted, roof fixed and a double floor laid.

Thanks to Harold Valiquette's equipment and knowledge the suspension bridge was repaired at Clarendon. The uprights were straightened and secured and the wood was given two coats of creosote.

Following is a list of new members paid to February 20th. You can still pay your dues to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701. \$2.00 for adults, 50¢ for juniors. This issue of Smoke & Blazes will be the last sent to the 1964 members.

Martha M. Adams
Anna E. Berg
Lucy Bishop

Marjorie Burditt
Dan Calvin
Bob Dolt
Ruth Postman
Ella Fritsch
Habs Fritsch
Betty Gilman
Charles B. Gulick, 3rd
Peter Hadeka
Pat Hill
Mary Isbel
Lincoln Isham
Lillian Jakeway
Florence P. Mitchell
Val Nagy Wm. Mitchell
Lillian Oxenbirst
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Ann Reynolds
George Reynolds
John Reynolds
Robert Reynolds
Ellen Russell
Ray Seacor
Margaret Terounzo
Harold Valiquette
John Joseph Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
Eleanor Walker
Edward F. Weber
Murial Weber
Diane Wilder
Donald Wilder
Richard Wilder
Michael Wiley
Carleton Wilson



Vol. 18, No. 2 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Mar. Apr. '65

COMING HIKES

Date - Saturday May 8, 1965
 Destination - Tinmouth Mountain
 Departure - Meldon School site 10 A.M. This is an exploration trip to a mountain that we have not climbed for a long time. Come along and see what a view from the Taconic Range looks like.

Date - Saturday May 22, 1965
 Destination - Sherburne Pass to Mt. Carmel
 Departure - Meldon School site 9 A.M. First of a series of hikes to allow Killington Section members to work for their End-to-End award. Choice of distances: to Noyes Pond and out via South Pond Trail 7.8 miles; to North Pond and out via abandoned Pittsfield-Chittenden road 9.8 miles; to Mt. Carmel and out via New Boston trail 10.1 miles.

Date - Sunday May 30, 1965
 Destination - New shelter on Baker Peak relocation.
 Departure - Meldon School site 9 A.M. In place of our annual hike to Pico and Killington after the GMC meeting, Ben Rolston has suggested a trip to the dedication of

the new shelter on the Baker Peak relocation. Transportation will be provided at both ends so hikers can leave USFS #10 road above Danby or via Lake Trail over Baker Peak.

Date - Saturday June 12, 1965
 Destination - Branbury Beach
 Departure - Meldon School site at 10 A.M.. Here is an outing for those who may enjoy taking it easy. Bring along a chair and swim suit and relax. For the hikers there will be trips to Mt. Mooselamoo, Silver Lake and the historical Ethan Allen caves.

Date - Saturday June 19, 1965
 Destination - Route 140 to Little Rock Pond
 Departure - Meldon School site at 9 A.M. Another End-to-End series hike. This time only 9.2 miles via USFS #10 road or 8.7 miles via Homer Stone Brook Trail. Come along and enjoy one of the beauty spots of the trail.

Date - Saturday June 26, 1965
 Destination - Grout Job to Prospect Rock
 Departure - Meldon School site at 9 A.M. Eat a good breakfast and

put on your walking shoes for this will be the longest hike of the year 12.7 miles with no approach trails. The hiking is easy and very pretty so plan to take advantage of the long days to hike with us.

CLARENDON LODGE

February 28 was a beautiful spring-like day when we left Meldon School by car to go to Rt. 103 where the cars were left and we started on our journey.

There was a group from Schenectady, N.Y. at the shelter when we arrived. They had come in for the weekend. We, therefore, started a fire outside to heat water for coffee and after the other group left we went inside for lunch. After lunch some left and hiked up to where some early settlers are buried, then on to the old Lotery Road, and then on the Long Trail to Beacon Hill and back to the shelter.

The new stove sure works well. The windows had to be opened while lunch was being eaten. One car had motor trouble but Craigue Perkins came to their rescue.

TUCKER LODGE Alex J. Nagy

On March 13th about thirteen hikers participated in a hike to Tucker Lodge. They met at 10 A.M. at the old Meldon School area as usual. It was a partly cloudy and rather cold but typical March day. The crusty surface in the woods made easy walking as it was hard enough so there was very little or no breaking through. Lunch and coffee were enjoyed at noon at the lodge. On the way home we met Harold Valiquette and Churchill Scott just going into the woods. We wonder how Churchill made it without his usual coffee break. At least he wasn't the last one to have his coffee this time. The group returned at 3:30 PM.

BUFFUM LODGE TO SUNNYSIDE Eleanor Walker

Sunday morning March 28th the

crowd had gathered at Meldon School for the trip to Buffum Lodge then over the hill to Sunnyside Camp. After parking the cars on the Gulf Road in Wallingford the members at various paces hiked to Buffum. The weatherman gave us a beautiful day to be out in the open. There was some snow but walking was easy.

On arriving at the Lodge, the wood was cut, a good fire was started and the water in the coffee pot set to boil for that cup of coffee or hot chocolate each one looks forward to having. When the water had started to boil the cooking for lunch began. We never did find out when Churchill Scott's lunch was ready for he helped the other cooks prepare theirs.

After Vera Perkins with the Martin girls - Carol, Nancy and Betsy - arrived the number eating totaled twenty-one.

Several of the hikers proceeded on the trail to Sunnyside while others hiked to the top of Button Hill and back to Buffum. Harold, Thelma and Johnny Valiquette visited Sunnyside, then drove to the Gulf Road to say "hello" to the crowd there.

When everyone was back in the cars and we were heading home, it was agreed we had had a very pleasant day.

WINTER WEEKEND AT CLARENDON LODGE BY Elizabeth Weeks, Springfield, Vt.

Taking advantage of a lovely, mild winter weekend, nine adventurers from Springfield shouldered their packs at Clarendon crossing and headed for Clarendon Lodge.

All winter we had talked about the much missed annual winter week-end at Tall Timbers. Finally we decided to plan one of our own. So on Saturday, March 6, undaunted by light rain, we set out.

There was very little snow, so showshoes were unnecessary. The mud in the trail in places made it seem more like spring than winter.

The lodge looked as inviting as always to us in its beautiful pine woods setting, and it wasn't long

before the men had built a roaring fire in the big new chunk stove. It seemed quite wonderful not to be smoked out. Does that stove warm the cabin? Wow! Most of the time we had to have the door and windows open.

Just as we were preparing a most delicious spaghetti supper, a most welcome hiker, Ben Rolston, arrived to spend the night after a trail clearing trip.

After supper some enjoyed visiting in the cabin and popping corn while others took a short walk enjoying the beauty of the pine woods by moonlight.

The night stayed warm, and in spite of a flat air mattress and plenty of snoring, all was peaceful until a skunk and some other night prowler engaged in a battle at the corner of the cabin. The odor woke us all and remained with us until we left for home the next morning.

Camping in winter is fun! Clarendon Lodge proved to be the ideal place for our winter adventure.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY by Peter Hadeka

The annual Sugar Party was held on April 10th at the Mendon Grange Hall. It was a very fine spring day and the attendance was at least 70 people. The chief cook was George Reynolds, who I might add, did a very good job although by 8 o'clock he was pretty well cooked on one side by the heat of the old wood stove which was used.

Although Alex Nagy could not attend he was the one who organized the party and did much of the work before the party.

The snow was obtained by Terry Gulick, Edward Wagner and myself. I would also like to mention Churchill Scott who did the shopping for pickles, donuts, milk etc. and our cashier was Craig Perkins. There were a number of officials of the GMC attending the party as they were in town for a meeting the afternoon before the party. Everyone had a good time and are looking forward to next year.

JULY 4th WEEK-END

A group of section members is going to take advantage of the long holiday week-end and hike from the Massachusetts line north as far as possible.

We plan to eat family style so plans will be made according to the number of people making reservations to go on this trip. Anyone wishing to go can contact Churchill Scott for further information.

TRUSTEES' MEETING

The Trustees' meeting of the GMC was held at Fred Field's office April 10th with Ben Rolston, Harold Valiquette and Churchill Scott attending.

Mr. Maslack of the Forest Service gave a very enlightening and informative talk about the proposed Parkway through Vermont. After a long question and answer period the group felt that this project was far in the future and even though the present route plan does not interfere with the Long Trail greatly it should be watched with interest.

The Guide Books are selling at a faster rate than ever before and the committee hopes to have enough to last until fall and then a new one will be available for the 1966 hiking season.

The Long Trail Patrol is going to do the usual job of clearing trail from the Chilcoat Trail north to the Canadian border. Also they are going to assist the Bennington Section work on Seth Warner and Glastonbury Mountain shelters.

EAST MOUNTAIN by W. Churchill Scott

On Saturday April 24th a small group of adventurous GMC hikers finally started for East Mountain. Betty Gilman, Vera Perkins, Bob and George Reynolds and Churchill Scott. Parked the car at the top of the Notch and hiked over to Power's camp. Then we turned north on an old road toward the Dyer meadows.

Soon we broke out of the woods into an immense pasture stretching up the side of East Mountain. Advance information told us to turn left and follow a wood road but as we looked at the road straight ahead winding up the old meadow we chose that direction.

We came to a large rock which protected us from the wind, with a good supply of wood and a nearby stream. Here we ate our dinner and had our hot drinks minus cream which someone (?) forgot, but just the same it tasted good.

From this spot we could get a very good view to the east and south from Mendon Peak to Bear Mt. near Wallingford. But this was nothing as compared to about a quarter of a mile farther up a steep climb past the remains of Col. Dyer's summer home. Here we could see Mendon, Okemo, Wilcox, Baker, Styles and Dorset.

At the height of land we turned west and reached the western slope (we thought). Within a few minutes we saw a gully and another ridge before us so we turned south and returned to the Dyer meadows where we found the largest group of pussywillows and the tallest bush we've ever seen along with the spring peepers singing sweetly.

This was a very good hike but next time we all felt we should have an expert guide with us so we could tell where to go. In the future we hope to have more of these hikes to explore interesting spots and visit places that are not located on the Long Trail.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Once again the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club is very grateful to Mr. Lincoln Isham for his generous gift to help with our repair and upkeep of our section of the Trail and our shelters.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Green Mountain Club will be held at 10:00 AM May 29, Saturday, at the Long Trail Lodge. A coffee hour and get-together period will precede the regular business meeting.

The Killington Section has been asked to put on a buffet lunch at a nominal cost and the Trustees voted to spend \$100.00 to insure that our section will not go into debt for this affair. This will be further discussed at the next executive board meeting and in the meantime the members should be thinking of ideas to help make this affair a success.

The evening program hopes to be Mr. Perry Merrill of the Vermont State Department of Forests and Parks, or one of his aides.

Please try to attend to meet old friends and to give the Killington Section a good representation.

TRAILS & SHELTERS by Harold Valiquette

Trails are in good shape thanks to Ben Rolston. March 8th he reported he cleared and clipped trail from Route 140 to Button Hill ridge, and from Route 103 to Beacon.

April 5th he brushed out section from Route 140 to Gov. Clement,

April 21st he received a report from a Pennsylvania man, who had just returned from a weekend trip on the Long Trail, that there was a window missing at Clarendon. Also he found Buffum very dirty with a piece of stove missing and some damage to ends of bunk boards.

New members of the Killington Section as of April 26, 1965

Helen Bailey
Bennett D. Bell
Miriam P. Bell
Pamela Berry
Thomas Berry
Harriet Bryant
Leitha Bryant
Miles Bryant
Owen Bryant
Marcia Candon
Mary Ellen Connors
Joanne Connors
Jimmie Catozzi
Helen Frink
Frances Green
Florence Herrick
George L. Kirk
Pearle L. Nichols
Florence Paddock
John Paddock

Ann Perkins
David Perkins
Polly Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Tim Perkins
Les Pfenning
Marc Pfenning
Susan Pfenning
Frances Roberts
Kathy Roberts
Richard Roberts
Ben Rolston
Mark Stanley
W. Churchill Scott
Florence Van Wyck
Elizabeth Weeks

TREASURER'S REPORT 1964

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1964	\$913.44
Gifts for Trail and Shelter work	226.00
Received from Rummage Sales (102.48, 59.65)	162.13
Received from Membership dues	140.00
Interest on money in Rutland Savings Bank	36.22
Sale of 13 Long Trail Guide Books	19.50
Sale of 9 GMC sleeve patches	4.50

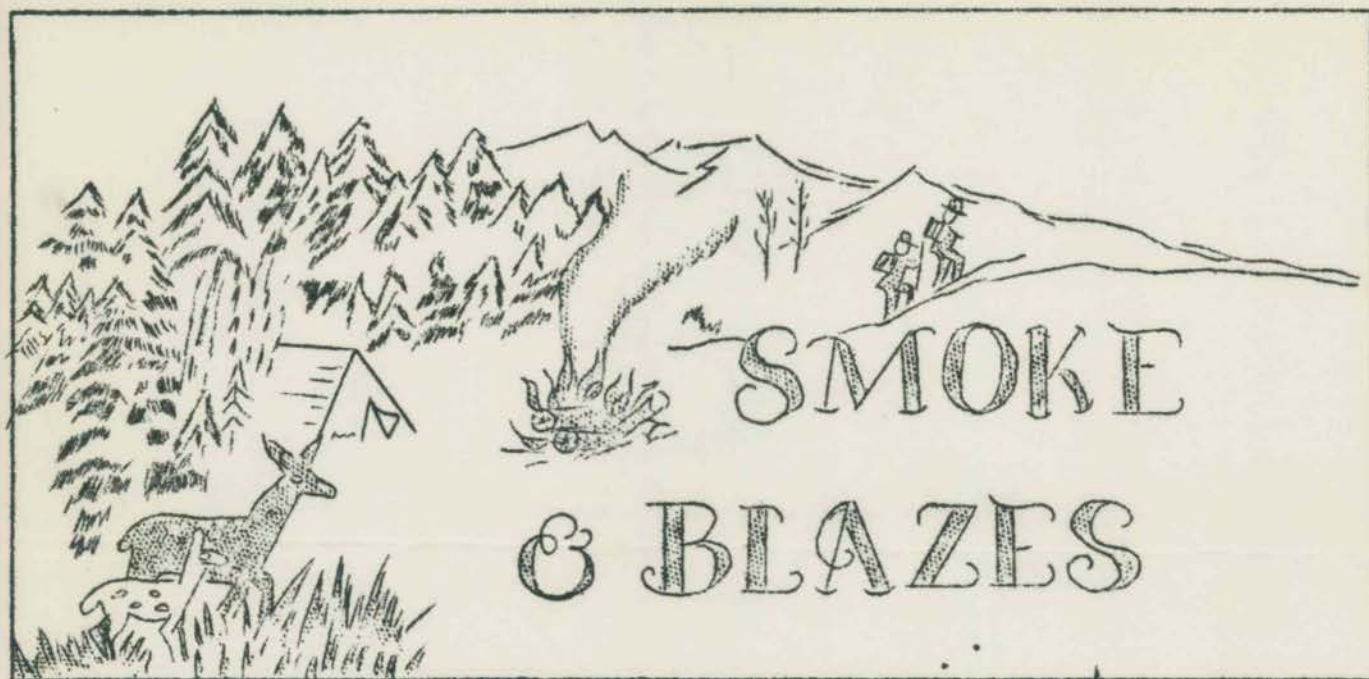
Total Receipts \$1,501.79

EXPENSES

For Trails and Shelters -	
(Inc \$12.75 Fire insurance on huts)	94.29
Outing Committee expenses	
(Inc. \$3.13 for Sugar-On-Snow Party)	39.19
Cost of Smoke and Blazes	29.95
Paid to Main Club for dues	29.85
Paid to Main Club for Guide Book and Patches	28.50
Postage	6.54

Total Expenses 228.32

Cash on hand December 31, 1964\$1,273.47



Vol. 18, No. 3 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - May-June '65

COMING EVENTS

Date- Sunday July 11, 1965.

Destination- Stage Road to Killington Peak.

Departure - Meldon School site 9 AM.

This is our most rugged hike to date. Our leader Alex Nagy says wear head covering and take fly dope. We will see the Rooney Mill site and follow old carriage road used in 1880s when the hotel at Killington Peak was in its heyday.

Date - Sunday, July 25, 1965.

Destination- Gov. Clement Shelter to Killington Peak.

Departure- Meldon School site 9 AM.

This is another stretch in our chance to earn an "End to End" patch. An easy way up Killington and it will give us a chance to check on Gov. Clement shelter and the trail.

Date - Saturday, Aug. 7, 1965.

Destination - Brandon Gap to Mt. Carmel.

Departure - Meldon School site 9 AM.

We hope to have Mauri Wintturi with us again for this hike and can assure him that we will have transportation so that it won't be necessary to hike 18 miles.

Date - Saturday Aug. 21, 1965

Destination - Pittsford Ice Caves

Departure - Meldon school site 10 AM

Here is a very interesting spot that we've not visited for many years. Wear old clothes and bring a flashlight and we may find some ice.

INTERSECTIONAL

The enclosed flier will tell you all about the 1965 G.M.C. Intersectional to be held at Camp Plymouth, Echo Lake, Tyson, Vt. Let's all try to attend and have a good time.

On behalf of the Trustees and the members of G.M.C. who attended the Annual Meeting, I want to thank Vera Perkins, Chairman, and all her many workers who put on such a very tasty buffet lunch.
Churchill Scott

MEMBERS WITNESS DEDICATION

Nearly thirty GMCers and guests hiked close to two miles to witness the dedication of the Long Trail's newest shelter, Sunday May 30th, following the GMC Annual Meeting. Killington members attending includ-

ed Ben Ralston, Joseph O'Ryan, James Tarbell and Terry Gulick. Located on a new section of the Trail north of Baker's peak in Danby, the shelter, donated by Mr. Louis Stare, Jr., of Bass River, Mass., was named Lost Pond Shelter.

Ben Ralston, who did much in helping to arrange for locating the shelter, did the honors using Long Trail "champagne". With a plastic bag full of clear brook water, from a brook below the shelter, he christened the structure with its new name.

The shelter is named for a nearby small body of water, Lost Pond, at the request of Mr. Stare, according to Ben.

OF INTEREST

The latest issue of the Vermont Natural Resources Council newsletter cites the action taken by the GMC at its annual meeting in which the Club voiced opposition to the current proposed location of the Scenic Highway. If it became a reality, the road would go along the Green Mountain range.

The Deerleap Trail, starting at the Long Trail Lodge and going over Deer's Leap and eventually back onto the Long Trail, has been cleared and blazed according to Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Weeks. They, with the help of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Roberts performed the task recently.

Ben Ralston reports that he and his wife completed a 7700 mile trip taking them through 19 states. They took their car this trip and camped in a tent staying overnight in twelve of the states for a total of ten nights in Arizona, California and Colorado. Ben states that after all this traveling, he still likes Vermont best.

Ben reports that George Pearlstein has cleared and placed signs on the Tucker Loop Trail.

In spite of reports and stories coming this way, the New York World's Fair is a success as far as the

Green Mountain Club is concerned, This reporter met a couple from Brooklyn who, after picking up a Short Walks folder at the Fair, decided to bee-line it to Vermont to investigate the Long Trail, and ended up spending a week-end in Clarendon Lodge! The word does get around, doesn't it.

And then there is the guy from "down country" who arrived in Vermont, and not being sure of the way, stopped in front of a general store in southern Vermont and asked the old timer sitting on the porch "Where is West Rupert, Vt?" The old-timer (not sure of where it was himself): "We-e-ll, I reckon it must be west of Rupert".

BIRDS EYE MOUNTAIN
Betty Gilman and Doris Newton

Since just Churchill Scott, Doris Newton and Betty Gilman were the only ones that turned up for Timmouth on May 8th, we held a conference and decided to go to Bird's Eye. The car was left at the usual place and we took the old road east of the mountain. Fortunately Churchill knew the trail on the south side so we were soon up to the spring near the notch where we had our lunch. The trail climbs to the notch and then follows the ridge to the summit where the views are magnificent.

We believe we located the site of the old monument and we found the view from the cliff top as rewarding as we anticipated. We then retraced our steps to the north and eventually found an old logging road which came out closer to our car.

The clearing weather, the interesting country and early spring flowers, made it a rewarding day. Note: The black flies seemed to enjoy us, too!

THE HIKE THAT WAS!!!

By Terry Gulick

Four members of our section were joined by Mauri Wintturi of Worcester Section in hiking from Sherburne to Mt. Carmel, May 22nd. According to reports the trail was in need of clearing and a lack of water became evident before the day's journey ended.

What started out to be a 12 mile hike ended in an 18 mile walk, according to the group. Unfortunately connections by the group to meet a ride with Doris Newton failed to materialize. The hike took longer than expected, Miss Newton waited patiently, but gave up the troops for lost, and the hikers were obliged to walk the extra miles to a phone!

All returned safely and no worse for the experience!! From our Section were Alex Nagy, Peter Hadeka, Churchill and Bobby Scott.

THE HIKE THAT "WAN'T"!

By Terry Gulick

The Pico-Killington hike was not carried out due to the dedication hike near the Big Branch section of the Long Trail.

Three young members of the section were disappointed to find no one going to Branbury Beach June 12th. However, Susan and Mark Pfenning with Bob Stanley got as far as the old Meldon site. Let's hope they're not disappointed again!

Alex Nagy and Pete Hadeka showed up for the June 19th and July 11th hikes and both times went up the Stage Road to Killington. Rough going through underbrush and over blowdowns made an endurance test for both.

Alex states he hopes to have the Stage Road trail cleared and marked within the next few weeks.

TRUSTEES MEETING

The Trustees meeting was held at the close of the regular meeting of the G.M.C. on May 29th at the

-3-

Long Trail Lodge.

Most of the discussion was about the Long Trail News and the necessity of having the various deadlines met in order to have the publication reach the members on time.

Also the 1965 GMC Intersectional Committee responsibility was dumped into the lap of Trustee Churchill Scott without any authorization. The Killington Section had this responsibility only two years ago and your reporter does not feel it is fair to ask for any this year.

UP THE LAKE TRAIL AND SOUTH(?)

By Churchill Scott

On Thursday, April 24th, Bobby Scott and I started up the Lake Trail bright and early with hopes to do the Long Trail south to Route #11. Under bright blue skies, cool air and dry under foot we were soon climbing toward Griffith Lake. We jumped a deer at one spot and were amused to see how he struggled to get through a tangled mass of uprooted trees.

At the McGinn brook crossing we had a bite to eat and then began to run into snow as we continued on. As we kept going higher the snow was deeper and the sensible thing to do would have been to turn back but we didn't.

Next we hit the south end of the Baker Peak relocation trail and then arrived at Griffith Lake still ice bound. In a small clear spot of dry ground we ate lunch and as we looked up the north slope of Peru Peak at all the snow we reluctantly turned north.

We felt that the snow might have melted in the old lumber road to Old Job but for four miles we walked through 2 to 3 foot drifts and struggled across snow fed raging torrents.

At last we arrived at Old Job Shelter where we spent a very pleasant night and enjoyed the clear skies and warm air. No porkies disturbed a very sound sleep.

Continuing north we passed the north end of the Baker Peak

relocation trail, crossed the new bridge over Big Branch and visited Big Branch Shelter (a beautiful spot and shelter).

The new trail out to U.S.F.S. road #10 slants through hardwood forest above Big Branch hitting the road about 200 ft. east of Black Branch where the trail goes to Little Rock Pond. We hiked to the road to Danby where we got a ride home in the mail truck.

The old adage of Craigie Perkins to stay out of the woods until all the snow is gone was learned the hard way by us and we are certain it will not happen again.

SOUP'S ON ---- AGAIN!

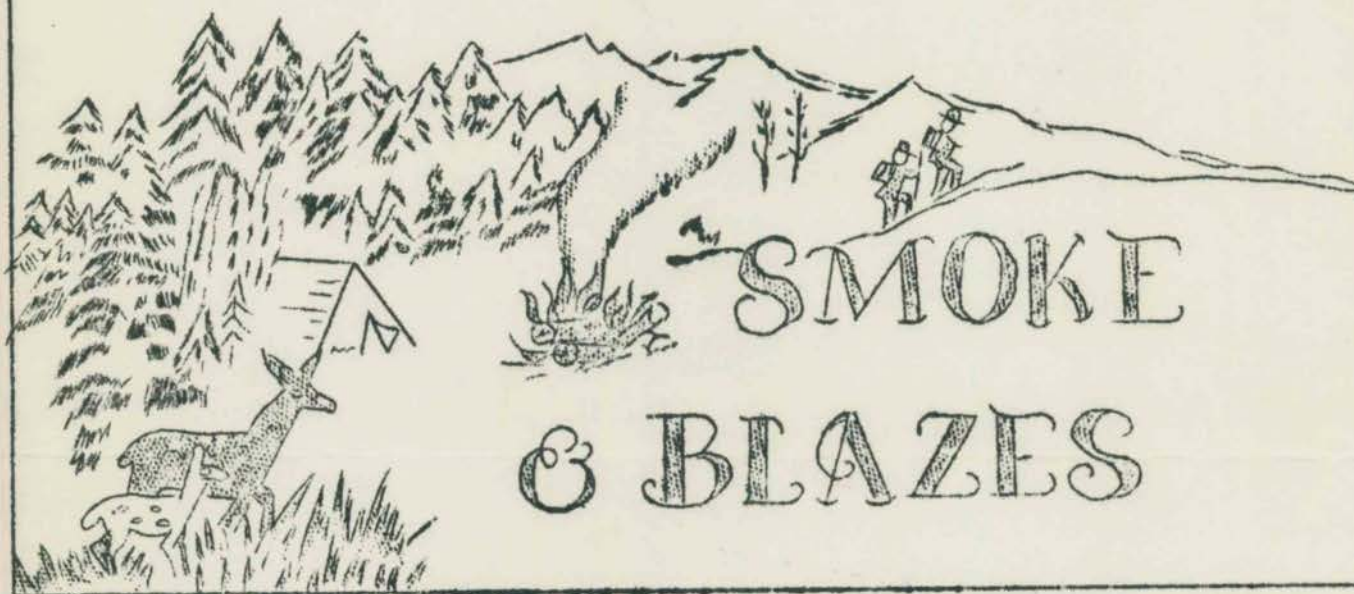
Killington Section members exhibited their excellent hospitality during the recent annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club when they served lunch to about one hundred folks during the noon recess. A typically cool spring day caused most of the gathering to retreat inside the annex building to eat. The servers were on the front patio dishing out baked beans, salad, roast beef, ham, desserts and other goodies.

This marks the first year that our section has served a noon picnic meal during the G.M.C. Annual Meeting.

Special thanks to all who helped!

New members since last issue:

Christine Cahee
Hedrick Cahee
Shirley Cahee
Allen Camp
Peter Hadeka
H. Minerva Hinchey
Jack Martin
Janet Martin
Carol Martin
Nancy Martin
Betsy Martin
Tom Martin
David Martin
Doris Newton



Vol. 18, No. 4 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - July-Sept.'65

COMING EVENTS

Date - Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 1965
Destination - Beechwood Covered Dish Supper

Once again it's time for one of our favorite gatherings. Come early in the P.M. to enjoy the fall foliage and short walks. The Trustees are invited to this supper so here is a chance to meet some of the folks that direct your club. Call Vera Perkins by Friday P.M. Oct. 1st, 3-2941 for reservations and to find out what to contribute.

Date - Saturday Oct. 16, 1965 9:00 A.M.

Destination - East Mountain
Departure - Meldon School area.
This trip we hope to have Harold, an experienced guide with us. Come along and enjoy the foliage and the view from the Dyer meadows. Also a bit of bush-whacking for the more ambitious.

Date - Sunday Oct. 24, 1965-9:00AM
Destination - Stage Coach Road to Killington

Departure - Meldon School area.
Here is a trip for the more muscular members of our section. If

desired arrangements will be made for cars to pick us up at Killington Basin which we can reach via chair lift or Tractor road from Killington.

Date - Sunday Oct. 21, 10:00 AM.
Destination - Mt. Carmel
Departure - Meldon School Area.
Here is an opportunity to climb an old mountain that we have not visited for many years and hear Craigue's exciting tales of his trips up this peak. If desired a trip from Brandon Gap may be included.

Date - Sunday Nov. 7 10:00 AM.
Destination - Pico Shelter
Departure - Meldon School area.
Now we start our annual fall visits to check and prepare our shelters for the winter. Come along to help the workers and enjoy the beautiful fall views from the cozy spot on the Long Trail.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Killington Section of the GMC want to acknowledge the many letters, maps and diagrams sent

by Mr. Herbert G. Ogden, both Junior and Senior, in connection with the large amount of volunteer work they have done to clear out, blaze and erect signs on both the Jugernaut and Bucklin Trails.

During the summer they have worked to make both trails in tip-top shape. They have made a number of engraved signs to mark the trails and also one for Cooper Lodge. The Bucklin Trail received one day's work in 1963 and until this year has been in very poor condition. Now Mr. Ogden says there are almost 50 names in the Trail-side register erected just as the ascent starts up from Brewer Brook.

Our section wants to thank both Mr. Ogden so very much for doing such a good job to improve our part of the Long Trail System and to say that each time we use it we will think of the many hard hours of work they have devoted to to improvement and repair and to say again "Well Done".

THE FARM AND WILDERNESS CAMPS
By Churchill Scott

During the past summer once again the Farm and Wilderness Camps of Mr. Kenneth Webb have been busy covering the Long Trail from Sherburne Pass to Shrewsbury Cut-off Trail and in addition the Jugernaut Trail.

The groups replaced roof boards and roofing at Cooper, tarred the roof, replaced bunk boards, turned over table boards, cleaned up interior of the Lodge and replaced two plexiglass windows. Also improved latrine, put up trail, dump and water signs and cleaned up the camp dump area. Also they worked to improve the Shrewsbury Cut-off Trail and are at present working with George Pearlstein and the Vermont State Department of Forest and Parks to relocate this trail so that it will pass over State land and not over private land.

We owe this group a great big thank you for the long hours of hard work they have given to improve

our section of the trail and Cooper lodge.

ANOTHER HIKE THAT WASN'T

On Sunday July 11th Betty Gilman, Mr. Westin, a GMC member from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Churchill Scott arrived at Meldon ready to go up the Stage Road to Killington. Our guide Alex was unable to make it so we finally decided to go up the easy way via the tractor road from the Basin.

After a short visit with Howard, at the fire lookout we spent some time at Cooper measuring up the shelter for repairing by the Farm and Wilderness Camp work parties the following week.

There were a number of hikers going both north and south and Cooper seemed to be a very popular spot but due to the terrific amount of vandalism it is impossible to keep this spot in the A-1 condition that such a mountain should have.

GOV. CLEMENT TO KILLINGTON
By W. Churchill Scott

On Sunday, July 25th, Betty Gilman, Alex Nagy, Kevin Hogan and the writer hiked to Cooper Lodge via the Long Trail from Gov. Clement Shelter. The weather was sunny and mild, visibility rather poor but all in all a very good day to hike.

In spite of the dry weather there was water at Government Brook and at the four brook crossings. We met very few people using the Trail but Mr. Parsons, the fire lookout on Killington, says Cooper has had many campers this year.

After eating a bit of lunch on the summit Alex and Betty rode the lift down to the Basin and return. The other two spent some time at Cooper working on the old spring located south of the shelter.

We managed to get it cleaned out enough to keep running but in order to have it as good as it was years ago it should be dug out deeper. This will be a job for the water is ice cold and if you miss picking up

a rock on first try your hand would be paralyzed before the second try.

After a short time we left Cooper once again and started down the Trail. The trip was easy and quick and ended with the usual argument about how far we had hiked and if the guidebook mileage is correct.

PITTSFORD ICE CAVES By Betty Gilman

It was a beautiful day when Churchill Scott, Bobby Scott, Mark Pfenning, a friend of Bob's and my three nieces left Meldon area about 10:15 Aug. 21st. Churchill went to get gas, Bob batteries for his flashling and I returned home to get mine and then we met again at Pittsford Mills. From there Churchill led the way to where we parked the cars.

We followed an old road into the meadow, missing the marker that pointed to the caves. We walked along into the woods following what turned out to be deer paths. We stopped for lunch and then started on and shortly came to a gulley which we crossed and went up the other side to where there was a beautiful view looking off towards the fish hatchery. At that time we were quite a ways above the caves. Starting back we followed the ridge to where we could get down to the path. going up to the caves. From there some of us went to the cave and the rest waited for their return. We then returned to our cars and were back in Rutland shortly after 3 o'clock.

Miss Helen Bailey, A Killington Section member who teaches in West Springfield, Mass. and Miss Betty Ball, a Killington Section member now living in Florida, called on some of the Rutland members recently.

The Saturday, Aug. 7th hike was not held as no one appeared at Meldon to participate. What happens to all our G.M.Cs.

INTERSECTIONAL DRAWS 225 CAMPERS by Terry Gulick

From the northeast they came, both young and old, to enjoy the last days of summer in the Green Mountains and lakes of Vermont. Nearly 225 GMC'ers and guests attended the 1965 Intersectional held at Camp Plymouth on Lake Echo in Tyson, Vt. Aug. 28th - Sept. 6th.

Churchill Scott is credited with much of the arrangements along with Ben Rolston, resulting in the sixth successful gathering of its kind since the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration Intersection in 1960.

Both hot and cold, sunny and rainy weather challenged the outdoor enthusiasts, but nobody give up.

Many activities created memorable moments including the gold panning, the trip to Cavendish Gorge, several mountain climbs, the completing of the Long Trail by two GMC'ers, the evening entertainment featuring trips around the U.S., Canada and Europe, through slides: square dancing, soccer games, swimming, boating and canoeing, eating, telling tall tales (some were actually true!) and just generally socializing.

Killington Section members who attended overnight during the week were Churchill, Bobby and Candace Scott; Susan, Jamey and Kate Tarbell; President George Reynolds and family; Les, Marc and Susan Pfenning; Betty Weeks, Ben Rolston, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Fritsch and Terry Gulick.

In addition many more section members visited the Intersectional during the week but were unable to stay overnight.

List of new members since the
last issue of Smoke and Blazes.

Faith Bartlett
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Crowley and
daughters
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
James Tarbell
Susan Tarbell

According to the by-laws of
the Killington Section any member-
ship dues received after October
1st will be credited to the
following year. So your 1966
dues may be paid at any time to
W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St.,
Rutland, Vermont 05701.



Vol. 18 No 5 - KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB -Oct.Nov. 1965

COMING EVENTS

Date - Saturday Nov. 27 - 9:00 AM

Destination - Sunnyside Lodge

Departure - Meldon School area

Here is another hike and work party combined so let's have a good crowd to help repair the windows, roof and stove in addition to building up the spring.

Date - Sunday Dec. 5 10:00 AM

Destination - Tucker Lodge

Departure - Meldon School area

Perhaps there will be snow for this one so why not bring snowshoes along to get in shape for the winter season. Have plenty to eat and we'll furnish the coffee and plan how to fix this shelter up for next year.

Date - Sunday Dec. 19 - 10:00 AM

Destination - Buffum Lodge

Departure - Meldon School area

Visit our newest shelter built by Craige Perkins in 1961. A snowy winter setting among the pines should make this trip very enjoyable so come along and spend a happy day.

Date - Saturday Jan. 8 6:00 PM

Destination - Clarendon Lodge by Moonlight

Departure - Meldon School area

Come and have coffee and doughnuts at a new spot this year.

Let's hope it will not be a minus

18°- 20° this year but anyway

Clarendon will be warm and cozy.

Date - Sunday Jan. 23, 10:00 AM

Destination - Balch Pasture snowshoe hike

Departure - Meldon School area

Please watch the Herald for a notice of this hike. It may have to be changed to Wilcox Hill because of privately owned land. Never the less a good time is planned for all.

Date - Saturday Feb. 13, 6:00 PM

Destination - Spaghetti Supper at Tall Timbers

The Perkins family have once again offered the use of Tall Timbers Field House for our annual spaghetti supper. Remember the good time we had last year. Come early to help gather wood, set tables and help in other ways. Also, we hope to meet our section members from New York City again.

BEECHWOOD SUPPER By Ann Reynolds

Despite the fact that most people had rather short notice about the covered dish supper at Beechwood on October 2nd, a good sized group turned out for the affair, including a number of the G.M.C. Trustees who had met that day.

Because the supper was held several weeks earlier than usual, the darkness did not come so early, and quite a few people enjoyed strolling in the warm Autumn twilight.

The usual capable crew was on deck in the kitchen to see that all the offerings of food were arranged on the table and to dispense coffee and cocoa.

The party began to disperse around 8 o'clock or so, after a pleasant evening of good food and good company.

Our annual Rummage Sale was held October 30th in the Neighborhood rooms. We made \$66.50. Thanks to everyone who contributed and worked.

EAST MOUNTAIN by Craigie Perkins

Only five hikers turned out for this one on a cool cloudy day. We drove over the Notch and turned left behind East Mountain leaving our car near the old Haskell Camp.

An old jeep-rutted farm road climbed steadily westward up the mountain through brush and hardwood. This area is known as the Dyer Meadows. For some unknown reason it seems to resist the invasion of forest growth. Scattered spruces and the usual tangle of blackberry bushes are lacking.

There were however many apple trees of all varieties and non-varieties. The early freeze had spoiled most of the fruit but we did locate one tree with excellent pocket-stuffers.

After the usual series of con-

sultations and arguments we turned right at the top of the cleared land and climbed steeply to the grove of spruces on top of one of the "summits" of the mountain. The mist limited the view to Mendon Peak and that long, long (remember?) ridge running down to the west.

We circled the top and finally selected a sheltered place on the east side below a ledge where we proceeded to build a fire and boil coffee water in record time. Lunch was uneventful. Nobody kicked over the milk can till all had been served.

Returning to the car by a route further north we went through an area of young hardwoods with no signs of old logs or stumps anywhere. It was concluded that this land must have been cleared and the logs burned at sometime long ago, and if you don't agree what's your solution?

Eagle-eye Scott spotted a partridge in the brush about forty yards away and we watched him stroll slowly out of sight.

We came back to Rutland by way of Wheelerville. Too bad so many missed this hike.

CARRIAGE ROAD TO KILLINGTON PEAK by M. G. Wiley

On a cold rainy Sunday some 30 climbers led by Alex Nagy conquered the mighty Vermont Peak for which our Section of the G.M.C. is named. The group included Churchill Scott, Craigie Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming from Sherburne, a sizeable group from the Castleton State College Outing Club led by Terry Gulick and a small group from Sherburne Valley School Outing Club led by Janet Bent.

Our route of ascent was via the Old Carriage Road which in past times led to a hotel near the summit. We ate lunch at Cooper Lodge which was in fine condition including the windows. After lunch we climbed to the top of the 4,241 foot windswept peak. It was here that we met Howard Parsons, the

Killington Fire Ranger, who lives on this mountain for seven months of the year. Howard invited us in and the warmth was quite comforting especially to those with cold, wet feet.

We were indeed fortunate to have our precipitation in hardened form on top although it seemed to be a quasi-snow. The semi-snow was accumulating rapidly though, and with the accompanying hoar frost made us feel as though we had really climbed a mountain.

On our descent down the Bucklin Trail one of the Castleton boys found a porcupine which he carried for some distance on his shoulders (in a barrel). The Bucklin Trail was in fine shape thanks to Mr. Herbert Ogden and son. The sun was seen before we reached the cars and the end of a fine trip.

MT. CARMEL
by W. Churchill Scott

On Sunday October 31st, Kevin Hogan, Alex Nagy, Robert and Churchill Scott were let off at Brandon Gap to hike south to Carmel Camp and meet the rest of the Killington Section hikers. The weather was cool and cloudy but with good visibility.

A bit of snow under foot made walking a bit hard but afforded us with an excellent chance to observe many tracks: deer, bobcat, rabbits and bear - small and large.

We passed the new Sunrise Shelter - had a good view of the Mt. Hoorid Cliffs from a point where the U.S.F.S. had opened up. After skirting Bloodroot mountain we turned south and descended into Bloodroot Gap. Hurrying along we climbed a bit and then once more went down to Wetmore Gap where we ran out of the snow.

Here the Guide Book said about .07 to go but a sign said 1.5 miles to Carmel. Being tired, hungry and wet we were discouraged but after a short climb and walk through a picturesque hardwood forest we came to the side trail

up Mt. Carmel and knew the camp was not far - within 10 minutes of our estimated time.

Arriving at the shelter we found no one there and once again we had visions of walking another six miles before we got a ride. After a short rest we left the tin hut and as we were going down the trail we spied a couple of bright colored jackets coming up. Soon we were discussing with Betty and Doris what to do but finally they decided to turn around with us and return.

This was an easy hike and too bad that more folks were not along for it is a good piece of Trail to get finished for an End-to-End award.

PICO SHELTER
by Betty Gilman

Sunday November 7th was a warm rainy day when eight of us left for Pico. Churchill Scott, Craigie Perkins, Danny and Kevin Hogan went along ahead and had the shelter all nice and warm by the time Ruth Fostman, Vera Perkins, Mary Perkins and myself reached it. We hung up our clothes to dry, then we ate our lunch and had coffee. After lunch the men replaced nine windows that were broken.

When we left the shelter about 2:30 it had stopped raining, part way down the sun came out for a while and then the fog started coming in.

Incidentally it sure seemed good to have Ruth Fostman out on a hike.

ANNUAL MEETING - Sometime in January. Members will be notified by postcard.

Dues for 1966 may be paid at any time to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vermont 05701. \$2.00 for adults, 50¢ for students and juniors.

Following is a list of members paid for 1966 -

David L. Baker
Janet Bent
Mary Jane Bosworth
Mitchell A. Dondero
Charles B. Gulick
Dorothy Hegerman
Kevin Hogan
Elsie Maier
Terry McDonnell
Florence Van Wyck

END-toEND AWARD

As stated in the last issue of Smoke and Blazes all interested members should send to the Secretary-Treasurer, up to date information on the parts of the Long Trail hiked and the dates so that a record may be kept on each member's file card.



Vol. 19 No. 1 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Jan. Feb. 1966

COMING EVENTS

BUFFUM LODGE - Sunday, Feb. 27th
10:00 AM Meldon School site.
Come snowshoe with us to our
newest shelter and see what Craigue
constructed singlehanded.

SUNNYSIDE LODGE - Sunday March 13
10:00 AM Meldon School site.
Here is a pleasant spot to visit
on a warm spring day. (Let's hope
it is.) We can discuss the many
odd jobs that must be done to fix
this camp and possibly solve the
new stove problem.

CLARENDON LODGE - Sunday, March 27
10:00 AM Meldon School site.
Let's visit this beauty spot in
spite of recent lumbering and
police the area so it will look
good for the many campers that
use this shelter throughout the
year.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY - Saturday,
April 2nd, 6:00 PM

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER - Sunday
April 3, 10:00 AM. Meldon School
site. Our only open front shelter
must have a great deal of work
done this year so come along to
see what we can all do to help.

TUCKER LODGE - Saturday, April 16,
10:00 AM Meldon School site.
This lodge must have the front
wall repaired, floor leveled and
a new toilet constructed. The
middle of April should be perfect
for spring flowers so let's see
how many we can find.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Killington Section of the
G.M.C. want to express our most
grateful appreciation to Mr. Lincoln
Isham, Fran Green and Mrs. Harriot
Bryant for the recent gifts they
have given.

NEW SCHEDULES

The new schedule is enclosed and
the Outing Committee has tried to
include a few new spots to visit in
addition to cover a bit of the Long
Trail for those working on their
End-To-End Award.

SUNNYSIDE

On the last day of deer hunting a few hardy GMCers: Kevin, Danny Craigue, Churchill and Bill Gragen braved another wet and stormy day to visit Sunnyside. In spite of slippery roads Craigue's car brought us to Spring Lake Ranch and after a short walk we arrived at Sunnyside.

Each time we visit this camp we are more certain a new stove is needed and this time it smoked more than usual but finally we got it warmed up and good hard wood to dry out as we repaired the broken windows.

After a good dinner and hot coffee we sat around discussing the good job Harold did on laying a double floor and building a bench, and then planning work parties for the spring season.

During the afternoon the wind changed to the N.W and snow began falling making the countryside look more like the winter-time it should for the middle of November.

CLARENDON LODGE

by Betty Gilman

The weather was lousy, snowing, wind blowing and the roads were snow covered. This hike was originally set for a snowshoe hike in the Balch pasture until Craigue Perkins said that the people who owned the land didn't want anyone up there, so then it was decided to go to Shrewsbury until the weather condition changed our minds and we went into Clarendon instead. It was good walking in the woods and when we reached Clarendon the shelter was warm as Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, their two daughters and son-in-law had stayed there overnight and were just leaving.

After having coffee and lunch we walked up to the old cemetery where the Bullards are buried. Returned back to the shelter and stayed long enough for one of the

Hogan boys to have a cup of hot chocolate and Churchill a cup of coffee and after that we packed up and went home. We were home a little after three.

MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE HIKE

by W. Churchill Scott

During the afternoon of Saturday Jan. 8th Craigue, Harold and I visited Clarendon Lodge to check on the shelter and to make sure of plenty of firewood on hand. But it was an unnecessary trip for there was a group of Scouts from South Londonderry there for overnight and the camp was warm and cozy.

At 6:00 PM twenty-two GMCers and friends left for Clarendon where in the meantime about seventeen members of the Middlebury College Outing Club arrived to spend the night. They built a shelter and fire to sleep outside with the understanding that they could use the shelter if too cold.

The camp provided shelter for us, and a sack of donuts and coffee just hit the spot. After a pleasant visit with the other two groups we left for home as the temperature reached - 12°.

P.S. According to the register before dawn there were twenty-four sleeping in the shelter with only two hardy souls staying in the lean-to.

Also on Sunday night Terry came back with a group of Castleton State College Outing Club members for supper, so you can see how very popular this spot has become.

LONG TRAIL NEWS

The February issue of the Long Trail News should be mailed about February 15th. If any members of the Killington Section do not receive their copy within a reasonable time, please inform W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St. Rutland, Vt. 05701 so the mailing list of the Main Club may be brought up to date.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER by Vera Perkins

The weather-man was most cooperative and provided a fine day for the Spaghetti Supper served at Tall Timber, on Saturday, February 12th. Blue skies, bright sun and a spring-time temperature, enticed a number to go up early in the afternoon. Although we regretted that the warm weather had softened and taken away so much snow that show-shoeing was ruined, the woods still had a lovely white carpet and walking on the ploughed paths was easy and pleasant. Then too, the soft snow was good for snowmen and the like, and the yard in front of the Recreation building held a variety of snow structures by the end of the afternoon.

After tiring of outdoor activities, the group assembled in-doors for games and visiting. Meanwhile the "cooks" took over in the kitchen and by six o'clock the welcome call of "Come and get it." was heard. Things quieted down temporarily while everyone was busy putting away the generous helpings of spaghetti and sauce.

Supper was followed by another period of games and visiting until the younger members finally showed signs of running down and the party began to break up.

We were glad to have with us beside our local members, two of our member from Springfield - Betty and Lloyd Weeks, and Elsie Maier a member from New York City and her party of friends who were week-ending at Tall Timber.

This is one of the looked-forward to events on our schedule and thanks to Craigue and Mary Perkins for the use of Tall Timber facilities, and to all those who helped with the collection of supplies, moving tables, getting wood, cooking, serving and cleaning up, and so made the outing possible.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Killington Section, Green Mountain Club was held at the Central Vt. Public Service rooms on Friday January 21, 1966.

There were about 30 members and guests present including Mr. Herbert G. Ogden, Sr. who gave a short explanation of the Vermont Roads and Trails Conference, a newly formed group interested in preserving old roads and trails for recreational purposes.

The various committee reports were heard and they are reported in detail in this issue of Smoke & Blazes.

Mr. Larry Goss, Vice President of the Dartmouth Outing Club and his assistant gave an illustrated talk on the Hut and Trail System of the White Mountains.

Finally the ladies served a delicious lunch of home made pies, cakes, cookies and hot tea and coffee. Once again we are grateful to these folks for putting on the perfect ending to a very enjoyable evening.

Officers elected:

George Reynolds, President
Michael Wiley, Vice-President
W. Churchill Scott, Secy.-Treas.

----- OUTING COMMITTEE REPORT

The hikes during 1965 were varied and interesting. Attendance ranged from one or two to forty and forty-five. As usual the Sugar-on-snow and Covered Dish Supper were favorites.

On the End-to-End Award trips were scheduled for Route #140 to U. S.F.S. Sherburne Pass to Brandon Gap. But only the latter stretch was covered. We hope to put new points of interest on the 1966 outings in addition to new stretches of the Long Trail.

TRAILS & SHELTERS

By Harold Valiquette

Things to be done in 1966:

Tucker Lodge needs a new floor. The front wall should be boxed in and shelter should be creosoted. An out house should be built. A large tree on the north west side of the shelter should be cabled to another tree to prevent it from falling onto the shelter. This tree shows some decayed spots.

Trail from Tucker to Route 4 will have to be moved to Grover Wright's west property line as this is where he wants it to go across Route 4 west of his swimming pool.

Pico shelter needs creosoting. The trail is OK.

Cooper Lodge??

Governor Clement shelter needs a lot of work - new bunks and roof repaired.

Buffum is in good shape and has a good outhouse.

Clarendon needs metal eve drip to prevent water from soaking into the roof rafters as they are getting decayed. Needs an outhouse. There is also a tall dead tree on the north side that should be cut down before it falls on the shelter, and it should be creosoted.

Suspension bridge is in good shape but it should be creosoted this spring.

Sunnyside should be creosoted and by all means a new stove. Also an outhouse.

Following is new membership list-

Martha Adams
Anna Berg
Harriot Bryant
Leitha Bryant
Miles Bryant
Owen Bryant
Barbara Bruneau
Allen Camp
Donald Cudworth
Ruth A. Postman
Elizabeth Gibbs
Betty Gilman
Susan Goddard
William Gragen

Frances Green
Danny Hogan
Lincoln Isham
Dorothy Johnson
Harold Johnson
Cheryl Luther
Petsy Martin
Carol Martin
David Martin
Nancy Martin
Tom Martin
Jack Martin
Jack Martin
Florence Mitchell
William Mitchell
Herbert G. Ogden, Sr.
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
Lillian Oxenhirt
Florence Paddock
John Paddock
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Lee Pfenning
Marc Pfenning
Susan Pfenning
Ann Reynolds
George Reynolds
John Reynolds
Robert Reynolds
Ben Rolston
Ellen B. Russell
Candace Scott
Kim Scott
Robert Scott
W. Churchill Scott
Ray Secor
Harold Valiquette
John Joseph Valiquette
Thomas Joseph Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
M. Eleanor Walker
Elizabeth Weeks
Carleton Wilson

This is the last issue of "Smoke and Blazes" that will be sent to the 1965 members. If you wish to continue receiving "Smoke and Blazes" please send your membership dues to W. Churchill Scott, Secretary, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1965	\$1,273.47
Received from gifts	205.00
Received from dues	151.50
Rummage sale profit	66.50
Interest	54.59
Sale of Guide Books	45.00
Sale of G.M.C. patches	7.50
Sale of Clarendon stove for junk	5.00

Total Receipts \$1,808.56

EXPENSES

Trails and Shelters	\$ 117.89
Paid to Main Club for dues	44.75
Paid to Main Club for Guide Books	30.00
Paid to Main Club for Patches	7.50
Expenses of Sugar-on-Snow Party	35.64
Outing expenses	28.56
"Smoke and Blazes"	22.57
Postage	8.20

\$ 295.11

Balance January 1, 1966 \$1,513.45

W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer

The above mentioned balance includes the principle and interest received from the Lincoln Isham Fund which amounted to \$780.00 on January 1, 1966.



Vol. 19 No. 2 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Mar. Apr. 1966

COMING EVENTS

Date- Sunday, May 1, 10:00 A.M.

Destination: East Mountain

Meet: Meldon School Area

A try to reach the summit again. From the north or south depending on snow and weather conditions. Wear your bushwacking clothes and come for a hard hike.

Date: Sunday, June 5, 8:00 A.M.

Destination: Cantilever Rock
Mount Mansfield

Meet: Meldon School Area

Note time change again. Here is a chance to see this newly found rock formation. A short hike to a different spot.

Date: Saturday, May, 14, 8:00 A.M.

Destination: Danby Road # 10 to
Lost Pond Shelter.

Meet: Meldon School Area

Let's cover some more of the Long Trail for our End-to-End badge. Home via Baker Peak and Lake Trail. Note Time change for spotting car.

Date: Sunday, June 19, 8:00 A.M.

Destination: Route #11 Lake
Griffith

Meet: Meldon School Area

A 14 mile hike for good walkers. Another chance for a bit of End-to-End work. Over Bromley, Styles and Peru Peaks.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Date: May 28-29, Sat.-Sun.

ANNUAL MEETING

Beginning at 9:30 Sat. morning we should try to attend this affair.

On Sunday we are having a hike to Killington and Pico. In addition we are asked to provide leaders for Blue Ridge, Bird Mt., Little Rock Pond and Baker Peak.

The Killington Section of the G.M.C. want to express our most grateful appreciation to the Misses Helen Frink and Mary Isbell for their recent gifts.

BUFFUM LODGE TRIP

On Sunday, Feb. 27th eight clubbers made the snowshoe trip to Buffum Lodge. It was a beautiful spring day with two feet of snow and the temperature up in the fiftys.

The afternoon before Kevin Hogan and Churchill Scott went in to stay over night. They gathered a big pile of wood and reported a very comfortable night. Churchill said he came within two feet of being warm enough.

So when the rest of us struggled in about noon the camp was bright and warm and the coffee water boiling.

After dinner we checked over the camp for necessary repairs. Two lights of glass, apparently the victims of an air gun, and a few short floor boards, to replace those chopped through, will put the place in A 1 condition.

And how about a camp sign?

We all agreed that it was too nice a day to stay inside so we sat around the stove for a couple of hours.

Returning to Rutland about four P.M. we wondered where everybody was. Another good day and another small crowd. What do we have to do to get you out?

SUNNYSIDE

Sunday, March 13th was one of those days that cant be classified as being either fair or foul. It snowed, but not much. It rained, but not much. The sun almost came out a couple of times but couldn't quite make it.

As is often the case we had a good turn out in spite of the weather. Seventeen hiked from "the bottom of the hill" in to the Camp and back down again. Several new hikers were welcomed including Mr. Louis Stare from Cape Cod. Mr. Stare is the man who constructed the Lost Pond Shelter and got it moved from Cape Cod to the Long Trail near Danby.

On the way in we passed two cars that had unwisely tried to rush the hill with the usual result. The last quarter mile through the fields was easy for the snowshoers but a little rough for the unprepared.

"The boys" got in first and had a good fire going when the rest of us arrived. There was plenty of good hard wood left from their efforts of the weekend before.

The camp was in good condition with the exception of the stove which has been in bad shape for some time. No grate, griddles don't fit, chimney sagging, little things like that. How about a new stove soon?

After a cozy dinner and a spirited snowball fight we packed up and slid down the hill to the cars.

CLARENDON LODGE

Our trip to Clarendon Lodge on March 27th attracted seventeen hikers including one first timer. Keep up the good work.

On Saturday afternoon Kevin Hogan, Bob and Churchill Scott, and Craig Perkins lugged their overnight packs in to the Lodge. Easy going. Snow most gone in the open. There was a large supply of dry wood inside the camp and the yard was filled with the trimmings from the lumbering operation. Fuel will be plentiful for some time to come.

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY

The camp was in excellent shape due to frequent use by responsible hikers. When the weather gets warmer and dryer we should clean up the yard and remove a couple of dead or dying trees that threaten to fall on the camp.

After getting things squared away for the night we took a hike up the road and through the woods to a rocky peak we had noticed on the way up. This proved to be an interesting place with grass and oak trees on the top. The ground drops off about a hundred feet or so on three sides very steeply. We plan to visit it again in the summer. On the way back we saw at least a hundred robins flocking in the tree tops and complaining about something or other.

The camp was hot when we went to bed, warm part of the night, and cold in the early morning. Bob was the first to weaken. He got the fire going and soon we smelled bacon frying.

After breakfast Churchill and Kevin hiked north to the divide near Cold River. About an inch of fresh snow made the going a bit slippery they reported.

About eleven o'clock the Sunday hikers began to arrive from Rutland. The youngsters had a great time building a "fort" out of the brush left from the lumbering. They even had a "watch tower."

Meanwhile, back at the camp, Churchill demonstrated how to stalk the wild asparagus in his stalking feet.

The more ambitious hikers visited a small graveyard some distance up the road, said to be of considerable historical interest.

The less ambitious took a short course in "The Care and Feeding of the Apple Tree Virus"

And so home after a pleasant day in the woods.

The 1966 edition of our annual Sugar on snow party was held on April 2nd in the basement of the Universalist Church. Sixty three starving citizens of all ages stuffed themselves with sugar, pickles, doughnuts and coffee.

Vera Perkins was chairman of the affair and many members helped out with the varied details. On the afternoon before Terry Gulick, Michael Wiley, Bertha Wiley, and two boys from Michael's school went up into the woods and got a truck load of snow. About four o'clock on Saturday the boiling down began. Eleanor Walker, Carol Martin, Doris Newton, Betty Gilman and Thelma Valiquette got everything ready and on the tables. After slaving over a hot Trustees' meeting all the afternoon Harold Valiquette and Churchill Scott came in to put on the finishing touches.

At six P.M. the people started coming in and for an hour things moved rapidly and sweetly. We were honored by the attendance of Mr. Rohrbaugh the club president and his wife, and by several of the trustees.

Many helped with the cleanup and all was in shipshape at a reasonable hour.

It was concluded that this party should be continued each year if there continues to be a good turn out, if we can have it in a well equipped place, and if members help with the work. All these requirements were certainly met this year, and the 1966 party should go in the book as one of our best.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER

On Sunday, April 3rd, a good crowd turned out for the trip to the Governor Clement Shelter. The road was a little slippery due to mud but all cars stayed between the fences.

The cars were left at the Upper Road and the footing from there in to camp was surprisingly good on the snow covered back road.

Once again "the boys" pushed on ahead and had a good fire going when the rest of us arrived. The canvas was hung by the chimney with care to keep the cold wind from the ones who were there. (Sorry, I had to do that).

A glance at the register showed that a snow cart club had visited the camp twice recently. How about some help with the up-keep fellows? Gary tossed his pack on the top bunk and soon found that a mouse was trying to share his lunch.

After lunch we put the stove together from the assorted parts lying around, and it worked fine.

Some of the youngsters built a fire in the outside fireplace so with three fires going you would expect we would have been warm, but that open front!

Checking on the repairs needed we agreed on a new chimney top, new stove pipe, and the desirability of removing the top bunk and replacing it where the bottom bunk is now.

The roof needs repair but would it be worth while to put a new roof on the camp in its present form? Some suggest a wood floor and a window studded front with some of the overhanging roof cut off. Have to think it over.

On the way out we discussed the possibility of trips to the Jockey Cap, Black Swamp, and Robinson Hill. Sometime maybe.

PANCAKE SUPPER

After a reasonable amount of argument it was decided to turn the April 16th Tucker Lodge hike into a Pancake Supper. We used to schedule a Pancake Breakfast every spring but enthusiasm for early morning walks wore too thin. It was hoped that supper time would prove more popular. It did. We had twelve people.

On Friday afternoon Churchill and Bob Scott, Kevin Hogan, and Craigie Perkins went in to Tucker for over night. "Breakable crust" over snow up to a foot deep made the going somewhat laborious.

The camp required only the usual picking up. Good fire wood, a good supper, and spring temperatures made for a pleasant evening.

In the morning a proposed hike "to the top of the hill" proved to be too much work through the still deep snow. Five people came in for lunch, and a sixth during the early afternoon.

Just in time for supper the Martin family arrived and proceeded to show us how to cook pancakes in record time with minimum fuel by way of tin can cookery on a rock outdoors. Very successful.

Oh yes, from a couple of bare spots two handfuls of wild onions were gathered. And were they wild!

Back out to the cars through the miserable slush at dark. We'll have to try this one again next year.

CAMPING SHOW

The Rutland Family Camping Association will sponsor a Camping Show on May 7 and 8 at the Rutland Fair grounds. Members will set up and explain their camping equipment, and answer questions for novice campers.

GMC member Harold Valiquette, who is also a charter member of the camping group, will be among those exhibiting.

TRAILS & SHELTERS

This is the time of year when this group will be very busy.

There are many things to be done. Roofs to patch, cover with tar, toilet houses to build, dumps to locate, creosote to apply, signs to make and trails to clear.

Each week that a hike is not planned a work party will be scheduled. Anyone willing and able to help at this time please contact W.C. Scott, 132 Maple St. for more information.

May we point out at this time that it is not a hard job or a strenuous one which many of our tasks demand and the ladies could help a great deal in addition to preparing meals for the workers.

NEW MEMBERS

Dues are payable at any time for those who have not renewed their membership for 1966.

Judy Allard
Bennett Bell
Miriam Bell
Christine Cahee
Hedrick Cahee
Shirley Cahee
Helen Bailey
Robert Deemer
Helen Frink
Ella Fritsch
Hans Fritsch
Florence Herrick
Dorris Newton
Pearl Nichols
Ann Perkins
David Perkins
Polly Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Tim Perkins
Vera Perkins

GUIDE BOOKS

According to information from the main office of the Green Mountain Club a new 1966 edition of the Long Trail Guidebook will be off the press and available around May 1. Due to the higher cost of printing the cost of the new issue will be \$1.95.

TRUSTEE'S MEETING

On April 2, the Spring Meeting of the trustees of the Green Mountain Club was held at the Rutland Office. About 23 persons attended from all the sections plus Peggy Pons, Long Trail News Editor and new president-elect of the New York section, and Jim Barrett of the new Springfield, Mass. section-to-be named Pioneer Valley.

Vic Randolph reported on the 1966 InterSectional to be held at Grout Pond Scout Camp on Aug. 27-Sept. 5. The committee has worked hard on this program and we should do all we can to make it a success. Possibly two square dance nights are planned plus many hikes arranged to help G.M.C.'er's get their End-to-End award. The schedule should be in the flyer which will be available at the annual meeting on May 28.

Bob Deemer of U.S.F.S. stated new shelters would be built at Lake Griffith and Bourne Pond in addition to a second one on the north-west shore of the pond.

OFFICERS MEET

New officers and committee chairmen of the Killington Section met for an organizational session at the home of president George Reynolds in late February.

Craig Perkins volunteered to take over the editorship of "Smoke & Blazes," with Betty Gilman doing the mimeograph stencils. Craig called for eight volunteers to contribute at least 3 columns of copy sometime during the coming year. M. Wiley, T. Gulick, A. Reynolds, C. Scott, V. Perkins, Har. & Thelma Valiquette have agreed to provide material. Anyone else wishing to help in this way is asked to call Craig, or Ann Reynolds.

The section extends its appreciation to Thelma Valiquette, who has faithfully gotten out the bulletin for the past two years or more, and to Pearl Nichols, who has been cutting the stencils for many years.



Vol. 19 No. 3 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - May. June 1966

COMING HIKES

Long Trail End-to-End Trip.
July 2-4, 1966.

This trip originally planned for the Canadian line south will have to be changed to a portion of the trail farther south due to the construction work on Jay Peak. Because of the length and duration of this hike final plans will be made on Wed. June 29 at the home of W.C. Scott, 132 Maple St. Rutland, Vt. 05701.

Shrewsbury Loop Trail
Sat. July 16, 9:00 A.M.
Meldon School Area

This hike will take us over a new section of trail to many members. We plan to go from Gov. Clement Shelter north, eat lunch at the Four Brooks and return by way of the trail over Shrewsbury Peak.. Then down the new relocated trail to the picnic area.

Mount Cushman - Rochester, Vt.
Sun.. July 31, 10:00 A. M.
Meldon School Area

This will be a chance to visit a fire lookout tower and see the Green Mountains from another angle.. A easy walk and the black flies should be about gone.

Long Trail-Middlebury Gap to
Breadloaf Mt.
Sat. August 6

Another leg on our End-to-End trip. We will leave Meldon School at 8:00 A..M. in order to spot a car and go north over the trail and then down to Steam Mill Meadows. About 8.5 miles.

Killington Peak via Juggernaut
Trail.
Sun.. Aug. 21, 10:00 A.M.
Meldon School Area

Let's try to climb Killington from a different direction this time. Mr. Ogden and his son have this trail in good shape.

Vic Randolph and his committee have done a great deal of work to make this year a success.

A flyer of the intersectional is enclosed to help plan the week's activities. With good weather our members could hike the southern 40-50 miles of the trail for our End-to-End award.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

A number of work parties have been held both individually and with a group. This reporter can not recall everyone but some of the highlights in addition to Ben Rolston's fine job of cleaning the lower half of our section, the floor has been repaired at Buffum, toilet hole dug at Sunny-side and annex started, suspension bridge at Mill River creosoted, relocation around Deer Leap measured and begun.

The planned work parties for July and August will be as follows:

July 9-10. Gov. Clement.
Toilet house, dump, bunks and the grounds picked up.

July 23-24. Trail cleaning
Cooper Lodge to Sherburne Pass.
This will depend on how much work Mr. Ogden and his son are able to do before July 23. Also if enough workers are available a new toilet house is needed at Pico.

Aug. 13-14. Tucker Lodge.
An overnight work party is to build a new toilet house, establish a dump, raise up floor, fix the stone foundation and replace the stove pipe.

This is a very loose schedule and a great deal depends on the number of workers we are able to have.

If reservations are made by Friday before each trip meals will be provided by the Club.

For more information on any part of the above items please contact W. Churchill Scott Sect'y.
132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt.

John Allard
Faith Bartlett
Minerva Hinchey
Mike Kelley
George Kirk
Frances Roberts
Kathy Roberts
Richard Roberts
Charles Wener

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB GUIDE BOOK

The new 1966 issue of the Long Trail Guidebook is now available from your local section secretary. Each one sold means a small profit so order one now for your summer hiking enjoyment from W.C. SCOTT.

CANTILEVER ROCK

On June 5, Sunday Kevin Hogan and Churchill Scott met at Meldon to go to Cantilever Rock on Mount Mansfield. Fortunately Mr. and Mrs. Weeks of Springfield, Vt. were there otherwise it would have been a long long walk. After an enjoyable ride in a new Ford convertible we arrived at the Underhill State Forest Camping area. Overnighters Mauri Wintturi and the Brown family met us and soon we were walking up the C.C.C. road by the Halfway House site for one mile to where the sunset Ridge Trail begins. Crossing a number of brooks (unnecessarily getting water to lug) we climbed 0.4 mile to the Cantilever Rock Trail. Another short 0.4 mile brought us to the Rock where Mr. Morse and his daughter along with a young couple from Burlington, Vt. and their son riding a Pack-a-Poose shared lunch and coffee with us.

Ascending the mountain The Sunset Ridge Trail breaks out into the open rocks and for a mile it winds up an interesting ridge to the Ohin, highest point in Vermont. Here the party split up and after meeting George Pearlstein we walked back down the trail with him. George listed a number of other trails to plan future hikes upon and if enough interest is shown another trip to this spot will be made.

EAST MOUNTAIN TRIP

Well, we finally did it !
After four or five false starts
and no starts six Clubbers got to
the very top of East Mountain.

It looked like a rainy day as
we started but soon the sun came
out and we had a warm spring day.

We approached the mountain by
way of the Dyer Meadow as we did
last fall. This time we had an
experienced guide--- Harold
Valiquette--- who had been to the
top several times. He led us off
to the left from just above the
big rock. When we got to the top
of the ridge we turned left again
and followed the ridge to the
true top of the mountain. Pretty
easy, huh ? It's all in knowing
how.

Several years ago Harold put
a flag on a tree at the top of
the mountain and since then a few
groups of hikers have wondered
and wandered. Come to think of it,
East Mountain is as easy to climb
as Pine Hill or Bald Mountain,
and it seems strange more people
dont get up there and enjoy an
excellent view of the city.

We found a place where we could
enjoy the sunshine and had our
lunch. It got so warm that Harold
picked a ripe banana from a near
by tree. He did too, I saw him.

After lunch we had a lengthy
discussion on the various kinds
of oak trees, which is a-corny
subject under the best of con-
ditions. Then Harold whipped out
a bran new red flag to replace
the old ruined one. The boys
climbed a big tree and tied it in
place.

So now if you see the flag up
there you know all about it.

DANBY ROAD TO GRIFFITH LAKE

By Doris Newton

May 14th, the day of the hike
from "USFS 10 Road "to Griffith
Lake was one of those days that
kept us saying "What a day ! How
lucky we are ! Five of us left
Meldon at eight o'clock for the
Lake Trail where we left one car.
After chatting with the Rolstons
who had camped there, we went in
the other car to the Long Trail
crossing at "Black Branch".

The section of trail along Big
Branch is rewarding..The stream
with spring high water, the two
new shelters, the fine bridge
(USFS), the site of the old mill,
the early spring flowers, provided
constant interest. We encountered
a group of hikers from Putney
School out for several days on the
Trail. The fireplace at Lost Pond
Shelter was still warm from their
morning fire when our noon fore was
started and the familar coffee pot
put on. We contentedly basked in
the sun during lunch, then began
the mild climb up the ridge toward
Baker Peak. Here it must be re-
ported that one of us succeeded in
sitting down in an extremely wet
and muddy bit of trail -- in a
brook in fact !

Baker Peak was a splendid climax
to a fine walk. After a rest here
to enjoy the view, and a second
meeting with Ben, now hard at work
painting the bad weather by-pass,
we detoured over to Griffith Lake,
then back down the Lake Trail to
the waiting car. A perfect day of
hiking dampened only externally by
sitting in the brook ! (It really
didn't take too long to dry out !)

BARBARA BECOMES A HIKER By Barbara Barron

This was the first time I had ever gone on a hike in a group, you know adults and all. Well, let me tell you it was fun.

Mary Ellen Connors wanted to know if I wanted to go hiking to Tucker Lodge with her family one Sunday. I said "sure sounds fun". It was not until later I found out what horrors awaited me.

First there was Uncle Harold (Valiquette) he said I wasn't dressed properly. I thought it was kind of funny, everyone else was all bundled up and were wearing boots. It was such a beautiful day I just wore slacks, sweater and sneakers. Uncle Harold said the snow was at least two feet deep up there, well I was willing to take my chances.

When we got up there, there wasn't a bit of snow in sight, boy did those people look ridiculous.

So we started on our 15 min. walk (which lasted 30 min). First there was Mary Ellen, Joanne and I. Then came Mr. Connors, Uncle Harold and some other men. Then came the pack mules namely Mrs. Connors and Aunt "T" (Uncle Harold's poor unfortunate wife, she must have worn highly magnified glasses when she married him), carrying the food.

Well when we arrived at Tucker Lodge I was horrified, So THAT was Tucker Lodge it looked like they cut down some trees and glued them together with Elmer's Glue.

Inside was worse. I made the mistake of asking what those slabs of wood were. Someone said "beds".

After everyone had rested, Mr. Connors asked if anyone wanted to go for a walk (straight up a mountain). So Mary Ellen, Mrs. Connors and I decided to go. About three feet up the hill we stopped to give Mrs. Connors a rest (this went on all the way up). Finally on top we decided to go down (sounded reasonable).

Did you ever go down a mountain 120 m.p.h., using trees as breaks - it's not exactly going first class; but what was even sillier Mrs. Connors was slower coming down than going up (sometimes I wonder about her).

When we finally got down the first lap, we all had just one question for Davey Croquette, Jr. Where were we?

He said "don't get excited just look for a tree with a blue spot on it". About three thousand trees and we had to find one with a blue dot. Thanks to Mr. Connors keen sense of direction he bumped into that very tree. So we followed the blue dotted trees back.

I guess Mary Ellen and I were being punished for something cause we had to ride back with Uncle Harold (personally I think he thinks he is Frank Sinatra) THAT VOICE. It must have been banned from every state in the union. No Wonder he is always up at Tucker Lodge, probably exercising his vocal cords.

REMINDERS and REMAINDERS

Closing date for the next Smoke and Blazes will be Aug. 15. It is better if our outings are written up by someone who has attended, so if you go on a hike and are willing to write it up check with the editor.

Churchill Scott is still producing about half of your club paper. How about lending a hand?

According to the new topo map Most of Bald Mt. is part of the Aiken State Forest. Why can't the Killington Section G.M.C. take the necessary steps to make sure it isn't turned over to some one for commercial development. An area so near the Girl Scout Camp and the city of Rutland should be saved for hiking and other forms of non destructive recreation.



SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 19 No. 4 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - July. Aug. 1966

COMING HIKES

Long Trail End-to-End Trip.
Sept. 10, 8:00 A.M. Sat.
Meldon School Area

This trip will be from Mad Tom Shelter south to Prospect Rock and then down a side trail to Route #30. To save time a fire and coffee will be ready at Bromley Shelter. About 12 miles total distance.

PICO CAMP AND PEAK
Sunday Sept. 25, 10:00 A.M.
Meldon School Area

Here will be a good opportunity to see a small part of the work that The Farm and Wilderness Camps have done for our Section and also the fine signs the Ogden's have erected. An easy walk of about 6-8 miles.

LONG TRAIL END-TO-END TRIP
Sunday Oct. 9, 8:00 A.M.
Skyline Lodge to Lincoln Gap.
Meldon School Area

A 14 mile hike planned to help Mauri Wintturi and the John Himmelbergers work on their End-to-End award. This is a long walk but not too hard a trail so let's turn out.

CROSS COUNTRY WALK. IRA-BIRD MT.
Saturday Oct. 22, 9:00 A.M.

Meldon School Area

Perhaps we can get Miss Newton to lead this walk over an old road through unknown woods to most of us.

CAMP TENDARA

Annual open house featuring an exhibit of arts and crafts. No house fees will be charged for G.M. C. members and guests on Sun. Oct. 2. Here is a good time to visit the very fine facilities of the New York Section and meet many new friends of the Long Trail who have done much to maintain their part. A long trip but well worth the effort. For more information contact W.C. Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt.

MUSHROOM HUNT

On Sunday Sept. 18, at 2:00 P.M. the Springfield, Vt. Family Field Trip Program has listed a walk in their local area looking for mushrooms. This walk will be led by experienced folks who will identify the edible types. For more information contact W. C. Scott.

END-TO- END HIKES

This past Spring and Summer as a group, members of the Killington Section have covered 34.7 miles from Mad Tom Shelter to Big Branch, Sky-line Lodge to Middlebury Gap and Frying Pan Brook to Barrows Camp.

Also Kevin Hogan and Bill Gragen hiked from the Mass. line to Mad Tom Shelter.

This Fall we have planned two more trips before the snow flies. Let's see if we can have a larger crowd on our next series of walks.

If enough interest is shown it is possible to undertake a half-day or one day hike on the week-ends that do not conflict with our regular outings.

For more information about this opportunity to earn an End-to-End award please contact W.C.Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

----- TRAILS AND SHELTERS

The past two months have been busy times for a few members and non members of the Killington Section.

The Ogdens have finished erecting signs at all of our shelters and along the entire 21.2 miles of long trail we maintain in addition to the side trails. Also they have cut out blowdowns, brushed trails, painted blazes and many other activities to put the trail in first class condition.

They are also responsible for new hardware cloth bunks at Gov. Clement Shelter (after so many years of talk and argument), chimney repaired and heightened, an adjustable swinging crane. Everyone should make a special effort to visit this camp to see the great improvements that has been made.

The Farm and Wilderness Camps have sent a number of work parties onto our section to brush trail, paint blazes, dig toilet holes and erect temporary seats, and clean up around the shelters. They are doing a great deal of work on the Shrewsbury trail under the leadership of Miss Shelia Ashley and Mr. Susumi Ishitani.

As usual there is still more to do at our shelters. The most important job at this time is Tucker. Here many odds and ends should be taken care of. Notably the toilet house constructed, floor raised and leveled, walls repaired and chinked up for the winter.

----- BARROWS CAMP TO FRYING PAN BROOK

On Friday July 1 two cars left Rutland for a 3 day trip on the trail. After much discussion and at the suggestion of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Weeks that due to the construction on Jay Peak we begin our hike at Barrows Camp.

This camp 0.2 miles from the road was found easily thanks to a map drawn for us by Mr. Mould, a G. M.C. member of the Sterling Section at Morrisville, Vt.

A quick supper was eaten and then with a group of 15 Scouts and their leaders staying there we felt it best to swing around to Parker Camp. Due to a new lumber job we were able to drive up the Davis Neighborhood Trail and spend a very restful night.

Bright and early Saturday morning Wilbur Weston of Ft. Lauderdale, Rascal, his dog, Kevin Hogan and Churchill Scott started south up Laraway Mt.

At Laraway Lookout the view must be spectacular on a clear day but this day was hot, humid and hazy.

Passing by a number of high ledges we dropped to Codding Hollow Brook where we ate lunch in a big patch of mint, some of which was gathered to stew up with a small amount of water and sugar.

Soon we were climbing up a low hill and then down to Barrows Camp where there is a very good water supply. Here we picked up a car and returned to Parker.

After another good meal and rest we started out on Sun. morning to hike up Butternut Mt. and on north. Running most of the time to keep up to Kevin we descended to Devil's Gulch and arrived at Ritterbush Camp in time to eat lunch.

Swinging around Ritterbush Pond we again climbed a low hill and then coasted down to Frying Pan Brook where Mr. Weston picked us up.

BREADLOAF TO MIDDLEBURY GAP

On a hot, humid day in August a group of G.M.C. hikers drove to Middlebury for another link on our End-to-End award.

Mauri Wintturi, Mr. & Mrs. John Himmelberger, Betty Gilman and Churchill Scott at the suggestion of Mr. Irving White the new trustee from Worcester, Mass. began the trip at the bottom of the Skylight Pond Trail. The path was very poorly marked or cleared but after a bit more than an hour with only a few stops to search for the trail we arrived at the Long Trail. (This would be a good hike in the fall after the leaves go.)

Soon a short walk brought us to Skyline Lodge, a snug cabin of peeled logs with a front porch overlooking a small beaver pond and a beautiful view to the East. Had a good lunch at this spot with our faithful coffee pot putting on the finishing touch.

Mauri spent most of the time gathering names from the register for Rod Rice of Burlington who in turn hopes to use them to show to the State Recreation Dept. pointing out how large a part of the hikers are from out of state and how far they travel to enjoy all that we have to offer.

There was a short discussion about going north 1.8 miles to the next side trail so that on the Fall hike we have the distance would be less but that idea fell through. Soon we started for Middlebury Gap and within a short time it was easy to see why Mr. White said to go South for the whole 5 miles was downhill.

At last we were at the road and we said goodbye to the Himmelbergers who were going to do the trail to Brandon Gap the next day from Lake Placid, picked up Mauri's car and spotted the car of John and Edna's.

Once again it is hard to understand why some folks will close up shop, drive all night, hike the trail two days and drive back for work the next morning. And yet it is an impossible job to get members of the Killington Section interested in End-to-End hikes.

JUGGERNAUT TRAIL TRIP

Due to the fact that we had no cars except Mr. Hogan, Kevin and Churchill decided to hike from Rt. #4 over the Long Trail around Pico, check on the conditions of everything and then journey on to Killington.

After many years thanks to the F. & W. Camps we have a toilet hole dug at both locations. Also the campers have done a very good job of cleaning the trail, painting the blazes and picking up the camps in general. In addition to all this the Ogdens say these campers have done much work on the Shrewsbury Trail. Mr. Parsons, the fire warden at Killington has a great deal of good words to say for the very well mannered and behaved groups which worked for us this year.

We feel that we are indeed fortunate to have the help of all these young people that Mr. Webb has sent out on the trail this year.

Lunch was eaten on the summit and the view enjoyed with many who rode up the lift.

Mr. Parsons pointed out a number of new peaks to us including Burke, Olympus, Stratton and Cushman whose open summit and buildings were easily picked up with the glasses.

Soon it was time to head for home and so we headed down the tractor road (another new one this time) and when we reached the Basin Dr. Pingree gave us a ride home.
WELL BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME

SHREWSBURY LOOP TRIP

On Saturday July 16 a good sized group of ambitious hikers met at Meldon School site. The weather was clear, cool and a perfect day to walk.

Out of town guests were Wilbur Weston, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Della Ellison, Ludlow, Vt., Linda Rozowicz and Elsie Maier, New York City.

When we arrived at Gov. Clement it was arranged that the hikers would take a trip up Killington due to the beautiful weather and also because of the poor report from George Pearlstein on the condition of the Shrewsbury Trail. (This has now been improved by the F.&W. Camps).

While the others were hiking the Ogdens and Churchill Scott began a long day's work at the shelter. The lower bunks were taken out, the debris of many years raked away, the chimney chinked up and raised another two feet above the roof line, an adjustable swinging crane was installed in the cleaned out fireplace.

At last we were ready to go on the bunks. The Ogdens had pre-cut all the lumber and drilled it in the proper spots so that it was possible to cut the hardware cloth the correct length, bolt the 2 x 4's together and roll up the five bunks and fasten them in the correct spot.

This sounds like an easy job but we were still going strong at 4:00 when Dr. James Howard of Mendon came along and having lost his beagle on Killington decided to stay around camp for awhile to see if Jo-Jo would pick up his scent. He pitched in and helped us so very much by crawling up in under the bunks to tighten the bolts and nuts.

Soon the hikers returned and after resting awhile headed for home but not before they had told how far one could see from the summit and the large number of people using the lift. After a very small supper we put the finishing touches on our work while trying to keep the no-see-ems off for only about one hour then they left of their accord.

At 9:45 P.M. working the last hour by the lights of the VW we finally picked up our tools and headed for home after a good day's work and one

which will improve the appearance of Gov. Clement 100%. Everyone should make a special effort to visit here and see how big a change has been made.

However it all boils down to the same question which has been asked so many times by so many people.

"Why does the Killington Section with almost 100 Members have to rely on out-of-town members or non-members to do so much of the work on our trails and shelters?"

MOUNT CUSHMAN

On Sunday July 31, Kevin Hogan, George, John and Bob Reynolds and Churchill Scott took off from Meldon headed for Randolph-Rochester area. The weather was clear and cool and a beautiful day to hike. With the aid of a topo map and a vague remembrance of the other trip some years ago we arrived at the foot of the trail to the fire lookout.

This time there was no mist to hide our destination and after a short search we found the trail and that was the last we saw of Kevin. About noon the boys got hungry and so we stopped a short time for lunch.

After a few more remarks from George about the short, easy hike mentioned in Smoke & Blazes we broke out into the open and saw the tower ahead of us.

The tower was not manned this summer but we were able to climb to the top of the stairs and from there we could see for miles. Ascutney, the White Mountains to the East, the Adirondacks to the West, Pico and Killington stood out plainly to the South and Mt. Mansfield to the North.

While we were resting and talking of the peace and quiet along came a Scout up the road. Most of the time we would be rather put out at this but there was an elderly couple on the mountain for the first time. It was a pleasure to see the enjoyment they received from the marvelous day.

Soon it was time to head for home and we hiked down the mountain. On the way home we decided to ride over Rochester Mt. and that was a very enjoyable ending to a perfect day.

BARBARA BECOMES A CAMPER

My family are not campers, and if you saw them you would understand why. You couldn't drag my mother away from her soap operas, and my young sisters are afraid of being scalped.

The first time I went camping was with the Connors'. Mary Ellen used to show me their equipment, gas stove, kitchen and even an oven where Mrs. Connors could bake her sunken cakes. Well, all this equipment really floored me. I guess camping was going to be a cinch.

Mr. Connors told me to have all my clothes and equipment ready at 7:30 sharp and bring them over, because we were going to leave at 8:30. I wondered why he wanted me over there so early, but I soon found out we had to get all that equipment on to Connors' run down Rambler. Poor Mr. Connors used to get so tired sitting on the hill supervising the packing. When we finally finished, they had to find room for little ole me, they found an 11 by 12 inch opening forme and stuck me in, you should try and sit in a car with all the windows closed and Mr. Connors smoking that stinky pipe. When we finally arrived almost an empty gas tank later, I got out, unfolded myself and got ready to go swimming, but Hitler Jr., called me back and said we had to unburden our mechanical donkey, this time the old man pitched in a tent or two and let me supervise a little. And when we finished it was too late to go swimming and we had to go to bed. I'll never forget that first horrible night. Mr. Connors kept the dead awake with his snoring. Mary Ellen must store up all her day's breathing and let it out a mile a minute at night. We don't have to worry about the mosquitos, Joanne catches them with her wide open mouth. And Mrs. Connors tosses and turns on the squeaky cot, and even though I whistle when I sleep you couldn't hear me above the rest of the racket. (yes).

Yes one way to find out about people is to go camping, you'd never guess Mr. Connors takes medicine for his liver.

Seriously though I love camping, you meet very interesting and handsome people. I've been camping with the Connors a few times and I love every minute of it. I'd give anything to convince my parents to go camping I know if they tried it once they would love it.

If you're ever up our way we are the conspicuous lot under the orange tarp.

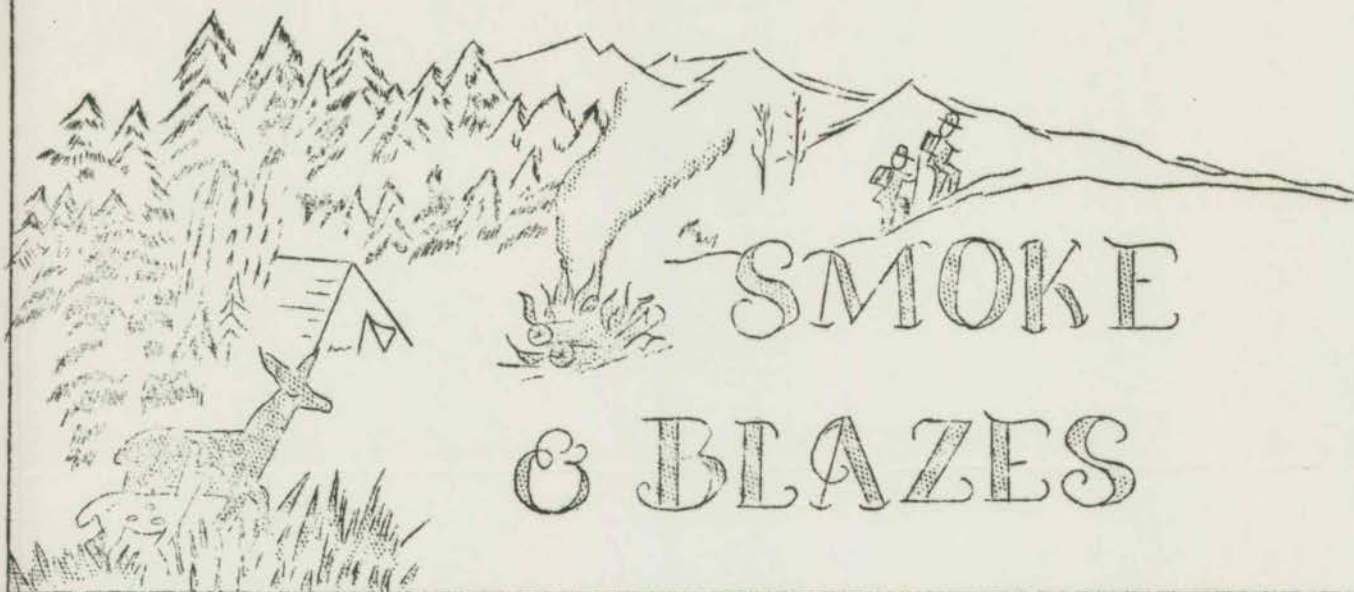
By Barbara Barron

LITTLE ROCK POND NORTH TO ROUTE 140

May 30 was a nice afternoon when we left Meldon School site shortly after 1 o'clock leaving one car in Wallingford and the other one near Little Rock Pond.

It was beautiful walking along up to Little Rock Pond where we stopped for a few minutes to look around, then on to Homer Stone Brook where we stopped again for Churchill to have some lunch and the rest to catch our breath. We all had our dinner before venturing out except Mr. Scott who had slaved away sorting mail that morning.

Churchill got spruce gum to chew to help us make it to the White Rocks where we stopped and looked at the beautiful view for about a half hour which was well worth the trip and after that we reluctantly started on the last of the walk and everyone was back home by 8:00.



Vol. 19 No. 5 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Sept. Oct. 1966

COMING HIKES

CROSS COUNTRY WALK

Greendale Picnic Area, Weston, Vt.
to Wallingford Pond Area.

Sunday Oct. 30, 10:00 A.M.

Meldon School Area

Here is a wonderful opportunity to follow Craigie through the woods on a trip that has been talked and discussed for years. This is a walk for everyone, young and old, so come along and enjoy yourself.

EAST MOUNTAIN

Sat. Nov. 5, 9:00 A.M.

Meldon School Area

This will be the last hike before deer hunting so let's have a good turnout to go with Harold to the top of East Mt. again and see Rutland, Vt. from a different viewpoint.

BUFFUM LODGE

Sat. Dec. 3, 9:00 A.M.

Meldon School Area

This will be our first hike in almost a month so let's get out again and visit the newest shelter in the Killington Section and to help prepare it for Winter.

SUNNYSIDE CAMP

Sun. Dec. 18, 10:00 A.M.

A new stove will be installed at Sunnyside by the time of this hike so let the Winter wind blow and the snow fly we should be warm and comfortable. Perhaps we can slide down the hill at Spring Lake so bring along your sled if the weather is right.

CLARENDON LODGE

Sun. Jan. 8, 10:00 A.M.

An overnight hike to this favorite spot of so many members of our section is planned for this trip so why don't you make plans to come along and enjoy a change. More information from W.C. Scott if desired.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$52.

Our annual Rummage Sale was held on Saturday, September 31. This year we had to find new quarters and were fortunate to have the facilities of the Universalist Church Rooms available. The weather was uncooperative with a steady rain most of the day. This did not seem to affect the morning attendance too greatly but not as many returned in the afternoon to take advantage of reduced prices.

Several factors probably contributed to the lower than usual profit; higher expenses; as the rent although nominal was more than the janitor's fee which was all we formerly had to pay for the Neighborhood Rooms; a smaller stock of salable articles; and possibly a little blame can be placed on the weather.

We have \$52. more in the treasury because of the sale so it was worthwhile. However we would like next year to get back to our customary approximate \$100. even with increased expenses. So-- won't you all START NOW putting aside material for us?

So often we have heard people say, "I know I have more things around that I'd be glad to get rid of but I just didn't get to collecting them." Why not put a large carton in some convenient place and as you come to such items deposit them in it. Let your relatives, neighbors, and friends know you have such a box and they may be glad to add articles now and then. That way you will be already for our next sale which is planned for Sept. 1967. START TODAY. We appreciated your donations and hope for even more next year.

Over the years what appears to be a standing Rummage Sale Committee seems to have developed; Mary, Crague Perkins, "T" & Harold Valiquette, Churchill Scott and Vera Perkins. They appreciated the help of this year's assistants, Ruth Fostman, Betty Gilman and Ruth LaBrake.

Let's have a bigger and better sale in 1967.

PICO CAMP

About a dozen hikers made this one on a good hiking day.

The new by-pass at the Long Trail Lodge came in for some criticism because of the "artificial springs" at the start. Either the trail will have to be moved further down the mountain or several cat walks provided.

Pico Camp was in good shape with only one broken window pane which was temporarily replaced with metal. One new section of stovepipe was installed, and new metal put in where the pipe goes through the wall. All set for winter now.

The stove worked well providing hot water for coffee in jig time. After lunch some hikers went to the top of the mountain. Back to the cars just before dark. Another good day in the woods.

IRA WALK

We picked ideal weather for this one. A car was parked on the Bird Mt. road and then all hikers were transported around to a back road between Ira and West Rutland.

We followed the old road west to a point near the pass where we had lunch. Continuing on the party dropped down the side of the mountain ridge, crossed a valley, and arrived at the previously spotted car. Two hikers retrieved the other car, and so home.

We met a lucky hunter with a deer he had taken with bow and arrow.

This is the first time in years the Club has visited this area. Further exploration toward Mt. Herrick would be interesting.

A QUICK 45-MILE HIKE

On Sun. Aug. 28, Kevin Hogan, Chucky Wener and Churchill Scott were left off at Smuggler's Notch by Betty Gilman to whom we are very grateful. Here we began a hike to Appalachian Gap by Wed. night.

At Taft Lodge we found a bit of orange marmalade and instant tea mix to add to our supplies and before the day was over we were glad to have them.

The day was clear as a bell with a cool north wind and on the summit we could see Killington and Pico to the South and Belvidere to the North. It was very pleasing to see so many people of all ages walking along the trails of Mt. Mansfield. Near the Chin we met a group of hikers who had just finished a trip from Lincoln Gap and they advised us the trail was pretty wet.

About 6:00 P.M. we hit Nebraska Notch hungry and tired but a short stop for water and tea and orange marmalade sandwiches carried us on to Taylor Lodge. This large lodge is a beautiful one in a very pretty spot overlooking Lake Mansfield. In the evening a full moon came up to make our stay here even more enjoyable.

On Monday it seemed that we would never stop going up and down mountains. After sloughing through mud or trying to dodge it many times during the day we decided not to worry so much about the swamp up there between Pico and Killington. This evening was spent at the new Duck Brook Shelter, a shelter built to break up the 10 miles from Bolton Lodge to Wiley Lodge. This is another very nice spot overlooking a deep ravine and a cool, clear stream. Here again a full moon shone down into the camp to make the end of this day more enjoyable.

Tuesday broke clear but hot and humid so following the weather report on Chucky's radio we covered our gear with plastic to keep it dry. Early in the day we reached Jonesville and had tasty drink of Chocolate milk and ice cream and wrote cards home to say we were still hiking.

Next came the long haul up Camel's Hump forewarned by Craigie that any way up that mountain is rough and hard. Up Robins Mt. back down to Wiley Lodge and then up again toward Montclair Glen but off in the distance we heard the rumble of an approaching storm. Soon the wind blew and before long the rain fell and Kevin took off for Gorham Lodge. We followed as fast as possible getting wetter by the minute. At last the Lodge appeared and a nice warm fire greeted us. Here the evening was spent checking the weather and figuring how we could cover 13.5 miles to our ride.

Wed. dawned clear, cool and beautiful. After an early start the Summit of Camel's Hump was reached with the clouds just breaking away. Here is another peak that our section must climb and with so many side trails it should not be too hard. Once again it was a day spent going up the Allens, Burnt Rock (a peak which we agree with Craigie is a very pretty spot for a one day trip) and the Starks where we enjoyed the view very much from Molly Stark's Balcony. Soon we were at Appalachian Gap where Mr. Hogan met us within 10 minutes.

A few items we learned on this trip is the importance of leaving dry wood in a camp for the next party for they might come in a rain-storm as we did. Also in spite of the added weight a radio is very useful to get the latest report on the weather so one will know what to look for.

Our very great thanks are due to Miss Gilman and Mr. Hogan for making this very enjoyable trip possible.

REMINDER

The deadline for the next issue of Smoke and Blazes will be Dec. 15. By that time plans for the Annual Meeting should be made.

In typing up two column copy please leave three-fourths inch margin all around and one-half inch between columns.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

During the deer season this year we are not planning any hikes. But we will have a number of work parties. The shelters need a great deal of all types of work.

BUFFUM-new boards on the bottom bunks, new top layer on the floor, bench around stove, wash windows, creosote and tar on roof.

SUNNYSIDE-new stove, pipe and chimney, patches on the roof, wash windows and creosote. Also finish the toilet house if not done before.

CLARENDON-dig toilet hole, construct toilet, replace corner boards, replace windows, wash same and creosote. The roof should be tared.

TUCKER-there are almost too many repairs to mention on this shelter. Level the whole insides up, repair foundation, fix up stairs and check on the toilet facilities.

Our section needs a lot of help to do all these jobs that are listed so if any folks are able to give us a hand we would be very grateful. In order to get these shelters ready for the winter hikes they must be made snug and tight. W.C. Scott will be in charge of these work parties and will welcome any help available.

ANOTHER QUICK TRIP

On Wed. Oct. 12 Kevin Hogan and Churchill Scott were taken to the bottom of the Skylight Pond Trail thanks to the kindness of Miss Doris Newton. Heading for the Long Trail we soon ran into snow (once again Craigie will have the last laugh on us), met a bow and arrow hunter who told us he shot at a bear.

After a short side trip to Skyline Pond we retraced our steps and headed north. Very soon we spotted an arrow in the trail and upon closer examination we could see it was smeared with blood and had a few

bear hairs on it. Recalling all the stories of wounded bear we had a few anxious minutes.

Emily Proctor Shelter was the place to stay for the night but what a place. No floor only Hardware Cloth stretched on poles only two of which were whole. During supper a flight of 50 geese flew over making a very pretty sight.

After a very cold and long night we started on the trail again. This day was spent in covering the part we had planned to do the Sunday before and as each mile went by we were more happy that it fell through for it was up one mountain and down the other side. Ate at Cooley Glen, a new camp built by U.S.F.S.

The next night was spent at Battell an old shelter but good water, wood and location. We put into practice a few things we learned the night before to keep warm, such as a big fire, dry and warm clothes, stay up as late as possible and a good hot drink.

The hike up Mt. Abraham was short and easy, the view was very good and as we looked up toward Camel's Hump and Mt. Mansfield we knew it was a good thing we did not go to the Canadian Line. This day three ski areas were passed and it is a sad sight to see so much of the wilderness cut up in this manner. A Side trip to the new Glen Ellen Lodge was made and there a party was at work reopening the Barton Trail. The new Threon Dean Shelter was a very good spot and soon we were on our way over to Stark's wall and down. At Appalachian Gap we were picked up by Mr. Hogan and returned via Route 100 seeing many deer on the way. At the Rochester Inn we were all treated to a tasty meal by Mr. Carroll, Mrs. Hogan's father which put a perfect finishing touch to an enjoyable trip.

Our thanks again to Miss Newton and Mr. Hogan for transportation.



Vol. 19 No. 6 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Nov. Dec. 1966

COMING EVENTS

DATE - SATURDAY - JAN. 21
 DESTINATION-TUCKER LODGE
 MOONLIGHT HIKE

We will leave the Meldon School area at 7:00 P.M. and take the short way into Tucker on snowshoes if necessary. Coffee and doughnuts will be served by the Club and a nice warm camp is hoped for so we may talk over (as usual) all the work that needs to be done and how it will be undertaken when the frost is out of the ground. Let's try to have a good group on our trip tonight so we may put the final touch on the annual meeting plans.

DATE - SUNDAY - FEB. 19
 DESTINATION - SNOWSHOE HIKE
 BROWN BRIDGE TO (?)

There are a number of paths we may take from this spot. To the Notch Road via either side of the North Branch depending on the chance of crossing the river. Or we can follow Doris, Vera or Eleanor's advice and go around to the East.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

As we come to the end of another year of work on our Section the T. & S. comm. want to thank the many folks who have given of their time and effort to improve our Trails and Shelters.

The Herb Ogdens have made their very wonderful signs for the whole length of our section in addition to the side trails also. (Perhaps a number of folks saw a sample of their work at the Annual Meeting of the G.M.C. in May). New bridges have been built for the Bucklin Trail and it has also been cleaned and blazed. Gov. Clement shelter has new bottom bunks, an adjustable fireplace crane, chimney lengthened and a new toilet house (a two-holer so we've heard).

Too we want to thank the Farm and Wilderness Camps for their help in improving the sanitary facilities at Pico and Killington. In addition they spent many hours clearing trails and painting blazes. We have heard that the Shrewsbury Trail is extra good and this next Spring we must plan a trip there.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Killington Section, Green Mountain Club, will be held Friday, Jan. 27, at 8 p.m. at the CVPS rooms on Grove Street (please use Maple Street entrance).

President George Reynolds will conduct the business meeting, which will include secretary's and treasurer's reports and committee reports. Ann Reynolds is chairman of a nominating committee to present a new slate of officers.

Entertainment, not yet finalized, will follow the business meeting, and the ladies will provide the usual array of desserts and coffee at the conclusion of the program. All members are urged to attend and to bring guests.

BUFFUM LODGE HIKE

A small group visited the site of Buffum Lodge and salvaged a few parts from the stove. Everything else was burned up. Only a few lumps of melted glass and the ruined cement blocks showed that a camp had ever been there. A very neat job.

GMV IN ALASKA

Imagine my surprise, upon phoning our vice-president Michael Wiley to inform him of a meeting, to learn that he has been in Alaska since June!

He and his wife, the former Bertha (Sis) Prior of Sherburne, drove to Alaska where their first child was born three days after their arrival. His name is Bryce and he certainly appears to have the stamina to be a real hiker!

Mike is teaching a fifth grade class and reports they have met several other transplanted Vermonters there. Their address:

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wiley
Box 533
Skagway, Alaska 99840

--Ann Reynolds

SUNNYSIDE CAMP HIKE

Another very small group hiked in to Sunnyside and tried out the new stove. Very nice. The camp was clean and the creosote job inside and out was a big improvement. There is one small leak in the roof yet and a set of steps instead of the present chicken ladder would be much safer. Too bad more hikers didn't make this trip as the road, the weather, and the accomodations were ideal.

MEMBERSHIP

The dues for the year 1967 are now payable to the Treasurer, W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St. Rutland, Vt. 05701.

Also we have on hand a few 1966 Guidebooks so why not pick one up in order to plan some of the trips up North to work on the End-to-End award again.

WORK PARTIES

This year we were very lucky to have so many people help on the many projects we had planned.

First and foremost is the big improvement in the toilet houses which will bring joy to Pres. John Rohrbaugh and everyone in the main club.

A new kitchen range has been put in Sunnyside but as yet it has not had a good test for heating quality yet. This camp has also been creosoted and cleaned up.

Clarendon Lodge has had the windows replaced, creosoted, cleaned up and the grounds around the camp picked up.

Pico Shelter had new windows, new tin for chimney, new door hinges and a good cleaning.

Tucker -(?) perhaps next year. Although Chuck Wener supervised the construction of a latrine here which was a big improvement.

We look forward to 1967 with a great deal of hope and expectation that we will be as lucky to have as much and as willing help to work on all the jobs we hope to do this next summer as soon as the snow goes.

EAST MOUNTAIN HIKE

This time we went in from Route Four at the cement bridge near where the Wheelerville Road turns off.

We climbed steeply, crossed an old road and continued south for a long way through the woods.

There was a good brook and at noontime we made coffee in the shelter of a big rock with the canvas hung to keep off the cold wind.

Our objective was one of the many "tops" of the mountain. We didn't find any with a view until we were well on the way out. Some rocks were seen through the trees and we investigated. An open ledge was found on the edge of a patch of thick spruces. There was a good view of the main range to the East. Now if we can find the spot again we have a new place to go.

HOW MUCH LONGER ?

The burning of Buffum Lodge illustrates the price we pay for not trying to control how our camps are used. Buffum was a well constructed camp with masonry chimney, cemented in stove pipe, and tight stove in good condition. Its destruction must have been due to carelessness.

For years our camps have been used by large and small groups without responsible supervision. Most users of this type are not Club members and care nothing for the Club or the Long Trail.

How much longer before we put into effect a system of camp checking to remind users of their responsibilities and to limit the use of the camps to properly supervised groups?

CLARENDON, SUNNYSIDE & BUFFUM LODGE By Anne Loveland

October 9 might be said to be the turning point of my hiking life. I arose on that morning, not altogether sure I could face what was to come, but prepared for the hike, (thank goodness I had stayed at Sue's overnight, at least we could keep each other awake).

Borrowing the Girl Scout truck, our merry group of 6, drove to the Clarendon part of the Long Trail. From there hiking, what seemed to me, straight up, we arrived at Sunnyside Lodge with only minor difficulties (meeting snakes, getting stung by bees, etc.) The view was great and somehow, it made every step worth the while.

After recuperating, we gaily made our way to Buffum Lodge, (which was our lunch stop). Never in my life have I appreciated the humble peanut butter and jelly sandwich more.

The foliage was at its peak, the air was perfect and the "company" was grand. Even to a "first-timer", like myself, it was evident that hiking was going to be a main activity in my life from now on.

STRATTON MOUNTAIN INTERSECTIONAL By Sue Pfenning

This summer, Mrs. Janet Martin, a member of the Killington Section Green Mt. Club, was counselor at Tamarack Notch Girl Scout Camp for a group of 14 girls who were Counselors In Training. Toward the end of the camp session, she began thinking about the G.M.C. Intersectional, to which she and her family planned on going. A few of the girls seemed interested in it, and Mrs. Martin's kindness made it possible for us to participate. So we all began plotting and planning as soon as we got home from camp, and before we knew it, we were off for a wonderful weekend at Stratton Mountain Scout Reservation, where

the Intersectional was held this year. We piled Mr. & Mrs. Martin, their five children, Vera, and three of us girls into their bus and Vera's car, along with all our gear, tents, food and equipment. We were to meet two other C.I.T. when we got there Saturday, at about 2:30. By suppertime, we had cleared our campsite, pitched our tents, and were all ready for a hot, nourishing supper. In the four days we were there, we participated in campfires, swimming, and hikes, and we all had a wonderful time.

This encouraged the other two Rutland girls, Sue Crichton and Judy Paul, to join the G.M.C. We'd like to use this opportunity to publicly thank the Martins.

GREENDALE HIKE

On a cool Sunday a group of GMC'ers followed an abandoned road northwest from the Greendale Picnic Area toward Wallingford Pond. The road, or rather trail, followed up a brook to its source and then just disappeared. On the way up we discovered right out there in the wilderness a well constructed stone and concrete bridge it stood high across the brook but led strickly from nowhere to North Nowhere. Also beside the trail was a section of six foot concrete culvert. Perhaps these are the remains of advanced work done by the C.C.C. on the original Parkway.

We ought to try this hike again starting from another point in Greendale. We apparently followed up the wrong valley but these are nice woods, and the Greendale Area is an attractive place for a cook out.



Vol. 20 No. 1 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Jan.- Mar. 1967

COMING EVENTS

DATE - SATURDAY - APRIL 8, 6:00 P.M.
 PLACE - UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
 Please Note the change in date.
 Here is one of our favorite outings
 so let's all come and enjoy the
 new maple syrup.

DATE - SUNDAY - APRIL 16, 10:00 A.M.
 PLACE - TUCKER LODGE
 at Main Street Park.

Here is our first spring hike so
 why doesn't everyone come and see
 if we can find some spring flowers
 to enjoy. Also it will be a good
 time to plan repairs on this
 shelter.

DATE - SATURDAY - MAY 6, 8:00 A.M.
 at Main Street Park

DESTINATION - MT. ASCUTNEY
 The Mr. Ogdens and Ascutney Trails
 Association will have charge of
 this trip. We hope everyone will
 make a special effort to attend
 this hike.

DATE - SUNDAY - MAY 14, 8:00 A.M.
 At Main Street Park

DESTINATION - GROUT JOB TO
 PROSPECT ROCK

Here is our first End to End hike
 for 1967 and a chance to see the
 new Bourn Pond Shelters. Lets
 hope for good weather.

DATE - SUNDAY - MAY 21, 10:00 A.M.
 At Main Street Park

DESTINATION - COX MOUNTAIN

Craig Perkins has wanted to
 visit this mountain for years;
 This will be a good chance to
 see the Otter Creek Valley and
 Taconic Range from a different
 point of view.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Killington Section wants
 to thank Lincoln Isham, the
 Roberts family, the Cahee family,
 the Bryant family, Kevin Hogan
 and Herbert Ogden, Jr. for the
 recent gifts for work on the Long
 Trail and Shelters.

BROWN BRIDGE

On a cold clear February morning the local hikers were met by a group of Mass. & Conn. G.M.C. 'ers who stayed overnight at Clarendon. (Irving and Eric White, Mauri Winturri, Bob Hunus, Bob Attenborough and Nick Anelli).

Along the old town road a number of snow-cats had broken trail so snowshoes were not needed. After passing a number of camps and following along the river we came to an old foundation where the road divided. At this point a future hike could turn right, go up to the Rousseau road, go South to the upper Cold River Road and complete the swing. We turned left, crossed the river by a large rock used as an old bridge abutment and then ascended to the Girl Scout Camp.

Here as we built a fire, took pictures and ate a hearty meal many pleasant memories of the 1963 G.M.C. Intersectional were recalled. Wildlife seen included a deer, rabbit, a porkie entering his den and many birds.

After a short trip back to the cars it was time to say goodbye once again and hope that Betty didn't mind being teased so hard to be the only girl with us.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

On March 11th the spaghetti supper was scheduled for 6:00 P.M. at Tall Timber.

At 1:30 P.M. Ruth LaBrake and Eleanor Walker took off for the camp to go snowshoeing. At the cottage they persuaded Mary Perkins and Doris Newton to go walking as the snow was too wet for snowshoeing. They walked in the woods where Craigie had plowed, and up the road.

Back at the Recreation Hall they found games in progress and Johnny Allard and his friends were still out in the snow having a fine time.

At 6:00 PM Churchill Scott had the spaghetti cooked and the sauce hot and about 25 members brought their plates to the stove for their helping, which was generous. Each group brought their own bread and green salad.

The Hall was a buzz with chatter while the crowd ate. Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Weeks came up from Springfield, Vermont to be with the Section and every one was glad to see them. The two youngest and future workers for the Club who came and had a good time were Thelma and Harold Valiquette's grandchildren.

Thanks Mary & Craigie for another Green Mountain Club good time. Sorry for all who didn't attend.

PANCAKE SUPPER

On March 19th ten merry souls tramped into Clarendon Lodge to feast on pancakes and syrup. When we arrived the Lodge was warm and cozy although we soon learned the more hearty Boy Scouts had found it a bit cool over night. ..the official low was zero for the night!

It was a pleasure to see Jim Catozzi back on the trail. His last hike before his accident had been to Bromley on the Intersectional.

A couple of our younger members cooked outside on a tin-can stove... ..found it a bit slow going and had some of Churchill's specials for seconds and thirds!

Too bad more of you didn't come as you missed a beautiful clear day of sparkling snow and azure sky. Once again we remarked the sky always seems a deeper blue on the trail up to Clarendon.

MT. ASCUTNEY HIKE

The newly formed Ascutney Trails Association have invited us to be their guests on our scheduled hike to Mt. Ascutney on Sat. May 6, leaving Rutland at 8:00 A.M.

The A.T.A. is publishing a guide to the trails on the mountain including the Windsor Trail, Weathersfield Trail and a History of them since 1825. These will be available by May 1 so that anyone interested can read up on the background of Ascutney before our trip. The price is one dollar from W.C.Scott.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet new people who have worked hard to re-open the trails up Ascutney and who have the same love and affection for the Green Mountains that we have. So let's try our best to have a big crowd ready to go on Saturday May 6 at 8:00 A.M.

IN MEMORIUM

Since this paper last went to press Killington Section has lost one of its oldest and most loyal members. It is with great sorrow that we note the passing of George Kirk. Many of us who hiked with the club in our teens remember what a fund of information George was about the flora and fauna and how he was always willing to take the time to show us plants and flowers along the trail which we in the hast of youth were want to overlook.

MEMBERS AS OF MARCH 22, 1967

John Allard
Judy Allard
Helen Bailey
Anna Berg
Harriet Bryant
Kendra Bryant
Leitha Bryant
Miles Bryant
Owen Bryant
Christine Cahee
Hedrick Cahee

Shirley Cahee
Virginia Day
Wilman Day
Ruth Postman
Betty Gilman
William Gragen
Kevin Hogan
Mary Isbell
Lincoln Isham
Dorothy Johnson
Harold Johnson
Elsie M. Aier
Donald Moulton
Jack Martin
Janet Martin
Betsy Martin
Carol Martin
David Martin
Nancy Martin
Tommy Martin
Florence Mitchell
William Mitchell
Doris Newton
Pearle Nichols
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
Herbert Ogden, Sr.
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Les Pfenning
Marc Pfenning
Susan Pfenning
Roger Pike
Francis Roberts
Kathy Roberts
Richard Roberts
Ben Rolston
W. Churchill Scott
Ray Secor
Harold Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
John Joseph Valiquette
Thomas Joseph Valiquette
Florence Van Wyck
Eleanor Walker
Lloyd Weeks
Elizabeth Weeks
Charles Wener
Carleton Wilson

This is the last issue of "Smoke & Blazes" that will be sent to the 1966 members. If you wish to continue receiving "Smoke & Blazes" please send your membership dues to W. Churchill Scott, Secretary, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.
TREASURERS' REPORT FOR 1966

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1966	\$1,513.45
Received from Gifts	216.00
Received from Dues	134.00
Rummage Sale	52.63
Interest	52.70
Sale of Guide Books and Patches	47.00
Sale of Sunnyside Stove	<u>3.80</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,019.58

EXPENSES

Trails and Shelters	157.78
Outing Committee	60.64
Smoke and Blazes	45.90
Paid to G.M.C. for Guide Books and Patches	49.00
Paid to G.M.C. for Dues	40.50
Sugar on Snow Party	17.00
Postage	11.17
Miscellaneous	<u>47.50</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 429.49

Balance December 31, 1966	\$1,590.09
---------------------------	------------

W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer



Vol. 20 No. 2 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Apr. - May, 1967

COMING EVENTS

PLACE - MT. AEOLUS

DATE: Saturday - June 10, 9:00 A.M.

MEET: Meldon School Area.

Gus Aldrich and the Springfield folks plan to be with us so let's all go and find the famous bat cave this trip.

PLACE - APPALACHIAN TRAIL

DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 10:00 A.M.

MEET: Meldon School Area

The first hike on the A.T. for some time. A fine chance to see the elusive Stony Brook Shelter and to cover some different trail.

END TO END TRIP

This year we will once again try to start at the Canadian line and hike as far south as time will allow. Anyone interested in working toward their End-to-End award can get more information from W.C. Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt.

PLACE - SKYLINE LODGE

DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 8, 9:00 A.M.

MEET: Meldon School Area

Here is an easy hike to Skyline Lodge, a very pretty spot for lunch and then north to Breadloaf and Mt.

Wilson. Next home via the Clark Brook Trail.

PLACE - BIRD MT.

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 23, 10:00 A.M.

MEET: Meldon School Area

This old favorite should attract a good number of hikers and perhaps this time we can follow Miss Newton's directions and return via the west side of the mountain.

PLACE - SHREWSBURY LOOP TRAIL

DATE: Saturday August 5, 9:00 A.M.

MEET: Meldon School Area.

Perhaps this time we'll make this swing and not be side-tracked to Cooper Lodge. A good chance to see the work done by Mr. Webb's Farm & Wilderness Camps.

PLACE - JUGGERNAUT TRAIL

DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 10:00 A.M.

MEET: Meldon School Area

A new direction to climb Killington and at this time of the year good visibility is quite frequent.

Let's hike up this trail maintained by the Herb Ogdens'.

WORK PARTIES

Work Parties will be held on weeks that no scheduled outings are planned. Meals will be provided if reservations are made by Thursday preceding the scheduled work trip.

If enough interest is shown overnight trips will be planned. For further information anyone may contact W. Churchill Scott, Chairman of Trails and Shelters.

Here is a tentative list of parties.

- June 18 Tucker Lodge: Build Toilet House, Creosote building, clean up yard, make a permanent dump and improve water supply.
- July 15 Clarendon Lodge
Replace windows, clean up Yard, finish toilet house, repair holes in roof and improve table top.
- July 29 Pico
Build Toilet house, pick up yard, repair roof, replace windows, clean out Loop Trail and creosote outside.

SUGAR PARTY

The fun of the Sugar Party really began in the morning with the snow-gathering expedition to Tall Timbers. George Reynolds' station wagon was loaded to the sagging point with the freshly fallen white stuff, and then backed into his garage to be out of the sun until needed.

Vera Perkins and Thelma Valiquette presided at the boiling in the Universalist Church kitchen with the help of Ruth Labrake. At serving time some of the young members filled cartons from George's load and carried them in for all comers.

Sugar on snow was a new experience for some guests, but all comments indicated the first time wouldn't be the last. Again thanks to Vera Perkins, the organizing chairman, for a pleasant party enjoyed by some sixty people.

EAST MOUNTAIN

The day broke clear and cool for our annual hike up East Mountain. Donald Moulton and son, Stephen, Della Ellison of Springfield, Harold Valiquette and Churchill Scott started up the notch road ready for a short easy hike to the Summit. But the road was too dangerous to drive up so we backtracked to Joe Valiquette's where we left the cars.

Soon Harold lead us up an old wood road (one we should travel more often) making very good time due to the cool crisp air forming a perfect crust to walk upon. The going kept getting steeper and steeper as we past tremendous hedges and rock formations.

At last we decided to go right up and soon it felt like dinner time. A combination of Tarp, warm fire and bright sun provided a perfect lunch time stop.

Mr. Moulton and his son had to return for lack of time but the rest donned their snow shoes and continued on. Within a very few minutes Harold lead us to the ridge, then north a short distance to the top of East Mountain.

Here he found an old flag he'd erected last fall and while he was replacing it in the tree the rest of us enjoyed the wonderful view in every direction. This is a perfect spot on a clear day and sometime we hope to get Vera and Mary Perkins there.

Soon it was time to leave and after studying the many deer tracks Harold took us down to the Dyer meadows out to the Notch Rd. and back to our car where we could see the bright red flag waving where we'd been a short time before.

ASCUTNEY MT.

Early on the morning of Sat. May 6, fourteen members of the Killing-ton Section left Rutland for the long awaited hike to Mt. Ascutney as guests of the Ascutney Trails Association.

Under threatening skies, adverse weather reports and inability to contact Mr. Ogden we had visions of perhaps being tired, wet cold and hungry on the summit. In addition, Craigie missed the last turn due to the fact that Churchill Scott didn't know it either when final directions were given.

At the parking spot everyone started up the Windsor trail at their own leisurely pace following the newly printed Guide Book of the A.T.A.. This booklet is a wonderful source of information for both hikers who will walk the Trails and also those who want to know more about the history of this mountain.

The appearance of snow for the last .8 mile reminded us of winter but it was packed so the walking was good. The sun burned off the clouds and at lunch time everything was perfect.

The A.T.A. is to be commended upon the comfortable accomadations and tasty lunch they served to over 50 persons from age 4 to 71. Mr. Deane Mulligan and his helpers are to be thanked for such an enjoyable day.

Next we had trips to Brownsville Rock where a beautiful view may be obtained of the Green Mt. Range. A trip to the "Lemon Squeezer" past a number of carvings dating back to the 1840's and then over to the fire tower were conducted by Mr. Gus Aldrich. He also gave us information on the bat caves at Aeolus with a statement that he would try to be there.

Members from Springfield were Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Weeks, Mr. Hedrick Cahee, Mrs. Florence Herrick and Mrs. Ogden of Hartland.

As the day and our hike drew to a close we all felt that this had been one of the most interesting hikes we had every attempted and our thanks go to all the members of the A.T.A. who made this day one to remember for a long time to come.

GROUT JOB TO PROSPECT ROCK

The above hike was never made we decided to up to Shrewsbury take a couple of old roads and then on to Clement Shelter. Mrs. Kirk, Churchill Scott and Betty Gilman were the only adventurous souls for the day.

We parked the car below Mrs. Aborns' camp and walked up the road until we came to the second side road which took us up to the Old Gilman place which is all gone. We saw a few wild flowers and Mrs. Kirk explained what they were, much to our surprise we found some have two or three names. We continued on the road past the old cellar hole until we came to a camp which use to belong to Percy Adams, saw a couple of cars that had been taken up there and discarded. Churchill remarked what a beautiful spot it would be to camp out. (We all agreed but I think he might have the company of a nice cuddly bear before morning from the stories I've heard.) From here we went to the Herb Haley place where the first G.M.C. annual meeting was held and approximately 10 or 12 people attended and stayed overnight. (The above information was just given to me by the aboves wife). This house is now all gone with just part of the barn standing.

We then went on to Clements Shelter picked up around the camp and inside, ate lunch and then did a little more cleaning and started for home by taking the Long Trail to the Upper Cold River Road.

COX MOUNTAIN

-4-

On May 21, a good clear day we started for Cox Mt, this has been a goal that Craigue Perkins has tried to reach for years and we are sure that before the day was over he was not disappointed.

In Pittsford we met Mr. Andersen, his children and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Davies who led us up the Sugar Hollow Road to where we started up the mountain via a well laid out logging road.

Going at a leisurely pace we surprised a porphyrio along the way and a little later we all saw a scarlet tanager very plainly.

According to our records the last one seen was on a hike to Mt. Asclepias May 21, 1960

The Davies turned back due to a planned dinner at home and soon we found water and decided we were hungry. On an open ledge looking towards the east and south we had a very enjoyable lunch.

Within a short distance we reached the high point of the lumber road and after a bit of discussion Mary, Vera and the girls turned back while the rest of us headed for the height of land and then westward to find the ledges we believed were near.

There were a series of long ridges running north and south covered with grass like the Taconic Mts. mixed with evergreens and hardwoods with many openings where views to the west were possible.

Walking to the south we came to a spot where overlooking Route 7 directly below we could see to Stratton, Dorset and Mother Myrick, the Taconic Range, Adirondacks, and the flooded lowland of Otter Creek Valley.

On the way back at the same spot we saw the Scarlet Tanager again and coming down the mountain we discussed the chance of having a snowshoe trip.

Our route home took us north along Sugar Hollow Brook, past many interesting ledges and cliffs on Mt. Nickwacket and finally out onto the Forestdale Road via Goodnows' orchard.

VACATION HIKES

Plans were made to do some overnight hiking during the spring vacation April 17-21 but rain every day stopped this.

Finally on Thursday the weather cleared and Kevin Hogan and Churchill Scott left for Johnson. Here Kevin drove the car around to Barrows Camp where he cut wood, cleaned up the area and packed in the supplies while Churchill hiked from Ithiel Falls Camp Meeting Ground to Barrows camp.

Here we spent a very comfortable night in spite of all we could do to prevent the stove from smoking and a partridge that insisted on drumming all night long.

Friday dawned bright, clear and cold, below freezing and after breakfast we were on our way to Frying Pan Brook where we started up Belvidere Mt.

Walking up the south slope the traveling was very good but soon the trail took a sharp turn and headed east. Then the snow began but the cold temperature made walking very easy on top of the crust.

This was a very pretty trip as the trail broke out onto a vista first to the west, then the south and finally the east. We had to keep a sharp lookout for Blazes and retraced our steps a few times but at last we were at the Forester Trail.

Here we talked things over very seriously and due to the warm Sun, deep snow, etc. we decided to go to the summit of Belvidere and eat and start back as soon as possible.

Due to the recent ice storm the trees were coated with a thick layer of sleet and ice and were a very beautiful sight glistening in the bright sun against a blue sky. Perfect visibility allowed sights of Canada, The White Mts., Adirondacks, Lake Champlain and Memphre magog

A fast pace was set coming down the mountain for we were racing against the warm sun and rising temperature. Lucky we did hurry for about the last two minutes every other step was breaking through the crust and very hard work.

This is a very enjoyable walk and one that should be planned for in the fall possibly after the leaves go, in order to take advantage of the many views going up the south from Frying Pan Brook.

PIONEER VALLEY SECTION

The Pioneer Valley Section is having a four day camp-out at the site of the G.M.C. Intersectional near the bottom of the Lake Trail from Lake Griffith July 1-4, 1967. They would be glad to see members of other sections during this long holiday period. LET'S GO.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club wants to thank Miss Frances Green and Miss Helen Frink for their recent contributions to help maintain the shelters and trails of our section.

NOTE: Anyone interested in writing something for Smoke & Blazes it will be very much appreciated. Articles maybe sent to Betty Gilman, 52 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, Vt.

LIST OF MEMBERS

Martha Adams
Rick Baker
Faith Bartlett
James Catozzi
Henry Carpenter
Rosemond Crowley
Warren Crowley
Helen Frink
Frances Green
Minierva Hinchey
Florence Herrick
Dorothy Kirk
Jim Moore
Ruth Labrake
Judy Paul
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
David Perkins
Anne Perkins
Polly Perkins
Tim Perkins
Ann Reynolds
George Reynolds
John Reynolds
Robert Reynolds
Bettina Roulier
Ellen Russell
Michael Wiley



Vol. 26 No. 3 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - June - Aug. 1967

NEW OUTING SCHEDULES

The Outing Committee has arranged a schedule of events for the fall and winter. Schedule cards should reach you with this copy of SMOKE AND BLAZES.

We have tried to provide a variety of outings; some long hikes, some short hikes, and some eating exercises. Most of the hikes will leave the Meldon School area at 9 A.M. on Saturdays and 10 A.M. on Sundays. If you are too young to remember the Meldon School go to the Minute Man statue in Main St. Park and look around for us. We do not guarantee transportation but we haven't left anyone standing at the curb yet.

For further information call 773-7954 or 775-5720. We may not know anything about it either but we will give you lots of advice, reassurance, and encouragement.

The first hike on the schedule planned for Rolstons Roost was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday Sept. 30
Covered Dish Supper

This annual event will be held again this year at Beechwood. Reservations should be made with Vera Perkins 773-2941 before the preceeding Friday night so that she may assign a variety of foods to be brought by the various people. The Club will furnish coffee and also paper dishes and eating tools. Or if you prefer to eat with your fingers that will be alright too.

Useful hints: (1) Don't eat any dinner Saturday. (2) Come early and walk up an appetite. (3) It is possible to sneak back into line for seconds.

Sunday Oct. 15
Hedgehog Brook Trail

This is an approach trail to the Long Trail from the east. We drive to North Fayston and then drive west and north to the end of the road where the Hedgehog Brook Trail starts. Two and a half miles of steady climbing will bring us to the Long Trail at a point .9 miles north of Cowles cove shelter and

.6 miles south of Burnt Rock Mountain summit. Time, weather, and inclination (pun intended) will determine which way we will go and how far.

Saturday Oct. 28
Bald Mountain

This time we will use Janet Martin's new trail starting near the Girl Scout Camp. There should be time to circumnavigate the mountain following more or less the state forest boundary. Also we can take a good look at the bog. And, if we can find it, we will see the stone jug handle.

Sunday Nov. 12
Gov. Clement Shelter

Our annual fall trip to one of the real old time shelters. It is a three sided affair built of stone with an inside fireplace and a dirt floor. Last year major repairs were made to the chimney and bunks. Do we need a new roof? Come on this hike and hear us argue.

Saturday Nov. 25
Pico Camp

We try to plan outings to all our camps in the fall and early winter. Let's hope the snow isn't too deep for this trip, and that the stove and windows are in working order. Dress for winter.

MT. AEOLUS

Bats in a cave, the rare one-flowered clematis on a cliff and a pool of cold, clear water on the grassy floor of an abandoned marble quarry were the rewards of nine geology and botany enthusiasts as they climbed Mt. Aeolus Saturday.

With famed Green Mountain hiker Gus Aldrich in the lead, the group left U.S. 7 three miles south of

East Dorset Village and drove for four miles along a town road skirting the eastern slope of Mt. Aeolus, named Green Peak on early maps.

The network of wood roads was skillfully traversed by Aldrich who paused frequently along the trail to point out a rare lady's slipper or long-spurred violet.

The goal of the hikers was the famed cave penetrating hundreds of feet into the limestone heart of Mt. Aeolus. The cave, located two-thirds of the way up on the east side of the mountain is said to have been visited by members of a Greek society from Amherst College in 1870. The professor accompanying the group, apparently feeling Green Peak was a rather commonplace name, bestowed the Greek name of Aeolus to the 3,185 foot mountain. Dates cut into the limestone rock at the cave entrance indicate that cave hunters had visited the site in 1859, 1866 and 1876.

Donning his spelunker's helmet, complete with battery light, Gus disappeared into the black tunnel followed by several of the hikers. The cave soon narrows from its vaulted 15-foot entrance into three major passageways, some so narrow that the group had to crawl over the slippery, boulder strewn floors of the tunnels. One passageway closely resembles a cylindrical sewer pipe with a trickle of water running through it, they said.

The explorers turned around after following the passageway for some 250 or 300 feet but reported that the tunnels continued to pierce the heart of this mountain mass which forms one of the higher peaks of the Taconic range. Gus says he knows of a cave on the opposite side of the mountain and "It seems logical to think that perhaps one of the passageways leads through to the other side."

With the words, "I never say I've climbed a mountain until I've walked from the bottom to the top," Gus was able to convince the other hikers that to stop at the cave, two-thirds up the mountainside,

wasn't really cricket and that real mountain climbers "must go to the top." An hour later, the weary hikers, after climbing over giant blown down trees and scaling columbine-festooned ledges, reached the summit only to discover that the best view was yet higher up from the top of a yellow birch monarch of the forest. Cross pieces had been nailed to the trunk of the tree forming a ladder for those bent on a unimpaired view of the Taconic and Green Mountain ranges and the "Great Valley" which separates them.

The rare one-flowered clematis, its purple petals covering the ground was the botanical discovery of the day, Miss Doris Newton of Rutland said. Listed as one of the most rare of all wild flowers, Miss Newton said it is only the second one in her lifetime that she has seen. A Member of the Green Mountain Club and the Appalachian Club, Miss Newton shared with Gus the identification of such other rare wild flowers as the delicate fringed or showy orchis, two varieties of yellow lady's slippers, long-spurred violet and sheep dock with its tiny rose-magenta blossoms. Among other varieties of wild flowers adorning the sides of the Aeolus trail were wild ginger, jack-in-the-pulpit, foam flower, true and false nitrewort, wood betony, saxifrage, three varieties of Solomon's seal, Canada Mayflower, four varieties of violet, blue spring daisy, Clintonia, star flower, trillium, blue-eyed grass and wild onion.

Hikers included Aldrich, Miss Newton, Frank Sullivan and son Mike of Brandon, Churchill Scott, Kevin Hogan, Bill Gragen and Tom Hogan, all of Rutland, and Mrs. Della Ellison of Springfield.

SKYLIGHT POND

No trip only Jimmie Catozzi and Churchill Scott.

SHREWSBURY LOOP TRAIL

No Trip.

JUGGERNAUT TRAIL

No Trip - Mauri Winturri and the Catozzis only.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Kim Scott and Churchill Scott made a quick trip to Stony Brook Shelter where a very pleasant time was spent with Herb Ogden jr., who left in July to spend the next year in Germany pursuing his college studies.

BIRD MOUNTAIN

Another day of hot, humid and hazy weather ushered in this Sunday morning when Mauri Winturri, Roy McDonald and Churchill Scott gathered at Meldon for the scheduled trip, the visibility was very poor so after looking over Maur's folder of Hiking Trails in the Bristol, Vt. area we took off for Bristol, Vermont. There were a number of interesting trips but finally we chose the Trail to "Hogback Mountain."

Following an easy grade up a good wood road we passed a reservoir built in 1905 and then continued about one mile where we broke out onto a ledge overlooking Bristol Village.

On a clear day Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks would be a beautiful sight.

After returning to the car Mauri gave us a tour of the country. From Bristol we drove to Lincoln Gap to check on the trail crossing and hikers. Next down to Ripton and Breadloaf, Robert Frosts' summer home, start of the Burnt Hill Trail, then south by Ripton Job Corps Center, Mooselano Camp Area, Goshen and then on to Pittsford where we visited the Ice Caves, eating our supper at the spring house.

Once again we have found a good area for future hikes and one that we must visit again.

ROUTE 4 TO CANADA
(By Alton Wilcox)

While things are still fresh in my mind some notes about the trail north. One traveling north should always make sure of a full canteen of water before leaving as water is scarce in some places.

In the Vöter White Area, water only at Lake Pleiad, must be boiled. Water again at Skyline is scant, water at Lake. Battell shelter is finished and the youth group were digging latrine when I went by.

Up in the Jonesville section a new shelter at Duck Brook 1.7 miles from Jonesville which is very nice and is called Cascade.

Be careful around Madonna Peak Ski Area: If any one should take the side trail to Beaver Meadows, be careful, poor signs on way out. This part of the Trail needs a little more attention especially as far as signs from White face shelter to French Camp. There is a logging operation going on and some of the blazes are down. Part way down the trail there are two arrows, one pointing up and the other down but nothing to French Camp. I missed the trail and went all the way to Johnson City.

Be careful around Jay Peak Area. Instead of trying to follow trail use the ski trail.

As a final note there is a lack of signs as far as distance between camps. Also what I would call starter signs, arrows pointing north and south with the letters L. T. N.

Check your water

Check your guide book.

Check the scenery.

I had a wonderful time.

ALASKA

Here are some of the highlights taken from a most interesting letter written to Churchill Scott from Mike Wiley.

"Hiking in Alaska is truly as fine as Vermont though certainly different. Here we do have trails as in Vermont but lots of work

needs to be done on them. They used to have an Alpine Club in Skagway but recently there has not been enough interest. I hope we are generating some however and can again activate this Club. Maybe I'll be able to spend the summer hiking and clearing old trails in the vicinity. I do have a part time job working on the Chilkoot Trail to help in packing goods to the shelters. We will be using pack horses and it should be an exciting and interesting experience.

The mountains are very young and very, very steep. Trails are usually built to zig-zag up and down. We don't have snakes, deer or poison ivy but do encounter bald eagles, mountain goats and an unfriendly plant called devils club. The latter is the biggest problem when building a trail below 3,000 feet. Oh yes we have glaciers too which cause problems or views and goals when trying to locate trails at higher elevations. The mountains are truly amazing reaching heights of from 5,000 to 8,000 feet above sea level within a short distance from the sea. Many of these peaks are unnamed and unclimbed. They are really steep and most have glaciers on them or ice fields of some kind. Berry picking is fabulous in the late summer and it is not as cold as we thought it would be in the winter on the coast."

TRAILS AND SHELTERS REPORT

Ben Rolston has done his usual very thorough job on the lower half of the Killington Section and so this part is in good condition.

Herb Ogden in addition to clearing the Bucklin and Juggernaut Trails has spent three days clearing and brushing from Gov. Clement south to the Lower Road.

On Aug. 19 Mr. Ogden and Kevin Hogan spent the day putting a new roof on Gov. Clement Shelter.

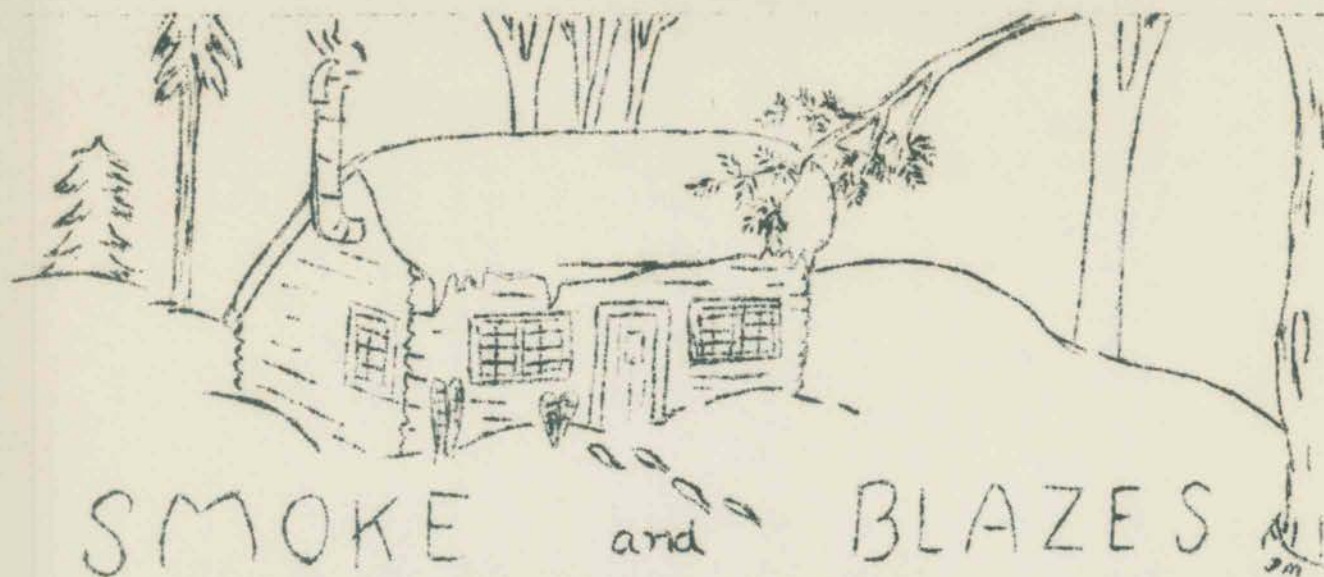
According to Craigie Perkins this camp's roof hasn't had any major repair since it was built in 1929 so that must be some kind of a record. Let's hope this roof can last even half as long.

Thanks to "Doc" Howard we have progressed a long way to building a toilet at Tucker after many years. Speaking of Tucker once again this shelter is in very poor condition, over 20 windows are broken, many roof shingles are missing, and in fact the whole building could stand a general overhauling.

In spite of at least half a day work parties each week during the summer there is still much work that should be done before winter to make our shelters snug and tight.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS
Through Sept. 15, 1967

David L. Baker
Bennett D. Bell
Miriam P. Bell
Harrison A. Brann
Charles B. Gulick
Dorothy Hegeman
Kenneth A. LaPlant
Kenneth R. LaPlant
Penny Paul
Chris Reed
James Tarbell
Susan Tarbell
Alton Wilcox



Vol. 20 No. 4 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Oct. - Nov. 1967

COMING OUTINGS

SUNDAY DEC. 17 6:30 P.M.
MOONLIGHT HIKE TO TUCKER

This hike has been one of our most successful for several years. A group will go in the afternoon to prepare the camp and gather fire wood. Any volunteers? There will be coffee and doughnuts later in the evening. And maybe even a moon.

SATURDAY DEC. 30 9 A.M.
SUNNYSIDE CAMP

There are several short hikes available from this camp; south to Button Hill, North to Spring Lake or the gorge, a loop over the hill back of camp, or cross country toward Bear Mountain. This will be a chance to do some real cooking on a good old stove.

SUNDAY JAN. 14 10 A.M.
CLARENDON LODGE

Clarendon is our best closed camp and is at its best in winter. Arrangements have been made to have three feet of snow so let's turn our and enjoy it.

SATURDAY JAN. 27 9 A.M.
DAGGET MOUNTAIN

This is a new one on the schedule. Dagget Mt. is a long ridge running southeast from the old Pittsfield road to Deer Leap Mt. back of Tucker Lodge. There are good views from the west end and from the summit overlooking the Beaver Pond on Route 4. There is a wood road leading up the west end of the ridge and after we get up there the going should be quite easy. Dress warm as we will be eating out in the snow.

SUNDAY FEB. 11 10 A.M.
COX MOUNTAIN

If we have good weather this should be an ideal snowshoe trip with easy grades and much open going. There are good views of the Otter Creek Valley from the west side of the ridge.

NOTE

All items for SMOKE & BLAZES should be in by February 14, 1968.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

By Ruth Postman

Our annual covered dish supper was held September 30th at Beechwood, the Perkins' Homestead, and we were pleased to welcome some new members at this time.

As usual we had a good turn out of thirty-one members of assorted ages and sizes. Some of us came early and enjoyed short hikes up and around the loop. We found a few late blackberries and saw some colored foliage. We also admired the new pond which is opposite the house.

The youngsters and possibly some of us oldsters are looking forward to skating or swimming in the future.

Helen Bailey from Charlestown, N. H. and a member of long standing was with us.

We had a most beautiful supper and everyone seemed to out do themselves with the nice food they brought. There was plenty for seconds and even thirds if we wanted it. After supper we had music furnished by Jack Martin.

The new schedule of hikes was talked over and does sound interesting, also challenging for some of us.

It was a beautiful mild day and I am sure everyone had a good time and are looking forward to the next one.

BURNT ROCK TRIP

By Craig Perkins

On a sunny October 15th a small group of hikers made the trip to Burnt Rock Mountain by way of the Hedgehog Brook Trail. Starting at 10 A.M. we returned to Rutland by dark without hurrying at all.

We drove up Route 100 to the Fayston turn off and then hunted for North Fayston, which is not the same as Fayston Center by several miles. Lots of nice wild country.

After making a couple of inquiries we finally located the trail and started the climb. The trail had been much improved since we last saw it and could be followed with little trouble.

We climbed and climbed, and when the guidebook timing said we were about half way up we suddenly hit the thick evergreens on the ridge and the Long Trail.

Soon we met Mauri on his way down and learned there were no other Killington Section hikers ahead of us as we had thought.

After a short scramble over the rocks we were on the summit with views in all directions cut down somewhat by haze.

This is a huge rocky summit with room for several hot dog stands. A good chance for development. Maybe it is already on the list for there were several big sheets of white plastic draped over the rocks.

We had a good look around and then descended to the brook for a late, late lunch. About a mile from the end of the trail the party was joined briefly by a black bear who dropped in on us from a tree. At once he remembered important business elsewhere and took off up the mountain.

BALD MOUNTAIN

By Janet Martin

On Saturday Oct. 28 eight members and friends gathered at Center Street to explore the new trail on Bald Mt. After driving to the entrance to Tamarack Notch Girl Scout Camp we started off along the fire break road which follows the base of the mountain on the east side. After a short walk the trail turns off to the right and ascends the north-east corner of the mountain. (Girl Scouts please note we need a sign or arrow at the turn for those people in a hurry!) The boys, who were leading, soon discovered their error, retraced their steps

and came bounding up the trail past the rest of us. We enjoyed the widening panorama with each rest stop. This time of year the views toward Pico and Mendon are indeed beautiful thru the bare trees.

From the first ledge one looks eastward across the virgin forest. A few camps are visible across the Cold River which one can hear but not see, rushing over the rocks far below. A succession of ledges are visible along the East side of the Mt.

Once at the top, part of the group descended into the dip between the North and South summits in search of the bog. Although the bog itself didn't seem very wet we found the outlet brooks to the North to have water running in them. A spring seems likely. Various samples of moss and lichen were collected.

It was pleasant to find the fire going and water hot when we returned to the Girl Scout Camp. With the arrival of the younger Martins and Craigie the ranks were swelled to 13.

After lunch four of the group decided they were ready to go home but the rest followed the North Boundry to another lookout the Senior Scouts had located just the week before on their hike to Camp Via Curtis Ave. and the North Boundry. This group saw several deer crossing above them along an old wood road. Although it was not a clear day it was easy to see why the girls had been impressed with the view.

CLEMENT SHELTER

This hike was cancelled due to lack of quorum and poor weather

PICO SHELTER By Churchill Scott

The long planned overnight trip to Pico with a group of young people from Montreal did not come true for at 9:00 A.M. a heavy, wet snow was falling with zero visibility. Not a soul and no fresh tracks were seen and so I returned home.

At 10:10 the phone rang and Mr. Dobbs with a group of eight young folks were waiting at the Long Trail Lodge wondering where the Killington Section was.

After a short discussion we chose Clarendon for our hike and soon we were on our way after meeting Jack and Janet Martin and picking up the old coffee pot.

Snow kept falling as we made our way to the shelter where a thoughtful hunter had left a fire. Soon he returned, followed shortly after by his father and aunt who spent the day there with us. With the help of a G.M.C. plup saw and many hands a good supply of wood was cut for the hunters' overnight stay.

After dinner a figure approached on snowshoes, who turned out to be Dick Metcalf, Pioneer Valley Trails and Shelter chairman.

The afternoon was spent walking up the Ezra Oliver road, south by the Hollanders on the Lottery road, and back to camp on the trail. The Long Trail was hiked to Rt. 103 so the group could get one more mile on the End to End award.

Goodbyes were finally said with a few regrets that more members of the Killington Section were not able to meet these folks, including one from Wales, one from Australia and two from Ireland.

But plans are already being made for the Spagetti Supper and the Sugar-on-snow Party when certainly there will be many folks in attendance

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS By Churchill Scott

Two executive board meetings have been held recently and many subjects were brought up and discussed thoroughly.

No rummage sale this year due to small profit and large amount of work done by a few people.

Notice of Annual meeting will be sent to each member at a later date.

Jim Catozzi has been elected Castleton State College Outing Club President.

Interest was shown in providing other activities for members that do not do much hiking and camping.

Harold Valiquette gave a very detailed report on the Trails and Shelters. Pointing out the great amount of work done this year and the major repairs that will have to be made to Tucker next year. All members working on the Trails or Shelters are asked to report the time spent on these projects to Mr. Valiquette, 93 Killington Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701

Janet and Jack Martin spoke a great deal about Aiken Forest and Bald Mt. future development and the status of Tamarac Notch Girl Scout Camp.

GREEN MOUNTAIN INTERSECTIONAL 1967 By Sue Pfenning

The annual GMC Intersectional, held this year at Tamarac Notch Girl Scout Camp in Mendon, brought together many old friends and the opportunity to make new friends. On August 26th., several energetic campers poured in to established campsites and meet their neighbors to-be. Many were deceived by the warm sunshiny days; but when night came, one and all dug deep for the warmest clothes and blankets they owned.

On the first evening we were entertained with slides and commentary on Taiwan, given by Hunter Eu. A program was held every evening, and at that time plans were announced and signing up was done for the activities to be held the next day. Hiking groups went out nearly every day-- rain or shine; and a few excursions deep into the ice caves drew the heartiest of the lot. For those who preferred to stay in camp, there was swimming, volleyball, badmitton, exploring, and sun-bathing. On rainy days we all gathered around the warm fireplace in the Lodge to

read, sing, tell jokes, and just plain talk.

There were two well-attended square dances under the direction of Lou Rousseau. These always prove to be a popular activity, and we appreciate Lou's visits with us. Other entertainment included movies and slides on forest conversation and attractions in various other states and sing alongs.

The best part of this, as with any Intersectional, is the SHARING; both the work and the fun.

Despite a flood in our tent-- and an occasional mishap, Judy and Penny Paul, Carrie Burchardt and myself managed to eat well, sleep little, keep active, and build memories. We kept the rest of the campers guessing as to the meaning of CHIKUSHO, which we dubbed our campsite.....Maybe next year we'll let YOU in on the secret.

END-TO-ENDERS Killington Section G.M.C. By Pearl Nichols

- | | |
|------|--|
| 1944 | Miss Frances Green
Shrewsbury, Mass. |
| 1954 | Ben Rolston
Schenectady, N. Y. |
| 1957 | Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
All of Rutland, Vt. |
| 1962 | Elizabeth Weeks
Lloyd Weeks
Springfield, Vt. |
| 1964 | James Catozzi
Rutland, Vt. |
| | Christine R. Cahee
Hedrick R. Cahee
Springfield, Vt. |
| | Virginia Day
Wilman Day
Springfield, Vt. |

1964 Herbert Ogden, Jr.
Windsor, Vt.

1967 Les Pfenning
Rutland, Vt.

If there were any members left out of the above please let us know.

THE END OF THE TRAIL
By Ben Rolston

Suddenly, on September 22 nd, the Green Mountain Club lost one of its most beloved members. John H. Vondell, age 69, seemed to be in the best of health. But that day, as he was working around in his yard at home, an apparent heart attack became the end of John's Trail.

It seemed that everyone knew John. For more than 30 years he was a professor of poultry husbandry at the University of Mass., retiring in 1960. He was an honorary member of the Executive Committee of the New England Trail Conference, and for many years he planned the programs for the annual Conference meetings. He served as a Trustee of the Green Mountain Club, and in 1961 became our Club president, but due to By-Laws limitations was only able to serve one term.

John was a native Vermonter, being born under the shadow of Mt. Ascutney. But not only was he a native of our state; he was a spokesman for Vermont. Through his magnificent photography displayed in "Vermont Life" and other publications, he showed America the beauty of Vermont.

In the early days of our End-to-End program, John became an End-to-End-er. But throughout the years he continued to roam up and down our Trail, seeking out its beauty for his photography. He showed his slides at our Annual Meetings, and at our Intersectionals, and at Section gatherings. Only last January he brought the beauty

of his photography to the Killington Section's annual meeting.

But he not only showed the views of his beloved mountains. His subjects might include a weathered barn, an odd mail box, a bewhiskered farmer at an auction, and perhaps some candid shots of our members who didn't know that John's camera was pointed their way! And his witty commentaries always added spice to his presentations.

Our sincere expressions of sympathy go out to Esther Vondell, who has lost a devoted companion. And we of the Green Mountain Club have lost a wonderful friend. As the months pass by, we will miss John more and more. The recent fall foliage passed by without John's God-given talent capturing its beauty. And so will this winter's mantle of snow. And next spring's array of apple blossoms.

But John's memory will linger with us for many years. As we view a scene of beauty, we will unconsciously say, "There's a shot for John Vondell to take." But John won't be there. But we who remain can perhaps enjoy Vermont's beauty more because John taught us how to find that beauty.

We are all richer because John Vondell walked with us.

Smoke & Blazes

— SPECIAL —

KILLINGTON SECTION

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JANUARY 1968

WARNING!

HEAR YE!

HEAR YE!

HEAR YE!

HEAR YE!

TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE KILLINGTON SECTION OF THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.:
You are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mount Saint Joseph Academy on Convent Avenue in Rutland, Vermont, on Friday, January 19, 1968, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening to transact the following business:

- Article 1. To hear the sound of the gavel.
- Article 2. To hear the report of the Secretary.
- Article 3. To hear the report of the Treasurer.
- Article 4. To hear the report of the several standing and other committees.
- Article 5. Old Business, if any
- Article 6. New Business, if any.
- Article 7. To act on any other business that properly may be brought before this meeting.
- Article 8. To hear the report of the Entertainment Committee and the Entertainment itself!
- Article 9. To hear the report of the Refreshments Committee and sample its endeavors!

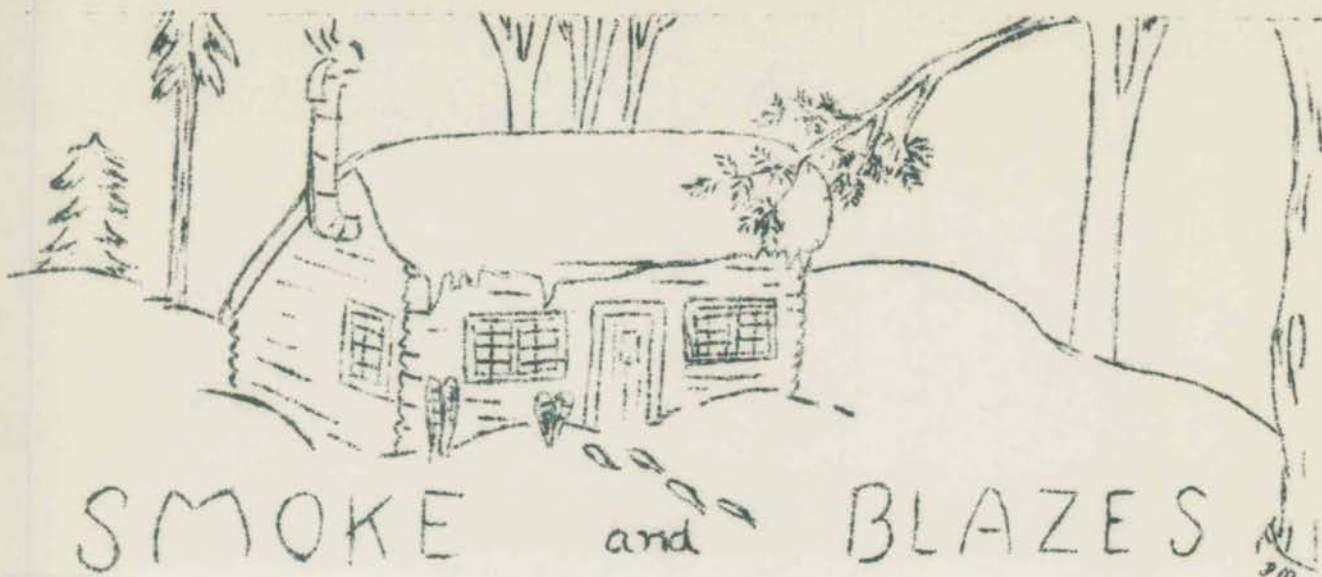
The purpose of this meeting will be to make acquaintances with new members and renew old ones, talk business now and again, reminisce, present new and old ideas, tell "tall stories" of past hiking experiences, discuss the future of our Section, listen to some musical entertainment, fill up on delicious eats, view slides and listen to a poem or two about the LT, and have fun!

This meeting is called by the officers of the Section because of the fact that the Section always has a meeting this time of year and because we need to reassure one another that summer hiking and camping weather will return once again soon!

You are further "warned" that the meeting will be held in the cafeteria of Mount Saint Joseph Academy. Use Convent Avenue main entrance and follow signs to cafeteria.

(The officers assume no responsibility for any mistakes in the weather, though they look for a good clear evening!)

Signed: C. B. GULICK, 3rd, President



Vol. 21 No. 1 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Jan. - Feb. 1968

COMING OUTINGS

WHEN - SUN. MAR. 17, 10:00 A.M.

WHERE - TUCKER LODGE

Our leader Harold Valiquette has planned a good trip for the first of our Spring & Summer outings. Let's have a good turn out so we can decide what is best to do to repair Tucker.

WHAT - MAPLE SUGAR PARTY

WHEN - SAT. MAR. 30,

WHERE - UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Shall we try to beat the number of 51 who attended the Spaghetti supper. Plenty of sugar on snow, pickles, doughnuts and coffee will be provided and a short entertainment will end the activities. Serving will start at 6:00 P.M. There will be a nominal charge to cover expenses.

WHEN - SAT. APRIL 13, 10:00 A.M.

WHERE - MOOSAMALOO MT. near Lake Dunmore. About 2 Miles

A mountain climb taking the hiker through interesting rock formations including a crevasse. Not too difficult, though some short stretches of steep climbing will be encountered. Several lookouts with views including Lake Dunmore and the Adirondacks is the reward for this hike.

WHEN - SUN. APRIL 21, 10:00 A.M.

WHERE - CLARENDON LODGE

Leader C. Scott has mapped out a number of side hikes for all of the more active hikers who do not want to go home as soon as lunch is over and the last cup of coffee consumed.

WHEN - SAT. MAY 4, 10:00 A.M.

WHERE - SUNNYSIDE CAMP

Vera Perkins has offered to act as leader of this trip. This is a favorite spot and as the spring flowers start to appear this area is most interesting.

SPECIAL OUTINGS

The Outing Committee have planned a number of new types of activities this spring and summer for us to enjoy.

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Weeks have suggested a Canoe trip and have expressed a willingness to lead one so on Sat. July 13, we hope to begin a new type of outing on Otter Creek.

Also over the Easter week vacation we hope to take a two night trip to the Belvidere-Hazen's Notch Jay Peak Area. For more information contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Once again the Killington Section is most grateful for the contributions of Mrs. Harriot Bryant, Mr. Lincoln Isham, and the Richard Roberts family. These amounts will be used for the improvement of the trails, and shelters maintained, by the Section.

MOONLIGHT HIKE

By: Judy Allard

The night was clear and cold and there was, amazingly enough, a full moon. Several inches of soft, powdery snow had fallen during the day covering the ice which had accumulated during the week due to rain. The moonlight changed the snow into a blanket of sparkling diamonds.

Because of the glare ice under the snow, some of the hikers used snowshoes. These were not absolutely necessary, however, because the trail was fairly well packed down and the walking was quite easy. Flashlights were not necessary either because of the light of the moon.

The distance to the shelter was covered in no time and we soon arrived at Tucker Lodge. The shelter was already warmed, the fire having been built and kept up by the party that went in earlier in the afternoon. The water was hot and so we had coffee, cocoa and doughnuts. The younger members spent some of their excess energy outside in the snow. Later on in the evening a surprise birthday party was held for Phyllis Pfenning. A cake was brought in with all the trimmings including a full compliment of candles. The cake was promptly devoured and especially appreciated by the younger members present.

The walk out was just as beautiful as the one in. The weather was clear and cold and the stars were out in full force. We all considered ourselves lucky to have a full moon for our annual moonlight hike.

SUNNYSIDE

By: Churchill Scott

On a bright, clear and cool day in December the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club held their annual winter hike to Sunnyside.

As we left Meldon there were only seven in the party but on the way up Spring Lake Hill we met Rev. Van Luvern and six young men of his parish. Before the day was over Terry, his friend and Ben came along.

The recent heavy snow had filled the chimney so it took all of Harold's skill and knowledge to get the fire going and with all the young folks pitching in we soon had a good warm shelter.

After dinner Rev. Vanluvern and his group took off to make a circle around by Spring Lake and down the hill to their car at Rt. 103.

Next Jim and Harold snowshoed around to the clearing and site of the old Spring Lake Shelter, then down to the pond and back to the jeep.

After picking up the shelter the rest of us spent the afternoon tobogganning down the road past Spring Lake Ranch.

At last the shadows lengthened, the air turned cool and we decided to call it a day. It is too bad that more members can not come out and enjoy this beautiful winter weather we were lucky enough to have today.

CLARENDON

As always the Clarendon outing on January 14, was well attended, with people coming and going all afternoon. Some were lunching, while others were exploring up the road and climbing the steep little hill with the view. That view is worth the scramble, even with a bit of ice under the snow and a high wind on top. How about a "Clarendon Plus" trip with lunch up there some warm spring Saturday?

Probably the longest distance driven to make the trip was from Fitchburg, Massachusetts (Mauri Winturi)- youngest attendant - David Martin. Are there any other awards?

THE ADVENTURES OF GREEN MOUNTAIN
BU IWACKERS, or
DOES DAGGET MOUNTAIN HAVE A TOP?
By: Sue Pfenning

Well, maybe the top of Dagget Mountain has never been reached on snow-shoes; maybe it has. At any rate, it was at least attempted this winter. Six warmly clad hikers started up it; within a half-hour there were four, and after another half-hour, only three continued climbing. The mountain is very steep and irregular, and, on that particular day, your arm would sink in to snow up to your shoulder if you should put your hand down to catch your balance.

So, if it looks like you'll never reach the top, what's the next best thing to do?? Build a nice, warm fire right there in the snow and eat lunch, right? That we did.

The perfect weather, little wind and sunny skies, made it a joy to be out that January 27th. Despite sore feet and weary legs, no one returned disappointed.

COX MOUNTAIN
By: Carol Burchardt
Staten Island, N. Y.

February 11 was a peaceful, sparkly day, after a long, night snowfall had hushed the forest. Judy Paul, Sue Crichton, Dale Mangleri, Mr. & Mrs. Perkins, Churchill Scott, Jim Frink, and I "Clunched" up Cox Mountain with snowshoes, forever amazed at the beauty of the snow-clad trees. For me, it was an especially magical adventure, since only the day before, I was sitting in a classroom in New York City. I had never seen Vermont in the snow,

but now I was becoming almost a part of it, as my colliding snowshoes kept bombarding me into the snow. Sue Crichton and I tied for the most casualties. Although she was way ahead of me in the number of times she fell, I topped her when I slipped while drinking hot cocoa, and burned my mittens in the fire! We had lunch on top of the mountain and thawed out by the fire. The view was magnificent-like a fantasy land. I think the nicest part was the realization that I could hike in snowshoes, survive in the winter, and even build a fire in the snow. Now back in New York I still feel awed and rather privileged to have climbed a snow palace.

REGRETS

It is with a great deal of regret that Eleanor Walker is no longer able to act as Publicity Chairman for our Section. Each of us hate to see her leave and want to thank her for a job well done.

HIKING-MINDED CANADIANS
OBSERVE CENTENNIAL

Canada appears to have celebrated its Centennial year in many ways. Getting into the act was a group of outdoorsmen way out West in British Columbia. Their idea? The Centennial Trail, as it is being called, was completed this past summer between Simon Fraser University near Vancouver, and the Manning Provincial Park southeast of Hope. Now measuring about 175 miles, some sources state the trail may grow to a length of 450 miles extending to the Alberta border. All depends upon public interest!

The Canadian Youth Hostels Association originated the idea in 1964 and received official approval for establishing the trail from the B.C. provincial government.

The trail currently makes use of existing forest and logging roads, dikes and existing trails. Day hiking has been recommended so far for many sections but some scenic two-day hikes also are possible. Eventually over-night accommodations will be added to already existing facilities.

Not only is there hiking; bicycle routes are being established.

According to a story about the Centennial Trail in the September 15, 1967, issue of The Daily Province, more information including maps may be obtained from the CYHA, West Broadway, Vancouver 9, B.C. If anyone plans to go west sometime soon and do some hiking, keep The Centennial Trail in mind.

Like the relationship between The Green Mountain Club and U.S. F.S., cooperation was a key to the success of developing the first leg of this group's dream. According to Roland Wild in The New York Times of January 16, 1966, another trail was scheduled to open in 1967 in Ontario.

Perhaps an idea such as this might spur some thinking into developing a Bi-centennial Trail somewhere in the U.S. about 1977!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Participation at our annual meeting was most gratifying this year. Spiced with a good business session, an exhibit with slides of the Green Mountain National Forest sponsored by the U.S.F.S., folk songs by Miss Reny Hayden of Castleton, and slides with poetry about the L.T. by the Cahees, along with the famous feed put on by the refreshments group, the evening turned out to be most enjoyable. Many thanks to everyone for starting our new year off so well.

It was great to see the momentum continue with a large turnout for the Spaghetti Supper. We counted 51 people and almost no food was left for the wildlife residing around Tall Timbers.

In the secretary's report you will note that we discussed dues and Tamarack Notch at the annual meeting. The directors were asked to study the present dues situation with the idea of possibly raising them per individual next year and, at the same time, see if we might incorporate a family membership plan. Results of this study will be presented prior to the next annual meeting. The other topic concerned an explanation of the newly formed Tamarack Notch Association which will carry on the responsibility of the camp located in Aitken State Forest east of Rutland. G.M.C.ers have used this facility for both outings and Intersectionals.

The big project scheduled this year is a major overhaul of Tucker Lodge. Assistance from the Long Trail Patrol is being requested.

Of concern to us all is the growing pressure on land use throughout Vermont for many uses. It appears likely to continue at an ever increasing rate. Though the Trail is not in jeopardy at the moment, it will be most important for us to be aware of developments occurring in areas on the Long Trail System. Diplomacy and good public relations along with proper trail "manners" can help insure continued uninterrupted hiking and camping on the L.T.

The new spring and summer activity schedules will be coming off the press soon. Hope one or two of the events will be of particular interest to you. By request we have incorporated an overnight hike to Mt. Mansfield and a canoe trip.

Do plan to attend the G.M.C. Annual Meeting at the Bavarian Castle in Proctorsville, June 1st, and plan now to attend part or all of the Intersectional at Lake Eden in Northern Vermont this fall.

See you on the trail!

ANNUAL MEETING

On Jan. 19, 1968 the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club held their annual meeting at the M.S.J. cafeteria.

About 45 persons were present including Bob Attenborough, Pres. of the Main Club, George Pearlstein, Guide Book Committeeman, Mauri Winturri and Dr. & Mrs. Stewart Holmes, Members at Large.

H. Ogden, H. Valiquette and L. Weeks reported on various trail and shelter maintenance.

Among the highlights were Pres. Attenborough's talk on 1968 Intersectional at Lake Eden, changes in New Guide Book, new G.M.C. office address: PO Box 94, Rutland, Vt. 05701, and 73% hiker survey questionnaire answered.

Mr. Ogden suggested an increase in dues to begin in 1969. This was referred to the executive board to discuss and report.

Janet Martin spoke on Tamarac Notch Assoc. and presented two resolutions which were past. (1) To have the Editor of Smoke & Blazes and the Secretary belong to the Assoc. so the Section can be better informed of developments of Aitken State Forest. (2) That the Section write Mr. Williams of the State Dept. of Forest and Parks stating the interest we have in the Aitken State Forest and our concern that the present boundary lines do not sufficiently protect the Forest Area from possible encroachment of housing developments along the Notch Road.

List of Officers for 1968:
Pres. - Terry Gulick
V. Pres. - Janet Martin
Secty-Treas. - Churchill Scott
Trustee - Bennett Bell

The highlight was the 30th Birthday party for our sturdy coffee pot complete with cake, singing and picture taking. How many miles has that traveled?

Miss Hayden of C.S.C. entertained us with folk songs. Mr. & Mrs. Hedrick Cahee presented a program of slides, and poetry by

Mr. Geo. Perry which was most enjoyable.

Finally as has been the custom the ladies put on a very enjoyable lunch for which we are all very grateful.

1968 DUES

The 1968 dues are now payable to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

Adults \$2.00

Students .50

This issue of Smoke & Blazes will be the last sent to the 1967 membership list.

The following are 1968 members as of Feb. 15, 1968.

Martha Adams
Anna Berg
George Black
Marilyn Black
Harriet Bryant
Miles Bryant
Leitha Bryant
Kendra Bryant
Owen Bryant
James Catozzi
Hedrick Cahee
Christine Cahee
Sue Crichton
Robert Deemer
James C. Frink
Ruth Postman
Betty Gilman
Terry Gulick
Lincoln Isham
Richard Kennedy
Elsie Maier
William Mitchell
Florence Mitchell
Herbert G. Ogden, Sr.
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
Les Pfenning
Mark Pfenning
Sue Pfenning
Ben Rolston
Vera Perkins
Penny Paul
Richard Roberts
Francis Roberts
Kathy Roberts
Ellen Russell
W. Churchill Scott
George Sholes
Florence VanWyck

1968 MEMBERS CON'T

Eleanor Walker
Lloyd Weeks

Elizabeth Weeks
Carleton Wilson

Charles Wener

Financial Statement
Green Mountain Club, Killington Section
January 1, 1967 - December 31, 1967

RECEIPTS

On Hand Jan. 1, 1967		\$1,590.09
Dues Received	\$144.00	
Gifts	211.00	
Interest	63.60	
Guide Book Sales	19.50	
Fire Ins. on Buffum Lodge Loss	<u>700.00</u>	<u>1,138.10</u>
Total Receipts		\$2,728.19

EXPENSES

Trails & Shelters	\$150.10
Smoke & Blazes	32.15
Outings	29.34
Dues to Main Club	44.10
Insurance	81.75
Publicity	67.60
Supplies	21.58
Postage	11.78
Miscellaneous	<u>13.90</u>

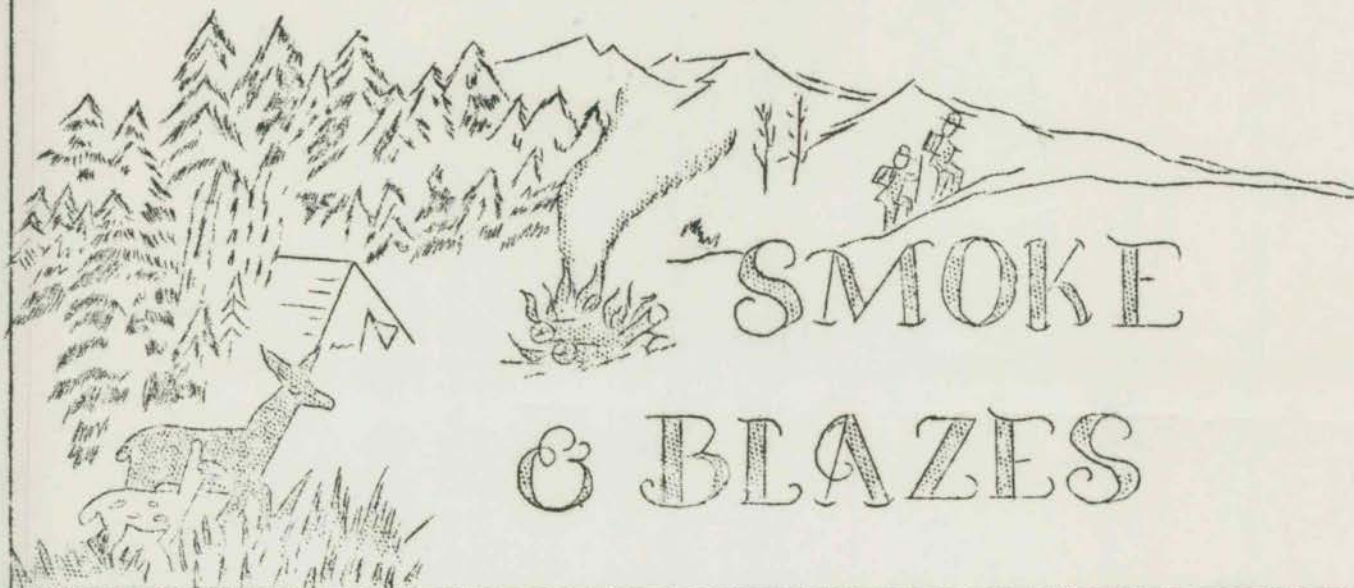
Total Expenses 452.30

Balance on Hand December 31, 1967 \$2,275.89

Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1967 is larger than a year ago due to the loss of Buffum which returned \$700.00 to Savings account.

Insurance paid is higher because of (1) increased fire insurance rates per year and (2) there is a savings realized by paying for entire period insurance covers (3 years) than spreading payments over each year.

W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer



Vol. 21 No. 2 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Mar. - Apr. 1968

COMING OUTINGS

GOVERNOR CLEMENT

WHEN - Sun. May 19. B. Gilman
Leader.

LEAVE: 10:00 A.M. Meldon School
Area.

There have been requests to begin our trip to Gov. Clement Shelter from the Lower Cold River Road. Let's see how many real hikers we have in the Section on this trip.

OKEMO MT.

WHEN: Sun. June 2. T. Gulick
Leader

LEAVE: 10:00 A.M. Meldon School
Area.

It has been a long time since the Killington Section has climbed Okemo so lets show our leader Terry Gulick that we still can.

He has promised a good day in spite of the black flies and any other misfortunes.

There may possibly be others from the G.M.C. annual meeting so lets try to have a good crowd.

PICO

WHEN: Sat. June 16, C. Scott
Leader

LEAVE: 9:00 A.M. Meldon School
Area.

This should be a work party and hike combined for soon the schools will begin their vacations, summer camps will be hiking and we hope to have Pico in good shape for the season. Let's all pitch in and help.

TINMOUTH MOUNTAIN

WHEN: Sun. June 30, C. Scott
Leader

LEAVE: 10:00 A.M. Meldon School
Area.

Once again we are planning to climb one of Craigie's favorite peaks and hope this time someone will be there to go and the weather is good. Also the leader will need all the help available for its a new trip for him too.

ANNUAL MEETING

See your latest issue of Long Trail News for all the information on the G.M.C. Annual Meeting.

Articles for the next issue of Smoke & Blazes should be sent to Betty Gilman, 52 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, Vt. Not later than July 3.

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY

B. Gilman

On March 30 the Annual Sugar on Snow party was held at the Universalist Church. There was approximately 55 people who came to enjoy the sugar on snow, doughnuts, pickles, coffee and milk.

Vera Perkins and T. Valiquette and Ruth LaBrake boiled the syrup down, Carol, Betsy, and Nancy Martin set the tables up. Last but not least Harold Valiquette went to Killington Basin to get the snow and then packed the containers as they were needed.

Mr. & Mrs. Weston from Manchester, Mr. Magoon and son, Jeffry, from Springfield, Peter Perkins and family from Holy Cross College, were some of the out of towners that attended. There was a number of regulars that were unable to come as the New England Trails Conference was held the same day in Amherst.

MT. MOOSEHAMMOO

C. Scott

Leader Terry Gulick picked a rugged mountain for us to start in on after a long winter lay off.

Seventeen people began the hike and as we climbed we spread out with everyone setting their own pace. A number of lookouts on the ledges overlooking Lake Dunmore proved perfect rest stops.

At last the ledges and cliffs proved just too much for Rascal so she and Wes sat down to rest and await our return.

The highest cliffs had perfect examples to show that at one time it must have been the shore of an inland sea.

At the summit we ate, enjoyed the view of the Green Mts., and Adirondacks and looked down on Silver Lake with ice still around the shore and held our breath as Mr. Magoon did some serious rock climbing while Mr. Baxandall

acted as anchor man.

This hike was well worth the effort and now that once again the Killington Section has visited it we shall try to climb it from the way Craig Perkins suggests this fall.

LONG TRAIL NEWS

C. Scott

On May 8 the current issue of the Long Trail News was mailed. If any members of the Killington Section failed to receive a copy within a reasonable time please notify the Secretary so our mailing address list maybe corrected.

CLARENDON LODGE

C. Scott

On a nice warm sunny day in April, Mark Pfanning, Craig, Mary and Churchill met to hike to Clarendon. Due to the small crowd and other work the Perkins family left for home and the rest of us left for a hike.

After lunch Mrs. Kirk walked up to visit the shelter for the first time in many years.

We hope that Mrs. Kirk will be able to go with us up to Gov. Clement this year and help us identify all the wild flowers as she did last time. That made a very interesting trip.

EASTER VACATION TRIP

C. Scott

On Wednesday April 17, Wilbur Weston, Doc Howard, Churchill Scott and Rascal set out for the Jay Peak Area with plans to stay at Jay Camp.

Along the way the discussion went against ones better judgement and we finally drove all the way to the Sargent Farm and stayed at Journey's End.

After a good supper, dishes were washed and lights turned off early. A good rest was had

until 1:00 A.M. when the temperature dropped to below 32 degrees and we had to get up and build another fire to warm up, all the while feeling happy we did not go to Shooting Star as someone had suggested.

Morning finally came and after a hearty breakfast we loaded the car, Wes & Churchill hiked back up to the Border and South to Route 105. The weather was clear, cool and beautiful. At Post #592 one could see the border stretching over the mountain to the West. A 2 hour hike took four hours for snow made the walking very slow. We were able to skirt most of it but it was up to shoulder depth in some larger drifts.

Driving to Jay Camp the weather stayed perfect. After a short nap, wood was cut, supper made and air mattresses and foam rubber pads were discussed.

A short walk to the Atlas Lumber Company's open front camp overlooking Route 242 ended the days activities.

This camp gave us a perfect nights rest and we have grown very attached to it again this year. Everything is just right.

The night was spent very comfortably and after a hearty breakfast everyone decided the trail could wait so we walked the lift up to Jay Peak. A short but steep climb and at last we picked a way over rocks, stones, and boulders between patches of snow to the top.

Then as we enjoyed lunch we soaked up the sunshine and identified mountains. Mt. Royal, & Montreal to the North, Breadloaf to the South, White Mts. to the east and Adirondacks to the West.

Walking back down the tractor road plans were made to come again to Jay Camp and enjoy it once more

SUNNYSIDE

C. Scott

Before the day was over fourteen people had enjoyed the hot drinks from our 30 year old coffee pot.

Mr. Weldon of Castleton, Mr. Weston of Manchester and Susan Tarbell and her group from Wallingford were among those who spent the day at Sunnyside.

This camp is in pretty good shape but as usual there are a lot of odds and ends that should be done.

After lunch a circle trip to the clearing and over the hill to check the register ended the days walk.

ASCUTNEY DAY HIKE & PICNIC MAY 4

By: Herbert G. Ogden

In spite of soggy skies, a consistent forecast of day-long showers and a mountain top shrouded in low lying clouds, close to 200 people and 6 dogs climbed Mount Ascutney on ATA trails last Saturday to mark the 2nd Annual Ascutney Day Hike & Picnic put on by the Ascutney Trails Association. Attendance so far exceeded expectations that picnic supplies were completely exhausted before the last several hikers arrived around 2 PM. The 1967 attendance was only 60.

The hikers were about equally divided between youngsters and adults. Harold Austin, 72, of Woodstock, was again the oldest to make the climb. His only comment: he wished the ATA had not made the Windsor Trail just that little bit steeper and longer than last year! Honor for being the youngest went to David Pieter Hoekstra, 3, of Hanover. There were several 5 and 6 year old hikers, including Richard Burroughs, 5, of Brownsville, who had been the youngest on the 1967 hike. Most traveled trail was the

Windsor, followed by the Browns-ville, then the Weathersfield.

In spite of the gloomy skies and forecast, there was not even one shower, although the ATA had provided canopy shelter just in case. The clouds lifted around noon and the sun even showed from time to time. Hanson Carroll of Norwich, one of Vermont's best-known photographers, was on hand all day taking pictures for a possible Vermont Life magazine feature.

All picnic supplies, prepared under the supervision of Picnic Chairman Deane Milligan of Windsor, were packed up from the motor road parking lot by ATA members. The picnic was free to all who cared to make the climb, although several contributed on the spot toward expenses. Food was either donated by ATA members or bought out of funds raised by dues, donations or the sale of Guide Books. Contributions to help support the 1969 Picnic and other ATA activities may be sent to Sec'y-Treasurer Ralph Bissell, 90 State St., Windsor, Vt.

SPECIAL-END-TO-END-TRIP

On May 24, 25, 26 a special trip will be made to Jay Camp for the purpose of allowing folks to work on their End-to-End award.

The group will leave the home of W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701 at 4:30 P.M. Friday May 24. Travel to Jay Camp set up headquarters there and spend Sat. and Sunday hiking the Long Trail.

Some young folks from the Montreal Area may be hiking with us so lets have a good turn out and see how many miles we can cover.

For any more details please contact W. Churchill Scott.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE KILLINGTON SECTION AS OF MAY 10

Helen Bailey
Bennett Bell
Miriam Bell
Harrison A. Brann
Wilman Day
Virginia Day
Helen Frink
Francis Greene
William Gragen
Dorothy Hegeman
Florence Herrick
Marsh Herrick
H. Minerva Hinchey
James H. Howard
Harold Johnson
Dorothy Johnson
William Johnson
Ruth LaBrake
Paul Magoon
Jeffry Magoon
Pearle Nichols
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Anne Perkins
David Perkins
Polly Perkins
Tim Perkins
Candace Scott
Kim Scott

Robert Scott
Wilbur Weston
Alton Wilcox
Harold Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
John Valiquette
Tom Valiquette



SMOKE and BLAZES

Vol. 21 NO. 3 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB MAY - JUNE, 1968

COMING HIKES

WHAT-- Canoe Trip

WHEN?-- Saturday July 13

WHERE?-- Otter Creek

Our leader, Lloyd Weeks, has planned something different, a canoe trip on the Otter Creek. Bring your lunch and something to float in! If you don't have a canoe, borrow one. We will meet at Meldon School at 9:00 A.M. From there we will proceed to Florence where we will launch our boats for a thirteen mile paddle to the Fish and Game Access area on route 73 west of Brandon. Those preferring a shorter trip, $7\frac{1}{2}$ mi., will find a good place to leave the water at the covered bridge on the Florence road just south of Brandon.

This is beautiful country with splendid mountain views. There are no dams or other hazards. The river meanders in a broad valley and has clear water and a sandy bottom.

By: Betty Weeks

ROLSTON'S REST

WHEN-- Sun. July 28. B. Rolston
Leader.

LEAVE-- 9:00 A.M. Meldon School

This will be a first time visit to the shelter built by the Long Trail Patrol to replace Noyes Pond. Ben Rolston our leader, will be at Gifford Wood Sat. and has suggested hiking from Route #1 to the Shelter and then down the Birch Road to Route #100 or down the South Pond Trail.

MOUNT MANSFIELD

WHEN-- Sat.-Sun. Aug. 10 and 11,
Leader - C. Scott

LEAVE-- 9:00 A.M. Meldon School

Here is a good chance to hike the many trails on Vermont's highest Peak. Possibly may stay at Underhill State Park, visit Cantiliever Rock among other places. Derrick Dobbs of the Canadian Youth Hostel of Montreal has promised to have a group with us then, so let's make this a good hike with lots of members along.

1968 G.M.C. INTERSECTIONAL
Aug. 24 - Sept. 2

Each member should have a flyer in the last issue of the Long Trail News describing this annual affair.

Lake Eden is a favorite spot of many of our members and this will be a good opportunity for many to work some more on their End-to-End award.

Articles for the next issue of "Smoke & Blazes" should be sent to Betty Gilman, 52 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, Vt. not later than Sept. 5.

WORK PARTIES

By: C. Scott

In view of the large amount of repair work to be done there will be work parties scheduled for each week-end a hike is not planned. Each shelter has a great amount of work needed to put them in shape for the hiking season.

Anyone wanting to help our section is urged to contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

There have been a number of work parties recently. A new toilet house has been built at Tucker, thanks to Doc. Howard.

Terry Gulick has led a party to the Swinging Bridge over Mill River where the cable work was painted, wood creosoted and extra fixtures and wire removed.

Terry also led an overnight trip to Pico where the shelter was repaired and another trip to brush out the trail south of the Long Trail Lodge.

Mr. Weldon and Mike Barrett spent a day at Gov. Clement cleaning up around the camp, replacing register and so.

Thanks to Terry, Doc. Howard, Jamie Tarbell, Marc Pfenning, Kay Howard, Cathy Welch, Sharon Atwood, J. Weldon, Mike Barrett, Kim Scott, Frank Drake and any one else I've overlooked.

PICO CAMP

Rained out.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT

By: C. Scott

After a spell of wet weather all of the ambitious hikers left their cars at the Lower Cold River Road and hiked over the trail to Gov. Clement. Mrs. Howard drove our supplies to the camp where Mrs. Weeks and her daughter and grandchildren already had a fire going.

The wet feet and clothing were soon dry and a good meal was eaten as we all discussed plans for our coming Canoe Trip down the Otter Creek.

This fine shelter was in very good shape and the new bunks, fireplace and roof make this one of our best camps at the present time.

OKEMO MOUNTAIN TRIP - Cancelled

Replaced by Sunnyside Camp

By: Michael Barrett

After a brief but lively discussion we decided to hike to Sunnyside in a group of eight. On the wet but enjoyable trip we met Churchill Scott traveling north with girl scouts, we exchanged Hello's and talked briefly. On arrival we had one man go ahead to build the fire. The shelter was fairly clean with ample supply of wood. Before leaving we fixed up the camp leaving supply of wood and cleaning inside and out. The trip was pleasant and enjoyed by all.

TINMOUTH

By: C. Scott

Once again we failed to reach our objective. It seems as though this mountain is a jinx to us.

After days of rain and wet weather the sun broke through and all concerned decided to go to the White Rocks picnic area. Here we climbed the Cliffside Trail and enjoyed the view of the slide and

across the valley to our original destination.

Lunch was eaten and then Mrs. McKinney and Kathy took us up the Keywayden Trail a short ways then over to a series of very pretty waterfalls. This would be a perfect spot for a cooling dip on a hot August day.

A quote from a May 22nd letter received by Herbert Ogden from his son, who is now spending his junior year in college at the University of Munich.

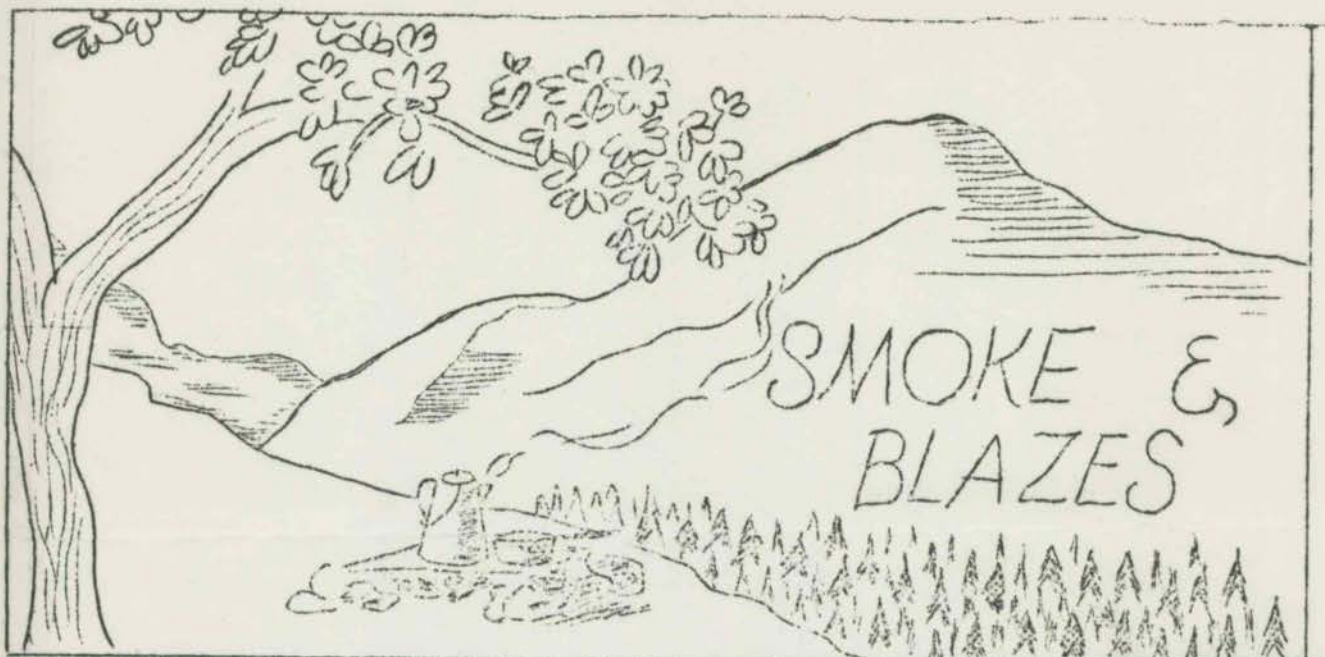
8 Munich 13
Hesstrasse 77
German Federal Republic

" On Saturday we took part in the Fruhjahrsmarsch around the Starnberger See (alias Wurm See) about 30 km south of here. It's a 50 km walk all around the lake, sponsored by the German Automobile Club and the Munich Abendzeitung. I'd known about it for some time, but never decided if I wanted to go, 'till Bob asked me if I'd like to Friday night. So I accepted and got up at 4 AM like the rest of them. We drove down in Bob's VW. Started at 6 and finished (very finished, too) at 5:15 PM or so. Walking time was 10 hours. The walk is 6 years old; it was inspired by the New Frontier 50-mile hike! And I'd assumed it was some good, old German tradition or the like. Over 12,000 (yes, over twelve thousand) took part, and over 9,000 made it all the way. If you were registered beforehand you got a medal, but Said and I, having done it on the spur of the moment, got nothing. The scenery is sort of boring and it rained off and on but we had fun. Incredible: 'till the 30 km mark there was an unbroken line of people. Even after that you could always see 20 or so and were constantly passing or being passed.

Too crowded for my taste, really, but fun to do once. All manner of people, except for the very young, were there. I guess most of the crowd was out of its teens and there were even a good number of distinctly old people-- even a few old ladies! And they had all manner of crummy shoes that I couldn't have taken for 5 kms. I guess some of them must get in condition beforehand, though. We sang a good deal at the beginning, as did some others. Bob and I know some German songs and Said and Folker knew many American ones, so we had a grand old time dredging back into our fading knowledge of US folks songs and the like. The best marching songs proved to be Yankee Doodle and the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Around 10 kms from the end when we were all feeling pretty poorly, we started singing again as a distraction. That time we were singing alone. We finally limped across the finish line and took a taxi to where the car was parked, about a mile away. We were pretty decrepit lot staggering from the car to the dorm, too. I ate supper and went to bed for 12 hours; some just went straight to bed."

List of new members since last issue of Smoke and Blazes.

Catherine Howard
Doris Newton
Caroline Parmenter



Vol. 21 NO. 4 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB JULY - AUG. 1968

COMING HIKES

BOURNE POND

LEADER: C. Scott

WHEN: Sat-Sun. Sept. 14-15

MEET: Meldon School Area 9:00 A.M.

Here is a chance to cover the trail from Grout Job north to Prospect Rock visiting the new Vondell and two Bourne Pond Shelters staying overnight at the Pond. Lets have a good turnout and add some end-to-end mileage.

EAST MOUNTAIN

LEADER: H. Valiquette

WHEN: Sun. Sept. 29.

MEET: Meldon School Area 10:00 A.M.

The foliage season should be underway to make this trip an extra special one to an old favorite peak.

BAKER PEAK

WHEN: Sunday October 6

MEET: Meldon School Area 9:00 A.M.

LEADER: R. Roberts

Mr. Roberts of Springfield has offered to act as leader on this trip. So let's have everybody there to enjoy the views, foliage and new shelter at Griffith Lake.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

WHEN: Saturday October 19, 6:00PM

WHERE: Beechwood-Perkins Lane Ext.

Once again through the kindness of the Perkins family we are all invited to have our covered dish supper at Beechwood. This annual affair has grown to be one of our big events of the year so lets all come early to enjoy a few fall walks or at 6:00 to eat.

MT. MONADNOCK

WHEN: Sunday, November 3

WHERE: Meldon School Area 9:A.M.

LEADER: T. Gulick

This time an out of state hike is planned for all of the eager members. The peak is a large bare rock strewn area and if good weather prevails it should be an enjoyable trip.

If some of the Springfield folks go perhaps we can learn more of the cold weather rescue they participated in a few years ago.

Articles for the next issue of "Smoke & Blazes" should be sent to Betty Gilman, 52 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, Vt. November 6 or 7.

CANOE TRIP
By: Betty Weeks

A beautiful day, July 13, brought a surprising number of enthusiastic canoeists out for the trip on the Otter Creek. Fourteen canoes and twenty eight people enjoyed the delightful journey from Florence Village to the Fishing Access area on route 73 west of Brandon.

Finally the last of the canoes were launched, after placing cans both at the access area and at a point near Dean bridge, for those who preferred a shorter trip. At first there was a good current and the canoes sped along under a covered bridge and then on down the winding river. Great trees lined the banks, hanging out over the creek to make a shaded archway. There was a cool breeze making an otherwise hot day, delightful. Occasionally a muskrat swam ahead only to dive under water or disappear in a hole in the bank. A mother duck, pretending a broken wing, lured us away from her brood of ducklings. Occasionally we had views of the Green Mountains to the east but usually the banks of the creek were too high for us to see them.

We stopped for lunch and to stretch the stiff and aching legs in a cow pasture near Dean Bridge, south of Brandon. Here we made coffee and enjoyed visiting with some of our guests, among whom were other G.M.C. members: Sanborn Partridge, a life member from Proctor, and William Willis Jr., a member at large, who drove down from St. Albans to enjoy the trip. Here three canoes left the water while the others continued on to finish the 13 mile trip.

A sense of seclusion pervades the Otter Creek, the only time we saw or heard automobiles was just before we reached the access area where Route 73 follows the winding river.

Soon after 3 P.M. the last canoe was pulled up the steep, muddy bank. In spite of weary muscles, everyone agreed that a canoe trip should be an annual affair.

ROLSTON REST
By: Ben Rolston

Ray Secor and I waited in the rain, on Route 4 at the Tucker Lodge shortcut, for the main group of Killington hikers. The way the weather looked, we really didn't expect anyone. But soon a jeep truck appeared, occupied by Doc Howard and Churchill Scott.

True to tradition, the hike must go on. But after a short consultation, Doc offered to drive us up the private Noyes Pond road, thus getting us to Rolston Rest shelter without the soggy walk in the rain via Tucker Lodge and Willard Gap.

We went around to Route 100, and up Mr. Burch's road. But wait a minute--this was to be a hike. Why were we riding? So a compromise was agreed upon. We would go as far as the barrier (altho the chain was open) and walk the rest of the way. Thus we wouldn't be cheating (or at least we'd only be half cheating).

So we parked at the chain. The rain had stopped! We hiked the remaining distance up the road and then the cut off to the shelter. Firemaster Secor got a conflagration going in the fireplace and we all had hot drinks with our assorted lunches.

After a relaxing sojourn at the shelter, we went back to the road and hiked up to Noyes Pond to see Mr. Burch's beautiful home. After a brief visit with Mrs. Burch, we began the descent to the parked truck.

Just as we arrived, the heavens opened up. Call it liquid sunshine or whatever you wish. But it was a ride in the open back

end of a truck, slowly descending a rough road, during a cloudburst?

Sorry more members didn't join us. It WAS a nice hike. Only the RIDE was wet!

MANSFIELD OVERNIGHT

By: Terry Gulick

The Mt. Mansfield overnighter saw four hearty souls climbing over the highest mountain in Vermont in early August. With headquarters at Taft Lodge, Terry Gulick and 3 guests observed the sun setting from the summit, explored the cave of the winds and other points of interest and met a number of hikers and Burlington Section members. The Long Trail Patrol was on hand also repairing Taft Lodge.

While rather noisy an interesting sight was provided by a helicopter lifting materials from the base to the top of the new ski lift site.

BUFFUM-JUST REMINISCING

By: Ben Rolston

Of the three nights that I camped at the old Buffum Shelter, perhaps the most memorable one was a rainy November night. I walked up the road with full pack, by flashlight, with a bundle of dry wood under one arm and the other holding a big umbrella. A small fire, a hot meal, and slumber.

Then came progress. In 1961 the Killington Section built Buffum Lodge to replace the poor old shelter, which was badly showing its age of 39 years.

This luxurious new lodge put a new dimension into overnight camping. Perhaps the most remembered acceptance of its hospitality was the New Year's weekend when Ray Secor and I spent three nights there.

In between cutting firewood and cooking exotic meals (such

as homemade beef stew, baked potatoes, baked apples, puddings, and spareribs and sauerkraut), we entertained members of the Killington Section on their annual winter trip, and built a new outhouse. The latter project was interrupted by frequent trips to the lodge to stoke the fire, warm our hands, and stir the stew. Our new sign proclaimed our work of art at Buffum Annex.

Our last special overnighter to Buffum Lodge was on Ray's last weekend before he left for four years in the U.S. Navy. Buffum had sentimentality added to its charm.

I spent a total of 13 nights at Buffum Lodge (none of them in the summer months.) Then in November, 1966 someone had a careless moment. A spark, a flame, and it was all over. Buffum Lodge had burned to the ground.

Buffum has many memories, the intangible. Physical evidence leaves me with only a couple of color slides, and the door handle which I retrieved from the ashes some time after the fire.

As I view the site, and see the faithful little brook of pure water, and witness the mighty hemlocks overhead, and hear the chickadees in the nearby forest, I have a vision of a NEW Buffum arising from the ashes. Not a cabin, but a simple open shelter, where once again hikers may sit by the fire-side, gaze through the hemlock branches into the heavens above, and be inspired by the serenity of this site. I hope my vision becomes a reality.

PRESIDENTS' NOTES

Many thanks to individuals and groups who assisted in work done on the Killington Section of the Trail. There is still work to do, but several improvements have been made this summer. New signs, a new roof and outhouse at Tucker, maintenance work at Pico, trail clearing in a couple of spots up Pico,

and some clearing and "bridge" work over swampy areas between Pico and Killington are a few of the activities undertaken.

On the other side of the coin, Clarendon is showing signs of wear and Sunnyside went up in flames late in August. The directors will be faced with deciding what to do as a replacement for both this camp and Buffum.

Trail usage is increasing. Membership is increasing. Vandalism appears to be also. This creates newer and more problems for G.M.C. but with the enthusiasm and support of the many members we shall carry on!

It was great to see the number of Killington Section members at the Intersection this year. If you've never been, plan on it next year. The 1969 chairman is getting started with plans already.

In the new activities schedule you will note the annual meeting date has been changed. It is hoped that temperature and weather will be more conducive to traveling at this time. Hope you agree. Have a happy autumn!

ANOTHER ITEM OF INTEREST

GMC'ers are watching 86 year old Frederick W. Leuhning of Swarthmore, Penna. complete the Long Trail.

Having completed the A. T. 5 years ago the retired professor is hoping to becoming the next Vt. end-to-ender. He hopes to arrive at the Long Trail Lodge by Mid-September.

During the Intersection, Dr. Leuhning hiked some 50 miles in the northern part of Vermont.

His current trek started at the Lamoille River near Johnson.

WORK PARTIES By: C. Scott

Once again summer is drawing to a close and we must sum up all we have done and all we must do to get all of our shelters repaired and tightened up for the winter.

The trails have all been checked and worked. Route #140 to the Lower Cold River Road by Ben Rolston, Lower Cold River Road to Cooper Lodge by Herb Ogden, etc. in addition to all his work on Ascutney Mt. and Killington to Rt. #4 plus Juggernaut and Shrewsbury Trails by The Farm and Wilderness Camps.

Sunnyside has had roof patched. Clarendon-needs roof patched, many new windows, a new toilet house and creosote.

Gov. Clement- in good condition. Pico- needs creosote, new stove and roof patched.

Tucker- has had new roof. Thanks to Doc Howard. It still needs major repair work plus a new stove.

Swinging Bridge- needs a work party to halt erosion to the bridge supports.

In view of all the needed work the Trails and Shelters Committee will have work parties on every week-end that hikes are not planned.

If anyone is able to help they may contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vermont. Schedule of Work Parties.

Sat., Sept. 21. Swinging Bridge at Mill River.

Sat., Oct. 12, Sunnyside.

Sat., Oct. 26, Tucker

OUTING SCHEDULES

By: C. Scott

The Fall and Winter schedules are enclosed. If any additional copies are wanted they may be obtained from Churchill Scott, Harold Valiquette or Craigue Perkins. Let's get behind the folks who have offered to lead the hikes and come out for some fresh air and sunshine.

LONG TRAIL NEWS

By: C. Scott

The August issue of the Long Trail News was mailed on Wed. Sept. 4. If within a reasonable time your copy is not received please notify W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701 so that our mailing list can be brought up to date.

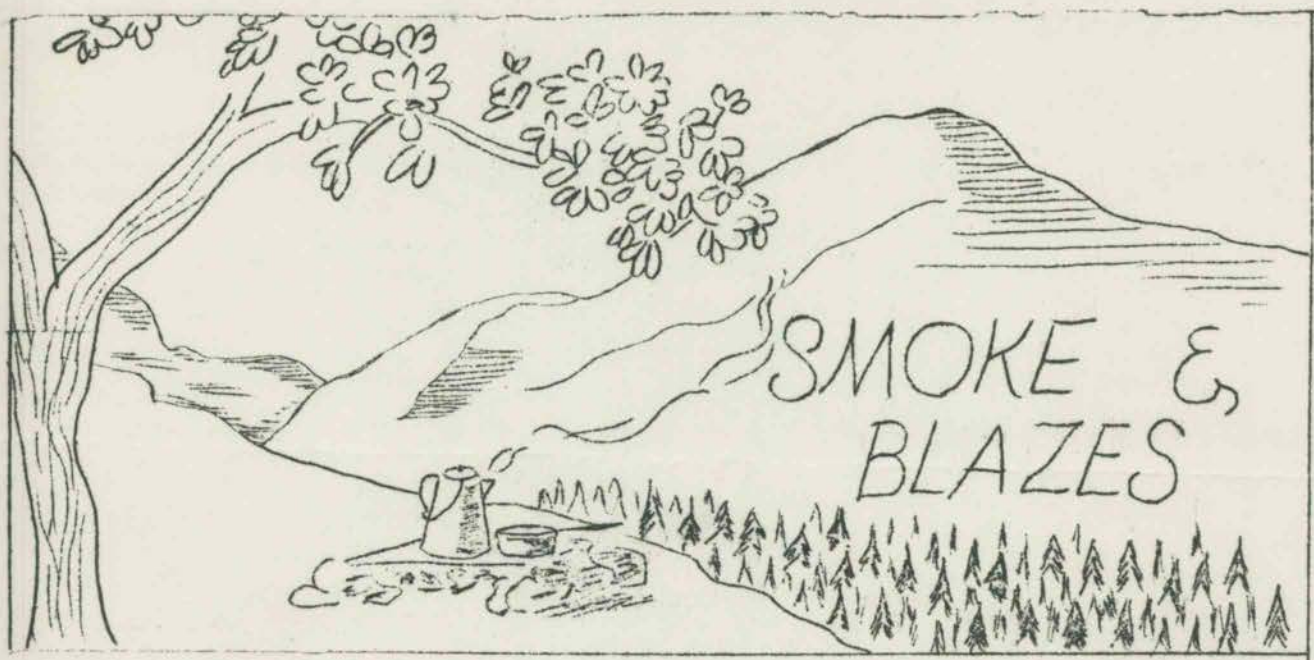
SUNNYSIDE

By: C. Scott

Sometime on Thursday P.M. or Friday A.M. Aug. 22 or 23 Sunnyside was completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin.

NEW MEMBERS

Jack Martin
Janet Martin
Betsy Martin
Carol Martin
Nancy Martin
David Martin
Tom Martin
Janet Merrick
Jo Ann Steele
Hubert Lary



Vol. 21 No. 5 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB SEPT. - OCT. 1968

COMING HIKES

STONY BROOK SHELTER

WHEN: Sat. Nov. 16, 9:00 A.M.

Mr. Hedrick Cahee of Springfield will lead this trip over the Appalachian Trail from the shelter for about 4 miles west to the River Road in Sherburne, Vt.

PICO CAMP

WHEN: Sun. Dec. 1, 10:00 A.M.

Betty Gilman our editor is in charge of this hike. If there is not too much snow let's make this a combined work and hike trip.

BIRD MT.

WHEN: Sat. Dec. 14, 9:00 A.M.

This season the outing committee was fortunate to have Mr. Frink offer to lead this trip to Bird Mt. and explain to us all the many interesting geology formations of this area. Let's have

everyone turn out for this outing.

TUCKER LODGE

WHEN: Sun. Dec. 29, 6:00 P.M.

Note the evening starting time and Kevin Hogan has promised enough doughnuts for everyone to go with the hot drinks. We can use some help to go up early in the day to cut wood and warm the camp up. Any hands raised?

SUNNYSIDE

WHEN: Sat. Jan. 11, 9:00 A.M.

One of our newer members "Doc" Howard has offered to lead this hike. The only question will be the weather and snow conditions to see where we'll go. Let's hope for warm sunshine and perhaps we can look over the spot for our new Sunnyside.

Articles for the next issue of "Smoke & Blazes" should be sent to Betty Gilman, 52 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, Vt. No later than Jan. 14, 1969

EAST MOUNTAIN

By: Margot McKinney

Sunday, September 29 was one of those days of which Robert Frost says that a cloud across the sun can make a difference of one whole month in temperature and mood. When the sun was out, summer was back for an instance, when it disappeared behind the extraordinarily thick, black and frequent clouds, Thanksgiving seemed near.

The initial gathering at the usual meeting place seemed meager but by the time we left the cars at that certain spot known only to Mr. Valiquette, the party had swelled to 16 people.

The ascent was accomplished nicely, especially by the two youngest members who were only five years old. Good show, John and Tessa.

At the top the view was the first point of importance, the second to get out of the sharp wind which made the climbers shiver. While the fire crackled under the venerable coffee pot, Mr. Valiquette, assisted by Terry Gulick and some of the younger hikers put up a brand new edition of his famous red flag which can be seen all the way down in Rutland.

An astonishing variety of refreshments were produced around the fire, including sardines, cleverly speared with a forked stick. There was some good talk of old times as well as planning of new hikes and after the last spark was doused, the descent began. Again the youngsters did very well, needing only occasional help to negotiate tree trunks and puddles. One of the puddles turned out to be a spring, seeping out fast enough to provide a patient traveler with drinking water. On the last stretch across a swampy meadow the sun came out again and made the hikers wish it could have been out up there on the top of East Mountain.

BAKER PEAK TRIP

By: Richard Roberts

Sunday October 6 was the occasion of the Baker Peak trip. Nineteen hikers from the Springfield and Rutland areas joined in an enjoyable outing. The air was brisk reminding us that fall is well on its way finally after a warm September. The foliage was not at its peak but color was beginning to show in many of the maple stands.

The hike commenced on U.S.F.S. road #10 East of Danby at Long Trail South. Just across the swinging bridge we passed a troop of Boy Scouts from Charlestown, New Hampshire traveling North. At this point it was most interesting to view the remains of the old Charcoal kilns. These are located close to the junction of the two trails. It is hard to picture industry that these represent being in operation so far off what we today consider the beaten path.

Lost Pond shelter was the site of our lunch with coffee from the famous coffee pot. It would be interesting to know how many trips this pot has made. (Is it an End to Ender). The afternoon saw us journey along the trail to Baker Peak to view the peaceful valley below. A tremendous panorama.

Our journey down the Baker Peak and Lake trail took us through beautiful, peaceful and clean forests. (Is this why we have Ben's Bathtub). Our only concern at this point was the disappearance of 4 of our Boy Scouts. But experience scouts and Churchill Scott went to the rescue rounding them up at Griffith Lake. Our day ended with all accounted for.

BAKER PEAK
By: Vera Perkins

Nineteen two-legged hikers and one dog were on hand for the trip to Baker Peak on Sunday, Oct. 6th. The hike was lead by Mr. Roberts, one of our Springfield members and four other Springfield members participated.

Original plans were to start hiking where the Trail crosses the Danby - Mt. Tabor road going south to Lost Pond Shelter and Baker Peak, thence to Griffith Lake and down the Lake Trail to Rte. 7. Here a car was stationed to take the drivers back to their cars at the starting point. This would make a total hike of about 10 miles. This seemlike quite a jaunt to some of us considering a late start, but not daunted we set forth.

We started in over the Forest Service suspension bridge. This is quite a bridge by the way and worth seeing. Just beyond the bridge we made a side trip of a few hundred yards to visit the site of one of the old charcoal kilns which used to operate in this area.

It was a perfect hiking day. The air had a bit of a fall snap, the trees were showing enough color to shed a bright light which was reflected by the color of the leaves already on the ground - and NO BUGS. One of the best times of year to be in the woods.

Lunch stop was at Lost Pond Shelter and here it was decided to omit Griffith Lake and go directly down from Baker Peak. So a leisurely lunch time was enjoyed before continuing our journey.

Baker Peak was inspiring as always with its rocky summit affording a fine view of the valley to the west.

The trek down the Lake Trail seemed longer to some of us than we remembered it, but finally we did arrive at the waiting car. Here we found we were missing 3 of our number who apparently

failed to get the word of the change of plans and had gone on to Griffith Lake.

Eventually however, the party was all collected and arrived home safe and sound although somewhat later than expected.

It was a good trip and thanks go to Mr. Roberts for arrangements and driver transportation between points.

The following information on the operations of charcoal kilns which appeared in an article in the April 1885 issue of Outlook Magazine may be of interest. The writer, J. K. Chapin had recently visited this site and described a kiln as follows:

"Walls of hard brick are 12 inches thick and kilns are from 25 to 30 feet in diameter; 12 feet high to the crown and about a 7 foot crown with a circular opening in it about 5 ft. in diameter. The only other opening besides the vent is a door closed by a heavy slab of iron. Floor is of clay and well tamped. Foundations are well grout before beginning to build as kilns expand when heated and contract when cooled.

Three tiers of vents the size of a brick are left in the walls to draw the fire back and forth - 120 vents to each kiln - called waist, knee and ankle vents.

Logs to be burned are piled in two tiers, filling the kiln to within 3 feet of the crown - logs radiate from the center where a space of about 4 ft. is filled with soft light wood for kindling.

A rag saturated with kerosene on a pole is used for lighting. The door is then closed, the thimble or iron plate, is placed over the opening in the crown and the charring process goes on for 10 to 12 days regulated by the opening and closing of the vents around the base of the kiln."

The article gave much more detail and an interesting diagram but this summary may give those interested a general idea of "how it was done".

It was estimated it took 14 days to burn a kiln - 2 to fill, 10 to burn and 2 to cool. Before leaving to cool the body of kiln was thoroughly white-washed and crown covered with coal tar to make air tight.

MT. ASCUTNEY NEW SHELTER
By: Herbert G. Ogden

The Ascutney Trail Association reports that a shelter is now ready for use on the Windsor Trail on Mt. Ascutney. Located at the Upper Spring (above the famous Half Way Spring) and named The Log Shelter, it is a 12' x 14' open face type, with back wall and one end of heavy spruce logs cut on the site; a vertical rock slab serves as the other end. Against the slab is a fireplace and 12' chimney, built of stones stone-boated down from the bank above. Cutting of a few trees has opened up a pleasant view to the northeast, featuring the Trafton Hoisington farm.

Construction, begun on Memorial Day of this year, was completed on September 18th, save for finishing touches, such as caulking, grading, construction of a proper privy, etc. Folks wishing to help out during the remainder of the fall may call Richard Burroughs (484-3384), Paul Magoon (885-4056) or Herbert Ogden (436-4452). Some 20 ATA Shirtsleeve Members, under the general direction of amateur mason & cabin builder Ogden, worked on the project. Almost one ton of mortar mix, some 400 pounds of metal roofing and all the tools were back-packed or trundled in from the Motor Road parking lot, up to Castle Rock then down the Windsor Trail--a total of one and one fifth miles. All the roofing was donated by Ronald Clay, through his son, Arnold Clay, a member of the ATA Board. The Frost Lumber

Company of Woodstock helped by granting a discount on the mortar mix.

Among those working on the project were Richard Burroughs and family, Arnold Clay, Gus Aldrich, Robert Ely, Randy Spooner, Herbert Ogden, Paul Magoon, Jeffry Magoon, Eugene Ely, Mark Rivers, Francis Greenwood, Tom Ward, Kenneth Hatch, Melvin Hatch, Gary Burke, Michael Georg, Thomas Sitsch, Paul Massie and son.

The Log Shelter now becomes the property of the State of Vermont, since it is on State land. It will be maintained by the ATA, as are all the hiking trails on the Mountain. Besides completing the Shelter, the ATA has also re-opened the original route of the Windsor Trail from the Half Way Spring to the Upper Spring, and back onto the present Windsor Trail. In addition, a new side trail has been opened from Blood Rock back up on to the Windsor Trail above the Spring switchbacks.

The three trails (Windsor, Brownsville, Weathersfield) are well travelled, Registers, located toward the top of each one, show a total of 997 signatures, as of September 5th. Many hikers do not bother to sign, especially on repeat trips. Well over half the signatures are of youngsters. The Windsor Trail, with around 450, is the most popular, followed by the Weathersfield, 316, and the Brownsville, 231. Folks wishing to support the ATA with a \$2.00 membership or help as a Shirtsleeve member, may write to Richard Burroughs, ATA Treas., Box 82, Reading.

COVERED DISH SUPPER
By: Betty Gilman

We all want to thank Vera Perkins for putting on the Annual Covered Dish supper which was enjoyed by all. There was about 28

members that attended, some coming in the early afternoon so as to take a couple of short walks in the woods.

Supper was served about 6:30 and everyone ate all they could hold and then coming events were discussed for a short time. Vera, T. Valiquette, Ruth LaBrake and Eleanor Walker did the clean up work in the kitchen and then about 8 o'clock everyone decided to venture out in the rain to go home after having a wonderful time as usual.

NEW MEMBERS

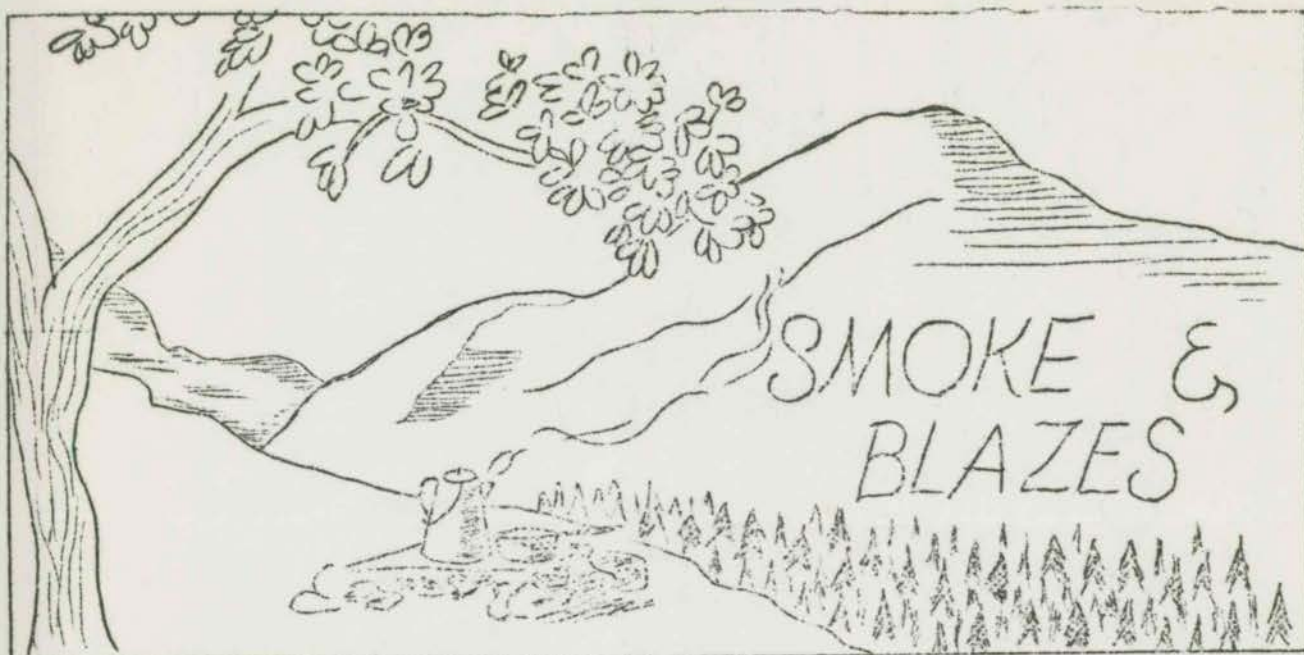
John Allard
Michael Barrett
Richard Goldin
W. Thomas Hall
Kevin Hogan
James Moore
J. Allen Weldon

NEW END-TO-ENDERS

This summer has been very busy for folks working on their End-to-End Award. The following members of the Killington Section have completed the Long Trail.

Richard Goldin
Richard Roberts
Frances Roberts
Charles Wener
Alton Wilcox

If there are any others please notify the editor of Smoke and Blazes.



Vol. 22 No. 1 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB-NOV. '68-JAN. '69

COMING HIKES

GOVERNOR CLEMENT

WHEN: Sat. February 8, 9:00 A.M.

Doris Newton is the leader for this trip. If the weather is warm and sunny this will be a good chance to explore the many old roads in this area.

MT. HANDLEY

WHEN: Sun. February 23, 10:00 A.M.

C. Scott will lead this hike up this Taconic Mountain to a favorite ledge where very good views may be obtained. Snow shoes will be a must for this trip along with warm clothes and a hearty lunch.

BLUERIDGE MOUNTAIN

WHEN: Sat. March 15, 9:00 A.M.

C. Perkins has promised many interesting things to do today. We can snow-shoe, ski, slide or just loaf in the comfortable

field house of Tall Timber. It will also be a good time to start thinking of a new series of hikes so your outing committee can draw up a new schedule.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held around March 1. The final plans are not drawn up at this time but each member will be informed of the time and place as soon as possible.

Please send the articles for the next "Smoke & Blazes" to Betty Gilman, 52 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, Vt. No later than Mar. 18. You can send them anytime before this date I promise I will not lose them.

STONY BROOK SHELTER

Mr. Hedrick Cahee of Springfield and a group from there waited for over 45 minutes on Sat. Nov. 16 to lead our section on a trip over the Appalachian Trail. No one showed up (this seems to be getting a habit) so everyone took an urban tour which turned into an expensive one according to one report.

We want to thank Mr. Cahee for his part and hope next time things will go better.

By: Churchill Scott

PICO CAMP

By: B. Gilman

The day was started by Churchill Scott and myself showing up and then about 10:30 we went to Doc Howards. When we got there we found it had been one of those days for him that everything seems to go wrong.

Mr. Weston was up for the weekend and so after Mr. Howard had seen to everything we left to go into Tucker to see how much work needed to be done before the moonlight hike and it was then decided it was hopeless to try and get it fixed up in time.

The men built a fire outside of the shelter to heat the water for coffee and then after eating we returned to Doc Howards to look at some maps and then about 3 o'clock we left there to go to Clement Shelter and pick up the stove pipe that was left behind by who ever walked off with the stove.

BIRD MOUNTAIN

By: James Frink

December 14 was a very rainy slushy day. Harold Valiquette and I went to the rendezvous at 9:00 A.M. and talked with Churchill Scott, who passed by, said he could not go, and asked us if we wanted him to get us the Coffee

Pot. We said 'Thank You, but no,' and waited until 9:20 not really expecting anyone to show up in such miserable hiking weather.

Harold and I took off for Gov. Clement Shelter and on the way I gave Harold a fine lecture on the geology and Petrology of Bird Mountain. He is now well qualified in the subject!

We drove the Jeep through six inches of slushy snow and ice all the way to the shelter. We built a roaring fire in the big stone fireplace, and warmed our sandwiches on the grille. Harold brought a large thermos of hot tea.

After pleasant food and conversation in quiet peaceful surroundings, we signed the register and drove back to route 4 heading East.

At Kent Pond we took Thunderbrook Road down to the valley and headed North to where we joined Route 100 at the fish pond. From there we drove to Rochester, Vermont and went all through that beautiful foothill section of the Green Mountains known as North Hollow.

On the way out, we stopped at the active Verd Antique quarry of the Vermont Marble Co. and described its geology, history, and quarrying processes to Harold. Verd Antique is called Marble but it is serpentine produced when water from magmas changed basalt, peridotite, dunite, and similar igneous rocks or when such water metamorphosed hornblende schists that once were sediments.

We started for home over Brandon Gap, and from Brandon, took the western back road to Florence, Proctor and Center Rutland. Just south of Proctor on Route 3, we saw four deer in our headlights, about to cross the road. All day in the woods, and the only deer seen were in towns for the day!

We really had a good day and I'm sorry there were not more to enjoy it.

MOONLIGHT HIKE

By: C. Scott

This was changed from Tucker to Clarendon Lodge due to the very poor condition of the former shelter (windows missing, no stove pipe, and the stove in disaray.)

There was only one car for 11 hikers so one load went to the parking area but due to the heavy snow of the previous day the spot was not usable so the best thing we decided to do was come home and try again some better day.

CLARENDON LODGE

By: C. Scott

Mary Perkins (leader) must be the magic word for on a beautiful day in January around 20 folks walked into Clarendon Lodge.

The Cahees, Roberts, Weeks and Mrs. Herrick of Springfield, Mauri Winturri of Fitchburg, Ray Secor of Schenectady and Mr. Weston of Manchester with Rascal were among the out of town folks.

Some cut wood, others built the fire, fixed the shelter but in a short while the pot was boiling and everyone began to eat and talk.

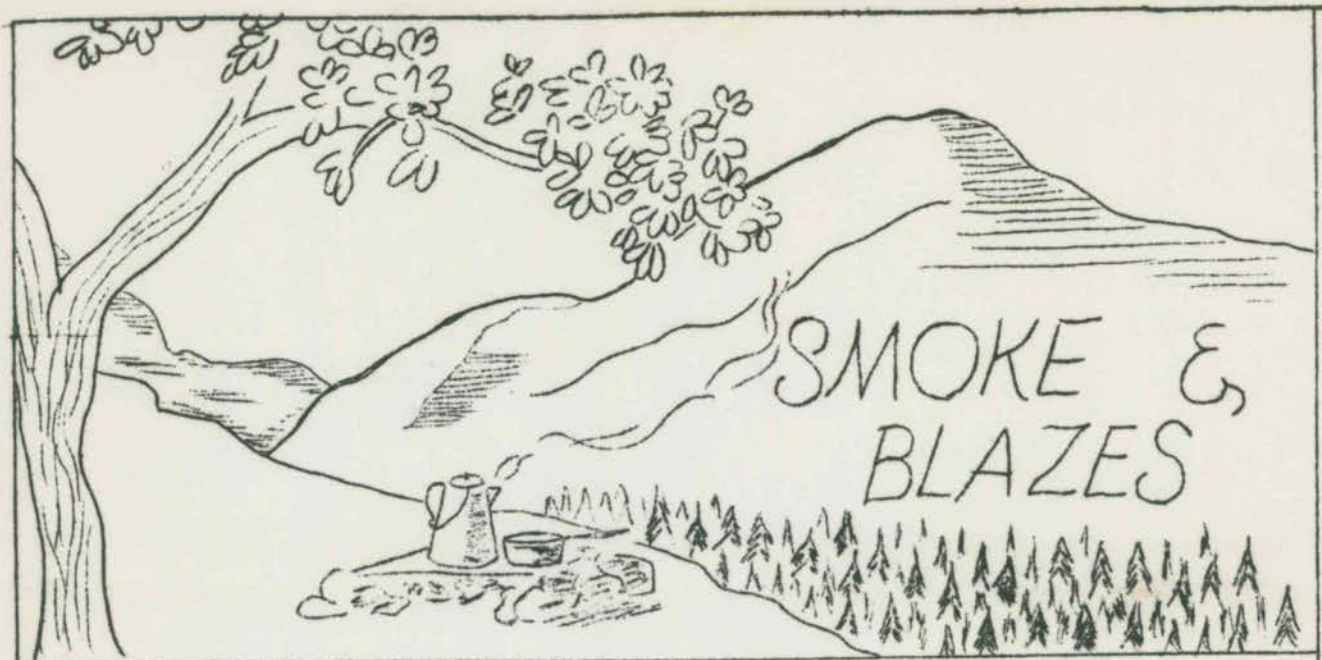
Plans were talked over about the new shelters we must build this year, hikes on the trail for End to End awards and new places to visit on the Spring and Summer schedule.

In spite of all the help the stove pipe was still not taken care of so it was stored away to be finished next time. Perhaps it is just as well for it insures an other trip to Clarendon to fix it up a bit more.

A good time was had by all and with the coming of Spring we should have good attendance on our trips.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Michael Barrett
Anna Berg
Mary Anne Casey
W. Thomas Hall
Kevin Hogan
Lincoln Isham
Hubert Lary
Dorothy Johnson
Harold Johnson
William Johnson
Elsie Maier
Peter Cady
Kristina Cady
Jeffry Magoon
Margot McKinney
James Moore
Ben Rolston
Kim S. Scott
W. Churchill Scott
James Tarbell
J. Allen Weldon
Alton Wilcox
Carleton Wilson
Robert E. West
Charles Wener
Florence Van Wyck
Ray Secor



Vol. 22 No. 2 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Feb. - Mar. '6

COMING HIKES

This Spring we have planned to spend the month of April working on Gov. Clement, Clarendon, Tucker and Sunnyside.

SAT. APR. 5	Clarendon Lodge
" " 12	Sunnyside Area.
" " 26	Gov. Clement
" MAY 3	Tucker Lodge
" " 10	Pico Camp

We do not expect everyone to be able to go on every work party BUT we do hope that as many as possible will try to help at any time.

More information maybe obtained from W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701

BIRD MOUNTAIN

WHEN: Sun. May 25, 10:00 A.M.

Here will be another chance to visit this interesting mountain in the Taconic Range. Perhaps the weather will be nice this time and Mr. James Frink can be along to describe the geological highlights of the area.

PICO-KILLINGTON

WHEN: Sun. June 1, 10:00 A. M.

Today we can act as host to the folks that attended the annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club on Saturday. There will be a number of interesting walks we can take in this area and at the same time check on the trail and camps.

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY

The annual sugar on snow party will be held on Sat. March 29, at St. Paul's Universalist-Unitarian Church on West St. across from the Grand Theatre, beginning at 6:00 P.M.

Once again we indebted to Miss Vera Perkins for offering to head the group who will have the long, hard and exact job of boiling the syrup.

Carol Martin will have the younger girls help her set up the dining room so you see there is a job for everyone and in order to insure the yearly coming of this event we must all do our share.

T. Gulick will supervise snow gathering. Mr. & Mrs. Charles B. Gull will show slides of trip to Green

THE GOVERNOR CLEMENT TRIP

By: Doris Newton

The day of the Governor Clement trip proved to be one of the winter's finest. A coating of ice on the trees as well as fresh snow, made the countryside a wonderland. In the clear air every detail of the mountains stood out.

Doc, Howard, Churchill, Betsy Martin and I made up the party. At one of the old roads we separated, Doc to go directly to the shelter and we to explore. After a good bushwhack we came out on an old road and down to the trail at the shelter where Doc had a welcome fire going. Lunch was soon underway. Another short cut by the old Haley farm brought us back down to the car at the corner and so home, after a very satisfactory day.

MT. HANDLEY

By: C. Scott

Mrs. George Kirk, Jim Frink and Churchill Scott were the only folks with enough get up and go to tackle Mt. Handley on a very enjoyable day in February.

After parking in the usual place just over the Castleton River on the Whipple Hollow Road we missed the beginning of the wood road so walked along the new Interstate for a short distance. At last we felt it was time to cut up to the road. As we came to the fence there was quite a discussion as to going over or under it. After digging in under it we continued to bushwhack north in hopes of finding the trail. Soon we were climbing quite rapidly along fresh snowmobile tracks and came to an inviting spot of evergreens, brook and firewood. Here we suffered the only casualty of the day as we sat on a makeshift seat it gave way and a bit of delicious coffee was lost.

At last the ski do tracks bore to the East and we were on our own but the snow conditions were just

perfect traveling. We kept on going until the next switchback was reached where we were able to see over Little Handley to the East.

It was soon time to head for home and at each stop for breath Jim would give us a brief talk of the geological features or track identification. At one spot the biggest (?) snowshoe rabbit tracks in the world were seen which gave us quite a challenge to identify.

On the way to the cars we took care to learn the correct start so that next time (hopefully with more folks along) we will get a good start.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Killington Section is very grateful for the contributions of Lincoln Isham, Paul Megoon, Helen Frink and Harriot Bryant. These will be used to help maintain the shelters and trails throughout the coming year and to improve them where ever possible.

G.M.C. ANNUAL MEETING

The May issue of the Long Trail News will have all necessary information on the time, place and date. So please keep this in mind and save the day to learn what the Club is doing for you. Don't forget last year our section had the largest number of members.

LET'S DO IT AGAIN

LONG TRAIL NEWS

The February issue of the Long Trail News was mailed about Feb. 20. If anyone has not received their copy yet please notify W. C. Scott, so that the Corresponding Secretary of the Main Club may be informed.

Articles for the next "Smoke & Blazes" will be due June 4. Please send them to Betty Gilman 52 Chestnut Ave.

ANNUAL MEETING

By: C. Scott

The annual meeting of The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held at the C.V.P.S. rooms on Feb. 28, 1969.

About 34 were present and a very active evening was spent.

The following reports were made.

H. Ogden, sr. & jr., A.T.A work on Ascutney Mt., building of new shelter on Windsor Trail and invitation to attend the annual hike in May.

G. Pearlstein, work being done on outlying trail bulletins and help asked on supplying information about others around the state.

R. Deemer, work being done by the U.S.F.S. along the trail and elsewhere within their area.

Pres. Gulick let the discussion on work projects for the coming year, rebuilding Sunnyside, improving the approaches to the Mill River Bridge, repairing Tucker (possibly only necessary work with the plan in mind to relocate this camp on the main Long Trail a bit north of Willard Gap.

End to Enders with us included G. Pearlstein, R. Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Weeks, H. Ogden jr. and Mrs. Dorothy Johnson who had a very interesting scrapbook of her trips while doing the trail during the early 1940's.

New officers were elected.

Pres. Wilbur F. Weston

V. P. J. Harold Howard

Sect'y -

Treas. W. Churchill Scott

Finally the ladies served the best refreshments ever. As each year goes by it does not seem possible that Vera can do any better at providing more delicious cakes, pies, cookies and coffee but she does and we all thank her along with every other one.

SUNNYSIDE

By: C. Scott

The owners of Spring Lake Ranch have given the Killington Section permission to construct a new shelter on the site of the former Sunnyside Camp.

Sat, April 12, has been set for a work party there and at that time we will try to pick up the area and determine the best way to rebuild.

At a recent executive board meeting it was voted to have the new camp the same size and with folding doors as before.

During the week of April 14-18 the public schools and W. C. Scott are having a vacation. At this time we hope to be at the site as much as possible and begin the ground work.

The big question remaining is, Can we get enough volunteer help, to have a shelter there by the beginning of the hiking season which starts as soon as the snow leaves. Or will we have to hire the Long Trail Patrol with an additional expense of \$400. to \$500. and with the possibility that it may not be constructed until August.

Anyone able to help can contact W.C. Scott 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt.

SHATTERACK MT.

By: Betty Weeks

Six Killington Section members from Springfield took advantage of the beautiful weather March 10 and snowshoed up Shatterack Mt. in Jamaica. After driving out Glebe Mountain road as far as possible, we snowshoed up the unplowed road a mile into the notch between Shatterack Mt. and Glebe Mt. At the height of land we ventured off on a wood road to the right, bush-whacking our way up an easy but steady grade through lovely hard wood forest to the summit of the

mountain. The mountain top is all ledges with fir trees and blueberry bushes between. At this time of the year, only the fir trees show. From many places on and near the top there are spectacular views to the east, south, and west. We could look almost directly down at the Ball Mountain Flood Control dam which was built in the narrow West River Valley between Shatterack and Ball Mtns. The West River, where canoe races are held each Spring, was a miniature stream far below. We could see Monadnock Mt. in New Hampshire, Glastenbury, Stratton and Mt. Snow to the south. In the west, Bromley, Equinox and other peaks in the Taconic and Green Mountain ranges stood out against a brilliant blue sky.

After eating a leisurely lunch in a sunny sheltered spot near the top we returned to our cars, planning a return trip to this sightly mountain in the Spring.

March 17, 1969

By: Wilbur F. (Wes) Weston

From the President-Elect of the Killington Section, G.M.C. to all members of the Section; GREETINGS. For those of you who do not know me, I am the short, chubby old guy most generally seen in the company of Churchill Scott and "Doc" Howard, and invariably followed by my favorite Sheltie, Rascal. I sincerely hope that in the ensuing year I may become better acquainted with many more of you. Barring mumps; measles; hoof-and-mouth- disease and the like, it is my intention to work for the best interests of the section and to participate fully in its activities. Through the weeks and months to follow it is hoped that our program will be sufficiently interesting to induce more of you members in becoming active participants. Let's have an all out year.

NOTE OF THANKS
By: Terry Gulick

To all those members of our Section who assisted in the tasks of the past two years, my sincere thanks. Anchor man Churchill Scott certainly deserves much credit for his tireless efforts as Secretary-Treasurer. Betty Gilman has faithfully produced our Smoke and Blazes and deserves many thanks.

BUILDING PLANS
By: Terry Gulick

Building plans are a topic of conversation these days among Killington Section members. The need for a new shelter to replace both Buffum and Sunnyside Camp - lost by recent fires - is creating one major project for the coming summer. Interest by a nearby summer camp to construct a shelter for the G.M.C., on Killington section of trail, is being sketched into reality.

On the latter development, plans are being mapped in co-operation with International Paper Company to have constructed an open shelter on property owned by them. Location of the proposed shelter would be approximately 1/10 mile from the L.T. on the Shrewsbury Peak Trail near an excellent water supply.

Manpower is scheduled to come from Farm and Wilderness Camps in Bridgewater. This summer camp provided the incentive for constructing a new shelter by offering their services. The project if implemented would provide a means for some of this summer's campers to attain a goal. Learning how to construct an open-faced shelter. Supervision along with other details, is being worked out by both G.M.C. and I.P.C. representatives.

Providing all goes well, G.M.C. ers can look forward to a new

overnight facility in the Killington area by the end of next summer supplementing Cooper Lodge which sees increasing usage each year.

For Sunnyside replacement, Long Trail Patrol assistance is being contemplated.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

This issue of Smoke & Blazes will be the last sent to 1968 members of the Killington Section. In order to keep up with the latest news please send your dues to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701. The price is still only \$2.00 adults and \$0.50 children and students.

John Allard
Martha Adams
David Anglin
Helen Bailey
Harriot Bryant
Kendra Bryant
Leitha Bryant
Miles Bryant
Owen Bryant
Louie Catozzi
Raymond Catozzi
Marilyn S. Clemenson
Robert Deemer
Helen Frink
James Frink
Futh Fostman
Elizabeth Gilman
Richard L. Goldin
William Gragen
Charles B. Gulick
Dorothy Hegeman
Margaret Holmes
Stewart Holmes
J. Harold Howard
Mrs. George L. Kirk
Ruth LaBrake
Paul Magoon
Florence Mitchell
Thomas Fuller
Eleanor Walker
John Martin
Janet Martin
Betsy Martin
Carol Martin

David Martin
Nancy Martin
Tommy Martin
Doris Newton
Herbert G. Ogden Jr.
Herbert G. Ogden, Sr.
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Anne Perkins
David Perkins
Polly Perkins
Tim Perkins
Les Pfenning
Marc Pfenning
Susan Pfenning
George Pearlstein
Ellen Russell
Scott Ross
Harold Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
John J. Valiquette
Thomas J. Valiquette
Lloyd Weeks
Elizabeth Weeks

These names, added to the 1969 list of members, are those that have been received by March 10, 1969.

STRAYED

One silver-colored pie-server never came home after our Annual Meeting. Anyone finding same please contact Vera Perkins, Tel. 773-2941.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

CASH ON HAND JAN. 1, 1968		\$ 2275.89
INSURANCE FOR LOSS OF SUNNYSIDE	\$ 1000.00	
GIFTS	213.50	
DUES	151.50	
INTEREST	111.03	
SALE OF GUIDE BOOKS	19.50	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>3771.42</u>

EXPENSES

TRAILS AND SHELTERS	144.14	
OUTINGS	100.28	
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB	70.25	
SMOKE & BLAZES	59.50	
ANNUAL MEETING	46.24	
POSTAGE	13.98	
MISC. (Notebook, Paper, Telephone & Cards)	5.54	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>439.93</u>
CASH ON HAND JAN. 1, 1969		\$ <u>3331.49</u>

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

W. CHURCHILL SCOTT, TREASURER



Vol. 22 No. 2 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB-Apr.-May 1969

COMING HIKES

Where: Fire Hill, Pittsford, Vt.

When: Sun. June 22, 9:00 A.M.

The leader of this outing, Miss Ruth LaBrake has been very kind to offer the facilities of her family camp to the members of the Killington Section and their friends. It may be possible to drive all the way so we hope to see many there to enjoy the numerous short walks to nearby points of interest.

Also Mr. Weston hopes to be able to have a short meeting with interested members to formulate plans for the coming fall and winter program.***-----

MIDDLEBURY TO LINCOLN GAP

Nineteen (?) years ago this long holiday weekend members of the Killington Section started their work on the End to End award.

After seven long and hard years of hiking the trail, Mary, Vera and Craig Perkins finished but the rest of us are still working at it.

This July 4th we hope to go to

Skylight Pond Shelter on Friday night, Cooley Glen on Saturday and then a short walk to Lincoln gap on Sunday.

For more detailed information contact leader W.C. Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701

CANOE TRIP ON THE OTTER CREEK

When: Saturday, July 19

Leader: B. & L. Weeks

Leave: 9:00 A.M. Meldon School

Last year's canoe trip proved so successful, another trip on the Otter Creek is planned for this summer. This will be a continuation for all those who wish to be Otter Creek "end to enders". We will put the canoes in the water at the Fish & Game access area west of Brandon on Route 73. From here we will paddle 15 mi. downstream through pleasant farm land to the Cornwall-E. Middlebury Road crossing near the jct. with the Middlebury River. For those who prefer a shorter trip canoes may leave the water at Leicester Jct., 5 mi. or the

Salisbury Station Road crossing at 11 mi.

Wildlife abounds along the river. Ducks, muskrats, and other birds and animals are frequently seen. Bring your lunch and canoe and come with us to enjoy this outing.

Where: Scrag Mt., Waitsfield, Vt.
When: Sun. Aug. 3, 9:00 A.M.

Here is a new hike for the more adventurous members. A trip of about 4 miles round trip. Should be rewarded with a fine view from the Fire Tower of mountains between Killington and Mansfield.

G.M.C. INTERSECTIONAL

The 1969 G.M.C. Intersectional will be held in the Montpelier area Aug. 23 to Labor Day, Sept. 1.

For more information you may read again the May issue of the Long Trail News.

Let us all get behind the Montpelier Section and show them how very much we appreciate the work they have done to provide such an interesting program.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Killington Section, G.M.C. needs and requests the more active support of it's better than one hundred members in carrying out the program of planned activities for the ensuing year including hikes, work parties, etc.

We are very well aware that many of our members, for one reason or another, are prevented from a more active participation, and that many of you who read this are already committed to an active role in our program. To those of you who have the time: the interest: and the physical energy, we would greatly appreciate your services in helping to make our program more effective.

Our urgent need is for Committee Chairmen for each of the following:

Building Committee
Publicity Committee
Finance Committee
Planning Committee (Hikes, Etc.)

If you will be available and willing to serve as one of the above Chairman, please contact any one of the following for details:

W. F. Weston, Pres.
Box 514, Manchester Center
Vermont 05255, Tel: 362-1827

Dr. James H. Howard, V. Pres.
Stage Route, Mendon, Vt. 05701
Tel. 775-5350

W. Churchill Scott
132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vt.
Tel: 775-5720

WINTER DAY AT TALL TIMBERS

By: Miriam Bell

Twenty-three people enjoyed a winter day on Saturday, March 15th, at Tall Timbers in Mendon, with Craigie and Mary Perkins offering the use of the new Recreation Hall to their guests.

It was a fine, mild day, with blue sky and sunshine appearing in the afternoon, giving excellent chances for photographic shots of heavy snow on giant evergreens nearby. It was beautiful wherever one looked.

The snowshoeing was ideal-snow knee-deep and soft. A good many people walked easily about on their snowshoes, both morning and afternoon, showing they kept in practice; one young fellow ran through the woods on snowshoes like an Indian!

It was a pleasure to welcome new hikers, Bob and Helen Robinson, recently from Salt Lake City, who are completing their new home nearby on Cream Hill Rd. Bob grew up in Rutland.

While the older crowd sat around the stoves visiting after lunch, the younger ones played games inside or built snowmen outside.

All day the mildness of the air suggested spring. What a lovely month March is in Vermont, at least on days like these in the snowy woods.

K.S. MEMBERS ON WINTER HIKE IN APR.

By: T. Gulick

With two experienced hikers from Charlotte, Vt., I attempted-and succeeded--hiking to Pico Camp the first weekend in April. Why such a challenge at this time of year? Read on!

Starting at Sherburne Pass on snowshoes, there was no difficulty in following blazes up to the Alpine Lift, the spring which was snow covered, and on up towards Pico Junction. At this elevation, about 2800 feet, the snow depth had reached the 6 ft mark thus covering up every other blaze. Closer towards Pico Junction all the blazes appeared obliterated. Counsel was held and we considered three alternatives: Camp where we were, go back to Rt. 4, or go on via the summit. The latter idea won, of course, so on we went to the top. Using the Guide Book Map, we sighted the direction of Pico Camp and plunged downward over 6-8' of snow finding only one blue blaze to reassure us we were O.K.

Reaching a small clearing (if you can believe such exists in this area at 8 ft. above ground,) and the correct elevation where we figured Pico Camp and the trail should be found, we set up a temporary camp site. Upon starting on a "sweep" of the area, the two youngsters both Boy Scouts, and I came upon the camp we were looking for. It was hidden from our stopping point by some evergreen.

Digging our way to the doorway of the shelter with snowshoes created some work, but once the door could be opened we tumbled inside with glee! Ample firewood greeted us, and food preparation began in earnest with sleep over-

taking us at an early hour.

Following a leisurely breakfast next morning we packed up, moved out and headed along the trail route, we think! Shortly we came upon our previous days tracks and completed the trip back to the Pass.

Recalling the event now, it seems unbelievable so much snow was piled up there! What a novelty to pick off dead branches from trees 12-14' above ground, right beside the camp. The forest appeared to be a groomed lawn interrupted only by well established trees. To top it off we had to climb down a six foot snow bank to water which managed not to become buried.

Labeling this overnight hike a success, we can proudly say we survived the Winter of '69.

ASCUTNEY TRAILS ASSOC. ANNUAL MEETING

By: H. Ogden

Some 50 people attended the annual meeting of the Ascutney Trails Assoc. held at the Old Lodge, Ascutney Ski Area Sunday evening. Treasurer, Richard Burroughs reported a bank balance of close to \$400, and membership of some 25 supporting members and 50 shirt-sleeve members. Chairman Herbert Ogden reported on the year's activities which included the May picnic, construction of the Log Shelter on the Windsor Trail and the opening of two new side trails on the Wt. He previewed the forthcoming Picnic, to be held Saturday, May 10 and the preparations being made for an attendance of 400 or more. (1968 attendance: 200). Main event of the evening was an enthusiastically received slide program presented by Maurice LaFontaine of Claremont, showing Ascutney scenes and trail activities.

New directors elected from the floor were: Gary Burke, Brownsville; Dennis Fontaine, Claremont; Robert Morse, Springfield. At the Directors meeting later in the evening the following officers were re-elected:

Chairman: Herbert Ogden, Hartland;
Treasurer: Richard Burroughs,
Brownsville; Sec.: Arnold Clay,
Brownsville. Further arrangements
for the Picnic were discussed, with
emphasis on the providing of 1600
sandwiches.

ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL WORK PARTY

By: C. Scott

On a clear day in April Mr.
Hubert Lary, our member from
Rochester brought over a group of
high school students to spend the
day working on Clarendon Shelter.

It has been a long time since
our section has seen such a large,
active and busy group. And it does
seem very pleasant to see the looks
of the grounds and camp improve as
the day wore on.

The roof was patched, new stove
pipe and cap were added and fasten-
ed securely, the whole camp creos-
oted, the yard raked and barrel
after barrel of trash carted to
the dump.

The lone young lady started in
washing the windows (the first
time in years) and what an improve-
ment after which the floor and
table were given a thorough clean-
ing.

After lunch a short hike was
taken up to the graveyard and
then down the Lottery Road, over
Beacon Hill, back to camp and then
down the trail to the cars.

The Killington Section wants
to express our thanks to Mr. Lary
and his students for their very
well mannered conduct both at camp
and on the trail and for the tre-
mendous amount of work accomplished
in one day.

WORK PARTIES

By: C. Scott

A number of our scheduled work
parties did not materialize be-
cause of the more pressing demand
of aerial photo marking and also

rebuilding Sunnyside.

Gov. Clement was visited, bunks
repaired, window replaced in gazabo,
brush cut and area cleaned up.

Clarendon was thoroughly taken
care of by Mr. Lary and his students
from Rochester High School.

Sunnyside area was cleared of
debris and made ready for a new
shelter by a number of new members
and their friends. On May 17 work
began in earnest when Sandy Stare
arrived on the scene. Since then
he, Ray Secor and many others have
worked long and hard to have Sunnyside
standing once again. And our
Vice. Pres. Doc Howard has finished
a new toilet house also.

Our most grateful thanks go to
Sandy and Ray and to the many
others who have been able to help
in some way.

THIRD ANNUAL MAY PICNIC

By: H. Ogden

In spite of some two feet of
snow on the upper trails, and
cold, cloudy, raw, windy weather
(especially up top), the May 10
ATA Picnic was well received:
some 330 people turned up. Since
well over half of them were child-
ren and since the primary purpose
of the ATA is to introduce young
people to hiking, the ATA feels
that the 60 people who contributed
to the day's success should feel
a glow of achievement. The picnic
committee had prepared for a crowd
of around 400. If the out-of-
stayers who had turned up on the
previous Saturday (on account of
the VERMONT LIFE article) had
come on the right day and if the
weather had been even a little
less discouraging the tally would
have run well over that 400! Cost
of the picnic, when all bills are
in, will run around \$200.; this
still leaves some \$300. in the
treasury for other activities.
It was a pleasure to note that
there was hardly any cleaning up
to do at the picnic site, along

the trails or at the bottom parking lots. Youngest hiker was Ashley Bromley, 4, of Springfield. Oldest (as in the past 2 years) was Harold Austin, 73, of Woodstock. The menu included some 1800 sandwiches, 5 bushels of apples, 1000 cookies and 40 gallons of beverage.

KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERS MARK
TRAIL FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS
BOY SCOUTS ASSIST.
By: T. Gulick

In early May, many GMC'ers in southern Vermont busied themselves marking the Appalachian Trail section of the L.T. for aerial photographing. The project resulted from passage of the National Trails bill by the last Congress in which the Appalachian Trail is included.

Killington Section was faced with late winter conditions making it almost impossible to place plastic strips used for markers. Nevertheless, K.S. members from Springfield, Churchill Scott, Doris Newton and President "Wes" covered Killington Section's portion of trail. This reported tackled the difficult section, only to be turned back by lingering snow starting just below Pico Junction.

However, the job eventually was completed and copies of photographs are scheduled to be returned for further identification by the trail marking teams. K.S. members.

Assisting on one of the trips were two members of Boy Scout Troop 317, Mt. Holly, who also helped with some trail clearing. Many thanks to you fellas, Gene Syria and Robert Link.

ANNUAL MEETING
By: Betty Weeks

The 1969 Annual Meeting of the Green Mountain Club was held on Saturday, May 31, at the Bavarian

Castle, Proctorsville, Vermont. With 149 registered we set a new attendance record.

Registration time with coffee and doughnuts at 9:30 A.M. was followed by the morning business session at 10:00 A.M. A panel discussion, moderated by Dave Otis, brought lively discussion. The panel, representing views of the local sections, officers of the club, and members-at-large raised some new ideas on the future relation of the club to the sections and its members.

A noon lunch was served at the Chopping Block. The afternoon session included reports from the various sections and committees. Shirley Strong of Burlington was elected president of the club for 1969-70.

Free moments between meetings were used for browsing in Dick Metcalfs' Swap Shop where used camping and sporting gear was sold and traded. People enjoyed the interesting exhibits on trail sign making, presented by Herbert Ogden, Sr.

Highlight of the afternoon session was the presentation of the "Golden Hatchet Award" by Better Camping Magazine to the Green Mountain Club, for contribution to outdoor living. The presentation was made by Catherine E. McMullen, editor of "Better Camping", and accepted by Roy Buchanan of Burlington. The award included \$100 and a trophy. The Better Camping Magazine had a lead story in its June Issue of the GMC award with the caption "Fifty-nine years on the Long Trail."

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M. After the late afternoon Trustees' Meeting, dinner was served at the Castle. The evening program in the Rathskeller featured Ronald Rood, well known nature writer and Vermont naturalist and lecturer.

SUNNYSIDE DEDICATION

By: W. Weston

On Sunday, June 1, 1969, over forty members of the Green Mountain Club from various sections and at-large, gathered in the vicinity of Spring Lake, Cuttingsville to dedicate the new Sunnyside Shelter. Many members had hiked in over the trail to attend the festivities. It was a very fine day, weatherwise. Ben Rolston, Co-ordinator for the project, made a few brief remarks having to do with the problems encountered in getting started, etc. and "Wes" Weston added words of appreciation to the many who assisted in the construction. Shirley Strong, newly elected President of the GMC performed the rite of dedication, using a plastic bag filled with water. In the process, she inadvertently doused "Sandy" Stare who was an innocent bystander. However, this harmless mishap was most appropriate as Sandy has been a most dedicated person in the building of Sunnyside. It seems proper to acknowledge the help that has been given by many of our members, in and out of the section. These include "Doc" Howard with his jeep; the indomitable Churchill Scott; Louis "Sandy" Stare, who gave unselfishly of his many days and energies; Ray Secor; Mauri Wintturi; Vic Randolph; Ben & Dorothy Rolston; Lloyd and Betty Weeks with a group from Springfield, Vt.; Rascal; Joey and others whom we may have missed because no daily record of attendance was kept. It is a good shelter and we hope many hikers will benefit from it's being there. Let us hope it is used but not abused.

BIRD MT. TRIP

By: Doris Newton

At last! We have made the crossing of Bird Mt. The day was pleasant, the bugs not too bad, and ten people turned out. Jim Frink decided his jeep could make the first two miles of the East side road, and with his skillful driving, so it did. Churchill guided us to the luncheon spring under the high ledges. As the lunch fire was building (just for atmosphere, not for heat, or even coffee!) the boys discovered an old shovel, and cleared out the spring.

Luncheon over, we were joined by a friend of Churchill's who had come up the west side with his sons. A scramble up the steep traces of the old trail in the little notch, and a walk up the summit ridge, with stops for the fine views to the east, brought us to the real summit, site of the old Masonic Monument, now completely grown over, and a bit further to the top of the southern cliff. Here we rested and studied the landscape, and were fortunate to have Jim explain the geology of the Taconic Range.

Then Mr. Woodruff guided us down the steep west side, again with some traces of a trail, out to the high pastures, and down to the west side road, the old main road to Poultney, now abandoned a mile or so beyond here. We turned east at the even more abandoned road that once circled the mountain under the cliffs, and rejoined the east road where Jim's jeep was a welcome sight. A visit to a most interesting geological sight, a perfect example of "folding" in a cliff on the shore of Glen Lake, again thru the courtesy of Jim and his jeep, ended a most satisfactory day of hiking.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The following names have been added from March 10 to June 3.

Bennett Bell
Miriam Bell
Hedrick Cahee
Christine Cahee
Frances Green
Mrs. Charles B. Gulick 11
William Gyorfi
Florence Herrick
Marsh Herrick
Richard Kennedy
George Reynolds
F. Robert Robinson
Helen Robinson
Bailey S. Weston
Wilbur F. Weston

OUTING & ACTIVITY IDEAS

Thanks to Terry for a very good form to fill out for those members who are anxious to have new places included on the outing schedule.

Last year our Otter Creek canoe trip was the result of this form and it was a new, and exciting experience for many of us. Lets' see if we can do as well this next time.

Also there is a section for those who are willing and able to work on trail and shelter upkeep. Also for anyone who would care to serve on the various committees.

Please return these forms as soon as possible to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

You will find the above forms on the next page.

IDEAS NEEDED!

IDEAS NEEDED!

Outings & Activities

Please list below ideas of outing and activities which you think would be fun to have.

Type of Activity:

Where would it be held:

This activity is rated, in your opinion, as: Easy family hike _____

Adults Only _____ Difficult _____ Rugged _____ CHECK ONE

Other:

Special Equipment Needed:

I am willing to serve as leader of this activity: _____
Your name, if interested.

Projects

The following is a request for ideas and manpower potential for trail and shelter work and for fund raising projects.

I am willing to work on trails and shelters if called upon _____ Yes
_____ No

If the above answer is "Yes" please continue:

Days of the week I am most frequently available:

Season of the year I am most apt to be available:

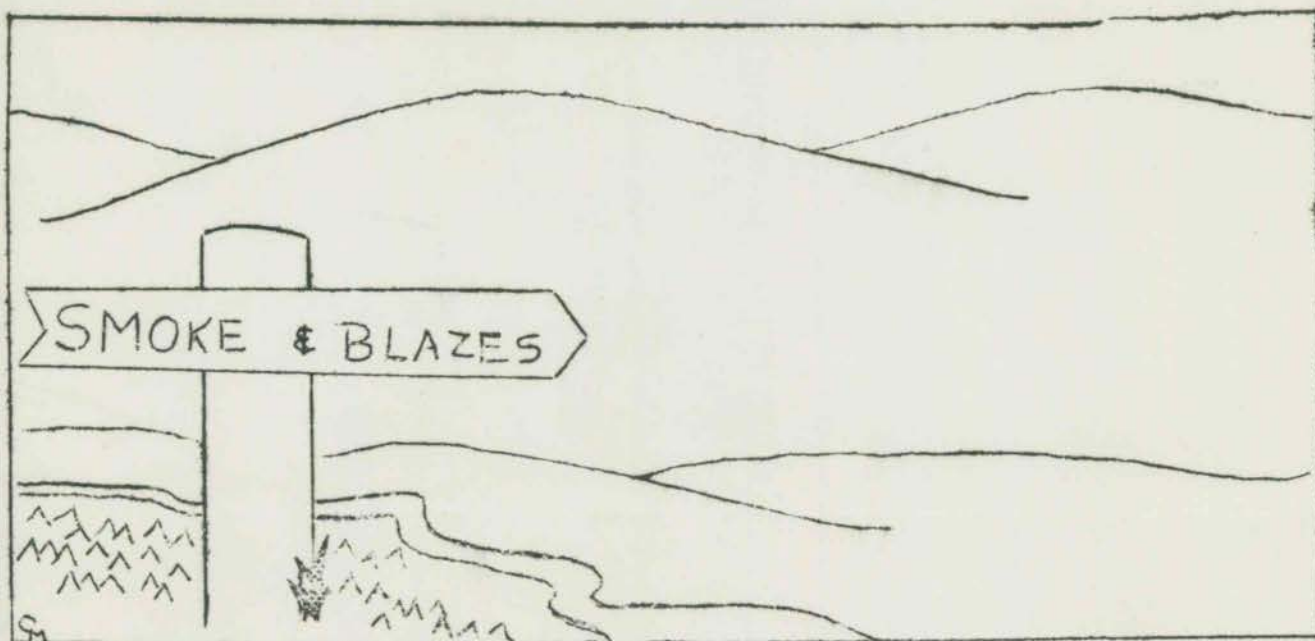
What particularly would you enjoy doing in trail and shelter Work?

Would you be able to assist Trails & Shelters Chrm, in directing work projects?

Would you be interested and willing to work on fund raising projects such as the Rummage Sale held in recent years?

What would you suggest for other fund raising projects?

Your Name _____



Vol. 22 No. ⁴3 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - June-Aug. 1969

COMING HIKES

WHERE: COOPER LODGE-TAMARACK
SHELTER

WHEN: Sat. Sept 27, 9:00 A.M.

Here is a chance to see what the Vt. Forest and Parks have done to repair Cooper Lodge. Also we hope to visit the newest shelter in our section, Tamarack Shelter and see what a good job the Farm and Wilderness Camps did. The plans are to hike up the chair lift or ride it and walk to the shelters.

WHERE: JOHNSON SHELTER

WHEN: Sun. Oct. 5, 1:00 P.M.

This new open front shelter will replace Tucker now that the beech tree finally fell on it. Located about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Willard Gap this will be the scene of a new plan for outings. We hope to have a few trips begin in the P.M. and have supper.

WHERE: EAST MOUNTAIN

WHEN: Sun. Oct. 12, 10:00 A.M.

A good family trip is this short walk through the Dyer meadows to the summit overlooking Rutland. We all hope that Vera can make this

trip and with Harold along to show the way it should be an enjoyable day.

WHERE: COVERED DISH SUPPER,
BEECHWOOD

WHEN: Sat. Oct. 18, 6:00 P.M.

The most delightful day of the fall schedule will be held at Beechwood through the kindness of the Perkins family. As always we can come early and enjoy some walks in the nearby woods.

WHERE: MERCK FOREST, RUPERT, VT.

WHEN: Sat. Oct. 25, 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Weston has received permission from the caretaker of the Merck Forest Preserve to use its facilities. There are a few open front shelters along the various hiking trails and it is full moon time so hopefully we would like to plan for all those who are able to make this an overnight trip.

WHERE: PITTSFORD ICE CAVES

WHEN: Sun. Nov. 2, 1:00 P.M.

Another afternoon outing with a short walk to an old favorite spot. Let's try to have a good crowd this trip and will try to go the right way.

WHERE: CLARENDON LODGE

WHEN: Sat. Nov. 15, 10:00 A.M.

If this shelter has not been repaired for the winter camping season before, now will be a good time so everybody should come in their work clothers.

NEW OUTING SCHEDULE

By: C. Scott

The new Fall and Winter Outing Schedule is enclosed with this issue of Smoke & Blazes. Additional copies are available from Craigie Perkins, Harold Valiquette, Dr. J. Harold Howard or Churchill Scott.

If there are any new hikes desired please fill out and return the questionnaire which was included in the last issue of Smoke & Blazes. So far only 2 out of almost 80 have been received and it is very difficult to make up an interesting outing schedule unless we get some help and new suggestions from the members.

THE NEW SUNNYSIDE CAMP

By: Ben Rolston

&

Frances Roberts

The fire. The need. The offer. The planning. The workers. The construction. The Dedication. And the first customers.

The fire last August brought an urgent need for a new Sunnyside Camp. Plans were made for the Long Trail Patrol to build the new camp this summer.

Then along came Sandy Stare of Cape Cod, the GMC'er who, in 1965, built Lost Pond Shelter at his home and brought it to Vermont for assembly on the Long Trail north of Baker Peak. Sandy decided that he'd like to build another shelter.

Then along came Ben Rolston, who persuaded Sandy to direct his shelter-building efforts toward

the construction of our Sunnyside Camp.

Visits with Craigie, Churchill, Terry and others completed the arrangements. Killington would design the camp, Sandy would specify the materials, and Killington would purchase them. Then Sandy would go to work.

We assembled at the site on May 17. Sandy, Ben, Ray Secor, Churchill, Terry, President Weston, John Himmelberger, and Ben's friend Don MacKellar. Plus Kathy Hayes and Dorothy Rolston to cheer us on. We prepared the site as we waited for the lumber to arrive. And we waited. No lumber. Finally our healthy work party disbanded, much disappointed. I can imagine Churchill's chagrin (for want of a better word) when he arrived home and found the lumber in his yard!

During the next week, the lumber company moved the lumber to the end of the field, where it should have been moved on May 17. Sandy, Wes, Churchill and Doc Howard moved the lumber in to the site with Doc's jeep. Sandy began work on the foundation, and floor joists. His helpers returned, and by the 24th quite a bit of the framework had been erected.

The morning of the 24th Sandy, Ray, Ben, Irving White and his son Eric went to work on the rafters and other phases of construction, and were later joined by Mauri Wintturi. That night they all camped in the field by the access road.

Sunday, May 25th, the area became crowded with workers! Let Frances Roberts tell you about it. (I'll be back later.)

The last Sunday in May brought back memories of barn raisin' days when 22 people and 2 dogs met to help rebuild Sunnyside camp. Most of the party were dressed for a cold, raw day with threats of showers, but it turned out to be just the opposite. The men who worked up on the roof during the

late morning and early afternoon can vouch for that. There were bugs around, too--but they could have been worse. Perhaps the smoke from the fire under that big, black hulk of a coffeepot helped.

The four women in the party cleared out some thorn bushes, picked up scraps of glass and rusty tin cans, and, of course, gave freely of their good advice to the carpenters. Karen and Allen Randolph panned for fool's gold in the spring, while baby brother Warren meandered over heaps of debris, stopping now and then to hug the muddy dogs--the muddier the better!

Meanwhile, back at the camp, the men pounded and sawed and swarmed all over the roof. Those working down below handed up nails, hammers and roofing, and propped each other up on jobs where the ladder couldn't quite reach.

The photographers kept busy, too. Betty Weeks added to her collection of GMC pictures. Ray Secor got a fascinating shot of Vic Randolph up on the ridgepole a picture all but Vic felt should be kept for posterior-ty.

In the late afternoon the work party broke up, leaving the Hero of Sunnyside Camp Raisin', Louis (Sandy) Stare, still pounding away on the roof. I suspect each one of us went home with the "let's do it more often" feeling that comes from a day of good fellowship and accomplishment.

Registered for this May 25th work party were Cliff and Carol Farrington, Ray Secor, Kim Scott, W.C. Scott, Doc Howard, Kay Howard Dick and Frances Roberts, Vic and Lois Randolph, Mauri Wintturi, Ben Rolston, Eric E. White, Irving E. White, Louis Stare, Fred Herrick, Betty and Lloyd Weeks. Also, Suki and Tawna, who signed the register with their paw prints.

(Rolston's back again)

During that next week, more lumber arrived. Sandy continued work, assisted by Churchill, Wes, Doc, and Vic Randolph, with visits by George Pearlstein and others.

Then a short pause for Memorial Day and the GMC Annual Meeting, which Sandy attended for the first time.

Sunday morning, June 1st, Sandy was back at it again, with the help of Ray Secor and Don Wallace. In the meantime, a dedication hike was in progress! A few cheated and came in the short way. But the majority made the trip in from Route 140 (and after the dedication continued on to Route 103).

What a crowd! Over 40 adults, plus some children and canine participants. During the height of the activities, the clearing was filled with GMC'ers and guests enjoying a fine day and an interesting assortment of lunches.

Ben started the ceremony with a history of old Sunnyside Camp and the details of Sandy's shelter-building experiences.

Just then, with perfect timing, Killington President Weston arrived to take part in the ceremony and to give Killington's greetings to those assembled.

Then our new GMC President, Shirley Strong, performed her FIRST official duty - she christened the new Sunnyside Camp with Green Mountain Champagne (cold, clear water from the nearby spring.) And in the spirit of the occasion, Sandy got christened too!

One by one, our friends went up the Trail. A few stayed on to work. Just as we were leaving, Sunnyside Camp got its first customers-- a young couple who were hiking the Appalachian Trail northward from Tennessee. They had great praise for our Long Trail and its fine shelters, and were pleased to be the first to use new Sunnyside Camp.

Sandy and Ray stayed on a few more days, to put the finishing touches on the camp. Now it is ready for hikers. We hope that they will enjoy using it as much as we all enjoyed building it. And the Killington Section extends thanks to all those who helped, and especially to Sandy Stare who donated so

much of his time to this special project. A fine job done, Sandy!

CANOE TRIP

By: Betty Weeks

On Saturday, July 19, five canoes and fourteen enthusiastic canoeists met at the Fish and Game access area on Route 73 west of Brandon for a day's trip on the Otter Creek. The weather couldn't have been better and everyone was in good spirits as we launched our canoes on the placid creek. At the access ~~area~~ we were surprised to find members of the Connecticut Section just breaking camp and preparing for a two day trip on the creek. Our party swelled to nine canoes, but the heavily loaded ones from Connecticut soon fell far behind.

Terry Gulick served as navigator, plotting our location on topographical maps.

Majestic trees, including silver maples, line the bank giving one a feeling of seclusion from the outside world. The banks are usually steep and covered with tall ferns. Occasionally we would catch a glimpse of the Green Mountains through drainage ditches which had been cut through the banks. Though a great deal of the area surrounding this part of the creek is swamp land, you see little evidence of this from the water. Perhaps the swarms of stinging flies which troubled us came from the surrounding swamps. Muskrats and sandpipers were frequently seen.

After passing under the bridge at Leicester Junction, we heard no sound of civilization for many miles.

Beyond a railroad bridge we beached our canoes in a drainage ditch and in cool shade beside a corn field, we ate lunch. Even though we took the faithful coffee pot for the ride, we all agreed it

was too hot for coffee.

Continuing along the Creek we encountered several log jams. Many of them like floating islands alive with vegetation. In one place we had to push aside debris before we could proceed.

We were amazed at our rapid progress in spite of the relative slow current in this section. All too soon we reached our destination and the end of an eleven mile trip at the single lane covered bridge at Salisbury Station.

August 18, 1969

AFTER A DECADE, IT'S FINE

By: T. Gulick

End-to-end recognition was extended in July to Killington Section member Ray Secor of Schenectady, N. Y. Hiking 9.8 miles of Long Trail from Middlebury Gap to Brandon Gap, the GMCer completed the 260-mile trail July 6, 1969.

On hand to greet Ray on Mt. Horrid were Ben and Dorothy Rolston, Sandy Stare of Cape Cod, Mass., and Terry Gulick. This reception committee accompanied the new end-to-ender to Brandon Gap where congratulations were extended.

Secor began his hiking ventures some 10 years ago with the encouragement of multi-end-to-ender Rolston.

GMC PLAQUE IS O.K.

By: T. Gulick

The James P. Taylor plaque is o.k! Though located on a rock just outside the Old Long Trail Lodge, destroyed by fire last November, it was not affected.

Originally, the plaque commemorating GMC's founder was on a ledge at the foot of Deer's Leap, but was relocated a few years ago when it became detached from the original site.

CHURCHILL MADE IT! SANDY DID TOO!

By: T. Gulick

After two attempts last year, K. S. Secretary-Treasurer, W. Churchill Scott assaulted and conquered the Long Trail between Route 15 in Johnson and Sterling Lodge, and became Killington Section's latest end-to-ender.

An impromptu celebration was held at the home of Doc & Kay Howard in Mendon, Aug. 10 in honor of the occasion.

Also receiving congratulations was Sandy Stare of Bass River, Mass., as he, too, completed hiking the L.T. in late July.

Churchill began his hiking career as a youngster in 1928 with a trip up Killington. He completed his trek on the trail sometime Saturday August 9. Hiking north from Smuggler's Notch last November in an attempt to finish the Trail, he was turned back at Sterling Lodge because of bad weather.

Churchill has served for several years as the Section's Secretary-Treasurer, has served as Trustee to the main Club, and tended to many tasks relating to the Section's affairs.

Sandy is spending this summer in Vermont and between hikes on the L.T. he has built the new Sunnyside Shelter and assisted the L.T. Patrol in constructing the new Johnson Shelter north of Tucker Lodge.

He states he hopes to visit Ascutney, Steamtown in Bellows Falls, the Northeast Kingdom, and other places of interest in Vermont before returning home about October 1.

This new end-to-ender is the donar of Lost Pond Shelter, located south of F S Road 10 in Danby.

COOPER LODGE HAS NEW LOOK

By: T. Gulick

The Killington Hotel has gone, the old stone shelter went into history, but it appears Cooper Lodge will be around a while. The reason: Forests & Parks Dept. personnel are replacing almost all the wooden portions of the structure, originally built in the 1930's. Featured in the new construction is a new roof, new plexiglass windows, a new door, and other improvements such as bunks.

With the cooperation of Sherburne Corporation, operators of the large ski area on Killington, The Vermont Dept. of Forests & Parks has been able to arrest the deteriorating condition of the 30 year old camp.

Ben Hoffman, coordinator of the project for F & P., inspected the camp earlier this summer and with other officials including GMC members, decided the repair job was in order rather than abandoning the camp. He stated that Sherburne Corporation officials expressed a desire to see Cooper Lodge retained. The renovation took place during August.

How valuable is Vermont land? A would-be Vermonter, upon visiting the state recently, was alleged to have been talking to a native about the possibilities of purchasing a piece of Vermont. The native agreed that this might be a nice idea. But when the prospective buyer stated he thought he would like to begin small by buying about \$500.00 worth, the native suggested that he, the prospective buyer, locate a wheelbarrow, bring around and he, the native, would be happy to load it up!

INTERSECTIONAL 1969

Due to School meetings for John the first part of intersectional week the Martin's had a very short camping trip this year....a one night stand. Vera and Carrie Burchardt went along with the seven Martins so we had a car full! Somewhere Vera and Janet had read that the camp was in Randolph so we went from Randolph to Randolph looking for it....even went to see the floating bridge in Brookfield. Finally with the help of the Congregational Minister's wife in Randolph and a call to Killington Section Member Helen Frink we were sent further north to Northfield and found the camp site without further trouble!

What a beautiful stream and waterfall from the mill pond. We camped close by and were lulled to sleep by the soft music of the water. The evening program was slides of some of the 46ers in the Adirondacks and some of the Appalachian Trail south in Virginia. Afterward the Martin party sat around and listened to the girls sing and play their guitars and popped some corn.

In the morning we reluctantly took down the tent and left right after lunch. Tom tried his hand at fishing but was not very successful. After some more adventuring in the car...we succeeded in losing all the water out of the radiator and had to inch our way by coasting down the hills into Sharon-we managed to deliver Carrie home and got ourselves back to Rutland.

BALD MT. TRAIL By: Janet Martin

The State Dept. of Forests and Parks has completed the trail up Bald Mt. east of Rutland over both summits, by the bog and out onto the Red Rocks Ledges. Eventually they expect to complete a circle trail so that one can go

along an easy grade following several old logging roads or ascent more quickly by the Girl Scout - Forest Service trail which is now completed and blazed with blue paint. It is .8 mile to the summit and 1.5 miles to Red Rocks. The views are lovely and this would be a lovely fall hike. Look for a write up on it in the Forest Festival Week edition of the Rutland Herald.

----- NOTES ON SOME OF OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS WHO ARE NOW IN COLLEGE By: Janet Martin

Judy Paul spent the summer working at Camp Betsy Cox for Jean Davies. She had charge of all tripping from the camp and from reports of GMC'ers who met her groups on the trail she was doing an excellent job. This is one camp which sends out small groups only... I understand they had to sleep out in the rain one night because there was such a large group in the shelter. Judy is now back at UVM for her Soph. year.

Sue Pfenning is studying nursing at UVM.

Sue Crighton is at Jackson College in Mass.

Carrie Burchardt is at Harpur in New York State. She spent her second summer on the staff of Silver Towers, the Vt. camp for Retarded children.

FIRE HILL

By: Ruth Fostman

On Sunday June 22nd about fifteen members and others drove to Ruth LaBrakes' camp in Florence. It was a beautiful June day.

Some of the real energetic ones started out to hike to the top of the mountain, but they didn't find it so came back.

We had our picnic lunch on the lawn in front of the camp beside the babbling brook.

A family of four from Sherburne were in the party for lunch. Mr. Frink had some small samples of fuchite stone and gave us each one.

Some of us explored the pasture looking for wild strawberries but found only a few. However we were rewarded by our walk down the road. On one side of it we found several wild orchids. We were not sure at first as they were in bud, but we found later at least Eleanor Walker and Ruth LaBrake said they were truly orchids.

Our President Wilbur Weston called a short meeting to discuss the changing of the by-laws by having the members vote on questions instead of by committees.

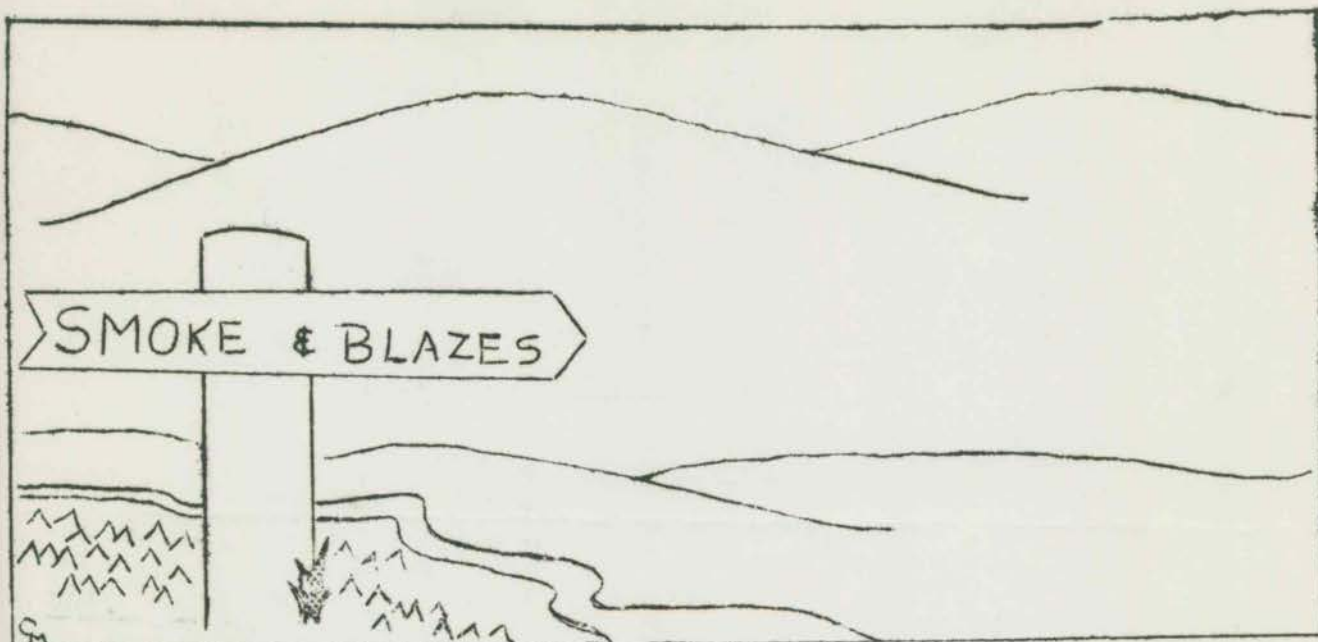
It is lovely country around the camp and we all enjoyed it and Ruths hospitality and hoping we will be invited again.

Please send the Articles for the next issue of Smoke & Blazes to Betty Gilman, 52 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701 by November 17.

NEW MEMBERS

The following names have been added from June 4 to Sept. 20, 1969.

Faith Bartlett
Eleanor W. Blaskovich
Warren Crowley
Rosamond Crowley
Carolyn Crowley
Nancy Crowley
Andrew Hayes
Kathy Hayes
Andrew Hayes, jr.
Chris Hayes
Sherry Hayes
H. Minerva Hinchey
Kay Howard
Margaret A. Ransom
Richard Roberts
Frances Roberts
Kathy Roberts
John Walsh
Jill Walsh
Peter Walsh
Anne Walsh
Holly L. Weston



Vol. 22 No. 4 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Oct. Dec. 1969

COMING HIKES

WHERE - SUNNYSIDE SHELTER

WHEN: Sat. Feb. 21, 3:00 P.M.

Another try for a moon light snowshoe hike and this time we will promise the folks from Springfield we'll be where we are supposed to be when we are supposed to be.

WHERE - WALLINGFORD POND

WHEN: Sun. Mar. 8 10:00 A.M.

Memories of a beautiful fall trip bring us back here by snowshoes to see what this area looks like in winter.

WHERE - GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER

WHEN: Sat. Mar. 21 10:00 A.M.

Plan to bring a warm sleeping bag, stay overnight and explore some more town roads on Sunday providing the weather is not too cold.

WHERE - PICO POND

WHEN: Sun. April 5 10:00 A.M.

Here is a spot we have not visited for years. We hope to snowshoe over old road from Long Trail Lodge and return on dirt road to U.S. # 4.

WHERE - CLARENDON LODGE

WHEN: Sat. Apr. 18 10:00 A.M.

A favorite spot to spend the night and enjoy a pancake breakfast which used to be an annual affair with the Killington Section so many years ago.

The annual meeting of the Killington Section will be held in April.

Everyone will be notified by mail of the exact date.

Please send the Articles for the next issue of Smoke & Blazes to Betty Gilman, 52 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701 by April 22. I will try to do much better than I did this time.

EAST MOUNTAIN

By: Kathy Hayes

On Sunday, October 12, G.M.C. ers Dorothy Kirk, Churchill Scott, "Doc" Howard, Louie Catozzi, Kathy Hayes, and Sherry, Andy and Chris Hayes ventured to East Mountain during what was termed "the most Brilliant weekend of the foliage season". The understatement of the day!! It was a perfect day, warm and sunny. We left our cars on the old road and walked up an old abandoned road across the swamp. Upon stopping for water and a short rest "Doc" decided he would return home and help his wife with the foliage crowd. The rest of us continued through what was once a large meadow, and on through considerable woodsy area where we stopped for lunch, then continued on to the summit, which gave us a beautiful view of Rutland and surrounding areas. We noted that the ferns and plant life were still very green for this time of year, due to lack of damaging frosts so far. We saw several clusters of huge shelf fungi and many, many varieties of lichens, mushrooms, fungi and what have you.

After a drink of mountain dew and a short rest we made our way back to the cars and by of the Wheelerville Road (stopped to look at an old family cemetery also) back to Route #4 and Rutland. TIRED but happy with our trip.

CLARENDON LODGE

By: Doris Newton

After two weeks of rain, forecast of mere snow-squalls promised almost a pleasant day, and so it proved. Churchill, Cathy Hayes, her two small-fry, their young guest and myself, went in to Clarendon. We found three deer hunters in residence, and the cabin warm in spite of the missing windows. (removed for repairs!).

Without them not much could be done about preparing the cabin for winter, so, with a clear conscience, we decided to climb the little hill with the interesting cliff, then to bushwhack around and down the other side. After this, lunch back at the cabin was very welcome.

As we left, the sun came out (why couldn't it have cleared while we were on the hill?) and on the way down we met a jeep bearing Terry Gulick and friends armed with shovels and rakes to clean up operations at the dump.

The day was still young so we decided to visit parts of the Mill River Gorge. With the fairly high water following the rains, this proved a good finale to a pleasant day.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT
By: Sue Pfenning

" Pray, people, to purchase this paper, partly to pay for the price of printing and publishing....."

After more than a week of perfect weather, previous picnics have proven a peculiar phenomenal predisposition of precipitation, a promise of a pernicious and piercing blizzard, or perhaps even a possible hurricane (who can tell what's next in Vermont?!). Particularly if you're planning on a hike Sunday, right? Well, that's what we expected, but when the sun was still shining and the air was still, even though Saturday, we all sort of held our breath and hoped it could hold out one more day. Yes, Nature is full of surprises, and Sunday turned out to be the most beautiful day you could ask for.

Twenty-one men, women, children, a jeep and a dog made their way up the road to Governor Clement Shelter on November 30th. It was slightly iced-over already, covered by a light coating of snow that was falling softly all around us, making the conditions ideal for slippery boots and a running start at the top of a steep hill, ending with a crash into the nearest snowbank (or tree), but not so ideal for the cars. The air was still, there was no wind at all, so we didn't really notice the temperature while we were hiking. But sit still in a damp shelter just long enough to catch your breath and sign the register, and you'll undoubtedly find yourself jumping around gathering fire-wood faster than you can say "Snodgrass Memorial Outhouse".

All in all, it was a beautiful day well spent, well worth remembering. The snow kept falling all through the day. It's too bad there weren't more of you there to enjoy it. Rachael Carlson once said, while reflecting on a quiet summer night spent looking at the sky and the stars through the clear darkness," It occurred to me that if this were a sight that could be seen only once in a century or even once in a human generation, this little headland would be thronged with spectators. But it can be seen many scores of nights in any year, and so the lights burned in the cottages and the inhabitants probably gave not a thought to the beauty overhead and because they could see it almost any night perhaps they will never see it."

SUNNYSIDE SHELTER
By: Virginia Day

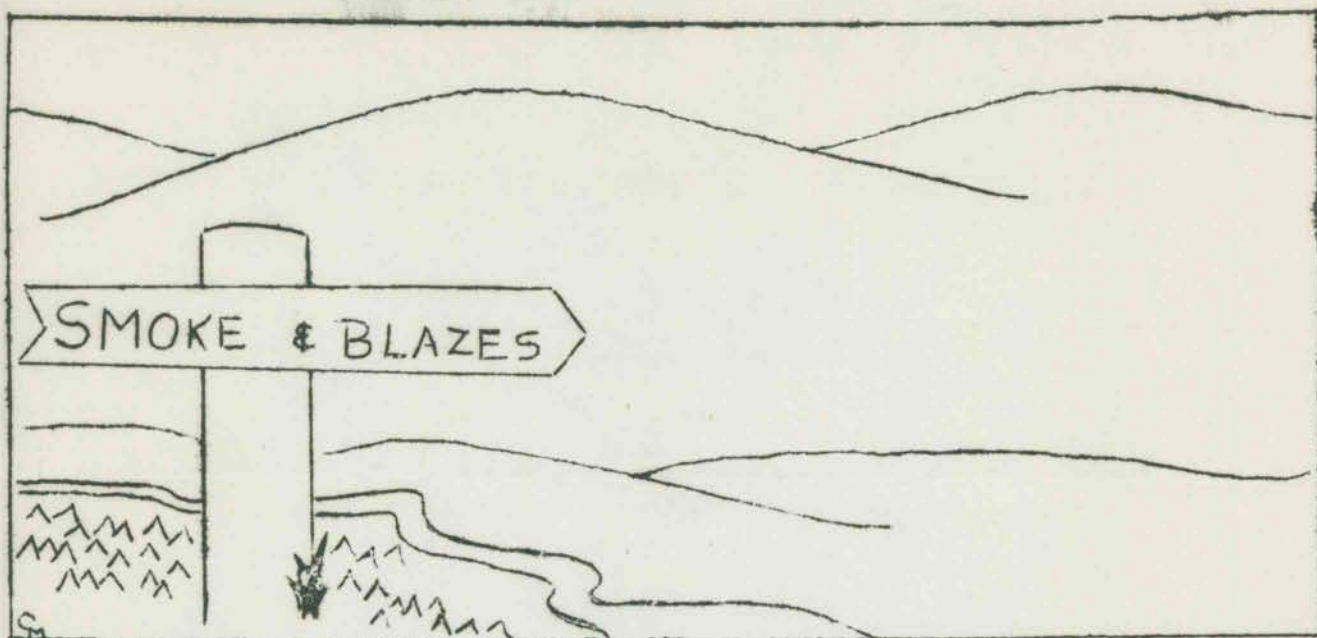
Sunnyside Shelter was the setting for the Moonlight Hike on December 21st. Dick and Frances Roberts and Lloyd and Betty Weeks, early Springfield arrivals at the shelter, welcomed the Canes and Dags and dogs Nicky and Trierer with a toasty cabin and greeting. Following supper, another hike in the pale moonlight led to the spot overlooking the Christmas lights in Rutland. While retracing their steps back to the Shelter, the ladies paused in the white Christmasy stillness and sang "Silent Night". Rutland friends were missed but a warm cabin was left in case they came in later.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

This issue of Smoke & Blazes is the last that will be sent to 1969 members of the Killington Section.

Dues of \$2.00 for adults, ..50¢ for children are now payable for 1970 to W. Churchill Scott 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vt. 05701

Harriot Bryant
Kendra Bryant
Leitha Bryant
Miles Bryant
Owen Bryant
Andrew Hayes, Jr.
Chris Hayes
Kathy Hayes
Sherry Hayes
Dorothy Johnson
Harold Johnson
William Johnson
Elsie Maier
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Margaret Hanson
Frances Roberts
Richard Roberts
Bettina Roulier
Kim Scott
W. Churchill Scott
Ray Secor
Ed Trzesniowski
Bailey Weston
Holly Weston
Wilbur Weston
Herbert Ogden, Jr.
Kevin Abbott
Kimberly Abbott



1970

Vol. 22 No. 1 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Jan.-Sept.

COMING HIKES

WHERE - TONGUE MOUNTAIN

WHEN: On Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13, an overnight trip will be made in the Lake George area. We will drive to the west side of the lake and hike about 3.5 miles on an easy trail to an open front shelter. The group will leave the Main Street park area at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 13.

WHERE - BENNINGTON

WHEN: On September 12 and 13, several sections of the Green Mountain Club are getting together for a Trail Building Party in the Bennington Section area on their new route for the Long Trail. The Pioneer Valley Section has extended an invitation to anyone who would to join them. The new route will go over Bald Mountain in some wild and interesting country that should be fun to explore.

The time to meet for the trail building party is at 10 a.m. on both days at the crossing of the Long Trail on Route 9, 4 miles east of Bennington and 4 miles west of Woodford.

SCHEDULES

Our new Outing Chairman, Ed Trzesniowski, has drawn up a new fall and winter schedule, see the last page of this issue of Smoke and Blazes.

KILLINGTON SECTION

G. M. C.

Special Meeting

Friday Evening, September 11, 1970
CVPSC Company Room, Grove Street,
Rutland, Vermont,
7:00 to 9:30 or 10:00 p.m.

TO:

Hear reports of officers and
committee chairmen
RESOLVE CLARENDON SHELTER DILEMMA
Consider new business

TRAIL CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 28, saw the Cahee's and Robert's of Springfield attend the annual Trail Conference held at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Massachusetts.

The afternoon session featured of several workshops running simultaneously on matters of trail use and maintenance. This turned out to be one of the most constructive sessions in recent years. An outstanding slide presentation on trail erosion and efforts to improve conditions sparked active discussion in one workshop.

The evening portion was a most interesting show of glass slides including many taken before the year 1900. Interesting views of trails and climbing in the White Mountains during that period held the attention of the near capacity audience. The efforts needed for people to get to the mountains and then to the trails in those days proves the enthusiasm of the early hikers.

We congratulate the Program Committee for the fine planning this year.

THANK YOU

A big "thank you" from the Killington Section goes to those Junior members and friends who helped so efficiently at our Sugar-on-Snow Party: Carol, Nancy, and Betsy Martin; Louise Coolidge; Candy Scott; Bonnie Bride; Johnny Allard; and Henry Carpenter.

Thanks should go also to our always dependable standbys, "T" Valiquette, Janet and Jack Martin, and Churchill Scott.

TINMOUTH MOUNTAIN

BY: Doris Newton

Have you ever noticed, as you studied the Taconic Range from some Green Mountain viewpoint, or from Route 7, on a winter day, that small white clearing on a summit south of Mt. Herrick? It has seemed to some of us that it would be a very sightly spot and would reward a trip up there some day. Well, we have now been up, and it met all our expectations, tho it proved to be "Mt. Susie" rather than Tinmouth.

Three of us from Rutland and two from Manchester met in Wallingford, proceeded to Tinmouth, then along the road to a farm which seemed a good take-off point. A very pleasant climb followed. The ridge was steep, but as the going was thru open hard woods, the traveling was not difficult. Because of the unusually warm weather all the spring flowers seemed to be coming out together, and, as always, this was one of the delights of the trip.

From the summit there is a fine view particularly to the south and east. We all enjoyed the trip so much we decided "Susie" must go on the list of places to be revisited, with perhaps a little exploration to find a route a bit less steep.

SUNNYSIDE SHELTER

BY: Betty Weeks

There were eight of us from Springfield on the Moonlight Hike to Sunnyside February 21. A young couple from Hartford, Connecticut, were there when we arrived. They planned to spend the night there with two small children. They had snowshoed up on the hill to the south of the camp with us and a group from Rutland in the afternoon.

OTTER CREEK CANOE TRIP

BY: Betty Weeks

On Saturday, July 25, ten canoes and twenty-five canoeists enjoyed the third annual canoe trip on the Otter Creek.

The canoes, loaded with children, dogs, and lunches, were launched at the city dock in Vergennes. The day was hot but beautiful. The cool shade of tremendous willows along the shore and a gentle breeze kept the paddlers comfortably cool on their way downstream. The creek was very wide and fully banked, backed up by the waters of Lake Champlain. Fields and pastures rolled down to the creek in many places. There were camps and cottages with boat houses along the banks. We met several boats and visited with an occasional fisherman. It was down this waterway, in the War of 1812, that Gen. Thomas MacDonough took his fleet of warships to meet and defeat the British in Lake Champlain.

At noon we stopped for lunch on the bank where the Dead Creek enters Otter Creek, 4 1/2 miles below Vergennes. It was too hot for coffee, so again the coffee pot went along only for the ride.

As we paddled under the bridge and into Dead Creek, we went into a very different area. The trees gave way to tall reeds and water grasses with swamp land and fields on either side. This is part of a wild life preserve maintained by the State of Vermont. The water was pondlike as the name suggests. Water flowers, including quantities of white water lilies and beds of blue pickerelweed, blossomed everywhere. Killdeer, tern, and swallows swooped overhead. We could hear the scolding of the swamp wren and the raucous cackling of the gallinule in the reeds. Occasionally a gull or kingfisher dipped to the water to catch a fish. We passed several nesting boxes but saw only a few ducks that flew off in the distance.

In spite of the heat, the three miles up Dead Creek went very quickly, and all too soon we had beached our canoes at the Vergennes-Panton road crossing. The congenial company and the beautiful surroundings made this a most successful outing.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club wishes to thank the many members who have contributed during the past year. Their help allows us to maintain the Trail and Shelters as well as possible. The Richard Roberts family, the Harriot Bryant Family, H. G. Ogden, Jr., Fran Green, Helen Frink, and Lincoln Isham.

LONG TRAIL NEWS

The August issue of The Long Trail News should be out by now. If any member of the section did not get their copy, please notify W. C. Scott, 132 Maple Street, Rutland, VT 05701.

- - - - -

Please send articles for the next issue of Smoke and Blazes to Mrs. Marilyn S. Clemenson, 45 Piedmont Parkway, Rutland, VT 05701 by the end of December. By then we should be reorganized!

- - - - -

MEMBERSHIP LIST

John Allard - Rutland VT
 Jane W. Abbott, Keith Abbott,
 Kim Abbott, Kimberly Abbott -
 Springfield VT
 Martha Adams - Rutland VT
 John H. Anlian - Ridgefield
 Park NJ
 F. Wm. Baxandall - Brandon VT
 Helen Bailey - Charlestown, NH
 Bennett D. Bell, Miriam P. Bell -
 Rutland VT
 Anna Berg - N. Clarendon VT
 Mrs. E. W. Blaskovitch - Dearborn
 Michigan

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1969

INCOME

Cash on hand at January 1, 1969-----	\$3,331.49
Dues from members-----	168.00
Interest on Savings Account-----	129.11
Contributions-----	120.50
Credit Gilmore Lumber Company-----	37.50
Guide Book Sales-----	19.50
TOTAL INCOME-----	\$3,825.60

EXPENSES

Sunnyside Shelter Construction-----	\$ 742.71
Trails and Shelters-----	87.52
Paid to main club (guide books, patches, dues)-----	67.50
Outing Committee-----	66.20
Smoke and Blazes-----	62.80
Pres. W. F. Weston's expenses-----	46.54
Miscellaneous expenses-----	24.67
Telephone charges-----	22.44
Postage-----	19.60
Annual Meeting-----	5.60
TOTAL EXPENSES-----	\$1,139.58

CASH ON HAND, December 31, 1969-----	\$2,686.02
--------------------------------------	------------

- - - - -

MEMBERSHIP LIST

(continued)

Harriot Bryant, Lethia Bryant,	Dorothy Hegeman - New York NY
Miles Bryant, Kendra Bryant,	Florence Herrick - Springfield VT
Owen Bryant - Dorset VT	Ray Hill, Dorothy Hill, Castleton
Hedrick Cahee, Christine Cahee -	H. Minerva Hinchey - Rutland VT
Springfield VT	Stewart Holmes, Margaret Holmes
Lawrence Carahan - New York NY	Rutland VT
Mary Ann Casey - Durham, NH	J. Harold Howard, Kay Howard -
Marilyn Clemenson - Rutland VT	Rutland VT
Wilman Day, Virginia Day -	Lincoln Isham - Dorset VT
Springfield.VT	Harold Johnson, Dorothy Johnson,
Adolf Delso - Rutland VT	William Johnson - E.Wallingford
Ruth A. Postman - Rutland VT	Richard A. Kennedy - Castleton VT
Helen Frink - Randolph VT	Dorothy Kirk - Rutland VT
James C. Frink - Rutland VT	Ruth LaBrake - Rutland VT
Thomas Fuller - Rutland VT	Hubert Lary - Rochester VT
Elizabeth Gilman - Rutland VT	Janice LaBounty - Manchester VT
William Gragen - Rutland VT	Paul Magoon, Jeffry Magoon -
Frances Green - Shrewsbury VT	Springfield VT
Charles B. Gulick - Castleton VT	Elsie Maier - New York NY
William B. Gyorfi - Proctor VT	John Martin, Janet Martin, Betsy
W. Thomas Hall - Springfield VT	Martin, Carol Martin, David
Kathy Hayes, Andrew Hayes, Jr.,	Martin, Nancy Martin, Nancy
Chris Hayes, Sherry Hayes -	Martin, Tommy Martin - Rutland V
Castleton VT	

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Pilot Project, suggested by Herb Ogden at the last Section meeting on June 27, 1970, and endorsed by those present, has progressed to completion. The idea of eliminating dumps, the first of its kind in the annals of GMC history (I think), began with a bang on Saturday, July 11, when 22 members converged on the Clement shelter eyesore and obliterated it in short order, using Herb Ogden's truck to convey the contents to a legitimate site. Also standing by to assist in the mobile part of the action was Lloyd Weeks and Jim Frink with their vehicles. Once begun, the idea of cleaning out the debris at shelter locations became a Section obsession, and on Saturday, July 18, while Irving White labored to build us a chimney at Sunnyside, others of the assembled group cleaned out the unsightly rubbish and we were two down and four to go. Came yet another Saturday, and the "unsinkable" Herb Ogden with the help only of a backhoe and its operator did away with the contents of the trash heap at Clarendon Shelter. This action was the result of a sudden decision, and, due to a previously planned canoe trip, it was not possible to get the assistance of other members of the Section.

In the following weeks, the remaining three dumps were systematically divested of their smelly contents by various members of the Section.

As part of the overall plan of the Pilot Project, barrels were placed at road crossings by the Highway Department, Churchill Scott, and Herb Ogden. As far as possible, these barrels were so located as to be seen by hikers on the trail but obscured from view of traffic on the highways. The President of the GMC, Shirley Strong, has taken special notice of this particular action, and our work will no doubt be the example that other Sections will follow.

It is hoped that in due course, all shelters on the Long Trail will be scraped clean of all unsightly refuse in the non-too-distant future. Signs such as Herb Ogden provided us will be in evidence to remind the users of the shelters as to what has been done and to suggest to them that they do the same.

- W. Weston

MEMBERSHIP LIST (cont.)

Margot McKinney, Kathy, McKinney
- Paultney VT
William N. Mitchell - Worcester
Massachusetts
Doris Newton - Rutland VT
Herbert G. Ogden, Sr., Herbert
G. Ogden, Jr. - Windsor VT
George Pearlstein - W. Pawlet VT
Craigue Perkins, Mary Perkins -
Rutland VT
Vera Perkins - Rutland VT
Robert Perkins, Thelma Perkins,
Anne Perkins, David Perkins,
Polly Perkins, Tim Perkins, San
Jose, California
Les Pfenning, Marc Pfenning,
Susan Pfenning - Rutland VT
Margaret A. Ransom - Fort
Lauderdale, Florida
George Reynolds, Springfield VT
Richard Roberts, Frances Roberts
- Springfield VT
F. Robert Robinson, Helen J.
Robinson - Rutland VT
Ben Rolston - Schenectady NY
Bettina Roulier - Rutland VT
Linda Rozowicz - New York NY
Ellen Russell - Providence RI
James Sapero - Rutland VT
W. Churchill Scott, Kim S. Scott
- Rutland VT
Ray Secor - Schenectady NY
Larry M. Smith - Pittsford VT
Louis Stare - Bass River, Mass
Edward Trzesniowski - Rutland VT
Harold Valiquette, Thelma
Valiquette, John J. Valiquette,
Thomas J. Valiquette - Rutland
Florence Van Wyck - Wallingford
Charles Wade - Wallingford VT
Eleanor Walker - Rutland VT
Lloyd Weeks, Elizabeth Weeks -
Springfield VT

(6)

MEMBERSHIP LIST (Continued)

Daniel Weine - Rutland VT

J. Allen Weldon - Rutland VT

Wilbur Weston, Mrs. Bailey S.

Weston - Rutland VT

Lorna Whitehouse - Brandon VT

Holly L. Weston - Raleigh NC

Carleton Wilson - Rutland VT

HIKING SCHEDULE
KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

WINTER '70

SPRING '71

SEPTEMBER

	LAKE GEORGE	11	12
13			
	TAMARACK SHELTER	26	
"			
27			

OCTOBER

	WHITE ROCKS (C)		
4	MT CARMEL	10	
	COVERED DISH SUPPER	17	
	MERK FOREST	24	
25			

NOVEMBER

	DORSET CAVE		
8	CAMEL'S HUMP (C)	14	
	CLARENDON LODGE	28	
29			

DECEMBER

	MT HORRID (C)	5	
20	PICO CAMP	19	

JANUARY

3	BLUE RIDGE		
	GRAMPA'S KNOB	16	
24	SUNNYSIDE		

FEBRUARY

7	MT PHILO		
	STRATTON POND (E-E)	19	20
21			

MARCH

7	HIKE - MEETING FOR CARAVAN TO MT. WASHINGTON, N. H. RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN FOR PINKHAM NOTCH CAMP		
---	--	--	--

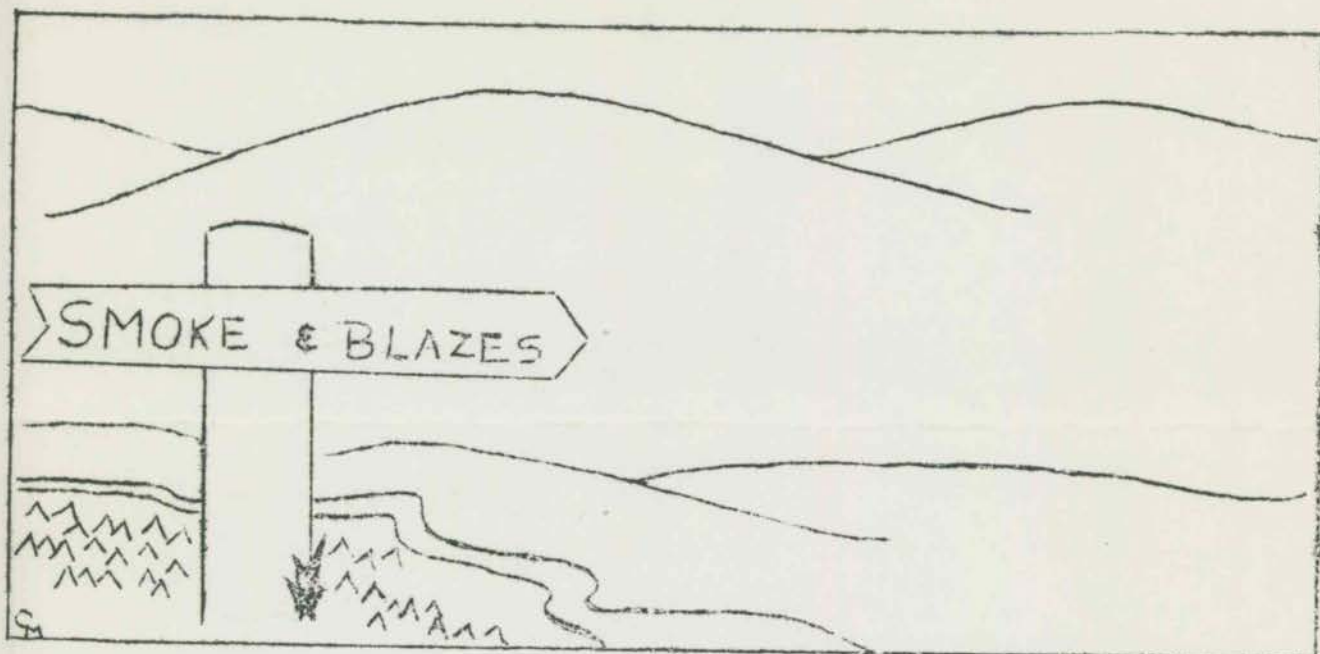
WRITE: W. CHURCHILL SCOTT, 132 MAPLE STREET, RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701
E. TRZESNIOWSKI, 2-1/2 SOUTH MAIN STREET, RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701

TELEPHONE: 775-5720

SEE RUTLAND HERALD FOR DETAILS

SHARE YOUR SLIDES OR MOVIES: AN OVERNIGHT IN IGLOO OR SNOW CAVE; JANUARY THAW
TIME; SKI WALKING. FIRST SATURDAY EACH MONTH.

(c) CLIMBING



Vol. 23, No. 1 -- KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - 9/70-3/71

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Killington Section of The Green Mountain Club is very grateful for the contributions that a number of members have made. Their help has been most welcome and a big lift for those who work to maintain our trails and shelters.

Harriet Bryant
Frances Green
Lincoln Isham
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
The Richard Roberts Family

8-DAY HIKER COUNT

Our Section will conduct an 8-day hiker count at Cooper Lodge again this year. Help is needed to keep the records of recreational activities on the Long Trail at this popular spot. For more information please contact W. C. Scott.

SCHEDULES

Thanks to a great deal of time and effort on the part of Pres. Ed Trzesniowski, a new list of outings has been drawn up.

They range from easy to hard, short to long, White Mountains to the Adirondacks, plus many for those working on their End to End Award.

A copy of the schedule was mailed to each member on March 11-12. More are available from Ed or Churchill.

BY-LAWS

After a number of interesting and lively meetings, a set of by-laws were drawn up and approved. This is a fledgling operation for our Section, and

we hope that everyone will look these over and let the Board of Directors know if there are any questions.

Each member should have received a copy with the schedule of outings for the coming year.

We are grateful to Mr. Herb Ogden for this printing.

GREEN-UP DAY

Our Section will clear up the litter along Routes 4, 103, and 140 again this year. In 1970 we had a very small group assisted by Mr. Granget Kammerer and pursued by Mr. Weston, who even though he did not catch up, did a fine job of checking the areas already cleaned. The group will meet at the Fire Station area on Saturday, May 1, at 9 a.m. with old clothes, gloves, and a hearty lunch.

G.M.C. DAY

Let us hope for much better weather this year to enjoy on this day when every able-bodied member of the G.M.C. is asked to give a day to working on the Trail and the shelters that we maintain.

Last year two days of rain and wind hampered our activities, but Mr. and Mrs. G. Kammerer of the Main Club stayed at Pico Camp and Ed stayed at Cooper Lodge and then hiked in the rain to Route 103.

In 1971 we hope to have more than 10 members out of a list of more and 120 names.

On Saturday, May 15, we will meet at the Fire Station area in work clothes, sturdy gloves, and with a hearty lunch, ready to do a good day's work for our Section.

MT. ASCUTNEY DAY

On Saturday, May 22, the Ascutney Trails Association will sponsor their annual Mt. Ascutney Day.

In the number of years it has been held, our Section has had a representation; but, we should try to do better this year.

The Association plans to feed everyone who goes up the Mountain under his or her own power, and those who have gone before can tell many stories of the numerous goodies served.

We will meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday May 22, at the Fire Station area.

SMOKE AND BLAZES

We didn't receive any articles or reports on hikes for Smoke and Blazes since the last issue in September. If you don't feel up to sitting down and writing an article or a report, just call me and tell me about it--I'll be glad to write it up (773-8862). Or, send your articles to me at 45 Piedmont Parkway, Rutland, VT 05701. M. S. Clemenson.

1971 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Dues for the 1971 season are now payable to the Treasurer. \$2 for adults and 50¢ for students may be sent to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple Street, Rutland VT 05701.

This is the last issue of Smoke and Blazes that will be sent to the 1970 list of members.

If there are any corrections or additions, please notify the Treasurer.

The following is a list of members of The Killington Section, Green Mountain Club, Inc., as of 20 March 1971:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1970

Page 3

INCOME

Cash on hand at January 1, 1970-----	\$2,686.02
Dues from members-----	203.50
Interest on Savings Account-----	110.04
Contributions-----	43.50
Guide Book Sales-----	39.00
 TOTAL INCOME-----	 \$3,082.06

EXPENSES

Trails and Shelters-----	\$ 217.95
Outings-----	63.31
Smoke and Blazes-----	41.20
Paid to main club-----	71.25
Pres. W. F. Weston's expenses-----	2.35
Miscellaneous expenses-----	128.95
Sugar on Snow-----	53.57
Telephone charges-----	6.52
Postage-----	21.70
T. N. Aitken Forest Association (1969-1970)-----	20.00
F. A. Field Insurance-----	47.74
 TOTAL EXPENSES-----	 \$ 674.54

CASH ON HAND, December 31, 1970-----	\$2,407.52
--------------------------------------	------------

Membership List (cont.)

Martha Adams - Rutland VT	Harold Johnson, E.Wallingford VT
Anna Berg - N. Clarendon VT	Dorothy Johnson, E.Wallingford VT
Mrs. R. Blaskovich Dearborn MI	William Johnson, E.Wallingford VT
Jonathan Booraem - Rutland VT	Mrs. George Kirk - Rutland VT
Harriot Bryant - Dorset VT	Elsie Maier, NYC, NY
Raymond Catozzi - Rutland VT	Dave Mason - Rutland VT
Louis Catozzi - Rutland VT	Janet Merrick - Brattleboro, VT
Marilyn S. Clemenson - Rutland VT	Herbert Ogden Jr., Birmingham, MI
Wilman Day - Springfield VT	George Pearlstein - W.Pawlet VT
Virginia Day - Springfield VT	Craig Perkins - Rutland VT
Ruth Postman - Rutland VT	Mary Perkins - Rutland VT
George Gragen - Rutland VT	Vera Perkins - Rutland VT
William Gragen, Rutland VT	Les Pfenning, Marc Pfenning, Susan Pfenning - Rutland VT
Frances Green - Shrewsbury MA	Margaret Ransom, Ft. Lauderdale FL
Eleanor Guerra - Rutland VT	Richard Roberts, Springfield VT
Kathy Hayes, Chris Hayes, Andy Hayes, Sherry Hayes - Castleton VT	Frances Roberts, Springfield VT
Robert Herrmann - Hubbardton VT	Bettina Roulier - Rutland VT
Robert Hill - Killington VT	Ellen Russell - Providence RI
James Howland - Rutland VT	Jesse Rydenski - Rutland VT
Jack Hunter - Woodstock VT	W. C. Scott - Rutland VT
Ruth Hunter - Woodstock VT	Kim Scott - Rutland VT
Lincoln Isham - Dorset VT	Louis Stare - Bass River MA
	Robert H. Valeo - Manchester VT
	Eleanor Walker - Rutland VT

Membership List (cont.)

Harold, Thelma, John, and Thomas
Valiquette - Rutland VT

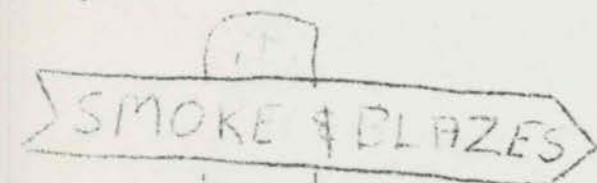
Lloyd and Elizabeth Weeks -
Springfield VT

Dan Weine - Rutland VT

Carleton Wilson - Rutland VT



22 JUL 1961



Vol. 23, No. 2 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Apr.-Aug. 1971

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Edward Trznesiowski
Vice Pres. - Raymond Secor
Sec.-Treas. - W. Churchill Scott
Trustees: Wilbur F. Weston
 Elizabeth Weeks
LTN Reporters: Kathy Hayes
 Vera Perkins
 Herbert G. Ogden
 Robert Herrmann

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The following names are those added to the list of members printed in the March issue of Smoke and Blazes:

Keith, Kim, and Kimberly Abbott -
Springfield VT
Helen Bailey - Charlestown NH
Hedrick and Christine Cahee -
Springfield VT
Helen Frink - Randolph VT
James Frink - Rutland VT
Adolph Delso - Rutland VT
Betty Gilman - Rutland VT
Dorothy Hegeman Dombrowski -
Trenton NJ
Stewart and Margaret Holmes -
Rutland VT
J. Harold, Kay, and Patrick Howard
Rutland VT
Richard, Martha, Eric, Janis, Lisa,
and Mike Kennedy - Castleton VT
Ruth LaBrake - Rutland VT
Janice LaBounty - Manchester VT

Paul and Jeffrey Magoon -
Springfield VT
Doris Newton - Rutland VT
Herbert G. Ogden, Sr. - Windsor VT
Robert, Thelma, Anne, David, Polly,
and Tim Perkins - San Jose CA
Ben Rolston - Schenectady NY
Linds Rozowicz - NYC NY
Ray Secor - Rutland VT
Wilbur and Bailey Weston -
Rutland VT
Holly Weston - Raleigh NC
Lorna Whitehorne - Brandon VT
Matthew Eastman - Rutland VT
Frederica Welch - Rutland VT
H. Minerva Hinchey - Rutland VT
George H. Wolcott - Rutland VT
Bradford McKirryher - Vergennes VT
Judith McKirryher - Vergennes VT
Edward Trzesniowski - Rutland VT

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We wish to thank Miss Helen Frink of Randolph, Vermont, for her recent contribution to the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club.

Also, our thanks to Mr. Herbert Lary, his students, and Miss Trudy Deval for the tremendous amount of help given during G.M.C. Day at Clarendon Lodge.

NOTES FROM HERB OGDEN, SHELTER CH.

Address: RFD #1, Windsor VT
Phone: Hartland 436-4452

ADOPT A SHELTER ???

About the best way to keep our Section shelters in good condition is for someone to visit them regularly throughout the hiking season (and even once or twice during the off-season) to check on general conditions and especially to pack out any trash that has been left around. So far, Clarendon Shelter and Johnson Shelter (although not rightly in the Section) have been "adopted". If some member of the Section wishes to take on one of the other shelters, please let me know.

SMALL STOVE NEEDED

The stove at Pico Camp is about all used up. This camp will be put in good shape during the next few weeks with a new metal roof, new window panes where needed, front window replace, and privy completed. The stove should be replaced, too. Does any member of the Section have a small cook stove he would care to donate or sell for this purpose? Or know of someone else who does? Or even know of one in a secondhand store somewhere?

TRAIL FOODS AND SUPPLIES

by Harold Howard

For those of you who are interested in obtaining freeze-dried, lightweight and well-packaged trail foods, you may do so right now here in the Rutland area. The place is LEISURE LINES on Route 4, east of Rutland and just before you get to Town Line Road. You'll recognize the place by all the camp trailers on display.

In addition to this well-displayed and complete stock of trail foods, they have many trail items of interest. To name a few, you'll find some excellent packs, Primus-type stoves, light-weight one-man tents, sleeping bags, folding cups, and many more items.

even if you don't buy anything, it is a real pleasure to look this stock over.

HOW DO WE PLAN OUR HIKEs?

By Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.

Maybe if I picked my hikes better, I wouldn't be left with the thoughts which follow. Unfortunately, of the three Killington Section hikes for which I've been present, one was cancelled, one drew only four people --with no leader--and avoided serious accident more or less by chance, and one involved only three people. None of the hikes introduced any non-members to the Trail; one nearly left a pair of eager young hikers without a way to reach the mountains.

All this leads me to ask why we plan hikes and whether we should be satisfied with the status quo in our efforts to "make the Mountains play a larger part in the life of the people." Do we plan hikes so that K.S. members may meet socially? Do we plan them so that adults will be introduced to the Trail and to our Section? Do we plan them so that youngsters who couldn't otherwise reach the Trail can go along? Do we plan them so that the party can be assured of a car spotted at their destination to avoid backtracking? Or do we plan hikes just to show that we as a Section are still alive?

Which of these possibilities is a real reason? How valid is it? If it is valid, are we keeping it properly in mind when we plan our outings? Just what should our hikes be, if they should be at all?

TUCKER LODGE

by Harold (Doc) Howard

On August 5 at 10:30 a.m., a group of about 60 campers and counselors met at Robinwood opposite Pico Ski area for the purpose of cleaning up the area about old Tucker Camp.

This group was made up of members of the following camps:

Camp Killooleet, Hancock, Vermont
Leader, John Seegar

Betsy Cox Camp, Pittsford, Vermont
Leader, Jean Davies

Camp Keewaydin, Lake Dunmore, Vt.
Leader Tim Ritter

Camp Sangamon, Pittsford, Vermont
Leader, James Lee

Indian Brook Camp, Plymouth Union,
Vermont, Leaders: Prue Merton
and Janet Bailey

We went in the lower end of the old loop trail which was overgrown and untrodden when we started but well trodden upon when we finished. Trash of all sorts which had accumulated over several years was put into plastic and burlap bags and carted out. There was a lot of it!

The enthusiasm and diligence of this group was remarkable. Their attitude and behavior was heartwarming. The Killington Section owes them a vote of thanks.

BEATING A SHOWER IN FIVE HOURS

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

July 24 was not a promising day for a ten-mile hike: The weatherman announced heat, humidity, and scattered showers. Leader Herb Ogden, Jr., at first had visions of being the only hiker, but then discovered that "Koltonski Fire Station" didn't mean what he thought and located Bob Herrmann and Danny Weine quite a ways down a side street.

With a car spotted at Brandon Gap, we drove on to Middlebury Gap. Soon after starting in, we met a couple from Iowa out for a day hike. Farther on and farther up, the haze prevented any distant views, but we had good lookouts over Lake Pleiad and Brandon Gap with its beaver ponds. Other lookouts were appreciated not for the view but for the breezes which kept off the ravenous mosquitos that swarmed about us after lunch at Sucker Brook.

While the Middlebury Mountain Club trail crew seemed not to have ventured south of Worth Mountain in recent years, the rest of the stretch was in good shape. Between the Mt. Horrid Cliff and Brandon Gap foresighted workers had even built

large number of waterbars! The fifteen hikers whom we met had complaints about the terrain, but few about the Trail.

Our leader had been predicting rain since the morning, and thunder-showers had threatened since White Rocks Mountain, but scarcely a drop touched us before we reached the car mid-afternoon. Fifteen minutes later, rain fell with a vengeance, but the satisfied hikers were out of its reach.

K. S. HIKERS DIVIDE, CONQUER MTNS.

by Herbert Ogden, Jr.

The beautiful weather on July 10 must not have inspired many K.S. members to set foot on the Long Trail as only four people showed up at Brandon Gap to head south. Louis Catozzi and Matt Eastman were going all the way to Sherburne Pass, while Jim Frink and Herb Ogden, Jr., (and measuring wheel) made a day hike to New Boston where a car had been spotted.

Soon after lunch at Sunrise Shelter, we had a chance to admire the USFS's fine bridges and the newly-created views of Mt. Horrid--one of them complete with bench! The bridges were doubly admirable--they seemed to have been constructed just narrow enough, with handrails in the right places, to make them impassable for snowmobiles. In the lead farther up, Jim Frink pointed out a yellow birch so old that one had to look about thirty feet up to see that it was a birch at all. Meanwhile, Farr Peak resounded to the sound of woodpeckers.

All too quickly, our wonder at the Forest Service's work turned to disenchantment as the footway began to disappear beneath the underbrush and branches invaded the headroom. At this point, the day hikers decided to help out the overnighers by a little pack-swapping-- but were not so blindly generous as to continue this arrangement past the bottom of Wetmore Gap.

Now ascending the steep slope of Mt. Carmel, we overtook a pair of girls by the side of the trail, just plain

out of steam. Help was on the way, however, we soon met the rest of their party backtracking from Carmel Camp with water to restore the stragglers.

Waiting at Carmel, Jim and Herb observed the depressingly large garbage dump, which had oozed to within a few feet of the camp. That had better be hunters' garbage, not hikers! Or the GMC may soon lose the use of the place!

After concluding that the overnights had gone up for the fine view from the peak, the day hikers took the trail down to New Boston, ending a pleasant day's walk.

The overnights, meanwhile, had enjoyed the view from Mt. Carmel. After descending to Carmel Camp and seeing what a mess it was and how full it was (about half a dozen hikers planned to stay there), they decided to push on south. They spent the night by the side of the Trail.

Some excitement resulted the next day, when Louis Catozzi walked out of the woods at Sherburne Pass alone--to tell a surprised "Wes" Weston that he's left Matt repacking at Johnson Shelter. Fortunately, Matt turned out to be visiting relatives in the area and the Killington Section, while scarcely covered with glory, at least managed to get the rest of its divided group out of the mountains.

CLARENDON LODGE

On May 15-16, about 35 members of the GMC and friends helped to conclude 19 years of trying to make Clarendon Lodge a closed shelter. Consent was finally given by the main club to remove the stove and front, making Clarendon once again an open-front shelter. Hopefully, this will help to cut down on the amount of misuse and increased visits should do much to improve the problem.

Nevertheless, many people will have pleasant memories of below-zero mid-winter overnight hikes,

pancake breakfasts, and chilly spaghetti suppers by a warm and cheerful fire.

Our thanks to all who helped to make this GMC Day a success.

MT. MARCY TRIP CALLED OFF

On Monday May 25 at the 4200-foot level of Mt. Mansfield, there was 50 inches of snow so the outing committee regretfully called off the scheduled trip to Mt. Marcy on the weekend of May 29-30. In view of the widespread interest in our first trip to the Adirondacks, it will be rescheduled at the earliest date possible. Members will be notified either by Smoke and Blazes or by mail.

TUCKER LODGE

Beginning in 1938, Tucker Lodge, built by the Long Trail Patrol, had many ups and downs.

Memories of moonlight hikes (mostly minus the moon), coffee and doughnuts, and winter overnight hikes are enjoyed by many people.

Finally Prof. Buchanan's prophecy came true--the beech tree fell on the shelter and from then on it went downhill.

With the approach of the Robinson's Housing Development, it was decided to eliminate this shelter, and so, on Saturday March 27, the torch was applied.

Soon only a pile of ashes was left, but many enjoyable stories will always remain of the good times had by so many people.

MOUNT HANDLEY

by R. Herrmann

Twelve hiked to (what we called) the top of Mount Handley on April 3. The day was mostly sunny, but windy enough to make it uncomfortable to stand still when exposed to it. Two young boy scouts built a small fire in the lee of a ledge near the top of the mountain to prepare their lunches. Most of the hike was over bare ground, although at the top the snow got to be knee-deep or hip-deep.

depending on the owner's height. Several of the group were lucky enough to see six deer on the return trip.

PINE HILL HIKE

By R. Herrmann

The Pine Hill Circle Hike on March 20 turned out to be a pleasurable duet. The snow was just right, the weather was overcast but comfortable and the difficulty of the climb was well within the ability of both hikers. We saw a snowmobile--and smelled its exhaust--tracks of a man and his dog, and little else.

On the following Saturday morning, under ideal weather conditions, a spectacle was witnessed by the skiers at Pico when eleven of us put the torch to Tucker Lodge.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for George Pearlstein who was elected president of the main club at the recent annual meeting. Our section will do all we can to help George have a successful term in office.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The following have offered to serve as heads of the various committees:

Shelter - Herb Ogden
Trails - Wilbur Weston
Outings - Ed Trzesniowski
L.T. Reporter - Kathy Hayes

GUIDE BOOKS

The 1971 edition of the Green Mountain Club Guide Books has been received from the printers and is now available from W. C. Scott, 132 Maple Street, Rutland VT 05701.

P O S T S C R I P T S

ROBERT FROST TRAIL

by Dorothy Kirk

Anyone knowing the location of the Robert Frost Trail is hereby invited to lead the next hike to it! Our new hike chairman who inherited the schedule without particulars for his hike made a valiant effort

to locate it, even fording a stream in his jeep in the Robert Frost National Forest only to land in a pile of chips. He Procured much information and maps at Bread Loaf Inn, but none of it led to the trail. Finally one old timer replied right from his chair: "Born and lived here all my life; guess if there'd been a Robert Frost Trail I'd have know about it." The trimming the news item got in the Rutland Herald hadn't helped matters much to begin with.

The five who went on the hike, Jim Frink, Herbert Ogden Jr., "Wes" Weston, Holly Louise Weston aged nine and a half of Raleigh, North Carolina, (and, of course, Rascal) and your reporter, admitted that the several abortive sorties were to be preferred to a perpendicular climb on Mt. Mansfield. But what does a frustrated hike chairman do who has a rock pick in his knapsack? Hammer rocks, of course. So we proceeded to Birch Hill, southeast of Brandon to visit the vein of iron prospected and worked by the late Harold Bishop. This type of mining was not, however, economically practical, and the vein was abandoned. The iron sulphide (pyrrhotite) here has a silver sheen which darkens upon exposure, and what we broke was somewhat weathered. If one likes to see and learn something new on a hike, our day was not by any means without interest.

SAFARI ON THE SACO

by Bill Day

About a hundred years ago, a gentleman by the name of Thoreau wrote of the idyllic and pastoral pleasures of boating on the Merrimac River. He also told of exploring the Indian villages and the upper Penobscot together with a description of the spirit-shrouded Kahtadin under the ever watchful and suspicious eye of the great Indian Chief "Pomola."

On the weekend of August 14, and with somewhat of an equivalent amount of philosophical and adventuresome anticipation, Lloyd and Betty Weeks, Dick and Frances

Roberts, Don and Betty Mitchell, and Bill and Ginny Day lowered their aluminum and fibreglass canoes into the Saco River at Swan's Falls, some five miles above Fryeburg, Maine, for a weekend of pure and unadulterated 20 miles of canoeing pleasure.

The actual trip, under the guidance of our peerless leader, Lloyd, who was most ably assisted with much unsolicited advice from the others, might be described as uneventful, relaxing, and rewarding. The participants, being experienced campers, were prepared for either fair or foul weather; however, as the weather was perfect, the rain gear was used mostly for pillows. And why should we risk our reputation for hardiness by mentioning bug-proof tents, air mattresses, ice chests, gasoline stoves, steaks, blueberry muffins, and home-made brownies?

The one short portage at Walker's Rip gave us no difficulty, and had we not had expensive camera equipment aboard, and had not some of us borrowed canoes, we could have been persuaded to try the rapids. Putting in at Swan's Falls in the early mid-morning gave us plenty of time to take pictures, swim, explore, or just loll before disembarking at the Route 160 bridge in East Brownfield the next day.

How does one adequately describe the beauties of such a voyage or the soul-filling benefits of such an interlude? To tell of the clear unpolluted and tranquil waters; the countless fine golden sandy beaches from which one has difficulties in choosing among so many ideal places to camp; the bowers of overhanging branches; the profusion of cardinal and other wildflowers along the banks; (not even Hollywood can boast of a swimming pool 20 miles long) the startled and yet tolerant waterfowl as we quietly came upon their feeding grounds, not to mention our first peek into Pleasant Pond or picnicing on the sandy shores of Lovewell's Lake where Indian and white battled long ago--is to tax one's powers of description far beyond normal limits.

The answer to the question is, of course, that full justice to such scenery cannot be given--one has to make such a trip before he can appreciate what nature, adjacent towns, the Appalachian Mountain Club, and others have done to preserve this bit of yesterday. In these days of environmental and ecological consciousness, full credit must be given for their efforts.

Those who are interested in learning more about the deep satisfactions of canoeing on our rivers can learn much by studying the Appalachian Canoe Guide or by reading the excellent article in the Lewiston, Maine, paper done by Bob Cummings in which he mentions canoeing on the Little Ossepee, Messalonski Stream, Sabasticoek, Royal and Stroudwater rivers.

New England is indeed fortunate that it has many potentially beautiful rivers for canoeing, and one hopes that in the not too distant future they will receive the same T.L.C. that has been rendered unto the Saco.

SHELTER REPORT - July 27

by Herb Ogden, Shelter Chairman

By the first part of July, Section members had put all shelters in good condition. While Tamarack, Sunny-side, and Gov. Clement needed but little attention, Clarendon and Pico needed a lot. After considerable discussion, the Directors voted to remodel Clarendon in an effort to discourage squatters and casual picnickers. The entire front was removed, along with some of the floor and all the windows, thus making it an open shelter. Some creosoting was done. Scrap from the front was used for a new privy and a cattle barrier was put up in front of the shelter. A truckload of trash was packed out to the main road.

Pico Camp has been given a new steel roof with eaves trough--so bright it can be easily spotted from Killington these days. The old stove, much abused, was scrapped and packed out to the ski run, along with several bags of rubbish from a dump which had

been overlooked during the 1970 NO DUMP drive. The Pico ski people then most kindly trucked the rubbish down the mountain along their service road. A brand new stove was installed. The table has a new metal "tablecloth". The accumulated dirt was shovelled away from behind the camp to prevent rotting out of the sill. A large, anti-porky metal patch was put on the lower corner of the door. The entire outside was creosoted, the center window was replaced along with broken panes in the other windows. Remains of the re-located dumps at both Pico and Cooper have been covered with dirt.

The Directors have voted to try out the caretaker system for a combination of Tamarack, Cooper, and Pico. Robert Jeffers, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, has been engaged for the balance of the season, with KS and GMC each paying \$50 in compensation. In addition, he may charge overnight fees of 75¢ per person, 50¢ for a GMC member (who can show a paid-up membership card), 35¢ for scouts, campers, etc., under adult supervision. He will bunk mostly at Pico and make regular trips to the other two shelters. Posters down below will advise hikers of the new arrangement. The purpose of the caretaker is to cut down on vandalism, abet the NO DUMP program, check on the exact nature of trail traffic, keep shelters in repair.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Rutland VT 05701



Vol. 23, No. 3 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Oct.-Dec. 1971

COMING OUTINGS

WHEN - Sat.-Sun., Oct. 16-17

WHERE - Annual Merck Forest overnight
LEADERS - "Wes" Weston and Rascal

Those leaving from Rutland will depart at 9:00 A.M. from east side of Koltonski Fire Station (side street), Rutland.

Those leaving Manchester Center will meet the Rutland group on Bonnet St., Manchester Center, at 10:00 A.M.

Others knowing the way may meet at the Forest.

Overnighters bring warm sleeping bags as we are not sure at this publication that we may use the cottage facilities as heretofore.

Merck Forest is located off Route 30, Rupert, in the Taconic Mts. On the 2600 acres of field and woodland donated in 1950 by Vermont Conservationist, George Merck, are 26 miles of hiking trails, a half dozen shelters and fireplaces, and the cottage referred to above. Two of the shelters are large, holding from 12 to 20 people.

This multiple use land is used for recreation and for education in conservation and land management practice.

WHEN - Sat., Oct. 30

WHERE - Mt. Ascutney (Halloween Party)

LEADER - ? ? ?

Meet at firestation in Rutland at 9:00 A.M. or at foot of Windsor Trail on Mt. Ascutney at 10:00 A.M. A note of interest: Windsor Trail was the first hiking trail to be built in America, the success of which was responsible for the founding of GMC.

Hikers may go down the mountain by the Brownsville Trail which passes an old granite quarry.

Guide books for the mountain are on sale at a house near the foot of the Windsor Trail. Also, it is possible that the hike leader will have a few copies with him for sale.

Special invitation: Herbert Ogden suggests that we stop at the Ogden Cider and Grist Mill near Hartland Four Corners for bit of cider after the hike. This mill boasts of an over-shot water wheel, the only one in operation in Vermont. Another attraction is Mr. Ogden's wild apple cider jelly.

WHAT - Covered Dish Supper

WHEN - Saturday, Nov. 6

WHERE - Beechwood

(Cont'd)

This annual event will be held again this year at Beechwood. Reservations should be made with Miss Vera Perkins, 773-2941, before the preceeding Friday night so that she may assign a variety of foods to be brought by the various members. The Club will furnish coffee, paper dishes and eating tools. If you prefer to eat with your fingers, that will be all right, too. Supper is planned for 6:00 o'clock sharp, so be on time if you want to get in on the goodies.

WHEN - Sat., Nov. 14
WHERE - Vt. Rte. 2 to Bolton Lodge
LEADER - ? ? ?

Meet in Rutland at the firestation at 9:00 A.M. A suggestion: Go up to Bolton Lodge via the old L.T. and return by the relocated trail. The old trail is quite a bit shorter and easier.

WHEN - Sat., Nov. 27
WHERE - Mt. Okemo Forestry Trail
LEADER - Churchill Scott
Meet at the Rutland firestation at 9:00 A.M.

WHEN - Sat., Dec. 5
WHERE - Tucker-Johnson Shelter
LEADERS - Betty and Lloyd Weeks
Meet at Rutland firestation (the Koltonski, of course) at 10:00 A.M. This will be a first visit to the new shelter for some of us.

WHEN - Sun., Dec. 19 (Note date)
WHERE - Sunnyside change)
LEADERS - Dick and Frances Roberts
Meet at Rutland Koltonski Fire Station at 3:00 P.M. or at top of Spring Lake hill at 3:30. Bring showshoes (snow permitting), flashlights, and a supper -- to cook if desired.

After supper, a short hike to Shrewsbury Clearing overlook to sing Christmas carols.

*** LEADERS NEEDED ***
for hikes scheduled on Oct. 30 and Nov. 14.

When the next outing schedule is distributed, it is hoped that all members of the Killington Section will volunteer to lead one or more hikes. Any particular outing will

be assigned to the first person who calls in to volunteer for same.

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club mourns the passing of the late Lincoln Isham of Dorset, Vermont. Mr. Isham, great grandson of Abraham Lincoln, will be remembered for his loyal and generous support of The Green Mountain Club's Killington Section. A life member of our section, Mr. Isham has been a long time contributor, first to the Buffam Shelter Fund and more recently to the Trails and Shelters maintenance program. Mr. Isham died on September 1, 1971.

DIRECTORS' MEETING

The latest Board of Directors' meeting was held on Wed., Aug. 18, at the home of Mr. Weston. Present were Mrs. Hayes, Roberts, Weeks, and Messrs. Ogden, Scott and Weston.

Mr. James Frink was appointed Hike Chairman. It was suggested that inquiries be made about liability insurance to protect our section and hike leaders from responsibility in case of mishaps on our section or at the shelters.

"Smoke and Blazes" was discussed. Mis. Richard Roberts and Mrs. Lloyd Weeks of Springfield offered to be editors this year. Issue dates will be Oct. 1, Jan. 1, Apr. 1, and July 1. Deadline for articles is two weeks earlier. The paper should include previews of coming hikes and work parties.

Mr. Ogden discussed having section patches to correspond with the GMC sleeve emblems, and also was asked to order 200.

Mr. Ogden and his son have completed preliminary work on Juggerhaut relocation and now are awaiting approval by the main Club and Board of Environmental Control to cut and blaze the trail.

Mr. Robert Jeffers, caretaker of Pico, Cooper and Tamarack, has done a very good job according to many reports Mr. Ogden has received.

Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas.

THE GREAT CHASE, SORT OF, FROM MT. TABOR TO MAD TOM

By Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.

The writer of this article is unusually fortunate in possessing three original documents relative to the hike of August 21, 1971. Moreover, he was also fortunate to be the Leader of that hike. But why -- if he was the Leader -- does he need documents? Thereby hangs at least part of the tale.

Let us begin with a note appended to the second of our documents by Wilbur Weston: "8 of us left Rut. by 9:10 or so, and drove to where the trail crosses #10, arriving about 9:45? Herb, Jr., Jim and I drove, in 3 cars, to where the trail crosses #21, over the bumpiest dirt roads. Jim and Herb drove back to #10, leaving about 10:45 A.M." Thus the cars were spotted. What of Wes, left at the south end all alone? More later. I should add that Jim Frink and I returned via smooth Route 7, but that there is still some controversy about the merits or demerits of USFS #10. bumps and all.

Now to the first document, appropriately written on the back of a pink Outing Schedule found on Peru Peak: "Jim Frink: Waited here until about 3:20 PM and then started back to cars. Bill and Stan with me. Wes." Subscribed, we find "Received and noted 4:25 PM Jim F, Herb O," and at the side, "up to 2850, down to 2384, up to 3584, down to ----." Aha. So Bill Simonds and Stan Penetowski, newcomers to our hikes, outdistanced the rest, met Wes, who had advanced north to Peru Peak, and headed south with him. The Outing Chairman and the Hike Leader arrived an hour later, noted the bumpiness of the terrain, and followed in at least lukewarm pursuit. But what of Phyllis Benton, Dave Mason, and young Matt Eastman? What else do the documents reveal?

"Have taken Bill and Stan to FR #10. Will wait there a spell to see if you come along. Wes. 5:00 P.M." This was found at Mad Tom Notch, our destination. Alas, the writer has mislaid the third document. (He had to: a historian with all the right papers is about as rare as a winged porcupine.)

Now to fill in the gaps. This the Leader can do; tell the whole story, he couldn't. Why? Because he and the Outing Chairman didn't lay eyes on the rest of the party until just north of Styles Peak, at the end of the day. Why? Because the aforesaid grandly told their "followers" to go on south from USFS #10; the aforesaid would catch up soon enough, after spotting the cars. What they didn't know was that car spotting would put them at a 1 1/2 hour disadvantage.

We did catch up to Phyllis, Dave and Matt. Shortly after we passed Peru Peak, reports came that they were just ahead. The pace quickened. Markedly. Incidentally, if anyone doubts that any hiker -- let alone a septuagenarian -- can break into a run after hiking ten miles, let him follow our Outing Chairman, and he will change his mind! He can do this while catching his breath. Nevertheless, as the evidence indicates, we never did catch our two speedy guests. Everyone finished happy, and more or less at his own pace. There could well be a connection there

Trip highlights were the water mill remains and suspension bridge on Big Branch, the Burma-Shave sign near Griffith Lake (after which Jim Frink composed "I see ahead a bridge of wood/ I hope to gosh they built it good" -- and lo! a magnificent wooden bridge appeared around the next bend), and two special highlights. The first of these was actually lowlying: the hundreds of feet of corduroy laid by the USFS, the countless waterbars dug, the many pounds of flagstones laid. This is a splendid job of making decent hiking from mudwallow country. The other highlight was the view from Baker Peak, complete with soaring hawks. The writer, an End-to-End, pronounces it one of the three or four best views on the Long Trail. Many thanks, Ben Rolston, for opening up this outstanding view of the Great Valley of Vermont.

Consider joining the party next time we take a longer hike. Hike the whole thing at your own pace (we had several paces), or make an in-and-out trip at one end. There's a lot to see out there, and some pretty good company, too.

by Betty Weeks

The weather couldn't have been worse to welcome the GMC Intersectional held at Camp Ondowa, in Sunderland, August 29-September 6.

We arrived early Saturday morning with camping gear and two small grandsons, hoping we would find an empty leanto. The only available shelter was a large cattle display shed. So, undaunted, we set up our two small tents on the dirt floor. Soon the cattle barn was bursting at the seams as more GMCers arrived and moved in, too. It proved to be a dry and comfortable campsite, and a favorite playground for the children who enjoyed swinging like monkeys from the rafters!

Since Lloyd was on the Intersectional committee there was plenty to do, sweeping another large barn for the evening square dance while Betty registered incoming campers. In spite of the weather, nearly one hundred were registered by nightfall. Tents mushroomed all through the pine woods and fields.

Killington Section members who arrived the first day included Terry Gulick, George Pearlstein, Bob Rothenmeyer, Keith and Kevin Abbott, and Doc and Kay Howard who set up their beautiful new tent in a lovely birch grove.

The Saturday evening program included short speeches by six of our shelter caretakers, who stressed the present overuse of trails at higher elevations and the need for all of us to act to preserve our wilderness trails. Campers retired early after a gala square dance to be ready to hike in the morning.

The Sunday hike featured the dedication of the new Kid Gore Shelter near the old Caughnawaga Shelter. This new shelter was built by the Connecticut Section and the Gore family on a very inaccessible section of our Long Trail on the north side of Glastonbury Mt. In spite of a very wet and rough trail more than eighty people hiked in for the ceremony, including one GMCer over eighty years old.

Sunday evening's program, arranged by Terry Gulick, included an excellent slide and music presentation on "Man and His World" by Gary Hall, Eagle Scout from Charlotte.

The weekend over, we reluctantly stowed dry tents, camping gear and two weary children in the Scout and returned to Springfield.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND HIKE

by Bettina Roulier

Apparently the scheduling of a hike to Mt. Washington on Labor Day weekend scared off most members and friends of GMC. Jim Frink and I waited until 9:30 at the fire station Saturday morning and when no other hikers showed up decided to conquer a summit closer to home, namely, that of Blue Ridge mountain to which the lovely wooded Cauty trail leads.

Some of us had snowshoed up the trail part way during the winter. The steep sections had seemed steeper then, but with rocks and tree stumps and branches buried under several feet of snow, the going was considerably smoother.

Starting from the Perkins' campsite, we invited some young campers to join us -- a young girl from Danbury, Conn., and a man from near West Point, New York, along with his twelve year old sister who bounded ahead of us on the trail. I had been afraid that these "city folks" would slow us up considerably but it was I who brought up the rear. The young man, a cemetery worker, enjoyed his climb up the mountain as a pleasant change from digging graves.

We made the top in one and a quarter hours, and after a quick look at the surrounding fog our young companions started back down. We had a leisurely lunch (Jim's pack was considerably lighter after he ate an enormous tomato fresh from his garden) which apparently millions of flying insects would have liked to share.

After deciding the fog had no intention of lifting and that Jim's binoculars had been carried in vain we started down, stopping briefly at the cascades which lie a few yards off the trail. Perhaps the next hikers up the trail should tack up a sign pointing the way to these cascades because it would be too bad to bypass them. A lovely brook parallels the trail at least half way up the mountain.

MT. MARCY- NEW YORK'S HIGHEST PEAK

by
Hedrick Cahee

After the Killington section's hike to Marcy, May 29-31, was called off because of deep snow, a Springfield group decided they would like to make this hike Labor Day weekend.

It was decided to go in by Sanford Lake near the National Lead Co. Mine to where the trail starts at the parking area called Upper Works. Arriving at Upper Works at about 9:30 we found about 25 cars already parked, and knew for sure that all leantos would be full and plastic tarps would have to be used.

We hiked the Calamity Brook Trail, stopping at a brook crossing at noon for rest and lunch. We made many brook crossings on log bridges, plank bridges, swinging bridges, and by jumping from stone to stone. The trails seem much wetter and muddier than most in Vermont and New Hampshire, and show signs of a lot of usage.

Arriving at the Lake Colden area we found a nice place to camp for the night, along with about one hundred other hikers! After tarps and sleeping bags were set up we had a welcome swim in a lovely lake. We had dinner and a campfire and hit the sack early.

The next day we started out to climb Marcy, carrying day packs with lunches and rain gear. At lunch time we looked up into the clouds where Marcy should be, and were happily surprised to see the sun break through and the mountain begin to clear. As we climbed the steep smooth rocks of Marcy, visibility got better, and when we reached the top we could look off for 10 or 15 miles to many other peaks in the area, which many of the group expressed a desire to climb.

Back at camp we had another refreshing swim, a hearty dinner, and another campfire. Breaking camp next morning the weather stayed warm and dry, and we retraced our steps across the many brooks to our waiting cars.

Our first New York trip was a pleasant one which we will never forget. The hiking party included Bill and Ginny Day, Hedrick Cahee, Lloyd and Betty Weeks, and Dick and Frances Roberts.

LINCOLN GAP TO APPALACIAN GAP

by
Jim Frink

"Wes" Weston and I were the only members to show up at the Fire Station. As the hike leader, Bob Herrmann, was disabled by a bad back, I decided to lead it myself. But when only Wes showed up, I was about to "forget it". Then Mrs. Todd, of Northeast Drive, arrived with her 14 year old daughter Marie and asked if Marie could accompany us, saying that she was a good hiker. I guess we silently decided that we couldn't let the Todds down after announcing in the paper that non-members were welcome.

We drove 56 miles, both cars, to Appalachian Gap via Routes 7-116-73. Then, after Wes parked his car there, we drove 15 1/2 miles to Route 100, south to Warren, and up to Lincoln Gap, parking my car there.

We found the trail rocky, rooty, and with patches of black, gooey mud. In several places the trail vanished, with no places in sight. Other places, where the trail was well defined, had bolzes every 10 feet. We had no difficulties passing all the Lincoln Mt. locations but when we passed General Start Mt. our troubles began. There were places on the trail so steep that we had to carry the dog, Rascal, down. When we got to Theron Dean Shelter, a sign said two ways to go for the Long Trail north. One of these ways said "direct." Since it was getting toward dusk, we were all for the direct route. This route turned out to be a paratroopers' obstacle course rather than a trail. It was a regular chamber of horrors. But we made it!

We arrived home at 9:30 PM and found that Churchill, Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Frink, and Mrs. Todd were all worried about the possibility of our being lost in the woods! Marie was an indefatigable hiker and she deserves a medal!

In retrospect, we enjoyed every minute of it - even the "hairy" parts -- except, maybe, when it was so dark we couldn't see blazes or where to put our feet with the path so vertical with no hand holds and us still in the woods!

All's well that ends well.

KILLINGTON SECTION, G.M.C. ----- MEMBERSHIP LIST 1971

Abbott, Kim - Keith - Kimberly (JR.) 23 Pine Street, Springfield, Vt. 05156
 Adams, Miss Martha, 46 Roberts Ave., Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Anlian, John, 55 Summit Street, Ridgefield Park New York 07660
 Bailey, Miss Helen, Box 804, Charlestown, New Hampshire 03603
 Berg, Miss Anna, 10 Pleasant Street, No. Clarendon, Vermont 05759
 Blaskovich, Mrs. W. J., 9 Amherst Lane, Dearborn, Michigan 48120
 Booraem, Jonathan, 13 Blue Ridge Drive, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Brown, Jeanette, 13 Dennis Place, Summit, New Jersey 07901
 Bryant, Mrs. Harriot, Box 131, Dorset, Vermont 05251
 Cahee, Mr. & Mrs. Hedrick, 179 Union St., Springfield, Vermont 05156
 Catozzi, Raymond, 103 Bellevue Avenue, Rutland, Vermont 15701
 Catozzi, Louis, (JR.) " " " " "
 Chase, Dana, 20 Chester Road, Springfield, Vermont 05156
 Day, Mr. & Mrs. Wilman, Brockway Mill Road, Springfield, Vermont 05156
 Delso, Adolf, 185 Curtis Avenue, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Dombrowski, Dorothy Hegeman, 2300 So. Broad St., Trenton, N. J. 08610
 Eastman, Matthew, (JR.), 95 Maple Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Fostman, Mrs. Herbert, 25 Seabury Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Frink, Miss Helen, 10 Elm Street, Randolph, Vermont 05060
 Frink, James, 60 Litchfield Avenue, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Gilman, Miss Elizabeth, 212 Adams Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Gragen, George, 72 Cleveland Avenue, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Gragen, William, " " " " "
 Green, Miss Frances, 55 Holman Street, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545
 Guerrara, Miss Eleanor, 3-A Court Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Gulick, Charles B. III, Parker Hill Road, Springfield, Vermont 05156
 Herrmann, Robert, Hubbardton, Vermont 05749
 Hayes, Mrs. Andrew, Box 252, Castleton, Vermont 05735
 Hayes, - Andrew - Chris - Sherry (JR.) " " "
 Hill, Robert L., 5 Hillcrest Road, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Hinchey, Miss Minerva, 45 Park Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Holmes, Mr. & Mrs. Stewart, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Howard, Mr. & Mrs. J. Harold, Stage Route, Mendon, Vermont 05701
 Howard, Patrick, (JR.), 70 Allen Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Hunter, Mr. & Mrs. John, 4 Stanton Street, Woodstock, Vermont 05091
 Jeffers, Robert, 18 Linwood Drive, Wilbraham, Massachusetts 01067
 Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Harold, Box 261, East Wallingford, Vermont 05742
 Johnson, William, " " " " "
 Kennedy, Mr. & Mrs. Richard, Box 284, Castleton, Vermont 05735
 Kennedy, Eric - Janis - Lisa - Mike " " "
 Kirk, Mrs. George, 8 East Washington Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 LaBrake, Miss Ruth, Templewood Court, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 LaBounty, Mrs. Janice, Box 466, Manchester, Vermont 05254
 Magoon, Paul, RFD#1, Box 475A, Springfield, Vermont 05156
 Magoon, Jeffry (JR.), " " " " "
 Maier, Miss Elsie, 280 Ft. Washington Avenue, New York City, N.Y. 10032
 Mason, Dave, 49 South Main Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Merrick, Miss Janet, Austine School for the Deaf, Brattleboro, Vt. 05302
 McKirryher, Mr. & Mrs. Bradford, 11 Maple St., Vergennes, Vt. 05491
 Miles, John, 122 Harrington Avenue, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Newton, Miss Doris, 70 North Main Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Nickerson, Russell, (JR.), RFD, Orwell, Vermont 05760
 Ogden, Herbert G., Sr., RD#1, Box 119, Windsor, Vermont 05089
 Ogden, Herbert G., Jr., 2409 Buckingham Rd., Birmingham, Michigan 48008
 Palen, Mr. & Mrs. Peter C., P.O. Box 163, Hurley, New York 12443
 Pearlstein, George, Box 115, West Pawlet, Vermont 05775
 Perkins, Mr. & Mrs. Robert, 1141 Culigan Blvd., San Jose, California 95120
 Perkins, Anne - David - Polly - Tim (JR.) " " " "

Perkins, Mr. & Mrs. Craigue, 129 Bellevue Ave., Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Perkins, Miss Vera, 242 South Main Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Pfenning, Les - Marc - Susan, 55 Killington Ave., Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Ransom, Miss Margaret, (JR), 5281 N.E. 4th Terrace, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308
 Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Richard, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vermont 05156
 Rolston, Ben, 323 12th Street, Schenectady, New York 12306
 Rothenmeyer, Robert, P.O. Box 244, Brandon, Vermont 05733
 Roulier, Miss Bettina, 25 Piedmont Parkway, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Rozowicz, Miss Linda, 562 West 193rd Street, New York, New York 10040
 Russell, Miss Ellen, 33 Thayer Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906
 Ryderski, Jesse, 49 South Main Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Scott, W. Churchill, 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Scott, Kim (JR.), " " " " " "
 Secor, Raymond, 21 Royce Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Stare, Louis, 9 Angus Avenue, Bass River, Massachusetts 02664
 Trzesniowski, Edward, 2 1/2 South Main Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Valeo, Robert H., 73 Pine Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Valiquette, Mr. & Mrs. Harold, 93 Killington Ave., Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Valiquette, John J. (JR.), Town Line Road, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Valiquette, Thomas J. (JR.), " " " " " "
 Walker, Miss Eleanor, 87 Baxter Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Weeks, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd, 7 Harvard Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156
 Weine, Daniel, 35 Burnham Avenue, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Welch, Frederica, Stage Route, Mendon, Vermont 05701
 Wellman, Mary L., RFD #2, Poultney, Vermont 05764
 Weston, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur F., 48 Edgerton St., Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Weston, Miss Holly (JR.), 4116 White Pine Dr., Raleigh, No. Carolina 27609
 Whitehorne, Miss Lorna, 49 Franklin Street, Brandon, Vermont 05733
 Wilson, Carlton, 9 Harvard Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
 Wolcott, George H., 34 Cleveland Avenue, Rutland, Vermont 05701

* * * *

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	-- Edward Trznesiowski
Vice Pres.	-- Raymond Secor
Sec.-Treas.	-- W. Churchill Scott
Trustee &	
Trails Chrm.	-- Wilbur F. Weston
Trustee	-- Elizabeth Weeks
Shelter Chrm.	-- Herbert G. Ogden, Sr.
LTN Reporter	-- Kathy Hays
Director	-- Robert Herrmann
Director	-- Vera Perkins

* * *

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

is Wednesday, December 15. Please get copy to Frances Roberts, at 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vermont, 05156, on or before this date. No reminder calls will be made, so it's up to the members what will appear in "Smoke and Blazes." Ideas and suggestions welcome. Call at 885-4157.



Vol. 23, No. 4 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Jan.-Mar., 1972

COMING OUTINGS

WHEN - Sat., Jan. 8, 1972

WHERE - MYSTERY HIKE!!!

LEADER - W. Churchill Scott

Meet at Koltonski Fire Station at 10:00 A.M. and see where Churchill leads us. (Does he know??? See P. 3)

WHEN - Sun., Jan. 23

WHERE - Gov. Clement Lodge

LEADER - Ray Secor

Meet at the fire station at 9:00 in the morning for a hike in to one of the most picturesque shelters on the Long Trail. Of course, we may have to tunnel our way into it--but that would make it really cozy, especially after we've built a fire in that enormous fireplace.

WHEN - Sat., Feb. 5

WHERE - Clarendon Lodge to Foxlot Farm

LEADERS - Betty and Lloyd Weeks

Meet at 9:00 A.M. at the fire station, visit the remodelled Clarendon Lodge, and hike on up to the old, abandoned farm to see the view.

WHEN - Fri., Jan. 21, at 7:30 P.M.

WHAT - Annual Meeting of our Section

WHERE - Universalist-Unitarian Vestry

Come to the Annual Meeting--watch for the announcement. The new hike schedule is going to be an all-club project. We want you to go where you want to go. Therefore, please come to the Annual Meeting with at least one hike to one place that you personally want to go to. If all attendees will do this, we will vote on each one and by this means arrive at a schedule that will be pleasing and satisfactory to all. The schedule will be printed and distributed shortly after the meeting.

The partial schedule presented in this issue of "Smoke and Blazes" was voted upon by your Directors to keep us going until the remainder of the winter's hikes has been decided.

The next thing for you to do is to plan to attend these outings. How come you have been passing them all up? Maybe you'll like them better after you have had a part in selecting them. Anyway, COME ON OUT!

The rest of the hikes for the first quarter will probably be scheduled for the following dates: Sun., Feb 13; Sat., Feb. 26; Sun., Mar. 5; Sat., Mar. 18; and Sun., Mar. 26.

(Cont'd)

Plan now to be the Leader for one of these hikes, no matter where it goes! Come to the Annual Meeting ready to find out where it goes and then sign up to lead it! Better still, plan a hike to your own favorite destination and volunteer it, either to fill one of the above dates, or for later in the year. That's the way to get it on the schedule (provided the rest of us like the spot you picked!)

Jim Frink
Outing Chairman

CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OLD ARE WELCOME ON OUR HIKEs, BUT.

We want the youngsters with us on our hikes, and when parents bring their children and watch out for them, a good time is had by all.

Practically all our adult members are experienced woodsmen and hikers. They can take care of themselves and furnish assistance to any fellow hiker who may need it. The parent Club does not insure its Sections. The Sections do not insure their members. We accept the responsibility of taking care of ourselves and each other.

It will help the Club if each member will make sure in the future that any non-member who shows up for a hike understands that he is welcome, but that the Club accepts no responsibility for his welfare, nor for that of his children.

We will endeavor to have the following sentence incorporated in each of our newspaper hike notices in the future: "Parents who desire that their children enjoy this hike will please either accompany them and accept responsibility for them, or arrange in advance with some adult friend to do so."

If, in spite of this notice and these precautions, children show up for a hike without parental or other guardianship, all of us have the responsibility of explaining carefully to them that they must:

1. Remain with or near the group at all times.
2. Never pass a break or fork in the trail until the hike leader points out the correct path.
3. Carry their own packs and keep

the reasonable pace set by the leader.

4. Obey these rules or be forbidden to join any future Club hikes.

This attitude with respect to children is taken because of the following past experiences:

An unaccompanied child undertook to go on a long hike. He became tired and could not proceed without too frequent rests which delayed the hike and decreased the amount of planned safe time in the woods. His pack finally had to be carried by others who, of course, took responsibility which they should not have been required to do.

A child appeared alone for one of our hikes. He was carefully and fully instructed in the above requirements designed for his safety. He ignored them completely, and was out of sight and of reach of the hike leader for the entire distance.

Two unaccompanied children disappeared from sight or hearing of a group of our hikers and after the members of this group, and the children's worried parents, had spent much worried time in trying to find out where they had gone, it was learned that they had decided to stay overnight in one of the shelters without having informed anyone of their intention.

The need for this article was decided upon at a Director's meeting on November 21, 1971.

Jim Frink
Outing Chairman

* * *

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

is Wednesday, March 15. Please get copy to Frances Roberts, at 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vermont, 05156, on or before this date. No reminder calls will be made, so it's up to the members what will appear in "Smoke and Blazes." Ideas and suggestions are welcome. Call at 885-4157.

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club mourns the passing of Harold D. Valiquette.

Mr. Valiquette, a former president of the Section, since the mid-40's was an active member and for many years almost single-handedly kept our shelters and the suspension-bridge in useable condition.

Perhaps more he will be remembered for the many hikes he led up his favorite mountain, East Mt., both in winter and summer, from the east and west.

A contribution to the Cancer Society has been made in the memory of Mr. Valiquette.

Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Valiquette and their son Joseph and his family at this time.

M*Y*S*T*E*R*Y HIKE

After a lapse of a number of years, a mystery hike will be held on Sat. Jan. 8, 1972, leaving at 10:00 A.M. from the usual spot by the new fire station.

This will be an easy snowshoe walk of about 2 1/2 to 3 miles with a shelter where a hot meal and drinks may be enjoyed.

The destination will be known to the trip leader only, and at the beginning of the hike sketches of the route will be given to the cars showing the route to follow.

It is suggested that snowshoes and warm clothes be taken, and a good hearty meal and cup carried.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The following names are added to the 1971 membership list printed in the October issue of Smoke and Blazes:

Judy Gatland, 79 Pine St., Rutland Vt. 05701

Charles B. Gulich, PO Box, Castleton, Vt. 05735

Holly C. Hall, Dorset, Vt. 05251

Mr. & Mrs. John B. Martin, 7 Curtis Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701

Betsy - Carol - David - Nancy - Tommy Martin (JR), 7 Curtis Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701

George Reynolds, 8 Hillcrest Rd., Springfield, Vt. 05156

--TAKEN FROM THE REGISTER--
SUNNYSIDE

LONG TRAIL NEWS

The November issue of the Long Trail News was mailed about Nov. 15 to all members of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. In case any members have not received their copy please notify W. C. Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701, and a copy will be sent and our records corrected.

SLEEVE PATCHES

Killington Section sleeve patches are available for 50¢ postpaid from W. C. Scott. The "Killington Section" strip goes above the regular GMC patch.

NEW DIRECTORS

Come to the Annual Meeting prepared to nominate from the floor three three-year term directors.

Retiring directors, each having served a one-year term, are Robert Herrmann, Herbert Ogden, Sr., and Vera Perkins.

The meeting will be held in the Universalist-Unitarian Church vestry (ground floor where the Sugar-on-Snow has been held) on Fri., Jan. 21, at 7:30 P.M. The church is located on West St. across from Movie Land Theater.

Ah, yes, came upon an open spot on left side comin' South with fern and rocks, quite mystical, good for thinkin' things out and in. It was just before the power line.

Therefore, by the powers invested in me by the Universal Life Church of Calif., I, as a minister of said Church, do declare this spot sanctuary and wish upon those who visit and feel the still beauty of said sanctuary the blessing and peace of Mother Earth, from whom we all came and to whom we all shall return.

Love and quiet strength upon you all.

Matt

by Dick Roberts

Probably the thousands of southward bound geese had difficulty distinguishing the GMC'ers from the mountain-to-mountain carpeting of brilliant foliage in Merck Forest. Ed Trzesniowski scheduled our now annual trip for a perfect weekend for both scenery and weather.

The weekend of Oct. 16 and 17 found the color at its most brilliant peak seen in years, decorating the spruce and hemlock with a leafy tinsel reminiscent of the coming Christmas season.

Twenty-six hundred acres of unspoiled and controlled wilderness allows ample space for hiking, hunting, fishing, or in winter, cross country skiing. Twenty-six miles of roads and trails reach all corners of the wilderness tract from Mt. Antone to the nature trails. A weekend is hardly time enough to explore it.

Vermont should be thankful for the thoughtfulness of the Merck family in establishing such an area, and to the Foundation for maintaining it in such an excellent manner.

It is regrettable that so few could take advantage of our opportunity. It is certain that the Rutland group of Wes Weston with Rascal, Doc and Kay Howard with Rusty and Joe, Jim Frink and Ed Trzesniowski, and the Springfield group which included Bill and Ginny Day, Lloyd and Betty Weeks, and Dick and Frances Roberts are already planning to return next fall.

MT. ASCUTNEY CLIMB - HALLOWEEN PARTY

By Jim Frink

Some party, folks! Your Hike Leader, Paul Magoon, and your Outing Chairman were the only ones to take advantage of a beautiful day, gorgeous scenery, an easy climb up the Windsor Trail, a pleasant lunch sitting on Brownsville Rock and looking at Okemo, Saltash, Killington, Little Killington, Mendon, and Pico peaks, and an interesting downhill jaunt on the Brownsville trail.

The most interesting part of the day, by far, was our visit to Herb Cgden's Cider and Grist Mill at Hartland, Vermont. The road up from Brownsville joins the Hartland Four Corners-South Woodstock road at a point practically in Herb's front yard.

There were a lot of people there selling apples and buying cider. Paul and I immediately started an inspection of the very efficient power plant. We started with the overshot wheel and then followed all the pulleys and belts to see what they were doing. After we had solved all those problems, we went out to see where the water was coming from. We saw a stand-pipe feeding water to the top of the wheel; a penstock under the brook bringing water to the stand-pipe; a pond on the high side of a meadow feeding water to the penstock; and a long mill-race bringing water to the pond from a higher elevation of the brook. So the pipe was a siphon taking water from one elevation and delivering it to one slightly lower. Upon our return from the pond, we climbed the stairs and watched the stand-pipe feed water to the wheel. V-e-r-y interesting! Then we found that Herb had hung a free leaflet on the door near the wheel describing all the things we had learned the hard way! But--it's fun to study things out for one's self.

We watched the apples being fed to the pulping machine. Then the pulp was enclosed in a series of cloth covered layers and squeezed dry by a hydraulic press. We were given samples of the cider just made, and believe me, it was and is delicious. I brought home two gallons and I'm about to go on a sweet cider jag.

The rest of you folks certainly missed the boat. Maybe the next, and the next, and the next, etc. time you will come out and do like a Green Mountain Clubber should--enjoy the good times that are planned for you.

BEECHWOOD PARTY

By Vera Perkins

"Pot Luck Supper"--"Covered Dish Party"--call it what you will, a pleasant social get-together was enjoyed by about twenty members of the Killington Section on Saturday, November 6. Although our date was a bit late this year, the weather was most cooperative and provided an ideal day--sunny and not too cold.

The usual excellent supper consisting of a variety of hot dishes

alads, rolls, and desserts was enjoyed.

Just to set the record straight, however, it wasn't entirely an eating party. Some of the group came early enough in the afternoon to hike to the caves on Bald Mountain while several others took short walks.

Shortly before supper we enjoyed a preview of the number the "Martin Family" were presenting in the S.E. Variety Show that evening--a song, "Silent Spring" sung by Nancy, Betsy, Tom, David and Jack, and a Donald Duck impersonation by Tom assisted by Jack.

All except the performers, who had to leave early, enjoyed a leisurely and sociable meal grouped around small tables, and lingered to chat in front of the fire.

This is a party for all ages. Our "old timers" who are always on hand to help on such occasions were there as well as some of our very Junior members. We enjoy these get-togethers and feel that an occasional one is very much worthwhile. It gives all of us a chance to get better acquainted and exchange ideas with members we see infrequently. Also, it affords an opportunity for those of us who are less actively involved in GMC, but still interested, to keep in touch with the plans and the work our more active members are doing. Why not come next time and see for yourself?

TUCKER-JOHNSON HIKE

By Harold (Doc) Howard

December 5, 1971. On this beautiful, cold, sunny and windless day, nineteen hikers snowshoed in to this shelter. The snow was about 18" deep. Feeling somewhat like hosts, since we had adopted this shelter, Wes Weston and I went ahead to start a fire. We went in via Robinwood, a shortcut, and were accompanied by Vera Perkins, Doris Newton and David Martin. Our leaders, Lloyd and Betty Weeks, and nine hearty hikers went in at Sherburne Pass, and trudged the two miles north along the Long Trail. According to reports, the first half mile was ROUGH!

At the shelter all had a pleasant lunch including the delicious hot soup

supplied by the Weeks. Springfield was very well represented on this trip.

With the clothing and equipment we have today, winter outings can be just as pleasant as summer ones. This trip well illustrated this point.

DIRECTORS' MEETING

The latest Board of Directors' meeting was held on Mon., Nov. 29 at the home of Mr. Weston.

Present were Herb Ogden, Ray Secor, Jim Frink, W. Weston, C. Scott, Betty Weeks and Frances Roberts. Mr. Lloyd Weeks was a guest.

Discussion of hikes and hike participation took up quite a bit of time and all phases were examined. Many suggestions were offered to boost attendance at our various outings. It has been asked that with so many mountains in the state of Vermont that our section have not climbed, that the Outing Committee plan future hikes in the Green Mountains.

Betty and Wes reported on the Trustees' meeting. The main club wants to increase the amount each section shall pay for junior members (\$1.00) and adult members (\$2.00) as compared to 35¢ and 50¢ respectively at the present time.

In memory of Harold Valiquette and Lincoln Isham, contributions of \$25 each to their favorite charity were voted.

It was suggested that any member having a question or problem of GMC or Section business contact a member of the Board of Directors so that arrangements may be made to attend a meeting.

The next meeting is planned for Fri., Jan. 7, 1972.

W. Churchill Scott
Sec.-Treas.

SHOPPING NOTES

Have you seen the "Tea Kettle" brand dehydrated foods in Kings? Just add boiling water and let stand 5 min. Another good place to shop for hiking and camping supplies is at Dakin's in North Ferrisburg, Vt. (No, your editors do not get a percentage!!! Just want to pass the word along.)



MOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 24, No. 2 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Apr.-June, 1972

COMING OUTINGS

Saturday, Apr. 1, 9 a.m. Meet at Koltonski Fire Station, drive to White Rocks. From there our hike leader, Kathy Hayes, knows the way to Green-wall shelter. On the guide book map it looks like a steep climb to the Long Trail and then East to the shelter. Estimated total distance is 3 mi.

Saturday, Apr. 15, 9 a.m. Meet Lloyd and Betty Weeks at the firestation for a climb up Snake Mt. in Addison.

Snake Mt. is located about 1 1/2 mi. from Rt. 22A in the town of Addison, Vt. Hikers will follow an old carriage road by easy grades up the south west side of the mountain about 2 mi. to the site of an old hotel. From the bare ledges at the summit there is a spectacular view of the flat Champlain Valley with Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks in the distance.

Two small ponds may be visited on the mountain top. Interesting plant life may be seen here including a profusion of Trailing Arbutus.

This mountain is near the flyway of the Canadian Geese. These birds may be observed at the Dead Creek Waterfowl Area immediately below the mountain.

Sunday, Apr. 30, 1 p.m. Meet at the fire station, drive out the Cold River Road to the East side of Round Hill. From there we hike up the hill to the Fuchsite location near the summit. This mineral is a form of fine grained muscovite, or mica, solidified in rock form and stained a lovely green by chrome. Slices of this rock are translucent and light showing through it is a beautiful emerald green. Jim Frink will lead this hike.

Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. Meet at the firestation. Ben Rolston will lead this hike and take us to Vermont's highest waterfall, in the Manchester area. We will also explore further downstream.

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, May 27, 28, and 29. We have been invited by the College Alumni Hiking Club of New York City to join them on their Memorial Day Weekend backpacking trip on the Long Trail from Arlington Westwardsboro Road to Vermont 9, Section II in the Long Trail guide book. For further information, see page 2. We certainly feel honored to have received this kind invitation.

* * *

NOTE: DEADLINE FOR NEXT SMOKE AND

Sunday, May 28, 1 p.m. Meet at the fire station and drive to McLaughlin Falls on the Wheelerville Road. Betty Roulrier will lead this hike. She knows the owners of the property and will secure permission for us to climb down to the foot of the falls and walk down the gorge as far as possible. No more than a two-mile total hike, but beautiful scenery.

13 Dennis Place
Summit, N.J. 07901
Nov. 19, 1971

Smoke & Blazes Editor
2 Hill Place
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Roberts:

Sunday, June 11, 9 a.m. Meet at the fire station. Churchill Scott will lead this climb to the summit of Mendon Peak. Total distance about 5 mi. This will be one of the most adventurous hikes of the season.

Perhaps it would be best to first ask Craig Perkins if he thinks the snow is all gone, for he surely must have many stories to tell of the last hike planned there for a May 2nd.

It is suggested that sturdy footwear, heavy clothing, extra sweater or jacket, and two hearty meals be carried, for this will cover a fairly long distance and much bushwhacking.

A number of routes have been offered. Hike from Gov. Clement to Tamarack Shelter, then cross-country over Little Killington to the summit of Mendon Peak. Or ride the lift, then hike past Cooper to Tamarack. Or ride up the Rooney Mill trail from Brewer's Corners as far as possible past "Stove Pipe" city, up the log slide to the ridge between Little Killington and Mendon where rumor has it there are lumber jack shelters that were never uncrated. Also, this area is historically more interesting.

Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m. Meet at the fire station. George Perlstein will lead this climb to the summit of Shrewsbury Peak. Total distance about four miles. I do not know the approach to this peak. Many of us have long wanted to get to the top of both Mendon and Shrewsbury, and here's our chance!

* * *

THE LONG TRAIL NEWS for February was mailed Feb. 13. If any section member has not received a copy, please contact W.C. Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701, so the records can be corrected.

NOTE: DEADLINE FOR NEWS FOR SMOKE & BLAZES IS June 15, 1972. Mail to Frances Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield,

As president of the College Alumni Hiking Club of New York City and as a member of the Green Mountain Club, Killington Section, I would like to invite the members of your club to hike with us on our Memorial Day Weekend trip. It is as follows:

May 27-29 Backpacking on the Long Trail from Arlington Westwardsboro Road to Vermont 9 Section II in the Long Trail guide book. Food will be provided by leaders if a \$5.00 deposit is sent to them two weeks in advance. We will meet Vermonters on Saturday May 27 at 9:00 a.m. at Woodford State camping area off Vermont 9 or at the trail parking lot on the Arlington Westwardsboro road at 10:30 a.m. Leaders: Jeannette Brown, 13 Dennis Place, Summit, N. J., 07901, 201 277-6412; and Linda Rozpewicz, 562 W. 193 St., New York, N. Y. 01140 212 928-9155.

We hope that you could put this in either the next issue of Smoke and Blazes or the April issue or both. I hope that some of your members will join us. The leaders are both working on our End-to-End badges and we run several trips during the season to Vermont for this purpose. We hope to go on a GMC trip. We almost went on one this year but we got rained out in New York. Happy hiking.

Sincerely yours,
Jeannette Brown
President

DIRECTORS' MEETING

Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas.

The latest Board of Directors' meeting was held at Mr. Jim Frink's home on Feb. 11, 1972, with 10 present. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Weeks were guests.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. President Secor said the main club will look into the suspension bridge over Mill River and report to the section later.

Directors' Meeting - Cont'd.

Betty Weeks reported on the Trustees' meeting and said there were many favorable reports on the well kept trails and shelters of the Killington Section for which we can thank the many workers we have. She also reported that section dues to the main club were set at \$1.50 for adults and \$.75 for juniors.

We do not need the Long Trail Patrol to work in our section this season. Herb Ogden moved and Betty Weeks seconded that the Killington Section can take care of its own trails and shelters this season.

The following list of officers was approved:

Pres. - Ray Secor

V. Pres. - Jim Frink

Sec.-Treas. - W. Churchill Scott

Committee Chairmen:

Trails - Wilbur Weston

Shelters - Herb Ogden

Outings - Jim Frink

Social Director - Kathy Hayes

LTN Reporter - Kathy Hayes

Smoke & Blazes - Frances Roberts

Mr. Weston spoke of the slow and time consuming job of preparing Long Trail News for mailing. A number of questions were raised about the duties of Gardner Lane.

Herb Ogden discussed the duties of Robert Jeffors, caretaker, and it was voted to hire a caretaker for the 1972 season. He also spoke of the work on Clarendon Shelter, and its success in keeping the area clean.

The outing schedule was completed and ready to be printed.

The Board of Directors want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Frink for their hospitality in making this meeting very enjoyable, and our thanks go to them.

ANNUAL MEETING - KILLINGTON SECTION

The annual meeting of the Killington section of the Green Mountain Club was held on Friday, Jan. 21, at the Universalist-Unitarian Church rooms.

There were 36 in attendance as compared to 18 last year and about 12 in 1970 when it was held in conjunction with a sugar on snow party.

Among the out of state members were Miss Helen Bailey, Charlestown, N.H., Ben Rolston, Schenectady, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Palen, Hurley, N.Y., who stayed at Sunnyside over the weekend.

After the meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Ray Secor, and the Secretary and Treasurer's reports read and approved, Herb Ogden began the committee reports. As chairman of the Shelter Committee, he spent a very busy summer. Pico was completely renovated. A new metal roof; new stove, carried by Ray Secor from Pico Junction; one window entirely replaced; foundations dug out and creosoted. During the season, Mr. Robert Jeffors was employed as a caretaker there with very favorable results. Occasionally he visited Cooper and Tamarack.

The dumps at Pico and Killington were smoothed over and obliterated again to implement our Carry In-Carry Out program which seems to be working well.

During May a big work party visited Clarendon and made an open-front shelter out of it. They removed the front wall, stove and windows, and creosoted it. For many of the old timers who have spent a lot of cold but enjoyable activities there, it was a hard thing to do, but the results have made it well worth while.

Ray Secor reported for Mr. Weston on Trails. The entire section was worked on this year, plus a day's work at the Swinging Bridge, where next year even more work must be done. Also, after many long months of discussion the trail was moved from Mr. Pluss's land, and now as we go north from Rt. 103 we follow the old Town Road past the Crown Point Road marker to Clarendon Shelter.

There were no reports from the Smoke and Blazes editors, or from the Long Trail News reporter.

Betty Weeks discussed the past four Trustees' meetings. These have been mainly taken up with the increased cost of running the main club and why they must ask for more money from the sections. Many members offered a number of different suggestions. After it was noted that the dues increase to the main club would not begin until 1973, it was voted to keep our dues the same this year and ask for contributions. Herb Ogden moved to endorse the Board of Directors' proposal of \$2.00 for adult dues, \$1.00 for dues of spouse, \$1.00 for single junior, \$1.00 for senior members of 65 or over, and no charge for family junior members. Betty Weeks was instructed to convey this recommendation to the Trustees' meeting on Feb. 5.

Annual Meeting - Cont'd

Jim Frink led a very lively session on the new hike schedule. Many new places were suggested and leaders were obtained. The schedule will be drawn up completely at the next Board of Directors' meeting. At the request of many members we hope to keep within the boundaries of Vermont for there are many new mountain trails to climb.

Herb Ogden spoke about snowmobile legislation and a motion was passed for the Board of Directors to endorse the proposal of Ben Hoffman's ad hoc report on snowmobiles.

The new members of the Board of Directors voted upon at this meeting are Bob Rothenmeyer and Janet Martin, replacing Bob Herrmann and Vera Perkins.

Following the business meeting, George Pearlstein showed his slides on the outlying trails of Vermont, and after seeing such beautiful sights as these, it is easy to see why everyone says, "Let's hike in Vermont!"

As every year, the evening was concluded with a wonderful buffet of cakes, cookies, pies and other goodies. Our thanks are again given to the ladies for an enjoyable treat.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Churchill Scott

HELP WANTED! HELP WANTED!

"Wes" Weston will very soon be tackling the trails in our Killington Section. All who are willing to help clear are urged to call him at 775-2132. You will be welcomed with open arms, a beaming smile, and perhaps even with pruning shears.

TAKEN FROM THE REGISTER--SUNNYSIDE

Oct. 16, 1972. Peace, love and responsible freedom to those who trudge.

Joel and Linda Wilcox,
Rutland, Vt.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE is Thursday June 15. Please get copy to Frances Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt., 05156, on or before this date. No reminder calls will be made, so it's up to the members what will appear in "Smoke and Blazes." Ideas and suggestions are welcome. Call 885-4157.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand, 1/1/71		\$2417.51
INCOME:		
Dues	195.00	
Interest	95.72	
Gifts	62.00	
Guide Book Sales	10.00	
GMC Patch Sales	10.00	
Total		<u>372.72</u>
		2790.23
EXPENSES:		
Trails and Shelters	306.57	
Smoke and Blazes	74.02	
Killington Section Patches	64.64	
To Main Club (Dues, Guide Books, Patches)	63.63	
Gifts (T.N.Assoc., Valiquette, Isham Mem.)	60.00	
Outings	58.55	
Postage	31.29	
Flowers (Mrs. Roy Buchanan)	21.70	
By-Law Meeting Expenses	15.64	
Annual Meeting Expenses	15.54	
Telephone	3.85	
Misc. Expenses	38.29	
Total		<u>753.72</u>
Cash on Hand, 1/1/72		<u>\$2036.51</u>

SUNNYSIDE HIKE - Dec. 19, 1971
By Ann Reynolds

Hoping to see some of our old Rutland hiking buddies, my husband, two sons and I set out for the Sunnyside hike on the last Sunday before Christmas. Imagine our surprise upon arriving at Sunnyside to find that four of the 11 people there were also from Springfield, thus accounting for more than half the group! In addition to our family there were Lloyd and Betty Weeks and Dick and Fran Roberts of Springfield, plus Doc and Kay Howard, Ray Secor, Jim Frink, Mauri Winturi, Frederica Welch and Bob Rothenmeyer.

Although snow was on the ground, there was hardly enough to warrant the use of snowshoes, and most of us left ours behind in our cars. The hike into the shelter is such a short one that we scarcely needed the hour or more of relaxation and eating that we enjoyed, but the cozy warmth of the cabin was not conducive to moving back outdoors.

Eventually we stirred ourselves and trod quietly through the snow to the clearing overlooking the city of Rutland. We were assured that on a clear moonlit night the lights of the city could be seen distinctly, but this night was overcast and not moonlit, so we just had to use our imaginations. After singing one or two Christmas carols (after all, the writeup said we would), we hurried back to the shelter, as the wind was becoming sharp. There were no unusual occurrences on this outing -- it was just the pleasant, easy, companionable sort of hike that made us wonder why we (and you) don't do it more often!

TRIP TO GOVERNOR CLEMENT

By Doris Newton

The date was January 23, but it seemed as though we had moved up two months and reached the end of March. Brooks were running, snow melting, and sun dodging in and out. Everything was all the more enjoyable after the dark and unpromising skies of early morning.

After going around to North Shrewsbury to avoid the icy hill, Cathy Hayes, Sherry, Chris and Andy, Doc

and Kay Howard, Jim Frink, Ray Secor⁵ and Doris Newton walked in from the usual parking place. The road was packed hard enough by snowmobiles to make snowshoes unnecessary. A fire was soon going, the coffeepot steaming, and the usual pleasant social time in progress. Halfway through lunch along came Mauri Winturi from Fitchburg, Mass. Before the hike was over he had been signed up as a Killington Section member rather than a member at large. Wouldn't it be great if we could add a new member on every outing?

We shouldn't neglect to mention "Abigail" Hayes and her side-kick "Cindy" as also among those present. I think I heard a murmured suggestion that a beautiful St. Bernard like "Abby" might be trained to carry that little barrel when she came along. Now, that would be an idea, wouldn't it? The only regret of the day was that even more folks weren't along to enjoy it.



Well, I guess the Green Mountain Club is going to the dogs! That was what I thought when I saw five dogs jump out of cars ready to go hiking up to Little Rocky Pond on Feb. 19. Fourteen people showed up at the corner store in East Wallingford accompanied by five dogs.

In spite of a raging bizzard we had a pretty good turnout. Everybody, including the dogs got into two scouts and a jeep and headed up the Wallingford Pond road. Pretty soon we realized we were on a road that hadn't been plowed. The jeep had a hard time backing out so Grampa Weeks thought he would get out the easy way. He gave it the gas and ended out worse off than the jeep. After much digging and pushing we finally got the scout out.

Since we couldn't drive to our destination, we started snowshoeing up the road. The wind and the snow hit us in the face as the storm got wilder. After about two miles we found a place to eat lunch by a brook. Even with a good fire, our sandwiches froze to our hands.

Since the storm was so bad, we decided not to go any further. We

fought the wind back to the cars.
Everyone made it back on his own
except one dog. Rusty gave out and
Grandma had to carry her in her pack.
We all had a "barking" good time!

By Kevin V. Abbott
Junior Member, Age 11



ASCUTNEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
(KILLINGTON SECTION)
ASCUTNEY MOUNTAIN HIKE-WINDSOR TRAIL
SNOWSHOE HIKE
SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1972

By Jane E. Denman

We assembled at the base of the Windsor Trail on Mt. Ascutney Saturday morning, March 4, under sunny skies. With a hard packed snow base, we decided snowshoes weren't necessary. We carried them over our shoulders just in case the snow was deeper further on.

The ascent was a steady steep climb up the side of a ravine through which tumbled a mountain stream covered with snow and ice. We paused to view the valley and distant mountains behind us at Gerry Falls, the half way point of our hike.

A short distance beyond the falls we left the rim of the ravine and crossed a smaller stream where there was open cold water for drinking. The trail doglegged to the right and into small soft woods in which we arrived at the shelter where hot soup, tea, coffee, and cocoa awaited all who came up the trail. The cozy fire welcomed and warmed us while we ate and rested. Eight members and two dogs of the Killington Section made the hike. The three children in the party received a free chance on a pair of snowshoes to be given away at the end of the season by the ATA. Approximately thirty-five hikers made the trip during the day. A few ventured beyond the shelter to the top of the mountain.

The hike down the mountain was un-

MYSTERY HIKE - Jan. 8

6

By Churchill Scott

After a number of years' lapse, a mystery hike was held. We must have lost our touch for everyone seemed to complain that by the time we reached the parking area the destination was no secret.

The day was cold but clear and sunny, and a deep blue sky prevailed. We drove to a snowmobile parking area south of Woodard Res. on Rt. 100. After walking up a winding unplowed road toward Northam about one mile, we turned left and followed a lumber road to Tinker Brook Shelter.

This camp is located in an evergreen grove overlooking Tinker Brook, and in warmer weather would be a very enjoyable spot.

After a quick lunch and a losing effort to keep warm, we started for home making plans for another mystery hike which will remain a mystery until the destination has been reached.

Dr. Howard and his grandson, Rusty Nickerson, met the group as they were returning, and hiked back to the cars together. It was good to see so many young folks along--Sherry, Andy and Chris Hayes, Betsy, Nancy and Tommy Martin, and Rusty.

CLARENDON LODGE TO FOXLOT FARM

By Dorothy Kirk

Some of the dozen hikers who walked into Clarendon Shelter on Saturday, February 5, had nostalgic thoughts for the old Lodge. The transition from Lodge to Open Shelter was beautifully executed, but the temperatures were low, and no one appeared enthusiastic about the change! After the gathering and sawing of wood, building a fire, and heating the water fetched by our hike chairman through a hole in the ice, and pretending to heat ourselves, we ate a rather quick lunch and drank hot coffee (the only hot thing about the day). Several of the party started a short distance toward Foxlot Farm, but soon returned. Later in the week Jim Frink started out alone for the Farm, went some distance but did not reach it. Betty and Lloyd Weeks were the leaders, though Betty had to attend a directors' meeting. A solitary out-of-state hiker who appeared at the shelter was eventually persuaded not to continue on a very obscure

This is the last issue of Smoke and Blazes that will be sent to the 1971 membership list. We would like to remind people of the financial notice included in the hike schedule for 1972, this being, "The Section has incurred a Financial Deficit of several hundred dollars for each of the past three years. We have a deficit budget for this year. Dues will have to be increased in 1973 but they will NOT go up this year. Dues are now Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each adult member and Fifty Cents (50¢) for each Junior member under 18.

Dues are now payable and should be mailed or given to W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer, 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701.

To avoid a Deficit this year, contributions in excess of dues are badly needed. Many members have already sent in contributions of from three to ten dollars (\$3.00 to \$10.00). Any financial help you can give to your Section will enable it to continue its reputation for the best overall maintenance on the Long Trail.

Below is a list of members of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club, Inc., as of 15 March 1972.

Abbott, Kim - Keith - Kevin (JR) 23 Pine Street, Springfield, Vt. 05156
 Adams, Miss Martha, 46 Roberts Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Bailey, Miss Helen, Box 804, Charlestown, N.H. 03603
 Berg, Miss Anna, 10 Pleasant St., No. Clarendon, Vt. 05759
 Blasbowich, Mrs. W.J., 8 Amherst Lane, Dearborn, Mich., 48120
 Bryant, Mrs. Harriot, P.O. Box 131, Dorset, Vt. 05251
 Cahoe, Mr. & Mrs. Hedrick, 179 Union St., Springfield, Vt. 05156
 Conlon, Mr. & Mrs. George, Gen. Del. Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Day, Mr. & Mrs. Wilman, Brockway Mills Road, Springfield, Vt. 05156
 Drennon, Mike, 2915 Hyatt St., Yorkstown, N. Y. 10598
 Postman, Mrs. Herbert, 25 Seabury St., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Frink, Miss Helen, 10 Elm St., Randolph, Vt. 05060
 Frink, James C., 60 Litchfield Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Gatland, Miss Judy, Hopkins St., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Geczi, Mrs. Judy, Litchfield St., Springfield, Vt. 05156
 Griffith, John B., Jr., Raiches Cross Road, Danby, Vt. 05739
 Green, Miss Frances, 55 Holman St., Shrewsbury, Mass. 01545
 Gulick, Charles B. III, Parker Hill Rd., Springfield, Vt. 05156
 Hall, Miss Holly C., Dorset, Vt. 05251
 Hayes, Mrs. Kathy, P.O. Box 252, Castleton, Vt. 05735
 Hayes, Andrew - Chris - Sherry (JR) Same as above
 Howard, Dr. & Mrs. J. Harold, Stage Route, Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Harold, P.O. Box 261, E. Wallingford, Vt. 05742
 Kirk, Mrs. George, 8 E. Washington St., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 La Brake, Miss Ruth, Templewood Ct., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 MacArthur, Bill, 47 SpringfSt., Williamstown, Mass. 02167
 Magoon, Paul, RFD #1, Springfield, Vt. 05156
 Magoon, Jeffrey (JR) Same as above
 Maier, Miss Elsie, 280 Fort Washington St., N.Y.C., N.Y., 10032
 Martin, Mr. & Mrs. John B., 7 Curtis Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Martin, Betsy - Carol - David - Nancy - Tom (JR) Same as above
 Mason, Dave, 49 South Main St., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Newton, Miss Doris, 70 North Main St., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Nickerson, Russell (JR) RFD, Orwell, Vt. 05760
 Ogden, Herbert G., RFD, Windsor, Vt. 05089
 Ogden, Herbert, Jr., 2409 Buckingham Rd., Birmingham, Michigan 48008
 Olson, Bert 89 North St., Proctor, Vt. 05765
 Pearlstein, George, P.O. Box 115, West Pawlet, Vt., 05775
 Perkins, Mr. & Mrs. Craig, 129 Bellevue Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Perkins, Miss Vera, 242 South Main St., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Ransom, Miss Lauren, Miss Margaret (JR), 5281 N.E. 4th Terrace, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33309

Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Richard, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt. 05156
 Rolston, Ben, 323 12th St., Schenectady, N. Y. 12306
 Roulier, Miss Bettina, 25 Piedmont Pkwy., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Rozowicz, Miss Linda, 562 West 193rd St., N.Y.C., N.Y. 10040
 Russell, Miss Ellen, 33 Thayer St., Providence, R.I., 02906
 Scott, W. Churchill, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Scott, Kim (JR) Same as above
 Secor, Ray, U.S.F.S. District Office, Manchester Center, Vt. 05255
 Stare, Louis, 9 Angus Ave., Bass River, Mass. 02664
 Valiquette, Mrs. Thelma, 93 Killington Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Valiquette, John J. and Thomas J. (JR) RD#2, Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Walker, Miss Eleanor, 87 Baxter St., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Walsh, Mr. & Mrs. John J. Jr., 600 West 115 St., New York, N.Y. 10025
 Walsh, Ann, Jill, Peter (JR), Same as above
 Welch, Frederica, Stage Route, Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Weston, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur F., 48 Edgerton St., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Weston, Miss Holly (JR), 4116 White Pine Dr., Raleigh, N. C. 27609
 Wilson, Carleton, 9 Harvard St., Rutland, Vt. 05701
 Winturri, Mauri, 16 Nichols St., Fitchburg, Mass. 01420
 Van Wyck, Miss Florence, RFD, Wallingford, Vt. 05773
 Weeks, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd, 7 Harvard St., Springfield, Vt. 05156

ODE TO THE COUNTRY ROAD

By Ralph W. Seager

My old roads now are blacktop and concrete;
 I cannot feel the country through my feet,
 Or know its shadowed breeze upon my skin,
 Remembering where woods once crowded in
 To watch with green eyes what was going by;
 Now all that's left is road--and open sky.
 I miss the quiet, cool, receptive clay
 That caught my print, springing me on the way;
 The dust beams walking up the slanting stair
 As leaves slid down the banisters of air.
 Bulldozers gouge and steel blades cut straight through;
 No sudden turns--no unexpected view
 Of doe and fawn, or paisley pheasant's brood
 To grace and color rural solitude.
 I see my hills knocked down, my valleys spanned
 Where roads once fitted kindly to the land.



Vol. 24, No. 3 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - July - Sept., 1972

COMING OUTINGS

Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m. Meet at Koltonski Fire Station, Rutland. To Shrewsbury Peak. We drive to Northam Park in North Shrewsbury and take the 1.8 mile trail to the peak, returning the same way. G. Perlstein, Leader.

Sunday, July 9, 9 a.m. Meet at fire station. To Bromley Mt. Drive to Peru via Manchester and Manchester Depot. Take US Forest Service Road #21 to Mad Tom Notch. Hiking distance over the mountain to Vt. 11 is 3 miles. Leader, George Reynolds.

Saturday, July 22, 9 a.m. Meet at fire station. To Blue Ridge Summit. We drive to Tall Timber in Mendon and take the blue blaze trail to the summit. Jim Frink, Hike Leader.

Sunday, August 6, 1 p.m. Fire station. To East Mountain. Go to Loveday's Camp on the Notch section of the Wheelerville road west of McLaughlin Falls and take the trail from there to the summit. This will be the first annual East Mt. hike in honor of one of our

finest members, Harold Valiquette. This hike will be led by T. Valiquette. Harold left us on October 4, 1971.

Saturday, Aug. 19, 9 a.m. Fire station. To Mt. Moosalamoo. Drive to the power station on the road from Forest Dale to Lake Dunmore, walk up the penstock to the Silver Lake road, follow the road to the trail, and from there to the summit. Jim Frink, Leader.

Sunday, September 10 (Note date change) 1 p.m. at fire station. To Bald Mt. Sixtieth anniversary celebration. See inside for details. Leaders, J.&J. Martin.

Saturday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m. Fire station. To Somerset Reservoir. 1 or 2 days. Drive to Bennington, then east on Route 9 to Searsburg. At a point a short distance east of Searsburg an access road goes north to a camping area south of the reservoir. There is another camping area near the north end of the lake. This can be a hiking, camping, and canoeing weekend, or it can be a day trip. Leaders, F.&R. Roberts.

Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m. Fire station. To Merck Forest. 1 or 2 days. Drive to Manchester Center and take Route 30 northwest through South Dorset and Dorset. Turn left at East Rupert and take the road toward Rupert. Shortly on the left at the top of a hill is the entrance to Merck Forest with 26 miles of trails to choose from during one or two days. "Wes" Weston, Hike Leader.

TRIP REPORTS

Pine Hill Park - On Saturday, March 18, Churchill Scott, Kathy Hayes with her sons, Andy and Chris, Doris Newton, "Wes" Weston, and I met at the fire station and drove to the Rutland Country Club. We did not need snow shoes, and we hiked over to the sixteenth fairway where the trail begins alongside a brook. It was a short but pleasant walk thru the woods to Muddy Pond and then to Rocky Pond. We decided not to return the same way so we walked down the road toward Evergreen Avenue for about half a mile, and then cut into the woods on one of the nature trails that the City Recreation Dept. has blazed thru the woods on the way down to Oak St. in Rutland where the Nature Trail begins. From there we walked north along East Creek to the fifth fairway of the golf club and from there across the fairways to the club house where we had parked our cars. In all we hiked about four miles and enjoyed every bit of it. I even found a Boy Scout knife down by East Creek!
Jim Frink

Snake Mountain - "Rain, probably changing to snow, with the possibility of thunder showers this afternoon"--- such was the less than encouraging weather forecast on the day of the Snake Mt. trip. Even so, seven of us turned up at the fire station figuring that all this might hold off till afternoon at least.

At the starting place in Addison we met Mr. Kennedy and son, Michael, waiting, and under the leadership of Lloyd and Betty Weeks, started up the old Mountain Road. This is an interesting survival from the era of "summit houses." As we went up we found considerable snow depth. The

woods looked and felt like winter. The cold wind-driven fog on the summit made the noon campfire welcome; in fact, we were all as close as we could get!

There are still remnants of the old summit house standing, and many other people must have thrilled as we did to the nearly sheer drop of 1200 or so feet to the valley floor, the view across Lake Champlain, which we could faintly see thru the fog, and the Adirondacks, which we couldn't. We were fascinated, too, by the little pond nearly on the brink of the cliff, probably a spring somewhat improved to provide a water supply for the summit house. We hear there is another boggy pond, interesting from a botanical standpoint (when it isn't covered with a couple of feet of ice and snow!)

How many times we said, "We must come again on a clear day!" and, "We must come later when the plants are out." A little detour to the Water Fowl Refuge to see if there were any geese (there were a few) finished the trip. Thank you, Lloyd and Betty, for introducing us to such a new and beautiful spot. Incidentally, those thundershowers never did materialize!
Doris Newton

Round Hill - This was the weekend (April 30) when spring finally came. Twelve of us had a warm and cloudless afternoon for a short but interesting climb up Round Hill. This is the hill with the beacon, just southeast of Rutland.

Jim Frink, hike leader and geologist, showed us a rare deposit of fuchsite, and, thanks to his hammer and chisel, most of us now have a small souvenir specimen of this attractive green stone formed, according to Jim, of mica and colored with chrome. (I think I have that right!) The summit provides a good view of the valley and city, and that intrigued some of our photographers.

It was good to have several hikers along who have not been out with us before, and we hope they will come again.
Doris Newton

White Rocks Picnic Area to Greenwall Shelter - On April 1 several GMC's and friends led by Kathy Hayes (the

circle starting at the White Rocks Picnic Area. We followed the Blue Blazes up the Keewaydin Trail to the junction of the Long Trail, and then northeasterly to the Greenwall Shelter. Hence we followed the LT to the USFS road and then returned by this road to White Rocks Picnic area access road, completing the circle. Sounds simple, doesn't it? Try it, you'll like it!

But if you're going to try it in the spring, bring your snowshoes. April Fools that we were, not a one of us had thought we would need them (With snow gone for some time in the lowlands who would have thought?). For some of us it was really tough! Take 2 steps and sink 4 feet into the snow. Take a couple more and repeat. We're calling it the April Fool Foxtrot. Some of the lighter people had less difficulty of course. And trying to follow those blue blazes was something else; in several places we lost the trail completely.

We saw what we identified as bear tracks, and all sorts of coon and porky tracks, too. But there were other things in our favor; it was a gorgeous day with lots of sun to set the blue skies off against the white birches and snow, and we enjoyed lunching with our congenial friends at the shelter. (Abby says Matt Eastman's sandwich was just delicious.) Kathy Hayes

Vermont's Highest Waterfall(?) - How to schedule a successful May 13th hike:

1. Schedule it in the dead of winter, at the January Annual Meeting;
2. Ask the weatherman to furnish a warm day; and
3. Ask the sun to shine brightly.

We did, he did, and it did.

A near-record crowd (about 25) assembled at Emerald Lake State Park to pick up the leader (and interrupt him from his fishing). From there, our convoy proceeded to Manchester Depot and the beginning of the Lye Brook Trail.

Up that trail we went--a nice woodland walk over an old road, with reasonably dry footing and a not-too-steep grade. Of course those in the lead occasionally waited for those in the rear to catch up--then started again without giving the latter a chance to catch their breaths.

After about two miles, we turned off the trail and onto the switchback of the old Rich Lumber Company logging

railroad. Even tho we often saw rows of rotting ties, it was hard to believe that almost a half-century ago huge loads of logs were snaked down that railroad.

Negotiating windfalls and wet spots along the uncleared railroad bed, we finally came to the gorge--and there it was! A magnificent waterfall. Not one huge spear of water, but a series of cascades dropping down and down and down. As we ate our respective lunches by the site of the railroad trestle, beside pools of water, it was difficult to see the top of the falls, so hidden by hemlocks and so high above us.

The trip back was just a pleasant walk in the spring forest--with spring beauties, trilliums, dogtooth violets, and other spring flowers. Amid discussions of conflicting names of these flowers, Jim Frink added his valuable knowledge of rocks and minerals, while Rolston and Weeks eyed the various pools along the stream with visions of lurking trout awaiting their lures.

Back at the cars, it was agreed that this MUST be Vermont's highest waterfall. So you may remove that question mark from the title of this article.

Ben Rolston

Trip to McLaughlin Falls and Gorge -

On May 28, eight people met at the Koltonski Fire Station for the hike to the McLaughlin Falls. It was a beautiful day for a hike; the temperature was in the 70's and the sun was shining brightly.

We left the station at 1:00 p.m. and traveled along the rough, dusty Wheelerville Road to the Falls. It was quite a hair-raising ride! When we reached our destination, all of us were quite hungry, so we had a picnic lunch on the rocks beside the falls. It was wonderful to see the water cascading over steep rocks and ledges to little pools below.

After our lunch, we followed an old logging road, overgrown with bushes and weeds, for about a mile. Unfortunately, the road soon came to a dead end, so we turned around and went back to search for a trail leading down the gorge. However, there were no cleared trails, so we went and sat beside the falls. A couple of us tried wading in a pool at the bottom of the falls, but soon decided that the water was too chilly for us, despite the warm weather. It was quite an interesting little

GREEN MT. CLUB OR VT. PARKS DEPT.????

Below are two letters from Herb Ogden. The editors of S&B hope that the many Killington Section members who realize and appreciate all Herb has done for the section will call him or drop him a line and persuade him to reconsider his action.

June 1, 1972

Frances:

Here is a copy of a letter I have sent to Ray Secor. Can you include it in the next issue of S&B?

I think it is important that members of the Killington Section should know that I am withdrawing because of Main Club action, not because of anything that has occurred in the Killington Section.

Sincerely,
Herb Ogden

RFD#1, Windsor, Vermont
May 21, 1972

Ray:

I have concluded, after Saturday's Annual GMC meeting, that I can no longer volunteer my wholehearted services for the Green Mountain Club as a member of the Killington Section. This is not a sudden decision. In recent years it has seemed to me that an unhealthy trend has been strengthening as Sections falter and Main goes "big time." I am inclined, in any such situation, to go either whole hog or get out. I find this trend so disheartening, over a period of years, that I can no longer go whole hog.

As I indicated in my "memo" on Saturday and sought to point up during the seminar, I feel that the present trend can lead only to the Vermont Parks Department. This trend involves standardization of too many facets of trail & shelter maintenance, directives from Main, permission from Main rather than advice, salaried executive secretary, the executive-committee-of-the-executive-committee (Advisory Board?), a stifling of individual initiative and responsibility in the Sections, a position that Sections are creatures of the Main Club rather than the other way around--and several other considerations.

I have, in recent years, spent considerable time and money on the Long Trail as an active member of the Kill-

ington Section, in hopes that my perception of that trend might be clouded. That hope no longer exists. I do not wish to play an active role in the dissolution of the volunteer organization once known as the Green Mountain Club.

Herbert Ogden

SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Killington Section will commemorate this important event by turning the scheduled Bald Mt. hike into a celebration. Reservations have been made for Tamarack Notch facilities for Sept. 10, and a dinner will follow the hike--at 6:30 p.m.

Members are urged to bring historic pictures and slides of KS activities and hikes. This should be an evening filled with nostalgia and a well-deserved feeling of accomplishment, as KS is the oldest and most active section in the Green Mountain Club!

ABOUT SMOKE & BLAZES

1. Have we made errors in your name, address, or title (e.g. Miss, Mrs., Ms., Mr., Dr.,) in our latest membership list?
2. Are there families who wish to receive more than 1 copy of S&B?

Please let us know by writing to S&B Editors, 2 Hill Pl., Springfield, Vt. 05156, or to W.C.Scott, Secretary, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS - Killington Section GMC, March 15 to June 15, 1972

Bartlett, Faith 98 Bellevue Ave.,
Rutland, Vt., 05701
Boucher, Anne 148 Dorset St., Springfield, Mass., 01108
Brown, Jeanette 15 Dennis Pl., Summit, N.J., 17901
Catozzi, Ray 103 Bellevue Ave.,
Rutland, Vt., 05701
Catozzi, Billy, Joey, Louis (JR) Same
Doane, John Q. Meadowoods Rd., Essex Conn. 06426
Eastman, Matthew 95 Maple St., Rutland Vt. 05701
Gilman, Betty 212 Adams St. "
Graham, Guy RFD Hartland, Vt. 05048
Hinchey, Minerva 45 Park St. Rutland
Howard, Patrick (JR) 70 Allen St. "

Kirk, Mrs. George 8 E. Washington St.
Rutland, Vt. 05701
Klerum, Mr.&Mrs. David Stage Rte.
Rutland, Vt. 05701
Klerum, Matthew (JR) Same as above
McKirryher, Mr.&Mrs. Bradford, 11 Maple
St., Vergennes, Vt. 05491
Miles, John 122 Harrington Ave. Rutland
Nolan, Kathy Eastridge Acres "
Nyiri, Anna 167 Stratton Rd. "
Palen, Mr.&Mrs. Peter P.O. Box 163,
Hurley, N.Y. 12443
Perkins, Mr.&Mrs. Robert 1141 Culligan
Blvd. San Jose, Calif. 95120
Perkins, Anne, David, Polly, Tim (JR)
Same as above
Phillips, Paul RFD Fair Haven, Vt. 05743
Ransom, Donald, Meleine (JR) 5281 N.E.
4th Terr., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33308
Reynolds, George 8 Hillcrest Rd.
Springfield, Vt. 05156
Rothenmeyer, Robert PO Box 244, Brandon
Vt. 05733
Tarbell, Dale, James (JR) West Creek
Rd. Wallingford, Vt. 05773
Wellman, Mary Louise RFD #2, Poultney
Vt. 05764
Wiggin, Randall RFD #1 Rutland, Vt.
Wolcott, George 34 Cleveland Ave.
Rutland, Vt. 05701

MENDON PEAK - Trip Report - Sunday,
June 11, dawned cold and clear. This
was the day of the most ambitious bush-
whacking trip of the year and as the
16 of us and two dogs rode up the lift
we enjoyed traveling into the area of
the frost covered mountain peaks. The
view from Killington was beautiful in
spite of the strong NW wind that hurried
us on to the shelter for a few minutes
of rest before we headed for Tamarack.

The advance party had a good fire, soon
coffee was served, and then we all got
out compass and map and started west.
The route led a bit north of Little
Killington into a red-flagged trail.
This took us in the general direction
for some distance, but at last cut north
and down hill, so again we cut cross-
country.

In 1960, our last trip here was quite
open from Little Killington to the last
slope of Mendon with a number of lumber
roads, but now it was an endless woods.
As we started to climb again we found a
faint trail which helped to reach the
first summit where we could see the
ledge on the second summit.

After enjoying the view there for
some time (just the same as 1960,
cold, clear and beautiful) most of
us were ready to call it quits and
head for home, but Jim insisted that
we go a bit farther west and really
stand on the summit of Mendon. It
was well worth the effort for we
could see all of the area not visible
from the eastern ledge.

The return trip seemed to be an
endless plodding succession of trees,
brush and undergrowth as we headed
a bit south hopefully to avoid the
worst slash. At last we came to a
very welcome stream where Ray's
folding cup refreshed everyone's
spirits. Soon after we hit the trail,
about a half mile south of Tamarack.

At the shelter Mauri had already
left so we all rested, and then at
Cooper we all gathered together
again and agreed it had been a rough
day. Around the Juggernaut Trail
and down the work road finished our
ambitious trip.

W. C. Scott

THE NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES
will carry a complete report from
"Wes" Weston, Trails Chairman. In
the meantime, this account by Jim
Frink will give some idea of what
the Trails Committee is doing:

Today, Thursday, June 1, "Wes"
Weston and I started from Sherburne
Pass at 8:25 a.m. and built water
bars; sawed blow-downs and dead
falls; clipped branches from in and
across the trail; picked up all
debris from the trail, and left it
in good condition all the way to
Pico Shelter. We were caught in a
very heavy rain during our walk from
the Junction to the shelter. We
built a fire in the stove and dried
our clothes and ourselves. Had our
lunch in the shelter. We arrived
back at Sherburne Pass at 3:45 p.m.

IN A LETTER dated June 14, "Wes"
Weston did state that temporary
repairs had been made on the bridge
over Clarendon Gorge, and that "At
this point, the trail has not been
completely gone over; that stretch
from Cooper south to Tamarack as
well as the stretch from Cooper to
Pico Camp has yet to be done."

SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 24, No. 4 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Oct.-Dec., 1972

COMING OUTINGS

Sunday, Oct. 15, 1 p.m. at Koltonski Fire Station. Ruth LaBrake will lead this hike since it is at her camp in the area where we will assemble before taking the trail. We drive to Florence and take the road west which leaves the north-south road just south of the underpass. We follow this road to the LaBrake camp and then take the trail to the summit of Fire Hill. On our last hike to Fire Hill we missed the trail to the summit, but Ruth assures us that she has very good directions this time as to which turns to take!

Saturday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m. at the fire station. Churchill Scott will lead this hike. We will drive to Waitsfield on Route 100 and turn east for about two miles to the trail to the summit of Scragg Mountain. This hike is about four miles total.

Saturday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. at the fire station. We drive to East Wallingford and go down Route 155 which runs into Route 100. Follow 100 to West Wardsboro and then take the Stratton Mt. road to where the trail begins. This is about a six mile hike, and is led by Wes Weston.

Sunday, Dec. 10, 1 p.m. at fire station. A complete deep and dark MYSTERY. NO-BODY KNOWS!!!!

* * *
THANKS, HERB

For more than sixty years, the Long Trail has been a "labor of love" for untold hundreds of volunteers who have worked hard, without monetary remuneration, to keep the Trail System cleared, and shelters built and maintained, for the free use of all who seek a bit of solitude in the wilderness.

Some of these volunteers worked for many years. Some of our present workers have been wielding the clippers and paint brushes for a decade, or two or three decades.

Others contribute their services for a lesser period of time, but with great zeal and enthusiasm, until family obligations, geographical limitations, or other conflicting duties cause their trail-working activities to disappear from the scene.

And other workers are of the short-term, or "one-shot" nature, such as constructing a shelter, or participating in a Boy Scout trail work project.

Whether a person spends only one day of hard work on the Trail or at a shelter, or whether he spends his spare time over a period of ten years or more, this person receives a great deal of personal satisfaction knowing that he has contributed toward the aim of the founder of our Club, James Taylor, "to make the mountains of Vermont play a larger part in the lives of the people."

For about ten years, I was one of these volunteers, working in various areas--Killington Section's part of the Long Trail, within the National Forest (Baker Peak area), the Appalachian Trail east of Sherburne Pass, or elsewhere.

I, too, greatly enjoyed this work, with no desire for remuneration other than the satisfaction of knowing that my efforts helped to make the Trail more enjoyable for others who followed me. It was with deep regret that a physical setback forced me to curtail most of this enjoyable work.

For the past several years, our Killington Section member Herb Ogden put in hundreds of hours of hard physical work on the Trail and at the

shelters. I know that Herb loved this work, as I do, and made his contribution entirely for the benefit of hikers who, I am sure, appreciated all that he did.

Dorothy and I both regret Herb's decision to give up this work. We know that it was a hard decision to make, one that required much thought and evaluation. We respect his decision, without any criticism. We know that he will miss this work just as much as I miss the work that I did, altho we gave up our respective contributions for different reasons.

I trust that other Killington members, inspired by Herb's great devotion to the maintenance of the Trail and shelters, will be motivated to pick up where Herb has left off.

I now wish, through the medium of Smoke and Blazes, to express my personal appreciation of Herb's great contribution to the Killington Section, to the Main Club and other Sections, and to all who use our Trail System and to express my hope that other readers of Smoke and Blazes will also let Herb know that they, too, appreciate all that he has done.

We'll greatly miss you, Herb. We are all richer because you walked with us.

Ben Rolston

REPORT OF TRAILS COMMITTEE FOR 1972 (TO DATE)--Starting on April 10th with the efforts of Jim Frink, the Trails Committee began its season of trail clearing. On snowshoes, Jim worked his way (in 7 hours) from Rte. 103 to Sunnyside Camp clearing brush and removing blowdowns. The next day, Jim and I again tackled the job of clearing, etc., in a sortie from Rte. 140 to Sunnyside Camp. We also snowshoed. A lapse occurred until May 20th when several members of the Section turned out on occasion of GMC Day and worked at clearing; removing blowdowns; blazing and making drainage ditches, and reinforcing steep, dangerous areas such as the Deer Leap Trail.

Subsequently, other parts of the trail were cleared on various dates and with the assist of various members of the Section.

It is doubtful if that part of the trail between the Upper Cold River Road and Clarendon Shelter was completely covered, but hikers met on our part of the trail always exclaimed about how well the trail was kept up.

Through the courtesy of the State Highway Dept., three barrels were set out on the Trail just off Routes 4, 102 and 140, and by periodic check, I found that they were being systematically picked up and emptied. The two trash cans put out on the Upper Cold River Road and the Lottery Road by the Section have been checked out and emptied several times by yours truly, and fresh trash liners inserted.

The overly wet summer was partially responsible for not getting out more frequently to clear trail. The situation with regard to the bridge at Clarendon Gorge is still pending. Temporary repairs have been made on the bridge, and blueprints of its structure received from the builder, Emile Boselli, a former member of the Killington Section. Some members of the C.V.P.S. Corp's engineering department are the individuals who made the temporary repairs, and will shortly be starting on the permanent job of replacing new cables, etc. Within the next few weeks, those section members who can will be asked to lend a hand in helping with the permanent repairs.

Many thanks to the section members and others who have turned out on the various work parties to assist me in the work I had to perform.

Respectfully,
W. F. Weston, Trails
Chairman, Killington
Section, GMC

NEW MEMBERS TO SEPTEMBER 15:

Breckenridge, Frances, 23 Douglas
Court, Toronto, 287, Ontario
Carey, Robert, 78 Church St., Rut-
land, Vt. 05701
Casseto -Brown, Peter A., 13 St.
Johns Rd., Cambridge, Ma. 02138
Davis, Margaret, Appalachia, N.Y.

-3-

Fenn, Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln M. (Sara P.)
23 Division St., Rutland, Vt. 05701
Fenn, Amy, Larry, Peter, Stephen - Same
LeBlanc, Mary Ellen, Rte. 140 Gulf Rd.
East Wallingford, Vt. 05742
Maurer, Rick Box 328, Walder, Vt. 05088
Rodriguez, Dr. Zane, Box 53, Pawlet, Vt.
Rodriguez, Zane Same 05761
Sherman, Jacob R., 67 Pine St., Rutland
Vt. 05701
Smith, Ada M., RD#1, Wallingford, Vt.
05773
Staeck, Jim and Betty, Killington, Vt.
05751
Tucker, Laurel, RFD#1, Box I-C, Ludlow
Vt., 05149

TRIP REPORTS

Blue Ridge Mt. - July 22. Robert Carey, Joan Tomasi, Paschal DeBlasio, Kathy Hayes and her three very nice children, Sherry, Chris and Andy, and Matthew Eastman joined me at the fire station at 9:00 a.m. on a beautiful day. We drove to Craigie Perkins' Tall Timbers Camp on the old Turnpike Road in Mendon, and from there we followed the blue blazed trail to the summit. The view was clear and beautiful, and we ate our lunches sitting on the summit rocks. After a short rest, we descended, and all agreed that we had had a very pleasant day.

Jim Frink

First Annual Harold Valiquette Memorial Hike to the Summit of East Mountain -
On Sunday, August 6, at 1 p.m., Harold's good friends started to assemble at the fire station. Thelma Valiquette, of course, was the leader of this hike. There were 26 of us, and I, for one, was delighted that so many turned out to honor a man who for many years was one of the most skilled, best liked, most congenial and hard working members that this club ever had.

We drove to Loveday's Camp on the Wheelerville Road west of McLaughlin Falls and took the trail to a point where bushwhacking commenced! The entire company pushed and broke its way through some very dense brush and bramble, but we avoided the steepest climb by so doing, and everyone reached the summit in good time. Again we had a lovely day and the view of Rutland and the surrounding country is one of the finest to be found in this

area. After a lunch and rest at the summit, Joe Valiquette, Harold's stalwart son, led us down the steep and short way home. This was a fine memorial and we plan to have one every year.

Jim Frink

Hike to Mt. Moosalamoo - On August 20, 1972, five people gathered at the fire station for the hike to Mt. Moosalamoo. We left at approximately 9:30 a.m. to head for the mountain. When we reached the Silver Lake Road, we were joined by two more people.

The weather that day was good; the sun was shining and the temperature was in the seventies. But, unfortunately, the mosquitos and bees were with us. With our containers of OFF and OLD TIME WOODSMAN, we strove to keep them away.

The first sight we saw was the waterfalls near the power line. They were just beautiful! Several of us took pictures.

Next, we began the steep climb to the summit. With Jim Frink as our leader, we hustled right along. We reached the top in less than an hour. The view was just breathtaking! One could see Silver Lake, a good portion of Lake Dunmore, and all of the neighboring mountains. There was clicking of cameras for a time, then we settled down to eat our lunch. We then descended the mountain and headed for home. All of us decided that the magnificent views were well worth the trip

(Unsigned)

Bald Mt., 60th Anniversary Party -
Perfection is the word to best describe Killington Section's 60th Anniversary party on Sunday, 10 September 1972. Weatherwise, it was a crystal clear early fall day, cool but sunny, when Jim Frink rounded us up at the fire station to guide us to Tamarack Notch Camp.

The climb up Bald Mt. proved steep enough to challenge the young, yet gentle enough so that of the 28 starters only one (me) turned back partway. Back at Tamarack, a super supper, prepared and served by the Martin family to over 50 members and guests, was followed by an evening of nostalgic slides and movies to

round out a celebration to long remember.

Bald Mt. climbers, led by Janet Martin, hiked through a mixed forest of huge trees that were, Jan explained, planted many years ago after earlier growth had been cut over. Underfoot, the forest floor was thickly carpeted with ferns of many varieties; sensitive, bracken, Christmas, woodsias, polypodies, grape, maidenhair, and others less easily identified. At the summit were panoramic views toward Pico and Killington, and near the summit was an interesting bog where Jan, Nancy and Carol pointed out the cotton grass and other unusual plants, both native and transplants, growing there.

Meanwhile, back at the Notch, Jack was completing the chicken fricassee (for which Jan had cooked and boned 30 lbs. of chicken ahead of time!), baking the crisply light biscuits served under the chicken, and preparing the equally delectable apple crisp served warm for dessert. A green salad, hot rolls and fluffy mashed potatoes almost completed a delicious supper. Almost, for a surprise addition was a huge birthday cake contributed by "Wes" Weston, its frosting decorated with a pine tree and Long Trail emblem and the dates 1912-1972. President Ray Secor cut the cake with assorted juniors cheering him on, and they and their seniors soon consumed it.

While members from Springfield cleared away the dishes, Jack supplied background music with the accordion that had enlivened so many Killington gatherings over the years. And for all, but especially for those of us who get to Killington outings too seldom nowadays, there was the additional fun of catching up on news of old friends and meeting new ones.

Many familiar faces and trail scenes were identified happily in the slides shown by Jack and by Betty Weeks, and the movies of early intersectional weekends shown by Jim Green.

May this be the start of a second 60 years as productive of happy trails as the first 60 have been!

Fran Green

Somerset Reservoir - The September 16 hike turned into a canoe weekend when three Springfield couples, the Weeks,

Days and Roberts, were the only members to appear at Somerset Reservoir. It "just happened" that they had three canoes with them, so, after Jim Frink dropped by to report that it was raining in Rutland and no one had shown up, the "hikers" packed in their gear and shoved off.

Now, how many hike chairmen have been known to drive 150-plus miles to get word to a group of hikers? That's well beyond the call of duty. Jim came, established that the scheduled event was A-OK, then drove back to Rutland to take care of some things back home. He took time to look around, though, and agreed that the Somerset Reservoir area was a beautiful spot and he'd be back one day.

A strong headwind marred an otherwise ideal fall day, and a 3 to 4 mile paddle into the wind on an open lake can be hard work. But the water and sky were a brilliant blue, the trees along the shores were beginning to turn color, and the setting was one of the few remaining wilderness areas left in Vermont.

By late afternoon, a primitive camping area hove into view. The boats were beached, tents set up, and preparations were made for supper and an overnight stand. In early evening a third-quarter moon brightened, formed a golden path on the water, and stars began to blaze. As the night came on and the temperature dropped, the campers toasted their toes and marshmallows over a driftwood fire----

Now, don't you wish you'd been there?
Frances Roberts

Bromley Mountain Hike - My husband George, son John, and I set out for the Peru General Store on a pleasant Sunday in July (the 9th, to be exact), hoping to find some of our old Killington Section friends ready to climb Bromley Mountain with us. We were surprised at first to see only half a dozen or more strangers, and wondered if we had the right group. Shortly we were joined by Vic Randolph of Wallingford, and his three children, Karen, Allen, and Warren. Then we felt more at home, because we have known the Randolphs

ever since we first met on the Long Trail shortly after each of us had our first child. Which is all by way of saying that we should get out on Killington Section hikes more often and get to know more people!

Those who joined us for the day were Paschal DeBlasio, Madeline Schnabel, Jacob Sherman, Jay Rosinger, Robert Carey, Jean Tomasi, and Matt Eastman. We were almost joined by another hiker --an oversize, four-legged beast. This was a large St. Bernard dog who insisted on climbing in every car that parked in front of the store.

After placing one of the cars on Route 11 and driving the rest of them to Mad Tom Notch shelter, we finally began the actual hiking around 11 a.m. The hike itself was relatively uneventful and unspectacular, for the reason that it was a somewhat overcast day, and we never did have the breath-taking views we expected, even from the Bromley summit. The main thing some of us learned was that you should never wear sneakers for hiking when there's just been a three-week stretch of rainy weather (you remember June, don't you?).

Following a welcome lunch break at the summit, we descended at varying rates of speed, with this writer always bringing up the rear. After reshuffling the cars, we all took leave of each other around 3 p.m., and the Reynolds topped off the day by stopping at Hapgood Pond for a chilly swim. We wished once again that we could join the hikes more often, and will try to dream up some more down this way so we can do just that.

Ann Reynolds

LOOKING BACKWARD

The following excerpts from a 1929 paperback entitled Vermont Lakes and Mountains, published by Capital City Press, Montpelier, may be of interest:

The Green Mountain Club guide book with eighty-six pages of text and maps covers the Long trail in detail, and gives much further information as to cabins, equipment, etc. may be obtained from the Green Mountain Club, Rutland, Vt. for 53¢ in stamps... tourists who do not

care to tramp the Long Trail may secure information...which will enable them to park at the foot of any of these higher peaks, leisurely ascend the mountain for a picnic, enjoy the wonderful views afforded, and return for the night to a hotel or farmhouse in the valley. Some of the railroads have provided special excursions to enable tourists to enjoy hikes over portions of The Long Trail. ...Bus lines enable one to approach the base of several mountains and thus enable the tourist to reach The Long Trail. A combination of steamboat, railroad and bus trips will give a variety of mountain views in Vermont long to be remembered....

The summit of Killington, like that of Mansfield, is a mass of bare rocks. It may be reached by a climb up a natural rocky stairway. The view from the summit, one of the most comprehensive in the entire Green Mountain system, is magnificent, and so extravagant are we in the use of adjectives in every day conversation that no descriptive words are left that are satisfactory or adequate for a scene like this. It is a noble and inspiring scene that greets the eye in any direction....

The Green Mountain Club House, at Sherburne Pass,... is a gift from Mortimer Proctor and his mother, Mrs. Florence D. Proctor. This Lodge, unique and artistic in its design, expresses rustic architecture at its best, is a charming place of entertainment and is patronized by many tourists. There are nine bed or bunk rooms, each accommodating from two to four persons. ...there are baths, telephone connections and all conveniences....The Long Trail passes directly through this Lodge.

SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 25, No. 1 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Jan.-Mar., 1973

CALENDAR (Details Follow)

Sat., Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m.: Killington
Section Annual Meeting

Sun., Jan. 28: Ski or snowshoe to
Gov. Clement Shelter area

Fri., Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m.: Directors'
meeting, home of Jim Frink

Sat., Feb. 10: Mystery Hike

Sat., Feb. 24: Daggett Mt., Bushwhack-
ing.

Sat., Mar. 3, 8:30 a.m.: Ski touring
Little Rock Pond from Mt. Tabor

Sat., Mar. 17: Moonlight hike to
Sunnyside

Sat., Mar. 31: Gulf Shelter on A.T.

Sat., Apr. 7: Sugar-on-Snow Party at
Doc Howard's sugar house (?)

* * *

ANNUAL MEETING - 1/27

The Killington Section annual meet-
ing will be held on Saturday, January
27, at 7:30 p.m. The place will be
the same as last year--the Universalist
Unitarian Church vestry. This is
located on West St. across from Movie
Land Theater.

At this meeting three 3-year term
directors will be elected. Retiring
directors are Wilbur Weston, Elizabeth
Weeks and Kathy Hays.

On another page you will find the
Killington Section By-Laws. It is
suggested that the articles pertaining
to Directors be particularly noted.

Refreshments for the annual meeting
are in the charge of Vera Perkins. A
program is in the works.

Although a tentative hike schedule
has been prepared by the Chairman and
the Board of Directors, there are

several spots to fill, so bring along
to the meeting some ideas for
interesting places to go.

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER - 1/28

On Sunday following the annual
meeting, members and friends are
invited to meet at the Koltonski fire
station at 9 a.m. for a snowshoe or
ski expedition to Gov. Clement area.
The more ambitious may continue on
past the shelter along woodroads.
The leasers, Dick and Frances Roberts,
have not explored roads beyond the
shelter so cannot give the distance,
but it would appear to be a challeng-
ing trek.

Bring a lunch and dress warmly for
this trip will take a good part of
the day. Hot coffee, tea, cocoa and
soup will be provided by the Club.

MYSTERY HIKE - 2/10

W-h-e-r-e w-e a-r-e g-o-i-n-g,
n-o-b-o-d-y k-n-o-w-s !!! / Only
Churchill Scott. Meet at the usual
9 a.m. at the usual fire station and
Churchill will (hopefully) lead us to
some wintry rendezvous, possibly with
the abominable snowman.

Bring lunches and snowshoes. The
date is Saturday, February 10.

DAGGETT MT. - 2/24

Those who survive the Mystery Hike
may be in condition by the 24th to
bushwhack up Daggett Mt. If Churchill
Scott survives, he will lead this trip
also.

According to a topographical map of
the area, hikers will leave Rte. 4 in
Sherburne Pass (after meeting at
Koltonski fire station at 9 a.m.) and
hike to Willard Gap. They will then
bushwhack in a north-westerly direc-
tion along the height of land over
Dagget Mt. to Elbow Road, a distance
of about two miles. Total hike will
be five miles.

Bring lunches, snowshoes, and wear
warm clothing.

SKI TOURING - 3/3

Dave Govatski and Ray Secor will lead this trip from Mt. Tabor to Little Rock Pond. Please note the different meeting time and place in the information they have furnished:

Walk from Silver Bridge in Mt. Tabor on Forest Road #10 two and a half miles to Black Branch. Cross-country ski to Little Rock Pond and down Homer Stone Brook trail to So. Wallingford. About eight miles. Intermediate skiers.

Meet at Mt. Tabor Forest Service Supply Depot entrance at 8:30 a.m. Bring extra clothing and a lunch. Date: Saturday, March 3.

MOONLIGHT HIKE - 3/17

All Irish and non-Irish are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a hike into Sunnyside Shelter. Meet at Koltonski fire station at 4 p.m. and bring a bag supper. Hot drinks and soup will be provided.

The moon will be almost full, and the view from the overlook about a mile or so beyond the shelter should be soft and moonlighty.

Those who cannot bear to leave after the hike may stay overnight in the shelter or may bring their mountain tents. Be sure to bring breakfasts, down sleeping bags, and wear your woolies.

The trip will be led by Lloyd and Betty Weeks, noted for bivouacking in snowbanks.

GULF SHELTER - 3/31

This trip will take hikers to a shelter on the Appalachian Trail. After meeting at the fire station at 9 a.m., the group will drive to Woodstock, turn north, and take Rte. 12 for three or four miles. The AT junction is not clearly marked, so it is necessary to look closely for the signs. Gulf Shelter will be found about two miles west of the highway on the Trail.

Although Mauri Winturri has not confirmed his leadership at this writing, the Hikes Chairman, the Board of Directors, members and friends of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club, and prospective hikers

-2-

all are all waiting with bated breath and crossed fingers for his "yes." We'll see you on March 31, Mauri.

SUGAR-IN-SNOW PARTY - 4/7

Doc and Kay Howard will entertain at this party but details have not yet been worked out. Watch the papers if the next issue of Smoke and Blazes doesn't reach you in time. Circle your calendar.

* * *

DUES HIKE

At the January 1972 annual meeting the subject of increased dues was discussed at length. It was voted to keep the 1972 dues the same but to ask for contributions to take care of increased expenses. However, beginning January, 1973, Section dues to the Main Club have been increased from 50¢ to \$1.50 per adult member and 75¢ per junior member. Because of this higher assessment and greater Section expenses, it is therefore necessary to ask Killington Section members to pay dues this year according to the following schedule:

Adult: \$4.50

Spouse: \$3.50

Senior Citizen over 65: \$2.50

Single Junior: \$1.75

Family Junior: \$.75

Dues should be mailed or given to W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701

* * *

A NEW HANDBOOK, Winter Hiking and Camping, by John Danielson, has been recently published by the Adirondak Mt. Club. The purpose of this book is to help winter hikers, campers, snowshoers, and cross-country skiers to enjoy the out-of-doors to its fullest with utmost safety.

It is guidebook size and contains a wealth of valuable information. It was planned and written to fill the need for a basic manual on wilderness excursions during winter conditions.

This book may be purchased at Dakins Mountain Shop in Ferrisburg, Vt., or ordered from the Adirondak Mt. Club, Glens Falls, N. Y.

Betty Weeks

Killington Section
Green Mountain Club, Inc.

* BY-LAWS *

1. The purpose of the Killington Section of the G.M.C. shall be to maintain that part of the Long Trail, along with side trails and shelters, assigned to it by the G.M.C.; to arrange for group hikes and other social and appropriate activities; to encourage proper trail and shelter use throughout its section of the Long Trail.

2. All voting members shall be at least 18 years old.

3. Persons under 18 years of age may be admitted as Junior Members, but they may neither vote nor hold office.

4. The activities of the Section shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of nine members over 21 years of age. The Directors shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the Annual Meeting.

5. The term of office of the Directors shall be three years, with three Directors elected each year. A Director who has served two terms may not be re-elected until after a lapse of one year.

6. The absence of a Director from two consecutive meetings of the Board, without a valid reason, shall terminate his membership on the Board and create a vacancy. Vacancies on the Board, created thus or through resignation, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, subject to approval of the Section at the next Annual Meeting.

7. Officers shall be elected by the Directors from among their number at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual Meeting. They shall consist of President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, with the last two combined if found desirable. The term of office shall be for one year.

8. The Directors shall elect from their number two Trustees to the G.M.C. In the event that Director candidates

for the office of Trustee are found lacking the Directors may seek candidates from the general Section membership.

9. The By-laws may be amended by a 3/4 vote of the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority vote of the Section members at the Annual Meeting, following a notice of at least two weeks.

10. The Board shall meet at least twice a year, upon the call of the President or at the request of three or more Directors. A quorum for all business of the Board, other than amendment of the By-laws, shall be a majority of the total number of Directors.

11. The Annual Meeting shall be held in January to nominate and to elect Directors, hear reports of the Officers and Trustees, plan for the coming year and to transact any other appropriate business.

12. Annual dues, to cover the G.M.C. assessment, trail and shelter work, social and other appropriate activities, publication of a news letter, shall be set by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority vote at the Annual Meeting.

* * *

A DIRECTORS' MEETING was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Howard on Friday, Jan. 5.

It was voted to hold the Killington Section annual meeting on a Saturday so that more out of town members can attend.

Mr. Weston spoke of the site for the 1973 G.M.C. Intersectional, and said that if the Killington Section sponsors it at Tamarack Notch he will need a lot of help.

Betty Weeks announced that her six years as a Trustee expires this May and a replacement should be considered.

The tenure of various directors was questioned, and the Secretary directed to obtain this information.

It was voted that the duties of the Board of Directors be read at annual meeting, and the By-Laws printed in Smoke and Blazes. A hike schedule was discussed and planned.

HIKE REPORTS FOR THE RAINY LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR:

Merck Forest - Sept. 10. Four members of the Killington Section met at the fire station on South Main St., Rutland, to begin the fourth pilgrimage to the Merck Forest domain. Two of us were prepared for the event while the other two members were there out of curiosity and to possibly cheer on the two hardy souls who were to battle the elements and take the hike.

It was raining, and although the papers, TV and other news media predicted clearing by afternoon, the two were not so well treated. It rained all the way to Merck, and after we arrived.

Don Lourie met us at the red barn and wondered where all the others were. From the barn we two, namely Bob Carey and yours truly, donned our packs and made the trek to the camping area with the big fireplace where several of us stayed last year.

All the while the rain poured down and soaked us quite thoroughly. Once, for a space of about four minutes, the sun shone and for a few minutes we were elated. Then the rain closed in again and for three hours we huddled in the shelter hoping it would cease.

We had a lunch of soup and a sandwich. It should be mentioned here that Rascal and Sport also shared our misery.

About 3:30 p.m. we headed back for the barn, stopping on the way to inspect a new shelter on the Mt. Antone Road. It wasn't as inviting as our L.T. shelters, and we gave it up as a bad job and drove back to Rutland.

Driving west on Kendall Ave. we were greeted by the rays of a beautiful sunset. Thus ended the day.

Wes Weston

Fire Hill, Oct. 15 - Hike leader, Ruth LaBrake. Jim Frink, Wes Weston, Rascal and Sport, Bob Carey, Ruth, and three strangers--young giggly girls--made it to one of the small summits on the ridge, but missed the big one. A short but enjoyable hike.

Scragg Mt., Oct. 28 - Hike leader, Churchill Scott. Ed Trzesniowski, Bob Carey, and Churchill, because of the poor visibility and threat of rain, went only to Mt. Cushman. They took

the new return route via jeep road and Old Town Road. No water along the trail, so be prepared next time.

Bird Mountain, Dec. 2 - Hike leader, Churchill Scott. Jim Frink, Mauri Winturri, Bob Carey, Churchill Scott, and fine prospective member John Hughes, drove to a farmhouse east of Bird Mt., hiked up the east side to near the summit, built a fire, had lunch, and returned. Snowshoes all the way, and fine, clear weather.

Two hikes were cancelled--Stratton Mt. on Nov. 11 as it is not wise to be in the woods on the first day of hunting season, and the Mystery Hike on Dec. 10 because of bad weather. So endeth the 1972 season.

Jim Frink

* * *

The following poem reminds the Editors of climbing Mt. Mansfield during August dog-days, carrying a fifty-pound pack:

Red exhaustion rips at your throat
And salt sweat spills off your forehead and mats your eyelids and brows.
And drips on the burning ground
And your legs start to turn to rubber and collapse like a balloon.
"Pretty soon I've got to rest.
How much farther? What's the good of this g-- d--- work anyway?"

The long distance runner is paid by the snap of a white thread across his chest.
You are paid by the picture at your feet.

Taken from On the Loose, by Jerry and Renny Russell, p. 49. A Sierra Club Ballantine Book, Co. 1967.

* * *

Deadline for next issue of Smoke and Blazes is March 15, 1973. Send material to Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt. 05156

SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 25, No. 2 - Killington Section, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Apr.-June, 1973

COMING OUTINGS

Sun., Apr. 1, 9 a.m. Mauri Winturri, Leader. This trip will take hikers to a shelter on the Appalachian Trail. After meeting at the Koltonski Fire Station, the group will drive to Woodstock, turn north, and take Rte. 12 for about four miles. The AT junction is not clearly marked, so it is necessary to look closely for the signs. Park cars on Rte. 12 and walk 2 mi. up to Gulf Shelter. More ambitious may hike further to west on AT. Bring litter bags and pick up trash.

Sat., Apr. 7, 3 p.m. Sugar-on-snow party. Doc Howard, Leader. Meet at the fire station and drive to Doc Howard's sugar house, Rte. 4, Mendon. Look for Kay's Cabins on left, just east of La Cortina Motel. If it should rain, Doc will invite us in his home. However, THINK SNOW!!

Sun., Apr. 15, 9 a.m., Mt. Moosalamoo. Terry Gulick, Leader. Meet at the fire station. Goal: Summit of Mt. Moosalamoo, off the Lake Road, east of Lake Dunmore. A fine network of trails has been developed by Keewaydin Boys' Camp. High points: Beautiful views of Lake Dunmore area, water-sculptured ledges, and a spectacular waterfall near the trail.

Sun., Apr. 29, 9 a.m. Mt. Ascutney, Weathersfield Trail. Judy Geczi, Leader. Meet at the fire station. The Weathersfield Trail takes off from Rte. 131 between Amsden and Ascutney. Watch for sign on L. approximately 3 mi. east of Amsden. The trip leader will meet hikers at this junction. The group will follow dirt road, bearing L. at first fork and continuing on about a half mile to an ample parking area at end of road. Scenic high point is Crystal Cascades, a 70' drop, .7 mi. on trail. A short, steep climb along the edge of the ravine leads to a small bench, the lip of the cascade, for a spectacular view. Total distance

to summit: 2.3 mi., 2 1/4 hrs., 1890 ft. This mountain, a monadnock 3150' in elevation, rises steeply from the valley floor offering wide views of the surrounding countryside.

Sat., May 12, 9 a.m. Work party; Wes Weston, Leader. Meet at the fire station for a work party which will continue overnight and through the next day. Area to be cleared will depend on trails and snow condition. If everyone turns out, we can get the whole trail in our Section done in one weekend. Parts of the trail will be assigned. Come prepared with work gloves, clippers, etc. If you can't spare the whole weekend, come one day. But come!

Sat. & Sun., May 26 & 27 Annual GMC Meeting. Site is East Poultney Baptist Church on Rte. 140. See Long Trail News for details.

Sat., June 2, 9 a.m. Spring Cleaning Work Party, Wes Weston, Leader. Again meet at the fire station. Any work not done by the first work party will be done here. As this is Annual Clean-up Day, bring litter bags. If you can't make the first work party, be sure to come to this one.

Sat., June 9, 9 a.m. Meet Lloyd and Betty Weeks at the fire station for a climb up Snake Mt. in Addison. Snake Mt. is located about 1 1/2 mi. from Rte. 22A in the town of Addison, Vt. Hikers will follow an old carriage road by easy grades up the southwest side of the mountain about 2 mi. to the site of an old hotel. From the bare ledges at the summit there is a spectacular view of the flat Champlain Valley with Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks in the distance.

A small pond may be visited on the mountain top. Interesting plant life may be seen here including a profusion of Trailing Arbutus. Also near the summit is a cranberry bog. Here will be found an acre of open bog mat com-

erised of sphagnum moss. The bog is 33' deep, and is believed to be 9500 years old. It began forming shortly after the retreat of the last glacier. In this area pitcher plants are exceptionally abundant.

This mountain is near the flyway of the Canadian Geese. These birds may be observed at the Dead Creek Waterfowl Area immediately below the mountain.

Sat., June 23, 9 a.m. Stony Brook Shelter, Appalachian Trail. Bettina Roulier, Leader. Meet at the fire station and follow Rte. 4 to Sherburne village in Ottauquechee Valley. Turn L. in Sherburne on a dirt road. Drive 1.5 mi. N. to AT crossing. Distance from road to Stony Brook Shelter is 4.5 mi. This rugged trail leads through a dense forest along a height of land between N. and S. flowing streams. The section typifies the rugged, wild terrain of Vermont forests.

SHORT HIKES

At the Section annual meeting, it was requested that a list of short hikes that can be taken by family groups in the Rutland area be published in Smoke & Blazes. Jim Frink, Hike Chairman, has compiled the following list:

East Mt. (Scheduled Aug. 5)
Johnson Shelter (Scheduled Jan. 5, 1974)
Bald Mt.
Clarendon Lodge
Blue Ridge (Scheduled Oct. 14. Not long but steep.)
White Rocks
Fire Hill
Sunnyside
Pittsford Ice Caves
Pine Hill
Tinker Brook Shelter
Grandpa's Knob
Wheelerville Road
Deer Leap
Round Hill

Some of these may be found in the Long Trail Guidebook, but all are in the Rutland area.

DEADLINE FOR NEWS FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES is June 15. Send to Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt. 05156

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club mourns the passing of Kay Howard, wife of "Doc" Howard, a member of our Board of Directors. We enjoyed Kay's pleasant company on many GMC outings, and on the several occasions when she graciously opened her home for Section meetings. Mrs. Howard died on February 22.

NEW MEMBERS - The following names should be added to the membership list found on the last page of this issue of Smoke & Blazes:

Abbott, Kim - Keith - Kevin, (ALL JR)
23 Pine St., Springfield 05156

HIKE REPORTS

Gov. Clement, Jan. 28. The 1973 Hike Schedule began with a trip to Gov. Clement shelter on Jan. 28. We didn't have to tunnel our way down into the shelter, as predicted in Smoke & Blazes. It just wasn't that kind of a winter.

When Hike Leaders, Dick and Frances Roberts, arrived at Upper Rd. they came upon a traffic jam (on Upper Rd., yet!) so many GMCers had turned out. Twenty-four hikers, representing three states, signed Jim Frink's register.

Although the sky was over-cast, the air was delightful. The trail was on the icy side at first, but with increased elevation the snow became thick and squeaky under foot. Those who brought their X-C skis were glad they had.

After building a fire, carrying water up the steep bank from the brook, boiling coffee and soup, the group settled down to the business of eating lunches and catching up on news.

Most went home soon after lunch, but 7 or 8 hiked on further up the trail for an hour or so. It was one of those days one felt reluctant to end.

F. Roberts

Mystery Hike, Feb. 10. The hike began just as the one a year ago did. Blue sky, bright sunshine, no wind, with the temperature around zero. Only this year the destination was a mystery to more people.

After a ride over Sherburne Pass to 100A, we turned south, and after passing a couple of bigger than life size ice statues, or maybe snow women, we parked opposite and a little north of the entrance to the Calvin Coolidge State Park area. Snowshoes were not necessary as we walked up an old town road with some folks making a side trip to an old granite quarry where Jim gave a very interesting description of the area.

We passed by Whetstone Brook Shelter and continued on for another mile, then dug up all the way. A couple of ski bobbies passed, and then all was quiet again. Soon we turned north off the road, and came to Crooked Shelter where a beautiful, quick, hot fire was built. This is the second of three shelters built and maintained by the Vt. Forest and Parks Dept. which form a very interesting area for overnight trips, exploring hikes, and a side trip down to the Farm and Wilderness Camps.

The bright sun made the day perfect, and again we all said, "What can we do to get more folks out with us to enjoy it all?"

Churchill Scott

Daggett Mt., Feb. 24. The day of the third (at least) attempt to climb Daggett Mt. broke clear, cool and calm. This time we decided to approach from the eastern route, and after arriving at Willard Gap we spent some time discussing the best route - to go from that spot, or to have lunch at Johnson Shelter and slab up from there. Finally Willard Gap won, and we took off, switching back and forth, climbing all the way. As we went along the ridge dropped sharply to the south, and a number of good views were obtained of Pico, Killington and other nearby peaks.

At last we all took turns standing on the peak of Daggett Mt. Then a good, hot fire provided water for drinks to wash down our lunch. The way back was much easier, and it was said a lot more enjoyable than making a round trip of it down the west side, which looked very steep. It was a big surprise to see no fresh animal tracks in spite of the very good weather. Mauri, Ray, Jim, Bob, Kim and Churchill were the hikers.

Churchill Scott

Ski Touring to Rocky Pond, Mar. 3. In spite of threatening skies and weather forecasts for rain, Betty Staack, Ray

Secor, and Betty and Lloyd Weeks started up the nearly snowless road with skis and snowshoes for Little Rocky Pond. As we reached the higher altitudes we began to find more snow and could actually ski a little by picking our way through boulders. We arrived at Lulu Tye Shelter just about to eat lunch when Jim Frink, Churchill Scott and Bob Carey arrived. They had come up the Home Stone Brook trail on snowshoes.

We visited, finished lunch, then each party went its separate way. Skiing back out on the trail was much easier, and a good time was made to the cars.

The choices of wax used on our skis were not exactly the best. We could slip back nearly as easily as forward. The consensus was that more knowledge is needed in choosing waxes and applying them.

Let's hope for more ski trips next year as this was a thoroughly enjoyable excursion. The nine miles slid by easily and quickly.

Lloyd Weeks

Moonlight Hike to Sunnyside, Mar. 17. Driving up Rte. 103 to Cuttingsville with rain pouring down and all streams overflowing, we knew that no one would show up for the hike to Sunnyside.

We had planned a moonlight hike and overnight to Sunnyside on March 17 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We had looked forward to spending a balmy moonlight night in our mountain tent with several other GMCers who were planning to attend with tents.

When we arrived at the dirt road that takes us the last few miles, we found barricades across the road and a sign, "MUD, four-wheel-drive vehicles only." Luckily, we were driving the Scout. And MUD was right! Slipping from rut to rut we finally made it to the top of the hill. Donning rain pants and other rain gear, we sloshed through mud and water up past the beaver pond to the camp. The neat, clean cabin with plenty of dry firewood waiting, was a welcome sight. The first robin we had seen this spring was singing in one of the old apple trees nearby.

We had started the fire and put the soup kettle on when Jim Frink, Bob Carey, Wilbur Weston and Rascal (Continued p. 4, col. 2)

DIRECTORS' MEETING REPORT - W.C. Scott

The Board of Directors' meeting was held on Saturday, March 16, at the home of Mr. Weston. Present were Janet Martin, Teen Palen, Jim Frink, Doc Howard, Wes Weston, Ray Secor, Churchill Scott. Peter Palen was a guest.

Ray has finally received a report on the caretakers at Pico Shelter for the 1972 season, and hopefully this year there will be a better method of communication so we will know more from the Main Club. More discussion was made about the "Adopt A Shelter" program which Mr. Palen oversees for the Main Club. Miss Mausolff, who is moving closer to Vermont, is willing to have Gov. Clement. Doc suggested that Spring Lake Ranch be contacted about watching over Sunnyside, and Farm and Wilderness over Tamarack. Lyle Van Guilder was mentioned as a sponsor for Clarendon.

Wes made the motion to submit Fred-erica Welch's name as a replacement for Bob Rothenmeyer who has moved to Mass-achusetts and can no longer serve as Director.

Wilman Day's name was mentioned to contact to see if he would consent to act as a Trustee to replace Betty Weeks whose term will expire this May.

Janet Martin, at the request of Mrs. Jean Davis, Director of Camp Betsy Cox in Pittsford, spoke about the Pittsford Ice Caves and their popularity with many of the local camps. Their group hopes to create interest and sponsor a number of money-raising affairs this summer to take advantage of an offer to buy an area of land that will provide a right of way and an access to the caves.

Wes spoke again of help needed to run the GMC Intersectional at Tamarack Notch this August. Hike leaders, night enter-tainment, registration, help for TNAFA supper, nurses, sanitary engineers, and a PA System, to name a few.

ADOPT-A-SHELTER PROGRAM - Peter Palen

There has been in existence for over two years an Adopt-A-Shelter Program which was designed to try and get more people involved in shelter care and maintenance. Out of approximately 66 shelters, 21 are presently adopted and these adopters have been very faithful about their duties.

Here in the Killington Section two shelters have been adopted. Doctor Howard and Wilbur Weston are the co-adopters of Tucker-Johnson. Miss Anne Mausolff of Northampton, Mass., adopted Gov. Clement in 1971. She had indicated that she wishes to continue in 1973 as she is moving into the area this summer.

Basically an "adopter" agrees to make periodic inspection trips, doing routine housekeeping chores such as sweeping out the floor; if needed, replacing the log book; keeping the foundation porky-proof; packing out any rubbish; and reporting on a regular inspection form any other repairs that may be necessary, such as windows, doors, stoves, etc. A copy of the inspection report form is forwarded to the Section Shelter Chairman. This is most important since regular maintenance time is often wasted finding out what needs to be done. The Section still has the primary responsibility for the shelter.

Would you like to adopt a shelter in your section? If you are interested and would like more information, please contact: Peter C. Palen, Box 163, Hurley, N. Y., 12443, Adopt-A-Shelter, Program Chairman.

* * *

(Hike Report, continued)

arrived. So we had a merry supper party after all!

On the way back down, not by moon-light but by flashlight, we stopped to look at two large trees nearly gnawed through by the industrious beavers of the pond.

Betty Weeks

HIKING COMPANION WANTED for a 1973 hike of the entire Appalachian Trail by an experienced 18 year old girl. Contact: Krisanne Rice, 2FD #2, Stowe, Vt. 05672. Tele: 802-253-4256.

* * *

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SNOT & BLAZES is June 15. Send news to Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt. 05156, by the above date.

Cash on Hand 1/1/72		\$2036.51
INCOME:		
Dues	216.50	
Gifts	135.00	
Interest	102.76	
Guide Book Sales	10.00	
Sale of Herb Ogden's Poster	.25	
	Total	464.51
		2501.02
EXPENSES:		
To Main Club	82.50	
Trails and Shelters	54.81	
Outings	30.96	
Smoke and Blazes	43.08	
Postage	31.59	
Annual Meeting	27.20	
Secretary's Expenses	9.35	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1.45	
	Total	280.94
		\$2220.08
Cash on Hand 1/1/73		

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT - W.C. Scott

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held at the Universalist-Unitarian Church meeting rooms on January 21. There were 48 members and guests present making this meeting the largest in the memory of anyone.

John Spencer of Cuttingsville gave a very thorough and interesting talk about the proposed high-tension lines from the Atomic Plant in Vernon. The projected route is over Clarendon gorge in the vicinity of Rte. 103 and the suspension bridge.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Betty Weeks reported on the trustees' meetings. There has been a large jump in membership, so the number of trustees from Members-at-Large is to be increased to four. The Caretaker program will be expanded with one at Pico.

The Main Club has signed a 5-year lease to stay in Rutland. Miss Hinchey will have an assistant to help, and to learn the office routine.

Contributing members will pay \$10.00 for a new category.

No Long Trail Patrol in 1972, but the budget increase of 1973 will provide the much needed work.

The GMC annual meeting will be held at East Poultney this May.

The local Section, in charge of Mr. Weston, will host the Intersectional during the last week of August.

Betty Weeks' term as Trustee ends in May. Wes reported on Trails. Jim Frink's first work party on snowshoes. Sent letter of thanks for trash barrel provided by Vt. Dept. of Highways. Mill River Bridge temporarily repaired. Blueprints received from Emil Bousell. Men hope to repair bridge as soon as possible.

Ray reported on shelters. In good condition. Has received many reports from hikers on pleasant stops at our shelters which they compliment very highly. Gov. Clement will need work. Bunks at Clarendon need some repair.

Frances Roberts spoke on Smoke and Blazes, and how the paper is put together. Would appreciate write-ups on hikes as soon as possible. Other interesting articles are wanted.

Kathy Hayes regretfully submitted her resignation as Long Trail Reporter. F. Roberts will be new reporter.

Teen Palen and Terry Gulick were elected as new directors; "Wes" was re-elected.

Jim Frink conducted an outing schedule session, and many hikes and leaders were added to the 1973 list.

"Wes" spoke of the 1973 GMC Intersectional. J. Martin spoke of Tamarack Notch-Aitken Forest Assoc. and made the motion to donate a \$5.00 membership which was passed.

Mrs. George Kirk suggested short walks for younger members.

Again the ladies provided a very enjoyable social hour and our thanks to them all once again.

Adams, Martha M., 46 Roberts Ave., Rutland 05701
 Betz, Lee Ann, Box 131, Wallingford 05773
 Boucher, Anne, 148 Dorset St., Springfield, Mass. 01108
 Blaskovich, Mrs. W. J., 9 Amhurst Lane, Dearborn, Mich. 48120
 Breckenridge, Frances, 666 Spadina Ave., Apt. 806, Toronto, Ont. M5S-2H8
 Brown, Jeanette, 15 Dennis Place, Summit, N. J. 07901
 Bryant, Mrs. Harriot, Box 131, Dorset 05251
 Cahee, Hedrick & Christine, 179 Union St., Springfield 05156
 Carey, Robert (JR), 78 Church St., Rutland 05701
 Chrzanowski, Diane, 260 West St., Rutland 05701
 Conlon, George & Diana, RD #2, Rutland 05701
 Day, Wilman & Virginia, Brockway Mills Rd., Springfield 05156
 Fostman, Ruth A., 25 Seabury St., Rutland 05701
 Frink, James & Helen, 60 Litchfield Ave., Rutland 05701
 Gilman, Elizabeth, 212 Adams St., Rutland 05701
 Howard, Dr. J. Harold, Stage Route, Rutland 05701
 Howard, Paul (JR) & Patrick (JR), 70 Allen St., Rutland 05701
 Hutchinson, Mark (JR), Randolph 05060
 Johnson, Dorothy, Box 261, East Wallingford 05742
 Mulhausen, John & Paul, 5221 Woodlawn Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn. 55417
 Kirk, Mrs. George, 8 East Washington St., Rutland 05701
 LaBrake, Ruth, Loretta Home, Rutland 05701
 MacArthur, William, 47 Spring St., Williamstown, Mass. 02167
 Magoon, Paul & Jeffry (JR), RD#1, Box 475-A, Springfield 05156
 Martin, Jack & Janet, 7 Curtis Ave., Rutland 05701
 Martin, Betsy, Carol, David, Nancy, Tom (All JR), 7 Curtis Ave, Rutland 05701
 Newton, Doris, 26 Boutwell Rd., Andover, Mass. 01810
 Nickerson, Russell (JR), RFD, Orwell 05760
 Ogden, Herbert G. Jr., 2409 Buckingham Rd., Birmingham, Mich. 48008
 Palen, Peter & Teen, PO Box 163, Hurley, N. Y. 12443
 Pearlstein, George, PO Box 115, West Pawlet 05775
 Perkins, Crague & Mary, Old Turnpike Rd., Rutland 05701
 Perkins, Vera, 242 South Main St., Rutland 05701
 Roberts, Richard & Frances, 2 Hill Pl., Springfield 05156
 Rodriguez, Dr. Zane & Zane (JR), 93 Cedar Heights Rd., Stamford, Conn. 06905
 Rolston, Ben, 323 12th St., Schenectady, N. Y. 12306
 Rozowicz, Linda K., 562 West 193 St., New York, N. Y. 10040
 Russell, Ellen B., 33 Thayer St., Providence, R. I. 02906
 Scott, W. Churchill & Kim (JR), 132 Maple St., Rutland 05701
 Secor, Raymond, Raiches Cross Rd., Danby 05739
 Stare, Louis, 9 Angus Ave., Bass River, Mass. 02664
 Walker, Eleanor, 87 Baxter St., Rutland 05701
 Weeks, Lloyd & Betty, 7 Harvard St., Springfield 05156
 Welch, Frederica, Stage Route, Rutland 05701
 Weston, Wilbur & Bailey, 48 Edgerton St., Rutland 05701
 Wilson, Carleton, 9 Harvard St., Rutland 05701
 Winturri, Mauri, 179 High St., Fitchburg, Mass. 01420
 Valiquette, Thelma, 93 Killington Ave., Rutland, 05701
 Valiquette, John (JR) & Thomas (JR), RFD #2 Town Line Rd., Rutland 05701

NOTE: This issue of Smoke & Blazes is the last to be sent to the 1972 member.

* * *

"We seek the sun. We pursue the wind. We attain the mountaintop, and there, dusted with stars, we say to ourselves, 'Now I know why I was born.'"

Robert Ardrey, quoted in The Descent of Woman
by Elaine Morgan

SMOKE and BLAZES

Vol. 25, No. 3 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - July-Sept., 1973

COMING OUTINGS

Sun., July 8, 9 a.m. TACONIC CREST TRAIL, George Pearlstein, Leader. The hike will cover about 8 1/2 miles of the Taconic Crest Trail between Petersburg Pass and North Pownal. Although a rather long hike, most of the way is easy going. A side trip will be made to Snow Hole, where snow may be found for much of the year. There are good views into New York State, Massachusetts, and southwestern Vermont. Bring a canteen full of water since water sources are scarce. Fires are prohibited on this part of the trail, so plan your lunches accordingly.

NOTE: On all three of George Pearlstein's scheduled hikes, hikers should bring their own lunches, rain gear, canteens, and other day hiking essentials. There will be no fires built. These trips all offer good opportunities for unusual photos, so bring your camera.

Sat., July 14, 9 a.m. CHATAUGUAY ROAD APPALACHIAN TRAIL, Doc Howard, Leader. Drive to Bridgewater Corners, then go north to Bridgewater Center. Continue driving about 5 more miles on that road. Park cars at the Chataugay Road where it shows dotted lines on the Guide Map. When the group gets to the crossing of the Appalachian Trail, it's every one for himself--either straight ahead on the Chataugay Road, left to Stony Brook Shelter, or right as far as anyone wants to go on the Appalachian trail.

Sun., July 29, 9 a.m. BIG BRANCH SHELTER, LT, Ray Seger, Leader. Drive to Danby; proceed up the Mt. Tabor road to where it crosses the Long Trail, and then hike south to the Big Branch Shelter.

Sun., Aug. 5, 1 p.m. SECOND ANNUAL HAROLD VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE TO EAST MT., Joe Valiquette, Leader. We will drive out the Tamarack Notch road, and then the Wheelerville Road to Loveday's camp west of McLaughlin Falls, and take

the trail from there to the summit. This annual hike is in honor of one of the most active and helpful members this club has ever had.

Sat., Aug. 18, 9 a.m. TONGUE MT, LAKE GEORGE AREA, Jim Frink, Leader. The group will drive west on Rte. 4 to Whitehall and Fort Ann, and then on 149 west to Rte. 9N. We go north on 9N to Bolton's Landing and continue north until we see the signs on the right indicating the beginning of the Tongue Mt. Trail. We continue on this trail until we get to the Frenchman's overlook of Lake George. This is a very well kept trail and the view at the end is superb.

Sat., Aug. 25 to Mon, Sept. 3, GMC INTERSECTIONAL, Wes Weston, Chairman. For further information, see separate article in this issue.

Sat., Sept. 8, 9 a.m. SHREWSBURY MT., George Pearlstein, Leader. The hike will cover the 3 1/2 miles between the old Northam Picnic Area and the summit of Shrewsbury Peak, where there are good views to the south and east. The hike can be extended, if there is interest, to Tamarack Shelter on the LT. Also, if there is interest enough, a loop trip can be arranged via other trails leaving the Killington Peak region.

Sat., Sept. 15, 9 a.m. MT. EQUINOX, George Pearlstein, Leader. This hike will use the Burr and Burton Trail to the summit of Mt. Equinox, a distance of about 3 3/4 miles. There are good views from the summit ridge to both east and west. If there is sufficient interest, the return trip can be made via the old carriage road trail to Beartown Notch, and then down the abandoned road back to Three Maple Drive.

Sat., Sept. 22. COVERED DISH SUPPER, Janet Martin, Chairperson. More information is forthcoming as date near

Sat., Sun., Sept. 29, 30. MERCK FOREST OVERNIGHT, Wes Weston, Leader. One day or overnight hike in Merck Forest. Wes will be among the overnighers. The hikers will have a chance to troup through 2,600 acres of field and woodland in the Taconic Mountain Range of the forest. The forest was donated in 1950 by George Merck, a conservationist, in the interest of providing an area for recreation and conservation study. Area members and others interested should meet Saturday at 9 a.m. at Koltonski Fire Station. Those going to Manchester Center will meet the Rutland group at the intersection of Rts. 7 and 30 in Manchester Center at 10 a.m., on Bonnett At.

REMEMBER: MEET AT KOLTONSKI FIRE STATION AT 9 A.M. FOR ALL HIKEES UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED!!!!

* * *

INTERSECTIONAL NOTES:

Doc Howard tells how to get to Tamarack Notch Aitken Forest Camp in Mendon. "The site of the 1973 GMC Intersectional is Tamarack Notch camping grounds. Many people know it as the Girl Scout Camp. It is about 3 1/2 miles east of Rutland, Vt.

To get there, proceed to the corner of Killington Ave. and Route 7 which is 0.4 miles south of the junction of Routes 4 and 7. You will recognize this corner by the beautiful white marble church. Go east on Killington Ave. 1.8 miles to its end, turn right and you will come to a Y in the road. Take the left and proceed approximately 1 mile to the camp. From the east end of Killington Ave. on you will see GMC directional signs."

Wes Weston suggests we read Intersectional plans that were announced in the May issue of Long Trail News. All details have not been planned as this goes to press, but fliers will be sent out soon.

At the Intersectional there will be need for the services of hike leaders, entertainers, help at the registration table, help with the supper held at the last Saturday night, two or three nurses, a sanitation engineer, the use of a PA system, possibly a typewriter, cash box, etc. Volunteer help will be appreciated. Any member having the

time either for a day or two, or 2 for the week, please get in touch with any of the following: W. F. Weston, 48 Edgerton St., Rutland, Vt. 05701; Gardiner Lane, Box B, Bolton Valley, Vt. 05477; Alan Mead, 52 Skinner Road, Rockville, Conn. 06066.

* * *

NEW DIRECTOR

On March 10, 1973, the Killington Section Directors, at a regular meeting, elected Mrs. Frederica Welch, Mendon, Vt., a Director to succeed Robert Rothenmeyer who recently resigned.

NEW MEMBERS as of June 20, 1973:

Arnold, Mrs. Shirlee, PO Box, Whiting 05778
Catozzi, Raymond, 103 Bellevue Ave. Rutland 05701
Catozzi, Billy, Joey, Louis (JR) Same address
Klemm, David & Joyce, Woodstock Stage Rutland 05701
Klemm, Matthe (JR) Same address
Maier, Miss Elsie, 280 Fort Washington Ave., New York City, N.Y. 10032
Nolan, Miss Kathy (JR), RD#2, Rutland
Nyiri, Mrs. Anna, Stratton Rd. "
Perkins, Robert & Thelma, 1141 Culligan Blvd., San Jose, Cal. 95120
Perkins, Anne, David, Polly, Tim (All JR), Same address
Staeck, Mrs. Betty, Killington, 05751
Wood, Allen W., Bomoseen State Park, Fair Haven 05743

HIKE REPORTS

Gulf Shelter, Apr. 1. Sunday April first was the day for the hike to Gulf Shelter. The skies in Rutland were threatening but we drove to Woodstock and north on Route 12. We drove part of the way up the road to the shelter. Then we sloshed through the mud the rest of the way with Mauri Winturri leading the way. When we got to the shelter the Palens were there. They had spent the night there and had a fire going. Pat Howard had fallen into a pond on the way up so the fire felt good to him.

There was still some snow around the shelter. After we had been there a while it started to rain, making the fire feel good to all. After we

had eaten our lunches, the rain slacked off so we left. There was a good turnout that provided a chance to be with Section members. Let's hope for good weather in the future.

Robert Carey

Mt. Moosalamoo, Apr. 15. Churchill

Scott came to the house at 8:40 Sunday morning, April 15, and asked to see my list of the attendees at the Sugar-on-Snow party last week. He said he could not go on the Moosalamoo Hike but he had talked with Terry Gulick, Hike Leader, and Terry planned to go up the trail from the Keywadin Camp at the north end of Lake Dunmore. I'm glad he told me because I had written a letter to the Herald and the Times-Reporter saying that we would go up from the southern end of the mountain. The Herald, in NOT printing the itinerary or the name of the Hike Leader, which I had given them, saved people here from getting a "bum steer."

Having climbed Moosalamoo every year from 1936 to 1955 and always going up the southern trail, I now know why it is called the "Aunt Jenny" Trail! Terry took us up the northern approach, and while the southern trail is steep it presents no climbing problems. The northern trail, on the other hand, is steeper than steep, and presents a few rugged rock climbing problems. Since these northern face rocks were covered with snow, it made our climb particularly interesting and exciting, for me, at least. Terry and Ray Secor (there were only three of us), being young and strong, took the climb in their stride, but Uncle Jim had to crawl in a few places. Once I chose a route which was possible because I saw a root half way to my objective which I could hang on to and pull myself up. When I got up to the "root" and tested it before putting my weight on it, the root turned out to be a loose round stick and I was really stuck--couldn't go up or back. Luckily, Ray was on top, having gone another route, and was able to reach me a hand to help me up. We chose "routes" because the snow covered the trail.

The trail we used comes out near Rattlesnake Point which presents the best and least obstructed view. Some young friends of Terry's were down on the Branbury Beach grounds using a

"mine detector" to find old coins. 3
Terry flashed a mirror at them and they saw it and flashed back to us.

After a lunch at the look-off, we continued up the yellow-blazed trail and went down the south side. Steep, yes, but no problems. As we passed the Cascades, which were very beautiful because of the volume of water coming down, Ray took some pictures which we may see at some future meeting. Ray pointed out the red blazes he had repainted as part of his job, and the route these blazes took him had him hanging by his teeth in many places. At one point, he had to shinny down a convenient tree trunk with the paint pail (full) hanging from his teeth!!

So endeth a tall tale and perhaps it is just as well that some of our more delicate members didn't attempt it.

Jim Frink

Mt. Ascutney, Apr. 29. On an April Sunday we left for a hike up the Weathersfield Trail on Mt. Ascutney. We met on the Cascade Falls road at the base of the mountain. It was a grey, chilly day but 13 people showed up to marvel at the waterfall and hopefully get a view from the top of the mountain.

We had only one incident on our outing, and that occurred when one of the dogs cut his foot; however, the other 4 dogs made it all right.

The waterfall was beautiful as usual, and many people were surprised that there were falls that large in that area. Near the top we were surprised that there was still some snow.

We ate our lunch at the top although it was cold and windy.

The trip was an enjoyable one and all had a good time. We all thought that Herb Ogden and the Ascutney Trails Association had done an excellent job on this trail.

Judi Geezi

Snake Mt. and Wildlife Refuge, June 9.

The hike up Snake Mt. was almost a disaster! Twelve hikers left Rutland in three cars on a hot, humid morning. Leaving our cars near a farmhouse at the base of the mountain on the west side, we climbed at easy grades up an old road to the summit, hurrying to keep ahead of the mosquitoes and black

flies! About half way up it started to rain but subsided before we reached the top. We ate lunch on the edge of the cliff at the top near the ruins of an old hotel. The usually fantastic view was disappointing due to the humidity. Young botanists in the party enjoyed identifying the variety of wild flowers native only to rocky locations.

After visiting the tarn on the edge of the cliff we descended to a side trail which led to Cranberry Pond. Mauri Winturri left us here to go on down the mountain.

We had all looked forward to seeing Cranberry Bog which is one of our most interesting natural areas. After skirting a large beaver pond which had inundated the trail, we continued on to the pond near which we knew the bog was located. While Lloyd scouted for the bog, the rest of us waited near the pond admiring the quantities of pink moccasin flowers that grew everywhere. The search for the bog was abruptly terminated when we realized that three young people in the group, thinking that they were on a trail which led back to the cars, had wandered down an old wood road. Another girl, trying to find them, did not return.

All young people were finally located at the base of the mountain. Three had come down on the east side, the other girl had wandered back over the top and finally reached the trail down.

This experience only emphasizes the necessity for everyone in the hiking party to stay with the hike leaders, and never go ahead!

A week later, Betty and Lloyd Weeks and their daughter Judi returned to the area to locate the bog. We found it, not more than fifty feet from Cranberry Pond. It is about an acre in size. This beautiful area is a mat of quaking Spagnum moss ringed by tall spruces. Pitcher plants in blossom grew so thickly everywhere that it was impossible not to step on them. Sundew and other bog plants were interspersed with blossoming sheep laurel.

Hopefully, we'll all make it next time!

Betty Weeks

Mountain Bars

2 cups crushed vanilla wafers
1 1/2 cups finely chopped nuts
2 cups powdered sugar
1/2 pound finely chopped dates
1 cup finely chopped dried apricots
1 cup seedless yellow raisins
2 tbs. light corn syrup
6 to 8 tbs. honey
1/2 tsp. vanilla or maple flavoring
enough water to bind together

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Add liquids and knead to mix. Press and shape into small log rolls about 2 by 5 inches. Roll in powdered sugar and wrap in plastic. Store in refrigerator until ready for use.

Molasses-Nut Bars

1/2 cup molasses, 1/2 cup honey or 1/4 cup of each
1 cup powdered milk
1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter
1/2 cup raisins

Mix all ingredients together and turn onto wax paper sprinkled with powdered milk. Knead and add more powdered milk until mixture loses its stickiness and is the consistency of pie dough. Pat down until 1/2 inch thick and cut into sticks. Wrap in plastic and store in refrigerator.

HIKING TIP

The last thing to put in your pack before starting on a hike is a plastic flask of drinking water. If it has been placed in the freezing compartment of the refrigerator about 24 hrs. it will be a solid chunk of ice.

On the trail it gradually melts, providing a supply of ice water for several hours.

Water expands when it freezes, so leave some air space in the flask when you put it in the freezer.

Darwin Benedict
Delmar, N. Y.

Note: The above items were taken from issues of Wilderness Camping published by Fitzgerald Communications. Albany, N. Y.

DEADLINE FOR NEWS FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES is Sept. 15. Send to Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt. 05156

SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 25, No. 4 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Oct.-Dec., 1973

COMING OUTINGS

Sun., Oct. 14, 9 a.m., Blue Ridge Mt., Betsy Martin and Vera Perkins, Leaders. Those (and there are many) who are familiar with Craig Perkins' "Tall Timbers" property off Rte. 4 east of Rutland, know where to locate the bordering Blue Ridge Mt. However, meet at the Koltonski Fire Station in Rutland and go with the crowd.

Sat., Oct. 27, 9 a.m. Leader: Virginia Day. Locate Little Rock Pond on Division 1V LT map, and then plan to go to this scenic area. The trees may have shed their leaves by then, but plenty of color will be under foot. Meet at the fire station for an autumn hike.

Sat., Nov. 10 (?), 9 a.m., Stratton Pond, East Arlington. Leader: Peter Palen. Please watch the papers. This date may be changed because of the opening of deer hunting season. This popular spot is located on Division 111 LT map. Again, meet at Rutland's Koltonski Fire Station.

Sat., Dec. 1, 9 a.m. Pico Peak. Bob Carey will lead. Be prepared for a snowy climb up a mountain that misses being a 4000 footer by only 33 feet. Join the hardy climbers at the fire station in Rutland.

Sat., Dec. 15, 9 a.m. Christmas Party. Leaders: Y'all!! Sunnyside LT Shelter (Div. V map) will be the setting for an early Christmas Party. If snow conditions allow, bring snowshoes or x-c skis. Take a break from the holiday rush. Rally at the fire station.

Sat., Jan. 5, 1974, 9 a.m. Doc Howard will start the New Year off right by leading a hike to Johnson Shelter, (Div VI LT map). Meet first at the Koltonski Fire Station equipped for snow.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS REPORT, KILLINGTON SECTION - Sept. 25, 1973.

Considerable work has been done in our section this summer. Starting from Route 140 north, maintenance, etc. has gone as follows:

The trash barrel at 140 has been checked and the trail cleared of blow-downs, etc., to Sunnyside. Teen and Peter Palen dug a new outhouse hole at Sunnyside, and moved the outhouse onto it; the stove pipe was replaced; floor repaired; and Lynn Eaton from Spring Lake was persuaded to adopt the shelter, and has since checked and cleaned it regularly.

"Wes" Weston and Ray Catozzi re-routed the trail around the washed out bridge over Clarendon Gorge, and put up signs soon after it was disabled.

The Army Corps of Engineers were contacted and agreed tentatively to rebuild the Clarendon Gorge bridge next summer, and the Flood Relief people were contacted, and \$2,500 was lined up to pay cost of materials, etc. The bridge project was then

was then turned over to the main club, Sandy Stare, Churchill and Kim Scott and myself put new roofing on Clarendon Shelter--one really hot day! Bob O'Brien checked and cleared the trail from Clarendon Shelter to the Lower Cold River Road.

Mrs. Forrest at the Lower Cold River Road had been complaining for years about hikers going through her yard. A short relocation was done here to everyone's satisfaction. Rob Carey, Pat and Paul Howard, John Braddock and myself did this job.

Rob Carey, Pamela Kerstner, Mauri Winturri and I spent days clearing and brushing the trail from the lower to the upper Cold River Road. It really needed it! At Gov. Clement Shelter, Teen and Peter Palen dug a new hole and the outhouse was moved onto it. The legs of the picnic table had been torn off and this was repaired. Mauri

Winturri and I did this job. From here to Tamarack, the trail was cleared and several wet places were bridged with split log bridging. The Farm and Wilderness people were contacted and they assumed responsibility for the care of Tamarack Shelter--a job they had been doing anyhow.

Sherburne Corp., the State of Vermont and the Green Mountain Club have all had a hand in watching out for Cooper Lodge. Much "Tourist Trash" has been carted out. A new backhouse was built at Cooper. From Cooper north the trail was relocated to the west to avoid the ski trails. Two hundred thirty feet of split log bridging was put over boggy areas between Cooper and Pico.

Close contact was kept with Tim Sorrow, the Caretaker at Pico Camp. He dug and built a new outhouse there, and did many minor repairs as well as clearing trail to Sherburne Pass.

North of Sherburne Pass, yours truly cleared trail from Willard Gap to

Jacker-Johnson. A work party of the Killington Section dug a new outhouse hole here and moved the outhouse on it.

In addition, multiple visits were made to various shelters where registers were replaced and general policing of the camps was done. Mauri Winturri was particularly active in this field. Many others aided in various ways in our section maintenance, and to them I am very grateful. Believe me, all this work took a great deal more time and effort to do than it does to tell about it!

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Howard
Trails & Shelters Chrm.
Killington Section, GMC

NEW MEMBERS - To Sept. 14, 1973:

Codman, Edwin & Clare, Church Hill
Woodstock, Vt. 05091 (NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS)
Eldridge, Mary, 273 West St., Rutland
Fellows, Ann, 6 Circular St., Springfield, Vt. 05156
Kerstner, Pamela, RFD Cold River Rd.
Cuttingsville, Vt. 05738
Kruesi, William (JR), RFD Wallingford, Vt., 05773
LaBlanc, Mary Ellen, RFD E. Wallingford, Vt., 05742

Miles, John, 122 Harrington Ave.
Rutland, Vt. 05701
Silman, Jeffrey L., 21-30 77th St.,
Jackson Hgts., N. Y. 11370
Van Wyck, Florence, RFD Wallingford
Wheeldon, Jack G., 42 Main St.,
Greenwich, N. Y., 12824
Wyman, Mr. & Mrs. William, RFD#2,
Brandon, Vt. 05733
Wyman, Lorelei (JR) Same as above

HIKE REPORTS

Taconic Range, July 8. On the Taconic Crest trail hike there were only the leader, George Pearlstein and two others and one car. The group hiked to Carmel Camp, lunched, and then went on to Wetmore Gap where sites for a new shelter were marked out just east of the LT. On return trip, climbed the fire tower on summit, but hot, humid weather cut visibility to zero.
Chruchill Scott

Chatauguay Road, July 14. On the day of the Chatauguay hike, which was called off due to the June flood, Mauri Winturri, Peter Louras, Bob Carey and I drove to Rte. 103 trail crossing, looked over the swinging bridge remains over Mill River, drove to Sunnyside to check on the shelter, back to Mill River to take some photos, then on to Gov. Clement where the two upper bridges were washed out, all the time with two additional hikers packed in Mauri's "Bug." At Gov. Clement the six of us tried to move the toilet building but could not. On the way back to the car we made a side trip to the side of Herb Haley's farm where the Main Club annual meetings were held in the dead of winter.

Churchill Scott

Big Branch Shelter, July 29. On Sunday, twelve people met at the fire station at 9 a.m. and drove to the parking place on the Mount Tabor Road where the new LT heads north from the road. We walked up to where the new LT comes into the road from the south and then followed the trail to Big Branch Shelter beside the stream.

Doc Howard and Mauri Winturri drove up to where the old LT crosses the road and walked down to the new trail near the shelter.

After lunch, Churchill Scott and some of the others, walked up the old LT to Old Job Shelter. The new trail takes a more interesting path to Baker Peak and Griffith Lake.

The return trip along the trail made us wonder about the old road that used to run along Big Branch and which crossed it seven times before the flood of 1927 washed out all the bridges.

Our peerless leader, Ray Secor, never showed up. Those who went besides myself were Churchill Scott, Bob Carey, Anne and Mat Ulenski, Kenny Fulling, Kathy and Konrad Kruesi, Mauri Winturri, Doc Howard, and Peter and Chris Louras.

Jim Frink

East Mt., Aug. 5. On Sunday afternoon, a group gathered at the fire station for the Second Annual Harold Valiquette Memorial Hike to East Mt. Thelma Valiquette donated the red bunting and the cord for a new flag at the summit, just as Harold used to do. Joe Valiquette led the hike and it was mostly bushwhacking up and down, although there were some sections of trail available. A good time was had by all and those present were, besides myself, Thelma Valiquette, Sophie Connors, Elsie Maier, Bob Carey, Mildred Kramer, Robert Kramer, John C. and Mat Ulinski, Kenny Fulling, Joan Kramer, W. F. Weston, (and Sport), Churchill and Kim Scott, Jack and Tom Martin, Joe, Tom, Mary Ann Valiquette and John and Ronnie Rorison.

Jim Frink

Tongue Mt., Aug. 18. On the Tongue Mt. hike, Mr. Frink was unable to lead because of a wedding engagement. As there were no cars, he took the group to the upper Cold River Road for a hike to Rte. 103. The trail was in very good shape due to a lot of work done by section members under the leadership of Dr. Howard. Clarendon Shelter was clean and neat with a new roof put on in August.

Churchill Scott

Shrewsbury Mt., Sept. 8. Eight GMC's climbed Shrewsbury Mt. on a predictably

(but unpredicted) rainy Saturday. Rain pelted us and wind belted us with increasing nastiness as we neared the top. We chickened out from the lunch-at-the-top ritual, and ate sandwiches with numb hands in an almost sheltered spot halfway down the mountain. Let's schedule Shrewsbury for a sunny day next year. It's a good climb and has promises of excellent viewpoints. Those of us who had never climbed it agreed we'd like to try it again in good weather.

Frances Roberts

Mt. Equinox, Sept. 15. On Saturday Bob Carey, Lon Catozzi, Carol Chapman (a teacher at VTC and probable new member) and I were just about to leave the fire station at 9:15 when our peerless leader, George Pearlstein, arrived. (He also arrived a few minutes after we had left for Shrewsbury the week before, and that's why we never saw him on that hike.) We drove to Burr & Burton Academy in Manchester where we met a young man from Chester, Bob Piper, who climbed half the mountain with us and then turned back.

It was raining practically all the way up, but the three and a half mile climb is so steep, and we were so heated, that most of the rain evaporated as soon as it hit us. (We still got pretty wet.)

At the summit the restaurant was open and there were hot chocolate and cold drink machines. After a short rest, luncheon, and a playful episode with a handsome young thoroughbred German Shepard, we made short work of the long descent.

Jim Frink

Covered Dish Supper, Sept. 22. Not much to report on pot luck--small crowd--damp, cold weather. Nineteen were there, I believe. Eats were good as always. The Junes were with us as Mr. June was up for the trustees meeting. They had camped at Gifford Woods the night before. Enjoyed the fireplace and blazing logs from last winter's blowdowns. Perhaps a special mailing should go out for this if we do it another year as this size crowd hardly justifies the rental of Tamarack Notch kitchen.

Janet Martin

Merck Forest, Sept 29, 30. On Saturday Churchill and Kim Scott, Bob Carey and Jim Frink met at the fire station. At the Grand Union, we had encountered Wes Weston who had previously stated he would be unable to go. However, he said that Janet Martin had called him saying she could go provided she could leave at 10 a.m. Wes said he just might take Janet down at that time.

The four starters from Rutland drove down because I assured Bob Carey that the Springfield group would surely be there and he would have company for his overnight stay. Bob's father drove away happy that Bob would have transportation home on Sunday.

Upon arrival we found that parking was allowed only at the edge of the Merck area--we had to walk up to the barn. From there we hiked to the Lodge and waited there for a while for the Springfield group to show. But they didn't. Then we bushwhacked down to the lower four shelters and built a fire in the fireplace of the big one. We boiled a pot full of water and walked around to visit the other three shelters. They were all occupied by packs of the Boy Scout "Phanton Patrol."

After we had finished lunch, the following group arrived from Rutland: Wes Weston; Jack, Janet, Tom, Betsy, Nancy and David Martin; Vera Perkins; Dorothy Kirk; and Sport and Rascal, Wes's dogs.

Bob Carey found that Tom and Betsy Martin were staying overnight so he had the company he wanted. After making the supplies available to the late group, Churchill, Kim and I packed up and took the Schenk and Old Town Roads to Antone summit, and then back to the car and home. It was a beautiful day and a very enjoyable walk in the woods. A fine view from the top.

Jim Frink

Wes Weston adds to the above: Bob Carey, Hike Director Exceptional for the Intersectional, stayed over night at Merck Forest along with Betsy and Tommy Martin who slept in their mountain tent. Bob started the night in the loft of the shelter with the large fireplace, but ended up on the table; he was smoked out by the smoke

from the fireplace. The thermometer which Bob carried registered 38 degrees when he awoke in the morning. They report a much clearer day than Saturday and they had some beautiful views.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB 1973 INTERSECTIONAL

This year's Intersectional was a tremendous success with a record-breaking turn-out. A complete write up by Chairman Wilbur Weston will appear in the next issue of Long Trail News.

SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 26, No. 1 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Jan.-Mar., 1974

COMING OUTINGS

Sat., Feb. 2, 10 a.m. MYSTERY HIKE, Doc Howard, Leader. Meet at the Koltonski Fire Station warmly dressed and equipped with lunch, snowshoes or skis. Doc guarantees a warm place to eat lunch but it may be chilly en route. Hot coffee, tea and cocoa will be provided by the Club.

Sun., Feb. 17, 10 a.m. Gov. Clement Shelter, Dick and Frances Roberts, Leaders. Rutland area people meet at the fire station and join the leaders at the junction of the Long Trail and Upper Cold River Road (Division V Map). This area is good for x-c skiing as well as for snowshoeing, so bring along your choice. Also bring your lunch. The Club will furnish hot coffee, tea and cocoa.

ANNUAL MEETING

Killington Section Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. at the CVPS meeting room. This is located on the corner of Maple and Grove Streets in Rutland, and the Club has been asked to use the Maple St. entrance.

The agenda includes election of three 3-year term directors, retiring directors being Ray Secor, Churchill Scott and Jim Frink.

Hike Chairman Pro Tem, Churchill Scott, will welcome suggestions for hikes. (Please see tear section on last page.)

Changes in by-laws have been discussed by the directors, and a committee will be formed to work on possible revisions. One suggestion is to change Article 7 (Killington Section By-laws will be found on another page in this issue) to allow election of officers from Section membership at the Annual Meeting. If any member wishes to make this or any other changes in the by-laws, please bring them in writing to the meeting on February 1.

Refreshments are in charge of Janet Martin. Please call her at 773-8621 and volunteer to bring some type of dessert.

DIRECTORS MEETING

The Killington Section Board of Directors held a meeting at Trinity Church on Thurs., Jan. 17, 1974. Present were Jim Frink, Terry Gulick, Dr. Howard, Janet Martin, Churchill Scott, Ray Secor, Wilbur Weston, with Frances Roberts and Betty Weeks sitting in as representatives of Smoke and Blazes.

Terry discussed briefly Pres. John Nuffort's appreciation of volunteer help and the concern of the Main Club to keep lines of communication open. The president asked for information about historical background of sections relating to Main Club on various areas of non-communication. Terry also spoke of last Trustees' meeting. The GMC Annual Meeting will be held in Bennington on May 25-26. Jay Section (a new one) has been accepted and will maintain the northern end of the Long Trail. It has been suggested that a historical record be made of each section. The Swezey tract has been transferred to the USFS with the request the shelters be named William Douglas and Mr. Swezey. Peggy Pons is to resign as editor of Long Trail News.

A date and place for the Annual Meeting was picked and Janet Martin offered to have charge of refreshments. The Board of Directors set-up was discussed at great length and many pros and cons were offered. Terry suggested that anyone having suggestions on the by-laws bring them in writing to be presented to the Annual Meeting.

"Wes" Weston asked about dues set-up and the increase of our section dues have helped to pay for the jump in Main Club dues, so it is suggested that they stay the same for 1974. "Wes" also explained the resolution to vote in an executive secretary (a salaried position) which will be brought up at the next Trustees meeting. This also will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

Gardner Lane, Presidential Assistant, has been invited to our Annual Meeting to explain the duties of the new executive secretary. We hope for a good turn-out for this meeting.

W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas.

Killington Section
Green Mountain Club, Inc.

BY-LAWS

-2-

1. The purpose of the Killington Section of the G.M.C. shall be to maintain that part of the Long Trail, along with side trails and shelters, assigned to it by the G.M.C.; to arrange for group hikes and other social and appropriate activities; to encourage proper trail and shelter use throughout its section of the Long Trail.

2. All voting members shall be at least 18 years old.

3. Persons under 18 years of age may be admitted as Junior Members, but they may neither vote nor hold office.

4. The activities of the Section shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of nine members over 21 years of age. The Directors shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the Annual Meeting.

5. The term of office of the Directors shall be three years, with three Directors elected each year. A Director who has served two terms may not be re-elected until after a lapse of one year.

6. The absence of a Director from two consecutive meetings of the Board, without a valid reason, shall terminate his membership on the Board and create a vacancy. Vacancies on the Board, created thus or through resignation, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, subject to the approval of the Section at the next Annual Meeting.

7. Officers shall be elected by the Directors from among their number at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual Meeting. They shall consist of President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, with the last two combined if found desirable. The term of office shall be for one year.

8. The Directors shall elect from their number two Trustees to the G.M.C. In the event that Director candidates

for the office of Trustee are found lacking the Directors may seek candidates from the general Section membership.

9. The By-laws may be amended by a 3/4 vote of the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority vote of the Section members at the Annual Meeting, following a notice of at least two weeks.

10. The Board shall meet at least twice a year, upon the call of the President, or at the request of three or more Directors. A quorum for all business of the Board, other than amendment of the By-laws, shall be a majority of the total number of Directors.

11. The Annual Meeting shall be held in January to nominate and to elect Directors, hear reports of the Officers and Trustees, plan for the coming year and to transact any other appropriate business.

12. Annual dues, to cover the G.M.C. assessment, trail and shelter work, social and other appropriate activities, publication of a news letter, shall be set by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority vote at the Annual Meeting.

* * *

SMOKE AND BLAZES STAFF

Assembler & Typist: Frances Roberts

Adviser: Betty Weeks

Printer & Mailer: "Wes" Weston

Contributors to this Issue:

Robert Carey

Diana Conlon

"Doc" Howard

Peter Palen

Vera Perkins

Churchill Scott

Allen Wood

* * *

DEADLINE FOR NEWS FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE AND BLAZES is March 15. Send to Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt. 05156

Blue Ridge Mt., Oct. 14. The hike up Blue Ridge provided one real thrill for some of the hikers. Weatherwise the day was not just what we could have ordered for this fall hike which can be so gorgeous. It was cloudy, cold and windy. Just how windy we didn't fully realize until we reached the top. Here we had in addition to the wind some slight precipitation closely resembling snow.

However, there were 11 starters up the mountain. Doc Howard was on hand to start us off and hike for a short distance. Doc's four legged friend hiked with us all day and we returned him to Doc on our way home.

Arriving on top, we found a somewhat sheltered spot for lunch and surely appreciated the hot coffee the first arrivals had ready.

We didn't linger on top. Four of us started down immediately after lunch, which we will always regret, and the others soon followed.

The second contingent were the lucky ones. As they stopped to greet Churchill who was on his way up, they spotted three bears ambling through the woods! Nancy Martin was able to snap a picture which unfortunately didn't show them too clearly due to distance and intervening trees. This incident was really the high point of the day.

We met Wes Weston with Rascal and Sport before we reached the clearing, stopped to say "hello" to Mary and Craig Perkins, and were soon joined by the rest of the group. So ended another good Killington Section hike--always interesting and always fun.

Vera A. Perkins

Little Rock Pond, Oct. 27. Twenty-two people and four dogs attended the hike to Little Rock Pond with Elizabeth Weeks as substitute leader for absent Virginia Day. Seventeen of us followed the old East Wallingford-Wallingford Pond Road to the Long Trail across and along the Homer Stone Brook to Little Rock Pond. The remainder followed the Long Trail south and met the rest of us at the newly located Lula Tye shelter for lunch. On the return trip we stopped at the new location of Little Rock Pond shelter. The original shelter on the island in the pond and

the bridge were removed when the shelter was relocated some distance from the pond. Weather was cloudy and cool with some sun on the return trip.

Allen W. Wood

Stratton Pond, Nov. 10. Jim Frink and one other lady hiker met leaders Peter and Teen Palen in Arlington 10 A.M. on a cold, grey, windy day. By the time we drove up the mountain to our starting point on the new LT relocation it was nearly 11 A.M. We had a very muddy hike in to the Pond with frequent snow squalls. After some effort we managed to get a fire started from wet wood as there was no dry wood at the shelter. While we were enjoying hot soup, Ray Gecor and Anne Boucher arrived to swell our number to six. After lunch we started promptly back as it was extremely windy and cold. The walk back was slippery on ground turned white with snow.

Peter Palen

Pico Peak, Dec. 1. The hike to Pico Peak showed that one never knows how many will show up for a hike. December first was a dull, cloudy day. Despite this, eight hikers, including myself met at the fire station. It was good to see some new people, including Janet Gustafson. Paschal DeBlasio came, also. On the way up, we stopped at Doc's and met Mauri Winturri.

There was just a dusting of snow on the ground when we started the climb. Soon we gained enough elevation to be in an area in which the trees were coated with rime ice. It looked like a winter wonderland.

At the junction, we split up. I led one group to the summit and Jim Frink took the others directly to the camp. We expected them to have the fire going and the water hot. When we arrived at the camp, after a pretty good view at the top, there was no fire. The wood on the ground had gotten a thorough soaking before it froze, and the standing dead wood was coated with rime ice. There was no dry wood in the shelter.

While we were looking for dry wood, three more hikers arrived. They helped us look for wood. After about an hour (and several tries) we did manage to get a fire going, despite all the adversities. After some time, with the water still cold, we decided to leave. Some

hikers had brought thermoses of -4- coffee and these were generously shared. All in all it was an enjoyable hike, even though it wasn't on snowshoes.

Robert Carey

Christmas Party, Dec. 15. The Christmas party this year is a little difficult to describe. Fifteen attended; all had a good time; it was noisy; there were lots of goodies, like cakes, cookies, candy, etc., that were generously passed around, and the hot drinks furnished by the Club really hit the spot. There were at least three non-GMC members as guests who seemed to be having a ball. Annie Boucher was there way from Springfield, Mass.

A group hiked to Spring Lake clearing over to the parking space, in the morning, and in the afternoon a group hiked around the beaver dam. We tea drinkers sat close to the stove. I believe this is an ideal set-up for a hike--short for us old folks, with lots of space and trails for further excursions for the more ambitious.

Again let me emphasize--don't let winter discourage you from a hike. With clothing we have today they can be most enjoyable and comfortable.

One disappointment was that more did not attend. We missed the Springfield, Vt., crowd. In talking it over later several of us came to the conclusion that Sunday afternoon would be a better time for future Christmas parties.

Harold Howard

Johnson Shelter, Jan. 5, 1974. This hike fell on a beautiful sunny day with fresh sparkling snow underfoot, but at a depth to permit us to walk in without snowshoes.

On our way up to the starting point we stopped in at Doc Howard's for a warming cup of coffee which was a wonderful eye-opener and also primed us for the very cold morning.

Attendance was on a 3 to 1 ratio--15 adults and 5 dogs! We think an award for the member who travels the furthest and most often should go to Mauri Winturri of Fitchburg, Mass.

The last few hikes we've had very reluctant fires but fortunately, this time (at an open shelter in winter) the GMC pot boiled by lunch time and we sure enjoyed the warmth of a roaring

fire. Everyone seemed to have had a good time and on our return trip several of the younger members took the long way back around Deer Leap.

Poem for the day:

Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
We all enjoyed
Weston's hot stew.

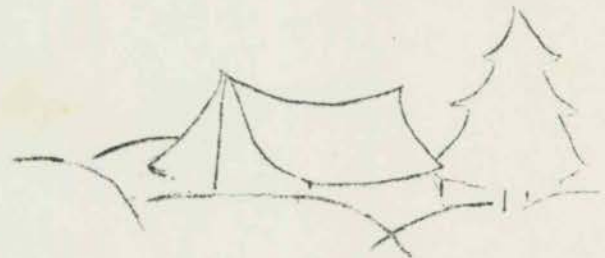
Diana Conlon

* * *

Killington Section members might be interested in what the Connecticut Section schedules for winter hikes: Jan. 18/19. Peter Dabbs is working on a Winter Backpack in New Hampshire, hopefully on the Lafayette Ridge... Feb. 8/10. Weekend at Derrybrook, Vt....

Feb. 16/17. Beginner's Backpack... into and out of a campsite where we will tent and climb...We will help you rent or borrow needed equipment.

Three additional less ambitious hikes were planned for January and February. Winter camping sounds great to your editors. Any takers? Let us know at the Annual Meeting.



* * *

PORCUPINES

My father-in-law, age 87 and a Vermont farmer all his life, looked somewhat askance at me when I suggested that porcupines did quite a lot of damage in the woods. He promptly told me that the amount of damage they did didn't amount to a row of fiddlesticks. On my property here in Mendon there are three porcupine dens which I have observed closely for over eleven years. This, together with my 65 years, much of which has been spent in the woods of our beautiful state, brings me to the same conclusion--the damage they do is negligible. One

observation I have made is that they -5-
gnaw mostly bent, short, scrubby trees
that aren't going to make it anyhow.
Rarely have I seen where they chewed
on a good, tall, healthy tree.

You will hear farmers say, "I wish
they'd kill off every last deer."
They nibble on the crops. Bears kill
a sheep or a calf once in a while,
hawks kill an occasional chicken. Owls,
bobcats, wolves, and foxes kill our
small game. Of course, the law says
we can shoot raccoons, rabbits, par-
tridge, skunk, squirrels and other game
so we do it---do not the powers that
be sanction it? Sure, we're holier than
thou--we're within the law! Try to
think of a species of animal that
somebody doesn't want to eradicate.

Now, Mr. G.M.C.'er, don't you think
it's about time we changed our tune
regarding "Porkie?" Sure, he's a
prickly old thing and he chews on our
precious shelters, but which is more
important, a fellow mammal or our
shelters? Often he is the only wild
creature of any size that we see while
hiking. So, let's find some other way
to protect our shelters and leave our
spiked friend alone.

Harold Howard

* * *

TAKEN FROM AN AUDUBON NATURE BULLE
TIN:

HUMAN ENGRAVINGS

Evidence of serious damage by the
highest of all living forms is shown
....This organism has two legs,
two arms, and a highly developed brain
which should inform him that this
National Park is the property of every
one. Only by consideration and pro-
tection...will we be able to preserve
the beauties and wonders of the area
for the future. Destruction by human
is one of the worst problems in the
preservation of our National Parks.
Moral: do not cut on the trees!

* * *

There is a pleasure in the pathless
woods,
There is a rapture on the lonely shore
There is society where none intrudes
By the deep sea, and music in its roar

I love not man the less, but nature
more,
From these our interviews in which I
steal
From all I may be, or have been before
To mingle with the universe, and feel
What I can ne'er express, yet cannot
all conceal.

Lord Byron

Tear off and bring to Annual Meeting or send to Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St.,
Rutland, Vt. 05701

Suggestions for 1974 hikes: _____

Are you willing to lead a hike? _____ If so, what date do you prefer? _____

Name _____ Tele. _____

Address _____

SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 26, No. 2 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Apr.-June, 1974

COMING OUTINGS

Note: Koltonski Fire Station where hikers meet is adjacent to Main St. (Rte. 7) Park in Rutland.

Sun., Mar. 31, 10 a.m., Clarendon Shelter, Lou Catozzi, Leader. We will meet at the Fire Station and then drive to the LT crossing at Rte. 103. The hike in is .8 mi. Others may go farther.

Sat., Apr. 6, 1 p.m., Sugar-on-Snow Party, Harold Howard, Leader. We will meet at the Fire Station before going to Doc's. We will get snow, somehow! Plan to come and have a good time.

Sat., Apr. 20, 1 a.m., Haystack Mt., Churchill Scott, Leader. Meet at the Fire Station. We drive on Rte. 30 to a side road about 1.7 mi. north of Pawlet. Then drive another .7 mi. From there we hike about 2 mi. to the summit. There should be good views of Lake St. Catherine and the area. We will return the same way.

Sun., Apr. 28, 10 a.m., Mt. Aeolus, Mrs. George L. Kirk, Leader. After meeting at the Fire Station, we drive to the E. Dorset area and hike 4 mi. Hopefully there will be some early spring flowers.

WORK PARTIES: Sat., May 4, May 18, and June 22, all at 9 a.m. For each of these meet at the Fire Station. Harold (Doc) Howard will be the Leader. He will decide what work is needed most at that time. Let's have everyone out to keep our reputation for the best Trail maintenance.

Sat., May 11, 9 a.m., Cantilever Rock, Meet at the Fire Station. Kim Scott is the Leader. We drive to Mt. Mansfield at the Underhill State Camping Area. Then hike the Cantilever Rock Trail to Cantilever Rock. Round trip distance is 3 mi. This should be an interesting hike.

Sun., June 2, 9 a.m. White Rocks, Judy Geczi, Leader. Meet at the Fire Station. Drive to Wallingford Gulf. This is a good hike for those who do not like to go on long hikes.

Sun., June 16, 9 a.m. Pittsford Ice Caves with Burlington Section. Meet at the Fire Station. Then drive to Pittsford to meet members of the Burlington Section. This is a short hike, about 1 mi. each way. The caves will be cool, with ice and snow. Let's have a good crowd to meet the Burlington Section.

Bob Carey, Hike Chairman

COME * * * COME * * * COME * * * COME * * * COME * * *

to the special meeting of the Killington Section, GMC, on Friday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Universalist-Unitarian Church, 117 West St., Rutland, to discuss the question of an Executive Secretary and to vote on a donation to the Pittsford Ice Cave Fund. It is expected that Mrs. Jean Davis of Betsy Gax Camp will be on hand to discuss the latter.

ATTEND * * * ATTEND * * * ATTEND * * * ATTEND * * *
PORCUPINES

You have made a brand new john
And stood it on a nit
And staring down into the yawn
You are very proud of it.
But when you pass that way again
The hole is getting bigger
A porcupine, with no disdain,
Has attacked it with some vigor.
Now I'll fix your wagon, you decide
And with a club you lay in wait.
There was nothing to it, you confide,
As Porky met his fate.
Hang by the tail, you foul ingrate,
For all to see and know
That porcupines who desecrate
Are going to have to go.

Remedies: Creosote. Keep your dog tied. Good housekeeping. (Turn to p. 2 for source and background.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

W. C. Scott

Page 2

Cash on Hand 1/1/73

\$2220.08

INCOME:

Dues	363.75
Interest	105.21
Gifts	30.00
Guide Book Sales	6.00
Covered Dish Supper	5.00
Herb Ogden Poster Sales	.40

Total

510.36

2730.44

EXPENSES:

Dues to Main Club	134.25
Trails & Shelters	73.08
Smoke & Blazes	52.00
Fred A. Field Shelter Ins.	41.40
Postage	32.70
Outings	30.66
Flowers for Kay Howard and	
Heart Fund Contribution (Mrs. Stare)	28.10
Sugar on Snow Party	24.83
Annual Meeting Expense for Church	20.00
Covered Dish Supper	14.75
Telephone Expense	9.59
Secretary's Expenses	7.21
Tamarack Notch-Aitken Forest Assoc.	5.00

Total

473.57

\$2256.87

Balance 12/31/73

(Continued from p. 1) The poem "Porcupines" was sent in by Mason Ingram, Editor of the Pioneer Valley Section, GMC, bulletin Trail Windings, and is a response to Doc Howard's article in the last issue of Smoke & Blazes. In the accompanying letter Mason explained,

for him was the one that is enclosed.

The editors of Smoke & Blazes are pleased to hear from other GMC bulletins, especially in support of such eye- and mind-opening commentaries as Doc Howard's.

* * *

KILLINGTON SECTION DIRECTORS' MEETING

Doc's views on the porcupine may well exemplify the kind of rethinking all of us may be compelled to face as man's progress continues to advance in the face of ever increasing danger signals. The outdoors cannot be at one and the same our cathedral and our playground.

A few years back we observed our first Earth Day here in Springfield, Massachusetts, and Pioneer Valley Section was asked to put on a display. I contrived a "Problem Wildlife Survey" with the point that we ought to try more to live with our problem wildlife. One of the incidents that prompted this interest was a public hanging we had of a porcupine at Congdon Camp the previous October. Naturally, Porky was one of the creatures featured in my display. The card

A Board of Directors Meeting was held on Wednesday, Fe. 20, 1974, at the home of Wilbur Weston. Present were Frederica Welch, Vera Perkins, Janet Martin, Thelma Valiquette, Wes Weston and Churchill Scott. Dr. Howard was absent on account of illness, and letters were received from Teen Palen and Terry Gulick expressing their regrets for being absent.

The following officers were chosen:
 President - Wilbur Weston
 V. Pres. - Frederica Welch
 Sec.-Treas. - W. Churchill Scott
 Committee Chairmen:
 Trails - Paul Howard
 Shelters - Dr. Howard
 Outings - Robert Carey
 Membership - Thelma Valiquette
 Entertainment - Janet Martin and Vera

Wes spoke about setting a deadline on payment of dues, mentioning the by-laws of the Conn. Section. It was suggested that our dues stay the same and that as the Treasurer must report and pay assessment to Main Club for each member by April 1, a member shall be dropped if dues are not paid by April 1 of each year.

In order to cause less confusion, it was suggested that the Section's annual meeting be held on the third Friday of January each year and that it would be listed on the fall and winter hike schedule as the last activity.

We hope to put in the next issue of Smoke & Blazes a request for more hike leaders and more suggestions for places to go on our next schedule.

Janet Martin made a motion, seconded by Frederica Welch, to contribute \$5.00 to the Tamarack Notch-Aitken Forest Assoc., and it was approved.

It was suggested that stamps be purchased for one year's postage on Smoke & Blazes to eliminate one step in preparing the mailing.

Paul Howard offered to make placards for each shelter inviting persons to become members of the Killington Section. We want to thank him very much for his offer, but after much discussion it was felt that notices attached to the front of the shelter registers would do as well.

Thelma Valiquette led a discussion on the duties and work of a Membership Committee.

Frances Roberts shall be asked to have dues notice outlined in black for emphasis.

Directors' Meeting notices shall be sent to Smoke & Blazes.

Trustees shall vote as directed by the majority of section members.

A special meeting will be held on Friday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Universalist-Unitarian Church, 117 West St., Rutland, to discuss the question of an Executive Secretary which was tabled at our last regular meeting. And also, we hope to have Mrs. Jean Davis of Betsy Cox Camp discuss the Pittsford Ice Cave Fund.

A motion was made by Janet Martin and seconded by Fredrica Welch to make a donation to this fund. The amount is to be decided by the Section members.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary, K.S.G.M.C.

NOTE: The Resolution Page 3 regarding the acquisition of an Executive Secretary is printed below in order to familiarize Section members with the question to be voted upon at the Special Meeting on March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Universalist-Unitarian Church, 117 West St., Rutland.

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Executive Secretary of an organization receives, reads, and answers most of the mail; works in the nerve center of the organization; sees and counsels various visitors; often supervises all publications, and in general directs much of the activities: and

Whereas an Executive Secretary usually remains in office for years while the elected officers come and go: and

Whereas an Executive Secretary is apt to become the dominating force in an organization and such would radically change the tradition and character of the Green Mountain Club: and

Whereas the expense of the office would necessitate continued and concentrated effort to recruit new members and other sources of income, thereby creating a larger, unwieldy organization with huge budgets: and

Whereas the extra work of the President that has occurred in the past few years could be handled by one or two competent regular secretaries: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Killington Section go on record as being opposed to any change in the by-laws of the Green Mountain Club which would create a position for an Executive Secretary.

(The above Resolution was discussed at the Killington Section annual meeting on Feb. 1, 1974.)

* * *

CONGRATULATIONS go to Bob Carey on his spring and summer hike schedule. However, Bob is sending out an S.O.S. for more hike suggestions and leaders for the remainder of the year. His address is 78 Church St., Rutland, Vt. 05701, Tel. 775-5720. MORE HIKES, MORE LEADERS. MORE HIKES. MORE LEADERS.

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held on Feb. 1, 1974, at the C.V.P.S. Corp. meeting rooms. There were 43 members and guests present.

Pres. Secor opened the 62nd (we believe) annual meeting at 7:15 p.m. with praise for the good job that Frances Roberts, Editor-in-Chief, and Betty Weeks have done on Smoke & Blazes.

Terry Gulick gave a report on the Trustees' Meeting. Also explained that new-comers do not know the location of the Koltonski Fire Station where our hikes begin. This should be clarified in hike notices to the paper and in Smoke & Blazes.

It was suggested that letters of appreciation be written to Peggy Pons who is resigning as editor of The Long Trail News after many competent years.

Jim Frink spoke on outings he has chaired, and how well his hard work has paid off in larger attendance.

Miss Hinchey, Corresponding Secretary of the GMC, was introduced.

The terms of Jim Frink, Ray Secor and Churchill Scott as directors ended, and Vera Perkins, Thelma Valiquette, and Churchill Scott were elected to serve for 3 years on the Board.

Richard Roberts suggested that a nominating committee be appointed, and this will be followed at the next meeting.

Terry Gulick introduced Gardiner Lane, Presidential Assistant, who spoke about the GMC, its growth and increasing problems as years go by. An estimated 50,000 hikers annually use this public service; 10,000 Guide Books sold; there are over 3,000 members-at-large, and half of the LT is on Federal or State Land. These were the highlights of Gardiner's talk. Mr. Lane has spent much time in obtaining land acquisition agreements with private land owners, and this is now nearly finished.

Ray discussed a resolution on an executive secretary. Wes read same, and spoke at length about it. Betty Weeks suggested we go slow on the matter for the Club has grown greatly and it is difficult to find a person willing to do the work for free. Terry added that we may not be able to find a president who will serve without remuneration due to the large amount

of travel and paper work required.

Ray received many reports of poor trail conditions due to the Club's worry about other subjects than trails and shelters. Old time members are becoming disillusioned and turning away.

Wes Weston stated that he does not favor a big push for large membership and the accompanying increase of dues due to increased budget and inflation. He spoke of the dual responsibility of Clarendon Bridge, and the importance of replacing it soon.

Lloyd Weeks made a motion to table the resolution, and it was seconded by Peter Palen. The motion was carried. It was suggested that a job description be written up for an executive secretary.

Gardiner Lane conveyed a message from the Burlington Section for a joint hike to the Pittsford Ice Caves, and the date they suggested was June 16.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20. It was followed by a pleasant social hour in charge of Janet and Vera. This hour is the most enjoyable part of our annual meeting, and it should happen more often. Our thanks again to all the ladies.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary, K3GMC

* * *

DUES	DUES	DUES	DUES	DUES
Dues are payable on or before April 1 and should be mailed or given to W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701. The dues are:				
Adult			Spouse	
#3.00 Section			\$2.00 Section	
1.50 Main Club			1.50 Main Club	
\$4.50			\$3.50	
Family Jr.			Single Jr.	
\$0.00 Section			\$1.00 Section	
.75 Main Club			.75 Main Club	
\$.75			\$1.75	
			Senior Citizen	
			\$1.00 Section	
			1.50 Main Club	
			\$2.50	
DUE APRIL 1	DUE APRIL 1	DUE APRIL 1		



SCENE AT GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER, FEB. 17, by LLOYD WEEKS

HIKE REPORTS

Tinker Brook Shelter, Mar. 2. There were 15 hikers, including myself. The road was closed to traffic so we had to hike from Rte. 100. Of course, we had planned to, anyway.

The weather was nice, but not much snow. At the shelter we built a hot fire and had hot water within minutes. The shelter is in a very beautiful spot, with the pines, but it is quite a drop down to the water in Tinker Brook.

We returned the same way, and all agreed that it was a good outing.

Robert Carey, Outing Chairman Sunnyside, Jan. 19. Lou Catozzi, Bob Carey, John Braddock and I departed about 11 a.m. for an overnight hike to Sunnyside. We found the camp in good order, with ample firewood. The weather turned out to be beautiful, and snow was plentiful. Mid-afternoon brought a group of 9 Boy Scouts and their leader from the Brattleboro area. This made a total of 14 over-nighters, a bit crowded to say the least, but a bunch of happy kids.

In the morning the Scouts left and we had only a matter of moments to tidy up the camp before the GMC hikers were scheduled to arrive. By the time they

--Churchill Scott, Doc Howard, Wes Weston and others--did arrive, we had the "old" coffee pot on and water hot for drinks. With side hikes, hot drinks, sandwiches and good conversation, a good time was had by all.

Paul Howard

Northam to Plymouth, Mar. 16. Wet snow and wind greeted the 13 hardy souls that gathered by the Fire Station. After a bit of discussion we all drove to Plymouth with the plan to spot a couple of cars. The conditions were so bad that by the time Plymouth was reached we parked at Round Top and hiked from there.

After crossing Great Roaring Brook we found a sheltered spot for lunch in some evergreens. As most of the group then wanted to hike a bit farther, we continued west. At two and a half miles, according to Mauri's pedometer, we turned around and retraced our steps.

The drive home was an ordeal, but as soon as Sherburne Pass was reached the snow changed to rain. Hopefully we can take this walk again as this is a very interesting and historical area.

Abbott, Keith, Kevin & Kim, 23 Pine St., Springfield, Vt. 05156
 Adams, Martha, 46 Roberts Ave., Rutland 05701
 Arnold, Shirlee, Box 95, Whiting 05778
 Berg, Anna, 10 Pleasant St., N. Clarendon 05759
 Blaskovich, Mrs. W. J., 9 Amherst Lane, Dearborn, Mich. 48120
 Bryant, Harriot, Box 131, Dorset 05251
 Cahee, Hedrick & Christine, 179 Union St., Springfield 05156
 Carey, Robert, 78 Church St., Rutland 05701
 Catozzi, Louie & Raymond, 103 Bellevue Ave., Rutland 05701
 Charman, Carol, Elm St., Rutland 05701
 Charland, Rachael, 76 S. Main St., Rutland 05701
 Conlon, George & Diana, RFD #2, Rutland 05701
 Day, Wilman & Virginia, Brockway Mills Rd., Springfield 05156
 Postman, Ruth, 25 Seabury St., Rutland 05701
 Frink, James, 60 Litchfield Ave., Rutland 05701
 Geczi, Judy, 51 Kingsley Ave., Rutland 05701
 Gulick, Charles B. 3rd., RFD Springfield, 15156
 Hinchey, Minerva, 45 Park St., Rutland 05701
 Howard, Dr. Harold, Woodstock Stage Rd., Rutland 05701
 Howe, Mark, 33 Fairground Rd., Springfield 05156
 Kirk, Mrs. George, 8 E. Washington St., Rutland 05701
 LaBlanc, Mary E., RFD, E. Wallingford 05742
 Magoon, Paul & Jeffrey, RFD #1, Box 475, Springfield 05156
 Martin, Jack, Janet, Betsy, Nancy, David & Tom, 7 Curtis Ave. Rutland 05701
 Mumford, Louise B., RFD #1, Rutland 05701
 Mausolff, Anne, Box 145, Weston 05161
 Newton, Doris, 26 Boutwell Rd., Andover, Mass. 01810
 Nickerson, Russell, RFD, Orwell 05760
 Ogden, Herbert G., Jr., Box 119, RFD #1, Windsor 05089
 Palen, Peter & Teen, Box 163, Hurley, N. Y., 12443
 Perkins, Craig & Mary, Woodstock Stage Rd., Rutland 05701
 Perkins, Vera, 242 S. Main St., Rutland 05701
 Renyes, Andrea, 89 Davis St., Rutland 05701
 Roberts, Richard & Frances, 2 Hill Pl., Springfield 05156
 Rogers, Harold & Florence, RFD, N. Clarendon 05759
 Rozowicz, Linda, 562 W. 193rd. St., N. Y. C., N. Y. 10040
 Russell, Ellen, 33 Thayer St., Providence, R. I. 02906
 Scott, W. Churchill & Kim, 132 Maple St., Rutland 05701
 Staack, Betty, Killington 05751
 Start, Sherwin, 18 Pine St., Rutland 05701
 Valiquette, John & Thomas, RFD #2, Rutland 05701
 Valiquette, Thelma, 93 Killington Ave., Rutland 05701
 Walker, Eleanor, 87 Baxter St., Rutland 05701
 Weeks, Lloyd & Betty, 7 Harvard St., Springfield 05156
 Welch, Frederica, Woodstock Stage Rd., Rutland 05701
 Wellman, Mary L., RFD #2, Poultney 05764
 Weston, Wilbur & Bailey, 48 Edgerton St., Rutland 05701
 Wilson, Carleton, 9 Harvard St., Rutland 05701
 Wintturi, Mauri, 179 High St., Fitchburg, Mass. 01420
 Maier, Elsie, 280 Fort Washington Ave., N.Y.C., N.Y. 10032

* * * *

The February issue of The Long Trail News was mailed to section members on Monday, March 11, 1974. If any members do not receive their copy within a reasonable time, please notify W. Churchill Scott, Secretary, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt., 05701.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES is June 15. Send news to Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield Vt. 05156.



SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 26, No. 3 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - July-Sept., 1974

COMING OUTINGS

Note: Koltonski Fire Station where hikers meet is adjacent to Main St. (Rte. 7) Park in Rutland.

Sat., July 6, 9 a.m., CHATAGUY AREA,

Dr. Harold Howard, Leader. Meet at the fire station. Drive to Bridgewater Corner and then north to Bridgewater Center. Continue on that road for about five miles until the road is no longer drivable. Then start hiking. At the Appalachian Trail crossing those interested may follow the Trail; others will follow the road as far as the group wishes.

Sat.-Sun., July 20-21, LONG TRAIL OVERNIGHT, SMUGGLER'S NOTCH TO VT. 15,

Wes Weston, Leader. Meet at the fire station at 9 a.m. on Saturday. This is the only scheduled overnight, and it is a good chance to get some of the Long Trail done. The hike will be about 15 miles, with the distance being evenly broken up by the stay at Whiteface Shelter.

Sat., July 27, 9 a.m., EXPLORATION

HIKE, HERRICK MT., Rob Carey, Leader.

This is the mountain to the southwest of West Rutland. There are several promising routes. Meet at the fire station. Drive to West Rutland and then take Rte. 133. Follow this road for several miles to the Town Hall at Ira and turn right there. Follow this road for about 1 1/2 miles. Then start hiking. There should be old wood roads most of the way. Total distance should be 5 or 6 miles.

Sat., Aug. 3, 9 a.m., MT. CARMEL,

Mauri Wintturi, Leader. Meet at the fire station. Hikers will take the New Boston Trail (Dir. VI, Lf Guide) to the Long Trail, then take the spur to the summit. Hopefully, the Boiling Spring will be located.

Sun., Aug. 18, 9 a.m., GRAMPA'S KNOB, Leader, TBA. This mountain is near Proctor. Hiking distance is about 3 miles. There should be good views from the summit.

* * *

We are working on the FALL & WINTER HIKE SCHEDULE and would like suggestions. If you are willing to lead a hike please write to:

Robert Carey, Outing Chrm.
78 Church St.
Rutland, Vt. 05701

Tell where you would like to go and when. If possible, give an alternate date.

* * *

MANY HELPING HANDS

Alerted by Churchill Scott who, the morning of April 10, was notified of some missing hikers following a near 2-foot snowfall, a group of young GMC'ers, Churchill and Terry Gulick met at the Rutland State Police Barracks to prepare to locate them.

Along with members of the Vermont State Police, US Forest Service, and snowmobile volunteers, search parties were organized and located at various points to be taken into the Long Trail between Sherburne Pass and Brandon Gap. One group was set to enter at Sherburne Pass, others were at the jeep road going into Rolston's Rest from Rte. 100, and still others prepared to come in from other side roads, if necessary. Concentrating on the southern portion was the initial goal.

Meanwhile, clouds lifted and a helicopter from Plattsburgh Air Base, retained by our State Police, ended the search by locating the hikers, three 15-yr. old girls from Long Island, who were walking in the Rolston Rest-Noyes Pond area when seen

by the pilot and Joe Sposta of the USFS, who guided the pilot.

According to reports, the girls were not lost, but stayed at Rolston's Rest during the storm. Concern from worried parents brought out the search party. One report suggested that there was reluctance from one girl about leaving.

GMC participants besides Churchill and Terry included Kate Tarbell of Wallingford, John and William Dunkle, N. Y. Section members and two of their friends, all from Staten Island, N. Y. The four boys abandoned a scheduled 5-day, 50-mile hike the day of the storm at Rte. 9 Bennington, because of the deep snow, but not until they hiked 5 miles from Congdon Camp during the storm. Proper preparations and experience prevented any discomforts. Their hike had started Sunday at Blackington, Mass.

Terry Gulick

* * *

CALIFORNIA END-TO-END'ERS

Four members of the California Branch of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club have earned end-to-end recognition for completing their trek along the John Muir Trail in California. They are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Perkins and their children, Polly and Tim, all of San Jose, Calif. Perkins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Perkins of Mendon. The John Muir Trail runs for 210 miles through the High Sierra from Yosemite Valley to the Summit of Mt. Whitney. The Perkins's hike was undertaken on four-and five-day trips begun in 1964.

(The above was clipped from the Rutland Herald, April 4, 1974, and sent to Smoke & Blazes by President Weston as an item of interest to many members of the Section.)

* * *

HIKE REPORTS

Sugar-on-Snow Party, April 6. About 17 attended and we were disappointed that there were not more. Usually this event draws twice that number. I built a fire up at the sugar house but no one seemed too interested, so we congregated in the house for the goodies. And goodies they were!

We put the syrup on at about 9 a.m. and between Fredrica Welch and Ardelle Blood, the pot was watched with an eagle eye until about 1:30. We had considerable syrup left over and we worked another 2-3 hours and made enough maple spread to fill 10 plastic bowls, all of which now have GMC labels on them. Churchill and I will keep this and we can use it at the covered dish supper or at the next Annual Meeting.

I believe future Sugar-on-Snow parties would attract more people if held indoors in the evening.

Harold Howard, KS, GMC

Haystack Mt., Apr. 20. Eleven cheery souls (with two little dogs belonging to Wes Weston) trekked up Pawlet's "Little Gibraltar" on a perfect spring day.

The old coach road, which used to run almost to the top, turned into steep going after a little bit, but the hike was leisurely and most pleasant for all.

The view from the bald summit, known in the 19th century as one of the finest panoramas in Vermont, was almost hazeless, and included peaks from Pico to Little Killington.

After lunch in the warm, drowsy sun, we picked our way down through the still bare woods and split up. A very rewarding trip!

Zane Rodriguez

Work Party, May 4. The trail was checked and cleared from Sunnyside Camp to the Lower Cold River Road.

Wilbur Weston, Ian Wark and Al Reiner cleared from Rte. 103 via the covered bridge by-pass to Sunnyside.

Churchill Scott and Carl Schmidt started at the Lower Cold River Road and met Mauri Wintturi, Lew, Joey, and Billy Catozzi coming from the Lottery Road. Mauri did considerable blazing.

Yours Truly met the leaders of a Girl Scout troop at Route 140 who were supposed to clear from there north to Sunnyside. The project was called off because of threatening rain. (It turned out to be a beautiful day.) They plan to do that

action on May 18. I had the coffee pot boiling when all congregated at Sunnyside at 1:00 p.m.

On the drive up to the trail south of the covered bridge, we were all treated to the sight of two wild turkeys.

We had a great time and accomplished a lot. We plan to do from the Lower Cold River Road to Governor Clement Shelter the next time.

Work parties can be fun, you know! Don't let the word "work" scare you!

Harold Howard, Chm.
Trails, KS, GMC

Cantilever Rock, May 11. The Cantilever Rock hike to Mt. Mansfield turned out a few sturdy hikers for a very enjoyable trip.

Louise Mumford, Jim Frink, Bob Carey, Mauri Wintturi, Kim and Churchill Scott arrived at the Underhill State Park area about 11:30 a.m., so it was planned to eat first. Due to a long spell of rain we almost had a repetition of the Pico Trip but after lots of huffing and puffing we had a boiling pot of water.

Jim drove up the old C.C. road to the Sunset Ridge Trail, then an easy walk .5 miles to the C. Rock Trail. Then only .2 miles to our destination, a very spectacular rock formation. A number of pictures were taken and before long we started for home.

Plans were made for a hike (perhaps this fall) for a round trip using the Sunset Ridge Trail, the Long Trail along Mt. Mansfield, Butler Lodge, and Stevensville. If so, we hope to see more interested persons along for the trip.

Kim S. Scott

Work Party, May 18. We had planned to clear the trail from Lower Cold River Road to Governor Clement, however, a couple of days ago Scherwin Start called and said he had cleared that section and except for being muddy, it was in good condition. Many thanks, Scherwin!

The Bucklin trail had had little attention for years, and was considered to be our next most urgent problem. Rob Carey, Douglas Landon, Pam Kerstner, Lew Catozzi and I proceeded

to Brewers Corners. The entire trail was cleared and pronounced in good shape.

Jim Frink was at the fire station to see us off. However, he was headed for the annual Mt. Ascutney hike and regretfully could not join us.

Harold Howard, Chm.
Trails, KS, GMC

Pittsford Ice Caves, June 16. The hike to the Pittsford Ice Caves was a well attended, quite successful hike. It was a joint hike with the Killington and Burlington Sections, and because of the 37 members and guests that attended, I am not going to go into a list of names.

The Killington Section met as usual, at the Koltonski Fire Station in Rutland, and proceeded to Pittsford and the hike up the slope and ravine to the entrance to the cave. The planned meeting with the Burlington Section at the entrance of the State Police Academy in Pittsford could be called the only flaw in the plans. This writer understood that the meeting place was the Police Barracks in Rutland, and led three other cars to that point. After due conversation there, and just plain logic, we decided an error was made and proceeded to the trail to the caves. It was later that I learned that the meeting place was in Pittsford. However, an hour after the Killington Section's arrival at the caves, the Burlington Section hikers began to arrive, well equipped to rope themselves to the lower sections of the caves whereas the Killington members were not so equipped.

Of the 37 hikers, Killington Section was represented with 14, and the remainder from the Burlington Section. The lack of water there eliminated the old coffee pot and hot drinks, but we all had a fine lunch, and between the thermos bottles and Kool Aid bottles that were there, enough liquid was found to devour our sandwiches.

I am sure that Killington Section would have been better represented but for summer commitments that some

of our leading members had. I would call this hike a complete success, and the little rain that fell, I am sure, did not dampen the enjoyment of all.

Paul Howard

Pancake Breakfast, Mar. 23. On a beautiful snowy winter morning we drove to Rutland and picked up Judi before continuing up to Tall Timbers to attend the pancake breakfast. We were surprised to find that we were the first to arrive in spite of our long trip from Springfield. Craig Perkins welcomed us in the recreation hall where we sat around the stove waiting for others to arrive. Soon about a dozen hungry GMC'ers came in carrying all the fixin's for a delicious breakfast. Pancakes, bacon, eggs, fried potatoes and sausage along with good hot coffee, congenial company and Carl Schmidt's wonderful cooking made it a memorable occasion.

After breakfast some of the more hardy hiked or snowshoed up the Tall Timbers road. (Undoubtedly trying to work off all those calories!)

Betty Weeks

White Rocks, June 2. The hike to White Rocks brought out eleven hikers on a beautiful but buggy day. We drove up to the farmhouse at the end of the road and hiked up the Long Trail to Greenwall Shelter where we rested a bit before continuing the climb. The woods were full of spring flowers which some enjoyed identifying.

By the time we reached the turn-off we were so far apart that we didn't realize that some had failed to see the side trail sign and had continued on the Long Trail. We didn't miss the hikers until we reached the view. We were quite relieved when the lost hikers arrived as we were finishing lunch.

Since the bugs threatened to eat us before we could eat our lunch, we ate hastily and hurried back down the trail to the cars.

Betty Weeks

H-E-L-P

Any and all Killington Section adult male members who are willing and have the time to assist in the rebuilding of the Clarendon Gorge Bridge are respectfully requested to contact "Wes" Weston at 48 Edgerton St., Rutland, Vt., 05701, or call 775-2132.

It was indicated at the Annual Meeting of the GMC on May 25 that in the interest of safety, the young are urged to remain away from the work of construction. Helpers please indicate when you will be available.

* * *

FIRST PRIZE WINNER

Joe Baxter, 4th grader at Park St. School in Springfield, won first prize in a reading contest, and from a long list of prize possibilities (including a free movie ticket or a free sundae at Idlenot) chose an overnight on the Long Trail. So, your Editors, Betty Weeks and Frances Roberts, took him, along with Betty's grandson, Keith Abbott, to Sunnyside on Monday, June 24.

Joe had a wonderful time, even though it rained almost constantly, and he wants to become a GMC member and go on all the hikes!

Section members might be interested in the situation we found at Sunnyside. Shortly after we arrived a 27-member Boy Scout troop came in. Betty (as a good GMC member and ex-trustee) took the Leader aside and pointed out a few GMC rules, such as no campfires other than in the main fire circle. The Leader said Yes, he had shown the film we put out for youth groups; however, he still was unaware that such large contingents were not encouraged to stay at the shelters.

The boys were great, and the Leader certainly had them well organized. Really, the only complaint we had was that three patrols set up camp along the banks of Sunnyside's water supply. There were temporary fireplaces in that area, and no doubt the scouts

thought it was all right to camp there. Betty and I feel strongly that this area near the spring should be posted and made unattractive as a camping spot. A few boulders strategically placed, for example.

In all, there were 37 campers at Sunnyside, and on a Monday night in June! Luckily, Betty and I both have mountain tents which we could use. Three other parties used the shelter, and the scouts camped out.

Although it is generally believed that most LT hikers are not members, it was interesting to find out that nearly all the hikers we saw on that trip were GMC'ers--including the scouts.

We all had an interesting camnout, visiting with people from Florida, Ohio and Colorado--that's how it is on the LT nowadays. However, somehow large groups of people such as the 27 scouts should get the message that they cannot be accomodated at our shelters.

Frances Roberts

* * * * *

NEW MEMBERS AS OF JUNE 15, 1974

Baker, Eric, Prospect House, Bomoseen 05732
 Boucher, Anne, 148 Dorset St., Springfield, Mass. 01108
 Chrzanowski, Diane (JR), 63 Pine St., Rutland 05701
 Codman, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin, Woodstock, 05091
 Davies, Mrs. Jean, Camp Betsy Cox, Pittsford 05763
 Frink, Helen, 10 Elm St., Randolph 05060
 Gilman, Betty, 212 Adams St., Rutland 05701
 Howard, Paul R., 70 Allen St., Rutland 05701
 Kramer, Stephen, Wilson Sports "
 Mason, Dave, 49 S. Main St. "
 Maurer, Rick (JR), Box 328, Wilder 05088
 McKirryher, Mr. & Mrs. Brad, RD#2, Vergennes 05491
 Mulhausen, John (JR) and Paul (JR), 5221 Woodlawn Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn. 55417
 Nuffort, John, 453 Victor Way, Wyckoff, N. J., 07481
 Nyiri, Ama, 167 Stralton Rd., Rutland 05701
 Pearlstein, George, Box 115, West Pawlet 05775
 Perkins, Mr. & Mrs. Robert, 1141 Culligan Blvd., San Jose, Calif. 95120
 Reiner, Albert, Route 100, Pittsford 05762
 Rodriguez, Zane, and Zane (JR), Box 53, Pawlet 05761
 Reynolds, George, 8 Hillcrest Rd., Springfield 05156
 Roulier, Bettina, 25 Piedmont Pkway., Rutland 05701
 Schmidt, Mr. & Mrs. Carl, 73 Edgerton St., Rutland 05701
 Spencer, John, Cuttingsville, 05738
 Stare, Louis, 9 Angus Ave., Bass River, Mass. 02664
 Stearns, Carol, 57 Prospect St., Rutland 05701
 Tucker, Mr. & Mrs. Roger, RFD#1, Box 10, Ludlow 05149
 Wark, Ian, Stage Route, c/o Dr. Howard, Rutland 05701

* * *

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club wishes to thank the following members for gifts to be used for the work of the Section:

Harroitt Bryant, Mr. & Mrs. Hedrick Cahee, Mrs. George Kirk, Anne Mausolff, Paul and Jeffery Magoon, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Roberts, and Mauri Wintturi.

* * *

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES is September 15. Send news to Mrs. Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt., 05156, by that date. LEADERS, please use the post cards we send you as hike report reminders, and emphasize the importance of sending the material in right away.



MOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 26, No. 4 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Oct.-Dec., 1974

COMING OUTINGS

Note: Koltonski Fire Station where hikers meet is adjacent to Main St. (Rte. 7) Park in Rutland.

* * *

HIKE CHAIRMAN, ROBERT CAREY, HAS GONE TO COLLEGE, and your Directors are in the process of assembling a Fall and Winter schedule. Listed below are a few hikes coming up very soon. Watch the papers for more information about them. The complete schedule will be in your hands shortly.

Sat., Oct. 5, 8:30 a.m., MT. HUNGER,
K. Rice, Leader.

Sat., Oct. 12, 9 a.m., SILVER LAKE,
Doris Newton, Leader.

Sat., Oct. 19, COVERED DISH SUPPER.
Watch the papers for time and place.

****MANY INTERESTING HIKEs ARE IN THE WORKS. WATCH THE PAPERS AND CONSULT THE NEW SCHEDULE SOON TO REACH YOU.*****

THERE'S BAR IN THEM THAR HILLS!

Would you like to hear a bear story? Lloyd and Betty Weeks can tell you one.

It seems one dark and rainy night they pitched their mountain tent in the wilds of the Adirondaks, thinking they were alone. They tucked their packs in the tent with them out of the rain, and socked out as soon as they sacked in.

In the darkness before the dawn something woke them up. By the time Lloyd had unsacked and groped out, there was nothing there but the evidence--a knocked-down Space Blanket they had used as a tarp with absolutely, positively, no doubt about it bear-clawed holes in it.

Lloyd reconstructs that the night visitor had slapped at the tarp to get at the food supply--which was in the tent just below--but was frightened off (possibly by a loud snore?).

Well, that's what they get for leaving the Long Trail to hike in the Adirondaks.

F. Roberts

* * *

NEXT SMOKE & BLAZES DEADLINE IS DEC. 15. SEE P. 4 FOR PLACE TO SEND NEWS.

DIRECTORS' MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held at the home of Mr. Weston on Fri., Sept. 20, 1974.

Present were Mr. Weston, Frederica Welch, Janet Martin, Vera Perkins, Teen Palen and Churchill Scott. Also attending were Peter Palen, Paul Howard, Mauri Wintturi and Sherwin Start.

Was discussed a letter sent to the Directors during the summer in lieu of a meeting, and the questions it contained. A number of By-Law changes were mentioned. Art. #3 - All dues shall be paid by April 1. Art. #11 - Annual Meeting shall be held on the 3rd Saturday in January to nominate and elect directors. (Ed. note: It was suggested at the last annual meeting that a nominating committee be chosen so that a slate of officers could be presented at Annual Meetings.) Art. #5 - Length of term of officers should be deleted.

Vera stressed that persons elected to the Board of Trustees should be aware of the responsibility of attending meetings and taking an active part in the Club.

Paul Howard spoke on the following shelter conditions: Tucker-Johnson, good. Pico needs new stove pipe and Pico Ski Area rescue sled moved off roof. Tamarack in good shape. Gov. Clement has new wooden lower bunks. Clarendon is clean and good. Sunnyside needs new floor. It is hoped it will be repaired before winter.

Mr. Start accepted office of Trails Chairman. During the summer he has worked many hours cleaning and improving Trail. Also, he hopes to contact land owners and get permission to pass Trail at all hazardous points.

Mr. Weston spoke of danger with new bridge due to the long space between upright cables. The feeling is that there must be some protection to prevent any accidents before the snow and ice season begins.

The annual dues were discussed. With receipts and expenses about even, it was considered best to leave them as last year. Also, any dues money received after Oct. 1 shall be credited to the following year.

Janet Martin told of her latest talks with Mrs. Davies regarding the Pittsford Ice Caves Fund. The owner of the property has said that the building is for sale

also, and it is hoped that enough funds can be raised to purchase this natural area and preserve it for the future.

Mr. Start explained the work of the Youth Conservation Corps located at the Mt. Tabor area.

Mr. Weston spoke of discontent and friction between the Main Club and the Sections. He suggested two remedies. 1) Transmit all responsibility to Sections, and when the Sections were unable to deal with problems to ask the Main Club for help and assistance. 2) Pay all dues to Main Club, eliminate Sections and let the Main Club take over all responsibilities. Mr. Weston will draft a letter to the other Sections to get other opinions.

Respectfully Submitted
Churchill Scott, Sec.

* * * *

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, to Sept. 27

Baker, Eric, Prospect House, Bomoseen Vt., 05732
Kramer, Mrs. Mildred, 640 West 231 St Bronx, N. Y. 10463
Sanhir, Miss Margi, Box 81, Londonderry, Vt. 05148
Spencer, John, Cuttingsville, 05738
Stearns, Miss Carol, 57 Prospect St., Rutland, 05701
Turin, Boje, Box 465, Manchester Vt., 05254
Unsworth, Karen, 45 N. Main St., Apt. #2, Rutland 05701
Wood, Allen W., Bomoseen State Park Fair Haven, Vt., 05748

* * * *

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club wishes to thank the following members for gifts to be used for the work of the Section: Miss Helen Frink, Miss Ellen Russell and Miss Margi Saphir

* * * *



Tinmouth Channel, June 30. Three canoes and six hardy canoeists met under threatening skies for a canoe trip on Tinmouth Channel. By the time we had reached the launching point at a culvert in the north end of the town of Tinmouth the skies had cleared. At first glance this looked like an unlikely place to launch canoes. To the north the small rocky stream plunged rapidly down hill to become the headwaters of the Clarendon River.

We carried canoes down the steep bank and paddled south in a clear, alder lined stream. Avoiding rocks in the shallow waters, we soon reached deeper, wider stretches where the channel meandered through marshes and old beaver meadows. There are about four miles of canoeable waters here.

Many interesting water plants grow in the shallow waters, and small trout darted to hide in them. Clumps of yellow and blue iris were frequently seen, and yellow pond lilies lined the waterway.

We enjoyed glimpses of an occasional Virginia Rail running through the tall swamp grasses. The views of mountains beyond the marshes make this a scenic trip.

At one point an old beaver dam blocked the way, and we balanced precariously on the top to pull the canoes to the other side.

About noon we lashed the canoes together and ate lunch before returning. Aided by wind and good current, we soon reached the cars at the culvert.

Betty Weeks

Chataguay Area Hike, July 6. On Saturday, July 6, Doc Howard led a hike to the Chataguay Area. We all met at Doc's house and were on our way about 9:30. Albert Reinez, Bob Carey, Roberta and Sherman Start, Carl Schmidt, Louise Munford, Doc Howard and I made up the group.

When we arrived at the Chataguay Area we met some townspeople repairing the road. Some beavers built a dam, and with the help of the flood, forced the water over the road. After watching the road repair crew for a while, we started hiking. We hiked for about 2 1/2 miles. When we stopped for lunch we saw a

beautiful pond.

On the way down we looked through an old house that had burned down to nothing. From there we hiked on the Appalachian Trail and down to the dirt road to where the hike started.

The weather was perfect for hiking and we all had a very good time.

Pam Kerstner

Herrick Mountain, July 27. I led this hike and we did not get lost, although we did not get any view from the ridge. We found that it is possible to climb Herrick Mountain, but the chances of a view from it are slim. I think exploration hikes should be considered in the future.

Robert Carey

Mt. Carmel, August 3. This hike was led by Mauri Wintturi. We made good time to the Camp. There we had lunch and the more ambitious then continued to the summit. We had reports that the tower was unsafe, so we climbed it with extreme caution but found it safe. Unfortunately the view was very limited because of incoming clouds. All twelve of us returned from that hike also. R. Carey

Gov. Clement Shelter, Work Party, (Unscheduled), Aug. 10. In less than three hours Wes Weston (Rascal and Sport), Bob Carey, Paul Howard, Jr., Lou Catozzi and I, accomplished a task that should have been done years ago, in this writer's opinion.

Departing from Rutland in a L&W drive pick-up, loaded with pre-cut lumber, nails and tools, at some time after 1:00 p.m., we drove to the shelter, and with the assistance of some willing hikers (there were many on the trail that day) the lumber was unloaded & our work party proceeded to cover the worn-out lower wire mesh bunks with a "platform" type bunk, the popular type in today's hiking.

Wes, Bob, Lou and Paul all pounded nails to their heart's content, while I engineered the job. After the platform was completed, due to weak structure of the upper bunks, and using 2X6's, we reinforced the upper bunks, making them durable for another several years.

We were back in Rutland by 4:00 p.m., very satisfied that the job was done, and all agreed that this was not "labor," but more darn fun than a regular scheduled hike.

Paul R. Howard,
Shelters Chairman

Grampa's Knob, Aug. 18. This hike was changed to Gov. Clément Shelter where we inspected the new bunks. All found them satisfactory. This hike proved that one never knows what to expect on a hike. Just after we left the triangle a bear crossed the road ahead of us. You never know what you might miss if you don't go on the hikes.

Robert Carey

* * *

THE FOLLOWING POEM was sent in to Smoke & Blazes by Paul Howard with the comment, "Although it does not pertain to the GMC, I like it and you may find some use for it in your publication." Many GMC'ers will like it, too.

THE MAN IN THE GLASS

When you get what you want in your
struggle for self
And the world makes you king for a day,
Just go to a mirror and look at yourself,
and see
What that man has to say.

For it isn't your parents, your children,
or wife
Who judgement upon you must pass;
The fellow whose verdict counts most in
your life
Is the one staring back from the glass.

Some people may think you're a straight-
shooting chum
And call you a wonderful guy;
But the man in the glass says you're only
a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

He's the fellow to please, never mind all
the rest,
For he's with you clear up to the end;
And you've passed your most dangerous,
difficult test
If the man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down
the pathway of life
And get pats on your back as you
pass;
But your final reward will be heart-
ache and tears
If you've cheated the man in the
glass.

Author Unknown

* * *

HAVE YOU SEEN the write-up about hiking on the Long Trail in New England Sportsman Magazine, (Vol. 1, No. 2, March/April 1974)? Dexter Goulston tells of a 70-mile trip he took with his son and a German Shepherd in September of 1972. The blurb introducing the article makes this statement. "The 'Long Trail' between Mt. Horrid and Camel's Hump is famous for its porcupines, history wonderful scenery and not so reliable weather." Several colorful photos illustrate the article.

In his story, Mr. Goulston describes the painful results of a dog/porky encounter while on the Trail. In this same magazine, (published two years too late to help the Goulstons) is an article about the many uses of baking soda, including that of aiding in the removal of quills from a dog's nose. According to the author, Robert I. Ward, a mixture of 1 cup of vinegar and 2 tsp. baking soda applied gently on the quills at 3 ten-minute intervals will soften the lime and calcium composition of the quills and make them shrink. You can then remove the quills with very little discomfort. With so many dogs bounding along on our GMC hikes, it's good to know about this. An emergency supply in one's day pack might well be worth packing.

F. Roberts

* * * * *

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES is Dec. 15. Send news or items of interest (how about a "SWAP" section?) to Mrs. Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt., 05156, by that date.

Smoke and Blazes

Vol. 27, No. 1 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Jan.-Mar., 1975

COMING OUTINGS

Note: Koltonski Fire Station where hikers meet is adjacent to Main St. (Rte. 7) Park in Rutland.

Sun., Dec. 29, 4:00 p.m., MOONLIGHT

HIKE. Our annual moonlight hike to Tucker-Johnson Shelter is always a big favorite. Let's try to get a large turn-out and hope for clear, cold weather to enjoy a full moon. Meet at Koltonski F.S.

Sat., Jan. 18, ANNUAL MEETING, 7:00 p.m. SHARP. Details elsewhere

Sat., Jan. 25, 9:00 a.m., PINEY HOLLOW, PLYMOUTH AREA. This area has 3 open-front shelters ranging from 1 to 5 mi. distant, so everyone can have a choice of hikes in addition to other interesting spots to visit. Meet at Koltonski's.

*****Sun., Jan. 12, 9 a.m., PUDDLEDUCK SKI TOURING TRAILS, GRANVILLE GULF, Betty Staack, Leader. This area is located off Rte. 100 between Hancock and Warren. The brochure states that there are 3 1/2 mi. of marked trail suitable for ski touring, and trails difficult or requiring caution are designated. Most are on relatively rough terrain and should have good snow cover to avoid accidents and/or damage to equipment. Meet at Koltonski F. S.

Sun., Feb. 9, 9 a.m., GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER, Dick & Frances Roberts, Leaders. Rutland area people meet at the fire station and join the leaders at the junction of the wood road leading to Gov. Clement Shelter and the Upper Cold River road. Bring x-c skis or snowshoes. We have usually found a well packed snowmobile track to walk on as well.

Sun., Feb. 23, 9 a.m., NORTHAM PICNIC AREA. Lloyd & Betty Weeks, Leaders. Rutland area people meet at the fire station and join the leaders in North Shrewsbury where the Upper and Lower Cold River roads branch off from the road leading to Shrewsbury Peak. Bring

x-c skis or snowshoes, or just walk along a well-packed snowmobile track about 2 1/2 mi. to Northam Picnic area located at the base of Shrewsbury Peak trail. At this area is a large shelter with an indoor fireplace

* * *

ANNUAL MEETING

Killington Section Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18, at 7 p.m. sharp, at the Universalist-Unitarian Church on West St., Rutland.

The agenda includes reports of officers and chairmen; amendments to By-laws (details elsewhere in this paper); election of directors (retiring directors being Janet Martin, Harold Howard, and Fredricka Welch); discussion of what is expected and length of term of directors; refreshments; movie short on Clarendon Gorge Bridge, 16 mm.; square dance called by Louis Rousseau

Transportation to the Killington Section Annual Meeting will be provided if necessary by the following members. It will be appreciated if you will contact individual nearest you: W.F. Weston, 48 Edgerton St., Rutland, Tel. 775-2132; Jim Frink, 60 Litchfield Ave., Rutland, 775-4925; Carl Schmitt, 73 Edgerton St., Rutland, 773-6990; Rachel Charland (office) 775-4725; Carl Parsons, 170 Stratton Rd., 773-3621; Betty Weeks, 7 Harvard St., 885-2731, Springfield; Frances Roberts, 2 Hill Pl., 885-4157, Springfield.

* * *

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

Article V of the By-laws of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club, Inc., reads as follows:

"The term of office of the Directors shall be three years, with three Directors elected each year. A Director who has served

two terms may not be re-elected until after a lapse of one year."

The proposed change, approved by the Board of Directors for submission to the voting members, would delete the second sentence. The article would then read,

"The term of office of the Directors shall be three years, with three Directors elected each year."

Article XI of the By-laws reads as follows:

The Annual Meeting shall be held in January to nominate and to elect Directors, hear reports of the Officers and Trustees, plan for the coming year and to transact any other appropriate business."

The proposed change, also approved by the Board of Directors for consideration would be the insertion of the words "on the third Saturday," and the By-law would then read,

"The Annual Meeting shall be held on the third Saturday in January to nominate and to elect Directors, hear reports of the Officers and Trustees, plan for the coming year and to transact any other appropriate business."

These proposed changes will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting, January 18, at the Universalist,-Unitarian Church in Rutland.

* * *

TREASURER'S NOTICE

There must be many small outstanding bills, such as for postage, telephone, supplies and gas that have not been submitted to the Treasurer yet. Please turn them in as soon as possible to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701, so they may be included in our 1974 expenses.

* * *

NEW MEMBERS to Dec. 10, 1974

Bell, Bennett, Billings Ave., Rutland
Biddiscombe, Robert, 152 Pearl St. "
Billings, Mary, P.O. Box 903, Rutland

Parsons, Carl, 170 Stratton Rd., Rutland, Vt. 05701

Van Luven, Daniel, 44 Woodstock Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701

Fitzgerald, Mr. & Mrs. Brian T., R.F.D. Florence, Vt. 05744

HIKE REPORTS

Mt. Hunger, Oct. 5! Located east of the Green Mts. is the Worcester Range. It stretches from Mt. Elmore, near Morrisville, south to Waterbury. Mt. Hunger is situated in the middle of the Worcesters, rising to an elevation of 3539 feet.

Three early risers, Mrs. Rachel Charland, Mauri Wintturi, and Lou Gatozzi met my father, Donald Rice, and ~~no~~ early Saturday morning in Waterbury. A short drive followed which brought us to the base of Mt. Hunger. The trail rises steadily for roughly 2 1/2 miles, paralleling a stream. A short distance from the trail a small but beautiful waterfall greets the inquisitor's eyes.

The summit is rocky, open, and supplies a near 360° view. Unfortunately, Saturday wasn't a sparkling, clear day. A haze had muted the clarity of view. To the east, the White Mts. rise. Mt. Washington, barely visible, was white capped. The Green Mts. lay west of us, stretching in an endless conglomeration of ridges and valleys. Autumn dressed the nearer slopes in rich yellows and golds.

A stray white Huskie pup, begging for a free handout, reminded us of Mt. Hunger's reputation; our growling stomachs told us that it was time for lunch!

Descending was much easier and a delight. Many leaves had already dropped. Their scuffing and rich odor brought us to the realization that fall had quietly slipped in and was discreetly slipping away.

Rachael, Maurri, and Lou joined my family for an informal dinner in Stowe. Many a tale was told, which topped off a warm and relaxing day.

I'd be more than willing to lead another hike--perhaps in the spring. Perhaps Lou, Maurri or Rachael can entice more of you up!

Krisanne Rice

Silver Lake, Oct. 12. Five adults and Mr. Schmidt's delightful two year old made the trip to Silver Lake--the little girl via back pack. By spotting a car at Lake Dunmore we were able to make the circle from Route 73 down by the Falls of Lana, always worth a visit.

It was interesting to find that the path from Rte. 73, unsigned and unnamed last summer, now has a Forest Service sign at the road and has been named the "Leicester Hollow Trail." This trail follows a narrow valley well supplied with large boulders--a more attractive route than the route from the parking lot off the Goshen-Rinton Road. The trail from Lake Dunmore has also been graded. The only "fly" in the day's ointment was the car, that, in spite of signs and gates, had managed to get in with a camping party! I wonder if they felt the heat from our combined heightened blood-pressure!

In spite of the car, though, it was a very pleasant trip to a very scenic area.

Doris Newton

Covered Dish Supper, Oct. 19. The supper was held this year at Tamarack Notch. It being a cool day and the cabin being already warmed up for Girl Scout training, it was held in the Rotary Cabin--a bit snug but certainly more comfortable than the fireplace could have gotten the Lodge in a couple of hours.

A few hearty souls came early and took a hike along a beautiful old road high above the east side of the Cold River which came out at an old favorite--McLaughlin's Falls. We wished there had been time to poke around some old farms along the way--a row of maples along the road were estimated to be 60-100 years old. We returned to camp by the Wheelerville Rd. past a small old cemetery dating back about 100 years when this land was all small hill farms--just before the great migration.

When we arrived back at camp, most of the others had arrived, the food was spread before us and all enjoyed what had been provided by the various people. It is continually a source of amazement to me that we end up with as well balanced a meal with so little coordination--but we always seem to!

The Bennett Bells were welcome old faces that we hadn't seen for some time.

Janet Martin

Old Baldy, Nov. 2.

Page 3

This mountain, located in the Curtis Hollow area south of Bridgewater, got its name from the fact that during the 1870-80 sheen raising period the whole mountain was bare. As years went by the forests grew back and now from the valley the summit looks completely covered.

On a cool, clear November day, Carl, Mauri, Rachael, Anna, Harold, John Hughes and Churchill started our hike with very little knowledge of what to do or where to go. With a lot of discussion, help from the topo map and advice from a friendly logger, we went the right way. As we passed what we thought was the last water another lively discussion about stopping for lunch ensued. Some said, "No coffee, eat at the top," others, "Let's have coffee." Also would we get too lazy after lunch and not be out of the woods by dark. Finally, coffee won.

After lunch we continued on a wood road, and only about the last half mile was bushwhacking necessary. As we broke out on the summit it was open, with grass and ledge combining to give a 360° view. Mt. Monadnock, Ascutney, the main Green Mt. Range were all visible.

A steep drop along an old stone fence soon brought us to the wood road and our cars.

It would be more enjoyable if more folks were able to go on these trips and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine, but we can always hope that as time goes by our section will be better known.

According to the topo, an approach from the east would be about 1 mile with an 800' rise in elevation as compared with 1 3/4 mi. and 1200' rise the way we went. It will be interesting to explore the eastern hike next time.

Churchill Scott

East Mountain, Nov. 10. About 50 hikers led by Joe Valiquette hiked East Mt. in Mendon and placed a flag on the summit in memory of Harold Valiquette who was a very active member of the Green Mt. Club. East Mt. was said to be his favorite spot.

A motorcade of about 10 cars transported the group up Killington Avenue and around the mountain to the east side. The climb was fairly easy and

we made it to the top in about an hour. Although the valley was hazy the view from the summit was beautiful. Below us we could see all of Rutland area, and off in the distance the Adirondacks.

The hike took about 2 1/2 hours in all with time out for coffee and a snack. All in all it was a fine day and everyone enjoyed the hike.

We were very pleased to find an article and pictures of our hike in the Vermont Sunday News dated November 24.

Eileen Valiquette

Mt. Independence, Nov. 22. Five members met at Koltonski's fire station and later drove to Mt. Independence entrance for a hike. Some snow had fallen so it wasn't easy to follow the various routes, yet we were able to find the monuments and the Horseshoe Battery site. Members enjoyed their lunch at the edge of Lake Champlain. While coffee boiled some of the members read about the background of the historical site --the book was Mt. Independence, by Joseph Wheeler. A new book will be forthcoming which will contain additional historical facts about this side as well as marked trails.

Rachael Charland

Fox Lot, or A Tale of the Three Little Kittens, Dec. 7. It was good to see Mauri here at the park to lead the hike up to the Fox Lot. Mauri, Harold, Pam, Carl, Jim, Rachael, Wes, Carol and Churchill spotted cars at the Rte. 100 crossing, drove up Lincoln Hill past the Adams farm where we saw the large vats to be used on the Saltash Mt. maple syrup project which will be one of the world's largest.

We parked on the Lottery Road, walked past the Shrewsbury Town House, or Poor Farm, and to the height of land. Here we turned west, bushwhacked about 1/2 mi. passing by many tracks (deer, rabbit, fox, bobcat, porxie and numerous smaller game). At last we broke out to an open area where a beautiful view was obtained. To the south, Stratton, Dorset, West Herrick, Handley, North Bloodroot, and Carmel could be seen.

A long, hard cross country walk finally ended on the Ezra Oliver Road about Clarendon Shelter. Some detoured past an old family burial ground, the Adams homestead, a dam and mill site.

Page 4

After eating a late lunch in company with a group of boys and leaders from Gardiner, Mass., we headed for home.

The last carload took time out to visit the new bridge over Mill River and one can ask this group more about the parable of the Three Little Kittens, if interested.

Churchill Scott

KILLINGTON SECTION HISTORY STARTED

Efforts to compile historical information on the life of the Killington Section began at a December meeting with Past President Craigue Perkins, his wife Mary, Sec.-Treas. Churchill Scott and Trustee Terry Gulick during which recollections and questions were listed. The gathering was in response to G.M.C. Historian Ralph Bryant who is coordinating work on a History of the Club and its Sections.

Armed with Craigue's complete set of Smoke & Blazes (Sept. 1947-Dec. 1974), his guide books and notes, Terry has the awesome task of putting together material for inclusion in the G.M.C. History. Needed still, however, is documentary or first hand knowledge of the Section's origins and early years (1912? to 1917 or later).

Anyone having information, papers, and interesting stories about the Killington Section may correspond with Terry Gulick, RFD 1, Springfield, or Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland.

Possibly the story of the Blue Triangle Camp and its travels will be included as well as mention of the famous coffee pot and the debate between the "scourers" and "non-scourers."

Terry Gulick

KILLINGTON SECTION TRAILS REPORT

During the summer our entire section was checked by various members and pronounced in good shape. The opinion of many hikers was obtained and found favorable as were many notes left in registers. Several called it the best maintained section

in the state. The following are from my notes.

April 20, 21. Mauri Winturri checked trail and painted places from 103 to Beacon Hill.

(Work parties on May 4 and 18 have already been reported on in Smoke & Blazes.)

The trash barrel at the Upper Cold River road was checked and emptied a number of times. Seems these barrels are always full.

May 26. Sherwin Start dug a new out-house pit at Tucker-Johnson and between 5/30 and 6/5 he checked and cleared trail from Sherburne Pass to Cooper Lodge.

On July 3, 14, and 15, Ardell Blood and I checked the trail from Sherburne Pass to Tamarack Shelter, and then the Shrewsbury trail to Northam. This latter trail needs some clearing, but the Farm and Wilderness Camp have assumed responsibility for this area.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Howard

OUTING SCHEDULE, SPRING & SUMMER, 1975

Although we have had a number of offers to lead hikes, we hope to have more folks willing to take us to new areas. Suggestions have been made for 3-day weekend End-to-End trips, hikes in the White and Adirondack Mts., and even up to Katahdin and Baxter State Park.

Let's all come prepared to discuss the possibilities at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 18.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES IS MARCH 15. Send news to Mrs. Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield Vt., 05156, by that date.

The following letter from Frank Bequart, 44 Bertwell Rd., Lexington, MA 02173, should be of concern to Section members.

"I thought that you might be interested in my experience in hiking the Killington Section in late May of this year particularly in relation to your article in the last Long Trail News. Three boys and myself hiked from Mad Tom Notch to Sherburne Pass on May 24 through 27 of this year. On the way we ran into a large number of Boy Scouts. At Gov. Clement Shelter we found the Shelter completely full of Scouts and had to camp outside. Apparently this appearance of the scouts is a yearly event (or so I gathered from the leaders I talked to). One group starts at Sherburne Pass and heads south and the other starts just south of Greenwall and heads north. They all met in the middle (probably about 20 of them) at Gov. Clement Shelter. The scouts were from somewhere in New York.

Other than the fact that they planned their trip so they totally overloaded one shelter, I had no real complaint about them. The boys seemed pretty well behaved and the leadership okay (although I would have had more leaders per group.) I just felt you should be aware that this operation goes on in your Section over Memorial Day weekend.

Let me add that we found the trail in good shape and very easy to follow in your Section, particularly the reroute over Killington.

We need your help to plan activities for the coming year. Please fill out this form, tear off and bring to the Annual Meeting or send to Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

I am interested in taking part in the following: (Please check)

Hikes _____ Work on trails and shelters _____ Social Events _____

Suggestions for 1975 hikes: _____

Are you willing to lead a hike? If so, what date do you prefer? _____

Name _____ Tele. _____

Address _____

Smoke and Blazes

Vol. 27, No. 2 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Apr.-June, 1975

COMING OUTINGS

Note: Koltonski Fire Station where hikers meet is adjacent to Main St. (Rte. 7) Park in Rutland.

Sat., Mar. 29, 6 p.m., SUGAR-ON-SNOW
Universalist-Unitarian Church. Watch papers for details.

Sat., April 12, 9 a.m., ECHO AMPHI-
THEATER, Anne Mausolf, Leader. Meet at the fire station. Anne has offered to lead this hike to an interesting area on the old Elbow Road that few people know about. This may be the mud season, so let's wear appropriate footwear and warm clothing, and bring a good lunch.

Fri.-Sun., April 25-27, JAY PEAK AREA,
Kim and Churchill Scott, Leaders. This is a trip planned to help End-to-End hikers get over the northern part of the Long Trail, especially Wes. If too much snow, there are a number of lower areas to cover. Let's have a good turnout.

Sun., May 4, 10 a.m., WALLACE LEDGE,
Robert Gibbs, Leader. This is a new area for most of us, and Mr. Gibbs states that very interesting rock crystals and spring flowers should be found. This is an easy walk with good views of the Taconic Mts. and the Adirondacks. Meet first at the fire station.

Fri.-Sun., May 9, 10, 11, DERRYBROOK.
Hopefully, we shall have a sizeable turnout for this three-day Killington Section affair. For those who have not been there, you are in for a treat and the experience will be well worth the trip. It was voted at our Section's Annual Meeting to assess each person for each day they attend, \$1.00 per day to cover rental expense. A committee with helpers will prepare and serve all meals, and it was also agreed at the Annual Meeting that the cost of the food to each individual will be based on the number of days attending or

meals eaten. To help us plan for this event will you please fill in the form AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LAST PAGE OF THIS ISSUE no later than May 1.

Sat., May 17, 10 a.m., WORK PARTY,
Sherwin Start, Leader. There is so very much to do in the spring in order to get the trails and shelters ready for the hiking season that Mr. Start will need all the help he can get. Let's all of us get out and do just as much as we can. Volunteers should meet at the fire station.

Sat., May 24, G.M.C. ANNUAL MEETING,
Waterbury, Vt.

Sun., June 8, 8 a.m., ABBEY POND,
Anne Hoover, Leader. This area was in the news recently because VELCO wanted to develop it. An easy 5.5 mile hike. Miss Hoover has kindly offered to lead this hike (a joint-one with folks trying to form a Breadloaf Section). Many folks have suggested joint hikes with other Sections, so now is a good time to see if we can really put this into practice. Let's have a big group go to Abbey Pond, meeting first at the fire station.

Sat., June 14, 9 a.m., VERMONT'S
HIGHEST WATERFALL, Lye Brook Trail,
Rob Lacey, Leader. Rob will be home from college by this time and he has offered to lead us on a repetition of the first hike he went on with the Killington Section, so we must all help him celebrate. Hikers should meet at the fire station.

Sun., June 29, 1 p.m., WALLINGFORD
POND, Wes Weston, Leader. Watch the papers for details on this hike as the date approaches.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Following the annual meeting on Jan. 18, a meeting of the Killington Section Board was held at the home of

the past president, Wilbur Weston, and the following officers were elected for 1975:

Pres., Janet Martin, 7 Curtis Ave., Rutland

V. Pres., Ian Wark, Woodstock Stage, Kay's Cabins, Rutland

Sec.-Treas., W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland

The first action of your new officers was to set up a new hike schedule for Spring and Summer, 1975. We wish to thank all those who made suggestions. In fact, we had so many good ideas a few will have to wait for early fall!

On the new schedule you will note that we have tried to have a variety of activities, old favorites and some brand new ones.

One innovation was to schedule two shorter Sunday afternoon hikes. Another was a three-day backpacking trip for aspiring end-to-enders. Also scheduled are three day-trips to complete definite sections of the Long Trail.

You will also note that from mid-May to mid-June we have indicated work parties between scheduled hikes. We hope if you are available to work on any of these dates that you will contact either Sherwin Start (Tel. 775-3193), Trails Chairman, or Paul Howard (773-3948), Shelters Chairman. We must depend on you, the members, to carry out this necessary work.

Please note that current (1974) memberships are considered delinquent after April 1, so won't you send your dues in to Churchill right now while you are thinking about it--it's so easy to let it lapse!

Janet Martin, Pres.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The Annual Meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mt. Club was held on Saturday, Jan. 18, 1975, at the Universalist-Unitarian Church. In spite of a hard mid-winter blizzard, a total of 35 people attended, including members from Clarendon, West Pawlet and Springfield.

Pres. Weston opened the meeting with a word of appreciation for the large attendance in spite of the very poor weather.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports

were read and accented with the provision that \$65 of Smoke and Blazes expenses be carried over to 1975 for that amount was spent for supplies to use during the current year.

Trails Chairman, Sherwin Start, reported that all trails are in good condition and that he has received many reports that our Section has excellent trails. He stated, however, that a few spots could still be improved.

Pres. Weston suggested that whenever committee chairmen need help with various projects, they should not hesitate to ask other members for assistance.

Lou Catozzi read a very complete report of maintenance work done by Shelter Chairman, Paul Howard, who was unable to attend due to his doctor's orders.

Janet Martin spoke for the Entertainment Committee, mentioning their work on Covered Dish Supper, Sugar-on-Snow Party, and Annual Meeting.

Thelma Valiquette told of the Membership Committee's work in sending out a dues reminder on April 1. Wes suggested that it be done again.

Frances Roberts, Smoke and Blazes editor, expressed thanks for the many contributors, and stressed the importance of meeting deadlines.

Mr. Weston spoke about the attempt of the Main Club to take over the business and affairs of the Sections. He also reported on the construction of Brugmann Bridge and the difficulty of obtaining a protective fence.

Richard Roberts suggested a By-law change to appoint a nominating committee six months prior to the Annual Meeting. This will be recommended by the Board of Directors and submitted next year. Betty Weeks agreed to chair the Nominating Committee.

Jim Frink made a motion to delete the second sentence in Art. V of the By-laws. Janet Martin seconded and it was so voted. This will allow directors to serve more than two terms.

The By-law change to call the Annual Meeting on the third Saturday in January was discussed. This change was not voted affirmatively as it was decided that publication of the Annual Meeting date in the Fall and Winter Schedule would give sufficient advance notice, and allow more flexibility in

calling a meeting in case of inclement weather.

Pres. Weston read a letter describing the charges, facilities, and activities at Derry Brook, located near Londonderry, and it was decided to schedule a weekend trip there on May 7-9.

Terry Gulick spoke about the proposed history of GMC being compiled by Ralph Bryant and the part each Section must take in writing up its own history. He told of looking over the complete set of Smoke and Blazes issues that Craigie and Mary Perkins possess along with many old Guide Books. He also asked for more information about the Tin Shelter on Killington Peak, Blue Triangles history, and how our Section got its name.

Pres. Weston discussed the New England Trails Conference to be held Sat., Apr. 5, at Worcester, Mass. George Pearlstein explained about this good opportunity to learn more about other New England Outing Clubs, their aims and objectives, and to view various exhibits.

Betty Weeks submitted the names of Janet Martin, Paul Howard, Sr., and Ian Wark to serve on the Board of Directors. Janet will be serving a second term; Paul and Ian are replacing Frederica Welch and Dr. Howard. Richard Roberts seconded the nomination and it was passed.

Pres. Weston spoke of the Channel 3 news film of the Brugmann Bridge dedication which we had hoped to show.

He also spoke of the great amount of time and effort given to the job of being president of our Section. In conclusion, Pres. Weston was given a standing ovation for the very good work he has done during the two terms he has served as president.

The ladies deserve our thanks for the tasty refreshments and an enjoyable social hour. Entertainment followed with Mr. Louis Rousseau calling square dances and polkas.

Churchill Scott
Sec.-Treas.

DIRECTORS' MEETING

A Board of Directors meeting was held of Feb. 8 at the home of Wilbur Weston. Present were Mrs. Weston, Ian Wark, Paul Howard, Janet Martin, Vera Perkins and Churchill Scott. Cynthia Keyes was

a guest.

Discussion was conducted about the proposal by Richard Roberts to amend the By-laws in regard to nominating candidates for the Board of Directors, i.e., to appoint a nominating committee. Janet Martin made a motion, seconded by Vera Perkins, that a nominating committee of three members be elected at the Annual Meeting to serve for one year.

Wes spoke of the advantages of trying to find a few minutes at the Annual Meeting for all directors to get together and choose officers so they may be announced.

It was voted to donate \$10 to the Tamarack Notch-Aitken Forest Association and to submit to the Association the names of editor of Smoke and Blazes and the Secretary-Treasurer for inclusion on their mailing list.

First Aid supplies were discussed, and it was finally thought best to put together kits of our own. Cynthia Keyes donated a very sturdy and suitable metal container.

Wes mentioned a rummage sale as a possible way to make money. He also spoke of having someone act as custodian of supplies and equipment.

Ian Wark distributed copies of Killington-Pico newspaper, published every other week with news of interest to everyone. Ian suggested that in line with the appeal by Wes for more publicity for the GMC and Killington Section, that we submit articles to this newspaper explaining our history, aims and activities.

Wes spoke about the increasing pressure of the Main Club to run the affairs of the Sections, giving such examples as the Mill River Bridge incident and the withholding of information regarding a caretaker at Cooner Lodge.

Also, he said that Mrs. LeBlanc is concerned about having snowmobilers cut brush and limbs to build bridges in the old Buffum area with the resulting possibility of flooding in the spring.

A deposit has been made for Derry Brook outing on May 9-11, and Cynthia Keyes has offered to cook and purchase supplies with help from others. It is hoped that we can follow the example of our past Winter Weekends with work details set up for cooking, setting

tables, serving, cleaning up and washing. It was suggested that an advance be made for food to take advantage of sales. Also that the deadline for reservations be May 1 with a form printed in the next Smoke and Blazes.

The meeting was adjourned and a very pleasant social hour followed with Mr. and Mrs. Weston serving many delicious snacks. Once again we are very grateful for their hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary

<u>DUES</u>	<u>DUES</u>	<u>DUES</u>	<u>DUES</u>	<u>DUES</u>
-------------	-------------	-------------	-------------	-------------

Dues are payable on or before April 1 and should be mailed or given to W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701. The dues are:

Adult	Spouse
\$3.00 Section	\$2.00 Section
1.50 Main Club	1.50 Main Club
\$4.50	\$3.50

Family Jr.	Single Jr.
\$0.00 Section	\$1.00 Section
.75 Main Club	.75 Main Club
\$.75	\$1.75

Senior Citizen
\$1.00 Section
1.50 Main Club
\$2.50

DUE APRIL 1 DUE APRIL 1 DUE APRIL 1

THANKS

We all want to thank Miss Eleanor Walker for the gift of a number of copies of the Long Trail News issued during 1941-1945. These are in the form of a booklet about 5"x6", with a number of photographs. It is very interesting to see the changes throughout the years of the LTN.

Also, thanks to James Frink we have a pair of asbestos gloves which will always accompany our "Old Faithful" coffee pot. These will provide a welcome relief from the burned fingers, scorched mittens and frayed nerves of the past.

Cynthia Keyes must also be thanked for her gift of a new coffee pot which could almost be a sister to our old one for its color, size and style are almost identical. We only hope that it will cover as much ground, last as long and be able to tell as many stories. Records indicate that the old pot was purchased at W. C. Landon's, Nov. 4, 1938, for \$1.50.

W. Churchill Scott

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our Section expresses appreciation for donations from Mr. and Mrs. Edna Cahoe, Mr. and Mrs. Wilman Day, Mrs. Harriot Bryant, Miss Doris Newton, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roberts

HIKE REPORTS

Moonlight Hike, Johnson Shelter, Dec. 29. The moonlight hike to Johnson Shelter had few things going for it, but no one seemed unduly disheartened. Two different times to meet at Koltonski's Fire Station were publicized, 4 p.m. in the newspapers, and 7 p.m. on the Hike Schedule. The result was that one group started in just as the earlier one arrived back at the parking area. This was o.k., though, because the night was cold and raw, and the total number couldn't possibly have kept warm around the fire.

Amazingly enough, the timing was right for those going-inners and coming-outers who otherwise might have collided on that overcast night. Anyone who has tried to X-C ski on the Long Trail in the dark can appreciate that.

What all this points up is the fact that when we go out on Killington Section outings, we have fun, in spite of nor'easters (and we've hiked in them), peculiar tasting water (and we've drunk it), smoke in our eyes, and moonless "moonlight" hikes. The only thing that isn't fun is when no one turns out for them.

F. Roberts

Puddledock Ski Area, Jan. 12. Puddledock Ski Touring Trails in the Granville Gulf State Reservation on January 12 saw 13 hikers-skiers-

snowshoers travel along the unplowed road past beaver ponds and deer winter yards. At Kendell Brook a bonfire was built, the coffee pot was suspended from a tripod over the fire, and soon hot chocolate, coffee and tea combined with good conversations and reunions. Carl Parsons and Phil Woodbury renewed their acquaintance from the 1930's when they were members of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Betty Staack

Piney Hollow Area, Plymouth, Jan. 25. Jim Frink, Lou Catozzi, Bob Biddiscombe, Rachel Charland and Churchill Scott, all hardy souls, gathered at Main St. Park in spite of freezing rain and forecast of worse weather. Harold Rogers arrived with word of Rte. 7 north closed and a 25-car pile up over Sherburne Pass. Guess that was too much for Harold.

After a long discussion, we decided to find a geological formation on Boardman Hill. Jim drove us all over the Hill, down to Chinnenhook, down Walker Mountain, along the West Creek road almost to Wallingford where Jim pointed out a very pretty ice mountain made by a stream from a broken water pipe. By the time we arrived back in Rutland, the rain had stopped and Rte. 4 opened.

We drove to Plymouth but soon the rain began again, and increased as the day wore on. Parking at the old CCC area, we walked up the Whetstone Brook road for one mile to the shelter, and soon we were enjoying a good, hearty meal and hot drinks.

After a short trip to a surface granite quarry which furnished stone for the Smithsonian Institute, we returned to the car, pretty well soaked to the skin.

Even though the weather was poor, everyone had a good and enjoyable day, and already we are looking forward to the next hike.

Churchill Scott

Gov. Clement Shelter, Feb. 9. We all met at the intersection of a wood road and the Upper Cold River Road. We hiked, snowshoed and skied to the Gov. Clement Shelter. Six of the group of 18 were on cross country skis and they went on ahead and went a few

miles beyond the shelter, then back to the shelter.

Six of the group were on snowshoes and the third group of six hiked. Due to the packing of the snow by many snowmobiles, the trail was in excellent condition for all types of locomotion.

Despite the lack of water because of cold, it was necessary to melt snow to make the coffee, etc., and it took a relatively short time to get plenty of hot water. Firewood was scarce because of 18" to 24" of snow cover.

Everyone had a good lunch standing around the fire, and all seemed to enjoy the hike very much.

Carl O. Parsons

Northam Picnic Area, Feb. 23. In spite of threatening skies, 23 ski tourers, snowshoers, hikers, and one dog made the trip from North Shrewsbury to the Pavilion in the Northam area of the Coolidge State Park.

Leaving our cars at the sand pile above Pierce's store, we were surprised to find the road plowed about a mile further. Skiing was good on the snowmobile trail from there to the shelter. Even the skiers had to hustle to keep up with Jim Frink on his snowshoes.

Soon a roaring fire was melting snow for coffee in the new coffee pot. The large shelter with stone fireplace made this a very comfortable place for a group of this size to eat lunch. All too soon the snowshoers and hikers from Rutland headed back down to their cars. Twelve adventuresome skiers from the Springfield area continued on trusting to compasses and maps to find their way down an unexplored route. Leaving the road on a snowmobile trail we skied up and down over moguls for another 2 1/2 mi. before coming to the old Northam-Plymouth Road. The trail led through mixed hardwoods over the shoulder of Burnt Mt. The old road was smoother with several brisk down hill runs. After another 2 1/2 mi. of easy skiing we arrived at North Shrewsbury. Pleasantly tired after our 8 mi. ski tour, the cars at the sand pile were a welcome sight.

Betty Weeks

-0-

Killington Section members as of March 10, 1975:

Adams, Martha, 46 Roberts Ave., Rutland 05701
Bell, Bennett, 2 Billings Ave., "
Biddscombe, Robert, 152 Pearl St., Apt. #5, Rutland 05701
Billings, Mary, P.O. Box 903, Rutland, 05701
Bryant, Harriot, P.O. Box 131, Dorset 05251
Cahee, Hedrick & Christine, 179 Union St., Springfield 05156
Carey, Robert, 78 Church St., Rutland 05701
Carpenter, Robert, West Willington, Conn. 06279
Chandler, Chipper, 57 Crescent St., Rutland 05701
Chapman, Carol, 15 Elm St., Rutland 05701
Charland, Rachael, 76 So. Main St., Rutland 05701
Conlon, George & Diana, RFD #2, Rutland 05701
Day, Wilman & Virginia, Brockway Mills Road, Springfield 05156
Fitzgerald, Brian & Michele, RFD, Florence 05744
Fostman, Ruth, 25 Seabury St., Rutland 05701
Frink, James, 60 Litchfield Ave., "
Gulick, Charles, Parker Hill Road, Springfield 05156
Hinchey, Minerva, 45 Park St., Rutland 05701
Howard, Paul, Sr., 70 Allen St. "
Keyes, Cynthia, 57 Crescent St. "
Maier, Elsie, 280 Fort Washington Ave., New York, N. Y. 10032
Martin, Jack, Janet, Betsy, Carol, David, Nancy, Tom, 7 Curtis Ave., Rutland
Newton, Doris, 26 Boutwell Road, Andover, Mass. 01810
Nickerson, Russell, RFD, Orwell 05760
Nyiri, Anna, 167 Stratton Road, Rutland 05701
Parsons, Carl, 170 " " "
Pearlstein, George, Box 115, West Pawlet 05775
Perkins, Vera, 242 S. Main St., Rutland 05701
Reiner, Albert, Rte. 100, Pittsford 05762
Roberts, Richard & Frances, 2 Hill Place, Springfield 05156
Rogers, Harold & Florence, RFD, N. Clarendon 05759
Russell, Ellen, 33 Thayer St., Providence, R. I., 02906
Schmidt, Carl, 73 Edgerton St., Rutland 05701
Scott, W. Churchill & Kim, 132 Maple St., Rutland 05701
Slusman, Lynee, RFD #1, Pittsford 05763
Stare, Louis, 9 Angus Ave., Bass River, Mass. 02664
Valiquette, John & Thomas, Town Line Road, Rutland 05701
Valiquette, Thelma, 93 Killington Ave. "
Van Luven, Daniel, 44 Woodstock Ave., Rutland 05701
Walker, Eleanor, 87 Baxter St., Rutland 05701
Wark, Ian, Woodstock Stage, "
Weeks, Lloyd & Elizabeth, 7 Harvard St., Springfield 05156
Weston, Wilbur & Bailey, 48 Edgerton St., Rutland 05701
Wintturi, Mauri, 179 High St., Fitchburg, Mass. 01420
Wilson, Carleton, 9 Harvard St., Rutland 05701
Woodbury, Philip & Barbara, Box 53, Perkinsville 05151

This is the last issue of Smoke & Blazes to be sent to 1974 members. Please notify W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland 05701, if changes should be made in any of the above names or addresses.

* * * *

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES is June 15. Send news to Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt., 05156, by that date. Would you like to have a "Swapper's" column for hiking equipment? Let us know. Have you read any interesting books or articles of interest to hikers? Send in a review. We're looking for ideas and suggestions. Feel free to send them in.

TREASURER'S REPORT
W. C. Scott

Cash on Hand 1/1/74

INCOME:	Dues			\$2256.87
	Interest	366.00		
	Gifts	95.12		
	Herb Ogden Poster Sales	35.25		
		.10		
	Total			<u>496.47</u>

2753.34

EXPENSES:	Trails & Shelters	167.22
	Smoke & Blazes	57.74
	Outings	110.61
	Main Club Dues	109.50
	Donations	55.00
	Postage	52.60
	M. Hinchey Day	20.15
	Special Meeting (Resolution)	20.00
	Annual Meeting	19.29
	Telephone	10.17
	Secretary's Expense	8.23
	Historical Committee	2.50
	Total	<u>633.01</u>

Balance 12/31/74 \$2120.33

* * *

HIKE DATA

Churchill Scott has come up with some interesting Killington Section statistics dating from Aug. 18, 1974 to March 8, 1975, or from the beginning of our new register.

Number of hikes: 15
Total miles hiked: 55
Total number of hikers attending: 225

From available figures, it appears that the number of hikers from the Rutland area is about double that of hikers from outside Rutland.

In the next issue of Smoke & Blazes, Churchill plans to list hike destinations for the past 10 years or so to get ideas for the Fall and Winter Hike Schedule.

* * *

DERRY BROOK WEEKEND

(See first page)

Please fill in the following form and return to either W. F. Weston, 48 Edgerton St., OR to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt., 05701, NO LATER THAN MAY 1. Derry Brook is located near Londonderry.

I/We shall attend the Derry Brook Hike.

No. of persons

I/We shall arrive:	Fri. 5/9 at	_____ a.m.	_____ p.m.
	Sat. 5/10 at	_____ a.m.	_____ p.m.
	Sun. 5/11 at	_____ a.m.	_____ p.m.

I/We shall leave:	Sat. 5/10 at	_____ a.m.	_____ p.m.
	Sun. 5/11 at	_____ a.m.	_____ p.m.

Signature

Address

Tele.

Smoke and Blazes

Vol. 27, No. 3 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - July-Sept., 1975

COMING OUTINGS

Note: Koltonski Fire Station where hikers meet is adjacent to Main St. (Rte. 7) Park in Rutland.

Sat., July 12, 9 a.m., BRANDON GAP TO MT. CARMEL, W. Weston, Leader. Let's all support Wes as he hikes this section of the Trail. With this and the next one, he will have covered all the way to Bolton Lodge. This is not too hard, so all should try to go.

Sun., July 27, 9 a.m., MT. CARMEL TO SHERBORNE PASS, Janet Martin, Leader. Janet has offered to take time out from her busy summer schedule to lead this hike for all aspiring End-to-Enders, so let's all show our appreciation.

Sun., Aug. 10, 7 a.m., CLARK BROOK TRAIL TO RTE. 125, Betty Staack, Leader. Please note the starting time, 7 a.m. (Suggested by Betty for we have a job to spot cars and hike.) Betty will lead if she is back from her trip abroad with her husband, Jim. When she gets to Boyce Shelter, Betty will have completed her End-to-End, so let's see how many can be on hand to congratulate her.

Sun., Aug. 17, 1 p.m., BUTTERMILK FALLS, Anna Nyiri, Leader. Anna has suggested that although Rutland area people will meet at Koltonski Fire Station as usual, others may wish to meet near the Branch Brook Restaurant at the junction of Rte. 103 and 100 North. She also suggests that hikers wear or bring sneakers for walking in the brook! This is a very pretty spot to visit for a short afternoon walk. The cool water, the falls, and many wild flowers should make this a pleasant trip.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

The Directors met at the home of Janet Martin with Judi Butterfield, Janet Martin, W. Churchill Scott, Sherwin Start, Vera Perkins, Ian Wark, Wes Weston and T. Valiquette present.

Janet Martin brought before the group the latest information on the Pittsford Ice Caves. She suggested asking the Trustees to make a donation to the Fund. \$28,000 is given as the price, now, which includes the house. Sherwin Start suggested buying the house first to obtain a parking area and as a start for getting the whole area. A motion was made and seconded to direct Trustees to recommend to the Main Club that they donate to the Pittsford Ice Cave Fund.

Mr. Keenan, Municipal forester, states that the Canty Trail up Blue Ridge Mt. has been lumbered, and trees cut within 50' of the trail in spite of provisions in the contract to prevent this. He asked that interested persons write to him complaining of the cutting.

Wes has taken over as quartermaster and is to obtain an overseas packing crate to store material in. Also, he will stamp all tools with KS-GMC and have a sign-out-sign-in log. The urgency of having an adequate first aid supply kit was discussed once more and it was suggested that we try to obtain a belt pack.

Judi Butterfield explained Mr. Peet's caretaker program and how it has enlarged this year. Discussion followed of the Caretaker system in general, and Pico's problems in particular.

The relationship between the Main Club and the Sections was again discussed. Pres. Martin stated that the Main Club is legally responsible, and that apathy and the tendency to let things slide in the Sections are responsible for some of the Main Club's actions. Janet stated that the GMC has grown so much that it can no longer be run as it has been in the past, and each year more and more problems are being discovered that years ago we did not have to deal with.

W. Churchill Scott
Secretary

HIKE REPORTS

Pcho Amphitheatre, April 12. Hikers:
Mauri Wintturi, Rachel Charland,
Churchill Scott, Christopher Mausolff,
Betty Ward, Lou Catozzi, Jim Frink,
Carl Schmidt, Anna Nyiri, Carl Parsons.

It was a glorious day, mild, blue-skyed. We saw 2 groups of geese honking north, like a delicate string of pearls glistening against light blue velvet.

Since the way had been snow-mobiled all winter, those walking had no trouble. Three went on skis, another was trying out snowshoes made in a do-it-yourself project.

A lovely lunch site beside a rill soon crackled to a well-made fire and each one enjoyed a hot drink of his choice plus other goodies humped in by generous fellow Killington Section hikers.

A couple tested some echoes on the middle pond, but the leader forgot to demonstrate the amazing 360° echoes of the last pond.

Anne Mausolff

Jay Peak Area, April 25-27. Late one Friday afternoon, Pam Kerstner, Lou Catozzi, Rachael Charland and Churchill Scott began what should have been a spring hike on the Long Trail, but due to the big April 2-3 snowstorm, it turned into a mid-winter snowshoe trip.

Making Jay Camp our base, Lou and Pam were let off at the Sargent farm location at North Troy while Rachael and Churchill left the car at Rte. 105. After a long hard struggle to find the blazes due to deep snow and a wet, driving blizzard, we arrived at the height of land. Pam and Lou continued to the car and Rachael and Churchill north to the border. There it was decided to split and Rachael would travel the side trail past Journey's End camp to the road while the rest picked her up at the Sargent Farm. In spite of the utter exhaustion, Lou prepared the most tasty meal that has ever been devoured on the Long Trail.

Sunday, Lou was left at Rte. 105 again where we met Norma Phillips. After attending church, Rachael and Churchill returned to Jay Camp where Pam had decided to stay for the day. Hiking north on the trail, we finally ran out of blazes and bushwhacked the rest of the way to the ski trails on Jay where the wind was fierce and snow flurries

heavy. At last, after a hard, hard struggle, we reached the summit of Jay Peak about 4 p.m. From the ski trail, on the return trip, we found the trail but once again we ran out of blazes, and so began bushwhacking to Jay Camp again.

At last we smelled smoke, next heard a shout from Lou who had caught up with us, leaving Norma at Shootin' Star Shelter to return to the car. We finally arrived at camp, had a bite to eat, packed up, and left about 7 p.m. with about one gallon of gas. For the next half hour we sweated out finding a gas station until Rachael, with her sweet talk, persuaded a man to fill us up.

Next we visited Rachael's son and family in Derby where they asked us to spend the night, for it was a long way home. We enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Kangas and his huge recreation room. We rolled out our mattresses and sleeping bags, and spent an enjoyable night. Up at 5:30 a.m., we ate and left, getting home around 9 a.m. in time for the kids to get to school.

A few things were learned on this trip. George Pearlstein is correct when he says the Long Trail is not for winter hiking. Also, there are a few people who wear flannel nightgowns and woollen night caps to bed even on the Trail.

W. Churchill Scott

Abbey Pond, Middlebury, June 8.
After a slightly confused start, Jim Frink, Anna Nyiri and Bob Carey representing Killington, caught up with five members of the Bread Loaf Hiking Club.

After a lot of rain during the week, and a prediction of 60% rain Sunday, it was a cheerful hike without a drop of precipitation. The cascades along the trail were also cheerful with a great deal of water coming down the mountain.

First find was a mushroom we think was a Poliporus sulphureus; however, the book said it appeared from August to November. The leader took it home, but was unable to identify it positively so it was not consumed.

A snack at Abbey Pond and we decided to look for an old jeep trail to the S.E. which we found and

continued around the pond. There we found several pitcher plants in flower which was a real treat. It was a fine trip; cool, no rain, and NO MOSQUITOES.

Anne Hoover

Vermont's Highest Waterfall, June 14.

I led the hike on June 14 to Vermont's highest waterfall. There were twelve of us. We had a bit of trouble finding the Lye Brook Trail, but once we got going we had no trouble following it. We followed the Lye Brook Trail for 2 miles, before turning off and following the switchback of the old logging railroad for one half of a mile. Although the turn is not marked, it is not too difficult to find. You can see the logging railroad on your left, up above, before you get to where it crosses the Lye Brook Trail. It looks like a stone wall at first. Where it crosses the Lye Brook Trail, you follow it to the right. The Lye Brook Trail begins at the bridge on the Lye Brook Road, just off the Richville road. (Note: Since the falls are within the Lye Brook Wilderness, you should have a permit.)

The falls were just as spectacular as they were three years ago. We estimated them to be 200 to 250 feet high. After a good lunch and reading the Vermont Life article about the logging rail road brought in by Wes, we returned the same way. All in all it was a beautiful day in the woods.

Robert Carey

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our Section expresses appreciation for donations from Anna Nyiri, Linda Rozowicz, Herb Ogden, Jr., Helen Frink, Mrs. George Kirk, John Nuffort and Betty Staack.

THANKS

Cynthia Keyes has given us a large number of topographical maps which will be a big help in planning a number of our hikes for the coming outing schedule. Our thanks go to Cynthia again.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, June 10, 1975

Borg, Anna, 10 Pleasant St., North Clarendon 05759
 Butterfield, Judi, 146 Maple St., Rutland 05701
 Catozzi, Louis, 103 Bellevue Ave, Rutland 05701
 Codman, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin, Church Hill Road, Woodstock 05091
 Davies, Jean, Camp Betsy Cox, Pittsford 05763
 Fish, Mr. & Mrs. Robert, PO Box 81 Londonderry 05148
 Frink, Helen, 10 Elm St., Randolph
 Gilman, Betty, 212 Adams St., Rutland
 Huntley, Morris, Roaring Brook Road, Killington 05751
 Kerstner, Pamalia, Cold River Road, Cuttingsville 05738
 Kirk, Mrs. George (Dorothy), 8 East Washington St., Rutland 05701
 Kramer, Mildred, 640 West 231st St. Bronx, N. Y., 10463
 Kramer (jr. member) name not given, address same as above
 LeBlanc, Mary Ellen, RFD, East Wallingford 05742
 Magoon, Paul and Jeffry (jr.), RFD #1, Box 475-A, Springfield 05156
 Maurer, Rick, Box 328, Wildor, 05088
 Mausolf, Anne, Box 145, Weston 05161
 McKirryher, Mr. & Mrs. Bradford, RFD #2, Vergennes 05491
 Morse, William S., Jr., 36 Cottage St Rutland 05701
 Mumford, Louise, Easy St., RFD #1, Rutland 05701
 Nuffort, John, 453 Victor Way, Wycoff N. J. 07481
 Odgen, Herbert, Jr., 2525 Alma St., Palo Alto, Calif. 94306
 Palon, Mr. & Mrs. Peter, Box 163, Hurley, N. Y. 12443
 Perkins, Mr. & Mrs. Craigie, Old Turnpike Road, % Stage, Rutland 05701
 Perkins, Mr. & Mrs. Robert, 1141 Culligan Blvd., San Jose, Calif.
 Pulling, Roma, Woodstock Ave., RFD #2 Rutland 05701
 Purdy, Linda, 220 Adams St., Rutland
 Reynolds, George, 8 Hillcrest Road, Springfield 05156
 Rolston, Mr. & Mrs. Ben, Gifford Woods State Park, Killington 05751
 Roulrier, Bettina, 25 Piedmont Parkway Rutland 05701
 Rozowicz, Linda, 562 West 193rd St. New York, N. Y. 10040

Staeck, Betty, Killington 05701
 Start, Sherwin, 18 Pine St., Rutland
 Unsworth, Karen, 45 North Main St.,
 Apt. #2, Rutland 05701
 Welch, Frederica, % Woodstock Stage,
 Rutland 05701
 Wellman, Mary Louise, RFD, Poultney

WORK PARTIES

Information on work parties, scheduled and impromptu, have been phoned in to your Editors. Errors in reporting may be blamed on hasty note taking. Anything serious will be corrected in the next issue of Smoke & Blazes.

Sat., May 17. This scheduled work party brought out 9 people who, reports Wes Weston, cleared trail from Rte. 103 to Sunnyside, and from Rte. 140 to the same shelter. Some blazing was done.

Sat., June 21. An unscheduled, but advertized, work party consisting only of Sherwin Start and Wes, finished the blazing and did some more clearing from RTE. 103 to Sunnyside.

Sun., June 22. Paul Howard called in to report on work done at Pico Camp. It seems that a letter had been received from a hiker complaining about the deplorable conditions at Pico, so an unscheduled, unadvertized impromptu work party took off to do something about it. After contacting Job Brugmann, caretaker at Cooper, Wes, Paul and Patrick Howard and their dog, Rex, and equipment for repair were taken up by gondola from Rte. 4 to the top of Killington. They then hiked from Cooper to Pico where they put in a hard day repairing, checking and measuring such items as the wire around the bottom of the shelter, the stove pipe, door latch, and the john.

Paul feels that a great deal of credit should go to the Sherburne Corp. for the free use of their gondola for both workers and equipment. Their fine cooperation is certainly appreciated.

* * *

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES is Sept. 15. Send news to Mrs. Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Pl., Springfield, Vt. 05156 by that date.

HIKE DATA

Churchill Scott has sent in a list of places visited and hikes scheduled since Sept. 30, 1967. The purpose of this information is to help in scheduling hikes for the next, and future, Outing Calendars. Members will be surprised, as were your Editors, at the variety and number of places listed.

Abbey Pond	Mooselamoo
Mt. Acolus	Natural Bridge
Mt. Ascutney	Northeast Kingdom
Baker Peak	Mt. Okemo
Bald Mt.	Old Baldy
Big Branch	Pico Peak
Bird Mt.	Pico Pond
Blue Ridge	Pine Hill
Bourne Pond	Pittsford Ice Caves
Brown Bridge	Plymouth-to-Northam
Burnt Rock Mt.	Rattlesnake Ledge
Canoe trips	Robert Frost Trail
Camel's Hump	Rollston's Rest
Cantilever Rock	Round Mt.
Chatagway	Scragg Mt.
Cooper Lodge	Shrewsbury Peak
Cox Mt.	Silver Lake
Clarendon Lodge	Snake Mt.
Daggett Mt.	Somerset Reservoir
Dorset Cave	Stony Brook
East Mt.	Stratton Mt. & Pond
Equinox Mt.	Susie Peak
Fire Hill	Sunnyside
Fox Lot	Tamarack Shelter
Gov. Clement	Taconic Ridge Trail
Grandpa's Knob	Tinker Brook
Greenwall Shelter	Tinmouth Peak
Gulf Shelter	Tongue Mt.
Handley Mt.	Tucker Lodge
Mt. Hunger	Mt. Washington
Lake Willoughby	(cancelled)
Little Rock Pond	Vermont's Highest
Lye Brook	Waterfall
Moreck Forest	Wallingford Pond
Mt. Carmel	Wheelerville Rock
Mt. Herrick	White Rocks
Mt. Mansfield	
Mt. Monadnock	
Mendon Peak	
McLaughlin	



Smoke and Blazes

Vol. 27, No. 4 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Oct.-Dec., 1975

COMING OUTINGS

Note: Koltonski Fire Station where hikers meet is adjacent to Main St. (Rte. 7) Park in Rutland.

Sat., Oct. 11, 9 a.m., MT. CARMEL TO SOUTH POND, Leader C. Scott will still be employed at Coolidge State Park, so it is hoped someone will offer to lead this hike. A good chance for members to work on their End-to-End Award.

Sat., Oct. 18, 10 a.m., SHREWSBURY PEAK, Teen Palen, Leader. The Palens have offered to come from Hurley, N.Y., to lead this fall hike from the Northam Picnic Pavilion over the peak, down past the shelter where there is a good view and water, to Black Swamp where cars may be spotted, or vice versa. Meet at Koltonski Fire Station.

Sun., Oct. 26, 1 p.m., H.D. VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE, Joe Valiquette, Leader. There is always a beautiful view from the summit of East Mt., so let's all try to make this hike to honor the memory of Harold, and enjoy this fall trip to his favorite mountain. Meet at Koltonski's.

Sat., Nov. 1, 9 a.m., MAD TOM NOTCH TO LAKE GRIFFITH, Leader, R. Charland. Here is a nice fall walk to cover some more of the LT and perhaps a chance to see the location of the Griffith cottage reached by carriage from Danby via the Lake Trail. Meet at the fire station.

Sat., Nov. 8, 10 a.m., PLYMOUTH FIVE-CORNERS, Leader, M. Wintturi. This is an easy walk through an area rich in history of the last century. The distance can be as long as one wishes. Meet at the fire station.

Sun., Dec. 7, TALL TIMBER, MENDON-- SUPPER SOCIAL. Call Vera Perkins, 773-2941, for supper reservations at the home of the Craigue Perkins'. On may come as early as desired, and wal will be made to Blue Ridge, or the Beaver Dam via Elbow Road. Supper will be served at 6 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 13, 10 a.m., UPPER COLD RIVER ROAD TO GOV. CLEMENT, Leader, Paul Howard. Dr. Howard and Ordol Blood have just repaired grate and cleaned fireplace of 35 odd years of ashes. One can walk to the camp via the old road or the LT. Meet at Koltonski Fire Station.

Fri., Dec. 19, 6 p.m., MOONLIGHT HIKE TO TUCKER-JOHNSON SHELTER, Leader, J. Martin. Note the day of this hike for it was made to take advantage of the full moon. Hikers should meet at the fire station.

Sat., Dec. 27, 10 a.m., MYSTERY HIKE, R. Carey, Leader. Nothing can be written about this hike for only the leader knows the destination. However meet at the fire station.

ERROR!! ERROR!! ERROR!! ERROR in in the Fall & Winter Hike Schedule. The Pot Luck Supper at Tamarack Notch and hike to Bald Mt. will be held on Sunday, Sept. 28. Call J. Martin for reservations, 773-8621.

NIKE REPORT: Sherburne Pass to South Pond, July 27. This hike was scheduled to go to Mt. Carmel, but the group decided this was going to be too much, so elected to go from Sherburne Pass to South Pond and down to the Chittendon Reservoir. Jan Martin, Leader

DIRECTORS MEETING

A Board of Directors meeting was held on Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Pinney Hollow cottage of Churchill Scott. Janet Martin, Vera Perkins, Wilbur Weston, Sherwin Start, Rob Carey, Sandy Stare, Peter and Teen Palen, the Paul Howards, Jr. and Sr., Mauri Wintturi and his friend were present.

Janet read letters from John Nuffort and Ralph Bryant, former president and current president of the main GMC, respectively, asking if the Killington Section would be willing to take the responsibility of maintaining the Brugman Bridge over Mill River. She also read a letter from Al St. Peter to Pres. Bryant regarding the detailed maintenance work of the bridge. Pres. Martin said she wrote to Al St. Peter and invited him to the meeting so we could learn first hand the work involved, but received no reply and he was not present.

Paul Howard was appointed chairman to head a committee including Rob Carey and Sherwin Start to look into the matter more thoroughly. They will study exactly what is involved in maintaining the bridge if the Killington Section takes over in regards to cost, liability and amount of work. Paul also spoke of water bars and log steps at the bridge which were a big improvement, and as far as he could see no motor bikes had been there.

Janet also read a letter from Hans Frisch asking for at least two persons in each section to act as photographers on section activities so that the Main Club would have an up-to-date file for publicity, news stories and slide collections. Lynee Slushman was mentioned as one and Janet said she would contact her.

Sherwin Start spoke of the very poor attendance on work parties and the fact that it is becoming less and less as time goes on. He listed the many various improvements that should be made through-

out our section of the Trail and on the shelters before winter. Newspaper ads and articles, radio announcements and individual contact were mentioned as some of the possibilities of interesting more people, especially women, who in addition to cooking for the work parties could do many jobs on the trail. He also mentioned the article in the latest issue of the Long Trail News about what a good response the Burlington Section got for workers to help rebuild Puffer Lodge.

The rest of the evening was devoted to making up a Fall and Winter Schedule of outings. This schedule has been printed and was mailed out to all members on Tuesday, Sept. 2. If anyone has not received a copy please notify W.C. Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary

OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE KILLINGTON SECTION OF GMC:

Work completed as of 9/8/75.
Blazing from Vt. Rte. 140 to Upper Cold River Road. Clearing from Vt. Rte. 140 to Upper Cold River Road. Thanks to Jeb Brugman, (caretaker at Cooper Lodge this summer) the trail from Cooper Lodge to Pico Camp has been cleared and blazed. Jeb also did a considerable amount of work in starting the Jaugernaut Trail relocation.

More to be accomplished as of 9/8/75
Long Trail/Appalachian Trail to be cleared and blazed from Upper Cold River Road to Cooper Lodge, and from Pico Camp to Sherburne Pass.

We need to do some badly needed drainage work on several sections of the LT/AT and will be getting into some of this work this fall, hopefully!! We are also planning to put some puncheon foot bridges across a few wet areas.

In passing at this time, representing and speaking for the entire membership, we would like to thank any and all parties that so graciously took part in the trail work that was done of the LT/AT on both sides of the new Clarendon Gorge suspension bridge. Thank you!!!

The trail is one of the cleanest of the whole LT. We do, however, need a great deal more help than we have been getting. On the 4 trail work parties we have had only 4 people showed up at the first, and only 2 on each of the other three. We need more help!!!

Also at this time I would like to express my gratitude and that of the Club to Harold Howard and his daughter-in-law, Carla, for their invaluable assistance in helping yours truly in his efforts to keep the refuse picked up. Our hats are off to you. Also, many thanks to Wes Weston, Rob Carey, Mauri Wintturi and Paul Howard for their efforts far above the call of duty.

In parting I would like to make a special point of the fact that I know that there are quite a few persons in the Killington Section that are physically capable of helping us take care of both the shelters and trails, and we desperately need your assistance. For further information call me at 775-3193, or call our Shelters Chairman, Paul Howard, at 773-6070.

One final note. In case you haven't received the new Fall and Winter Hike schedule, we have planned a couple of trail maintenance outings, on Sept. 13-14, and the second on Oct. 4. Please pitch in and show that you really care. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sherwin A. Start
Trails Chairman, KSGMC

CROSS-TALK

July 9, 1975. After I had made arrangements with Frank McCormack, manager of Radio Station WHWB in Rutland, the GMC was slated for an hour's broadcast on a talk program called "Cross-Talk."

Rob Carey, Job Brugman and I reported to the station on the East Proctor Rd. at 9:55 AM. We were escorted to the broadcasting booth by Ed Lloyd and Ed Larson, the MC's where a short discussion was held before going on the air. However, this was completely unrehearsed, but with the ability of our two MC's to properly question us during the program, the talk show went smoothly without repetitious conversation.

We talked about the GMC in general and the Killington Section in particular. Rob did an excellent job in his history of the club and of the Hikes Program and how it works. I was surprised at the knowledge Rob has about the club and his ability to put it across to the listening public. I congratulate him. Job did a fine job in answering questions about the Caretaker's Program, the hikers he had met in his caretaker job, and general knowledge about being out there on the trail.

Rob is an end-to-ender for the Long Trail, while Job is an end-to-ender on the AT trail. I cannot boast on that score, for my mileage on the trail is not too great. Job told of the 86 year old hiker that had finished half the AT last year and was completing the AT this year.

The actual 50 minutes that we were on the air passed swiftly, and with the help of Ed Lloyd and Ed Larson we had no difficulty in producing an interesting program for the listeners, giving the GMC a boost in this area.

The manager of Radio Station WHWB has been very generous and presented us with tapes of the entire program. Any interested parties that would like to hear this program would be welcome to use the tapes. After I am finished with them, the tapes will be placed on file at the GMC main office on Center St., Rutland.

Respectfully,
Paul R. Howard
Shelter's Chairman
Killington Section, GMC

HERBERT G. OGDEN, JR., of Palo Alto, California, has sent Smoke & Blazes a copy of an interesting and controversial letter written by him to the editor of the Long Trail News. Regretfully, lack of space permits us to print excerpts only. Killington Section members should be sure to read the complete letter when it appears in the forthcoming LTN.

What, one may ask, is wrong with seeing the Sections as "participants" in "Main Club" work? Plenty, I think. To begin with, the very words "participants" and "Main Club" imply that the Sections are merely ancillary organizations whose function it is to aid the Main Club. On the contrary, it seems to me that the Club has long derived its strength from the reasonably autonomous functioning of Sections which were free to set their policies and plan their activities more or less as they saw fit, which were free to innovate and get things done on their own, and which benefited from the coordination provided by the President and Trustees -- but these Sections did not allow that "coordination" to become "direction," and they prospered in their freedom.

Now, unfortunately, the Sections seem to be losing their character as decision-making bodies and turning into administrative divisions, serving to implement decisions by Club leadership. To me, this state of affairs is reflected by the idea that the Sections exist primarily to help keep up the trail for the Main Club. The important decisions about the Trail, however, are being increasingly concentrated at the Main Club level. In my own Section this was pointed up particularly by the conduct of the Caretaker program, and, more prominently, by the Main Club's costly reversal of a promising local initiative on the rebuilding of the Clarendon Gorge Bridge after the 1973 flood.

The opinions expressed above are shared by many Killington Section members, and have been stated in recent editions of Smoke & Blazes.

CHURCHILL SCOTT has sent in some more statistics from KS records. Below are the 10 best attended activities in recent years.

2/24/68, Spaghetti Supper at Tall Timbers with 51 present.
3/29/69, Sugar-on-Snow Party, 51.
9/10/72, 60th Anniversary Party at Tamarack Notch with 48 present.
11/10/74, 3rd H.D. Valiquette Memorial Hike to East Mt., 47 attending.
3/30/68, Sugar-on-Snow Party, 45.
6/16/74, Pittsford Ice Caves, 37.
6/15/72, Natural Bridge, Lake Emerald, with 36 present.
12/28/74, Moonlight Hike, Tucker Johnson with 36 attending.

5/15-16/71, Clarendon Remodeling, 32.
7/25/70, Canoe Trip, Florence to Brandon, on Otter Creek, with 25 present.

Churchill concludes that the social activities seem to be the most attractive!

NEW MEMBERS to Sept. 15, 1975:

Abbott, Kevin, 23 Pine St., Springfield, Vt., 05156
Blaskovich, Mrs. W.J., 9 Amhurst Lane, Dearborn, Mich. 48120
Britton, John, P.O. Box 911, Rutland
Chrzanowski, Diane, 79 Plain St. "
Howard, Paul, Jr., 70 Allen St. "

HIKE REPORTS

Wallingford Pond, June 29. At the outset this hike was a problem in frustration. I did not know where I was going. After several abortive attempts to get the proper directions, the ever loyal Churchill came to my rescue. On his only day off he took me to the starting point and I felt better.

From the Koltonski Fire Station, 19 hikers in a 7-car cavalcade drove to Wallingford, then east on Rte. 140 to a turn-off, and to our "jump-off" place.

Soon after we started hiking, we met 3 happy hooligans in a dilapidated pick-up truck transporting 6 or 7 oil drums into the pond area. Their plan was to build a houseboat. At one point they dropped 3 drums and 1 hooligan, but fortunately no one was hurt.

The day was warm and our hiking time was short, about a half hour each way. The pond is located in a rather wild setting with no camps or cottages that we could see. We sat around, nibbled and rapped, and a couple of "Waltons" tried their skills at fishing.

Our visit was cut short by a fishing group that had driven to the pond and whose exit our parked cars prevented.

Wes Weston, Leader

Brandon Gap to Carmel, July 12. On this hot but clear July day, 7 Killington Section members assayed that part of the LT from Brandon Gap south to Mt. Carmel, a 2-mile jaunt.

It began by 5 hikers going to the Gap with Jack Martin to await arrival of the other 2 who spotted cars at the foot of the New Boston Trail. With the kindly assistance of Jim Frink, the 2 spotters were driven to Brandon Gap where they joined the awaiting five.

As the group prepared to start, Jack Martin imparted a bit of sage advice directed to aspiring end-to-enders. He stated that in order to prevent any "gaps" in hiking the entire trail, we should walk up to where the trail crossed the highway from the north side to the south side and cross there. We all complied and did just that. The trail was very level and in good shape so that we jauntily took off at a brisk pace.

We did the first mile in a little over 20 minutes. As the day wore on we tended to wear out, but only slightly. We made one stop for lunch and maybe two for rests. We were too weary to make the climb up Carmel and left it at that. We met some hikers en route and our group opined it was a day well spent.

Wes Weston, Leader

Buttermilk Falls, Aug. 17. Though far from a muscle tingling hike, our Sunday afternoon walk to Buttermilk Falls did get eleven of us outdoors enjoying the rocky scenery of the three unique falls separated from each other by short walks.

This is a cool spot on a hot day, but our day was too cool for sneaker walking in the brook.

Anna Nyiri

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES is Dec. 15. Send news to Mrs. Frances Roberts, 2 Hill Pl., Springfield, Vt. 05156 by that date.

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Binder #1	1948 - 1954
Binder #2	1955 - 1962
Binder #3	1963 - 1975
Binder #4	1976 - 1983
Binder #5	1984 - 1991
Binder #6	1992 - 2001
Binder #7	2002 - Date

A Note About Numbers

Smoke and Blazes started in 1948 as a monthly publication and continued so until about 1959 when it became a bimonthly. In about 1967 it switched to quarterly publication. Occasionally issues were skipped, especially in 1970 and 1971.

In general each calendar year was assigned a new "Volume" and "Numbers" were assigned consecutively from "1" through each year.

There is some lack of consistency in the months of publication, and there are some out-and-out errors in the numbering.

The following Table of Contents lists the issues in this binder showing the Volume, Number, and Date as printed, and, where different, what the Volume, Number, and Date probably should have been.

Dedication

This set of copies of Smoke and Blazes is donated to the Rutland Historical Society in memory of my parents, Mary and Craig Perkins and my aunt, Vera Perkins. They conceived the idea for a Killington Section newsletter in 1948 and served as editors and publishers for the first several years of its existence, cutting stencils, and running mimeograph copies in our living room. They continued as frequent contributors to the publication and as active members of the Club for over a half century. Fortunately, Dad had a pack rat proclivity which I seem to have inherited. By combining his collection of Smoke and Blazes with mine, I have been able to put together this complete run of the publication.

Bob Perkins
Rutland, VT
April, 1999

Table of Contents

Smoke and Blazes

Binder #4

As printed				Probably should be			
Vol.	No.	Issue	Year	Vol.	No.	Issue	Year
28	1	Jan-Mar	76	29	1	Jan-Mar	76
29	2	Apr-Jun	76				
Spec Issue		17 Jul	76				
30	2	Jun-Oct	76	29	3	Jul-Sep	76
30	3	Oct-Dec	76	29	4	Oct-Dec	76
Spec Issue		5 Jan	77				
30	4	Jan-Apr	77	30	1	Jan-Apr	77
30	5	Apr-Jun	77	30	2	Apr-Jun	77
30	6	Jun-Aug	77	30	3	Jun-Aug	77
30	6	Aug-Dec	77	30	4	Aug-Dec	77
31	6	Jan/Mar	78	31	1	Jan-Mar	78
31	2	Apr-Jun	78				
31	3	Jul-Sep	78				
31	4	Oct-Dec	78				
32	1	Jan-Mar	79				
32	2	Apr-Jun	79				
32	3	Jul-Sep	79				
32	4	Oct-Dec	79				
33	4	Jan-Mar	80	33	1	Jan-Mar	80
33	2	Apr-Jun	80				
33	4	Oct-Dec	80	33	3	Jul-Sep	80
33	4	Oct-Dec	80				
34	1	Jan-Mar	81				
34	2	Apr-Jun	81				
34	4	Oct-Dec	81	34	3	Jul-Sep	81
34	4	Oct-Dec	81				
35	1	Jan-Mar	82				
35	2	Apr-Jun	82				
35	3	Jul-Sep	82				
35	4	Oct-Dec	82				
36	1	Jan-Mar	83				
36	2	Apr-Jun	83				
36	3	Jul-Sep	83				
36	4	Oct-Dec	83				

Smoke and BLAZES



Vol. 28, No. 1 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - January - March, 1976

THE NEW BOSTON TRAIL - Oct. 11, 1975

Since Churchill was still working and Jack and Janet Martin had other commitments for 10/11/75, I agreed to lead the hike for Janet. There was myself and Gregory Bostock, a young man and new member that showed up. ('Twas an overcast, predictably rainy day).

Never before had I gone UP the New Boston Trail, and only ONCE before, many years ago, had I come DOWN it, but I remembered no problem.

We left, in two cars, at 9:10 AM and arrived at South Pond Trail entrance at 9:50 AM. Then we drove the 1.6 miles back to where the power line crossed the road, making the turn-off point from the road out of Chittenden. (This turnoff is not marked and it is 3 miles from Chittenden Corners. This for the benefit of future hikers who will be hunting for the way to the South Pond Trail).

Then we drove 4 miles (Past Mountain Top Inn) and to the entrance of the New Boston Trail.

There is a sign there pointing up a straight, wide, roadlike path into the woods. Never doubting the sign, we took off up this path, and after about a quarter mile we met some hunters who called after us "Going to Mt. Carmet?". Knowing that Mt. Carmel was just a bit north of where the New Boston Trail joins the Long Trail, we nodded assent and kept going on what we had no reason to doubt was the New Boston Trail.

Finally we came to a clearing with many trails leading from it. We cursed the people who had failed to blaze the New Boston Trail and explored several of these trails, all leading to dead ends, in deep woods. Finally we realized something was radically wrong and we retraced our steps. It was raining, everything was swampy and

and muddy. Our feet were soaking wet, and much of our clothes the same. We did not feel kindly toward the people who had failed to blaze the trail.

We got back to a point about 30 yards from our parked car, and noticed an unmarked path leading off our broad highway. We went up this path a way to see what it was, and Lo and Behold about 50 yards in, and out of plain sight of the big road, was a sign indicating that THIS was the way to the Long Trail.

There is no mark or sign at the roadside to indicate that the New Boston Trail makes a sudden departure to the right only about 30 yards from the starting point. We were disgusted, wet and not in a good mood.

We had walked for two hours in the rain and had covered about 5 miles. It was now 12:30 PM, the rain was coming down in torrents, so we swore at the lack of trail markings at the most important point, and decided no more sloshing thru mud and rain that day. WE THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW !!!

James C. Frink

SALT ASH MOUNTAIN - September 21, 1975

On a very wet day, 10 of us gathered at the Kontolski Fire Station at 10:00 AM and departed for a hike to Camp Flying Cloud, Salt Ash Mountain. This was a brook-like hike all the way to the top. I ate lunch sitting in a branch over a spring spring! Good view toward east and south. Beautiful Fall day. Used by-pass around Flying Cloud Camp on way back and found it dryer although the bottom looked worse when we went up. Found an axe and Car-teen belonging to Saltash Camp.

Tom Martin

PLYMOUTH FIVE CORNERS - Nov. 8, 1975

This historical hike was the longest 4.5 mile trip even the oldest of old timers could remember. It was wonderful to see 32 people in this turnout on a beautiful warm sunny day in the fall.

After parking at the Coolidge State Park picnic area, we walked along an old town road to Plymouth Five Corners. Here we visited the Cemetery, with dates going back to the 1810's. Here, also, are buried ancestors of Newell Briggs, Burlington Section member, who was well known to many in the Killington Section.

At the Five Corners Area, Ray Stoodley gave a very thorough description of the many foundations, including a very interesting Grist Mill, complete with sluice way. He also pointed out how gold had been found in one of two brooks, but not in the other, just a short distance away. All of this, coupled with the early 1900's photos shown by Frederica Welch, made this an interesting spot to stand and try to visualize where the school; the blacksmith shop; and the Hotel, with a Ball Room resting on six foot rubber balls could be located among the now completely foreclosed area.

Heading west and up grade, we came to the Bethany Birches Bible School area, with a beautiful view of the Broad Brook and Hale Hollow Valleys.

Turning north, we passed the site of yet another school and soon arrived back at the picnic area grounds, where Doc Howard and Wes Weston had a fire and hot coffee water waiting for us.

In addition to the weatherman, who was most cooperative, we want to thank Wes, Doc, Freddie, Ray Stoodley and all members of the hike party for making this hike a most enjoyable day.

DUES-----DUES-----DUES-----DUES-----DUES-----

Payable on or before April 1, to be mailed or given to W. Churchill Scott, Treas.; his address is 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vt., 05701

ADULT:

\$3.00 Section
1.50 Main Club
\$4.50

FAMILY, JR.

0.00 Awwrion
.75 Main Club
\$.75

SENIOR CITIZEN:

\$1.00 Killington Section
\$1.50 Main Club
\$.50

SPOUSE:

\$2.00 Section
1.50 Main Club
\$3.50

SINGLE, JR.

\$1.00 Section
.75 Main Club
\$.75

KILLINGTON SECTION. GMC. By Laws

If you will refer to your copy of the Killington Section By-Laws, please refer to Article 5, and delete the following phrase, and I quote: "A Director who has served two terms may not be re-elected until after a lapse of one year". end of quote.

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER - Dec. 13, 1975

According to schedule we were to meet at the Kontolski Fire Station on 12/13/75 for a hike from the Upper Cold River Road to Gov. Clement Shelter. Starting time was 10:00 AM, but with some commitments I had, it was 10:10 before I could get to the Fire Station. However, Wes Weston (Sport and Rascal), Sherwin Start, my son Paul Jr., John Braddock and another hiker was ready to leave for the starting point. The above mentioned hikers reached the hike starting point where the Long Trail and the Upper Cold River Road crosses, and the hike was underway. Wes and I decided to hike the "old road" instead of the Trail, while Paul Jr., John, Sherwin and the other hiker used the trail. Our timing was good as both parties met at the bridge where the trail joins the old road at the same time.

The hike to the shelter was uneventful but very slippery, forcing Wes to assist his Sport and Rascal.

After a fire was started and hot water available, to our surprise, five more hikers appeared, who had planned on the scheduled hike but probably due to my tardiness, had departed the Fire Station prior to my arrival. This made a total of 11 members on this hike, to include Churchill Scott and Jim Frink. The former location of "Blue Triangle" camp was located, across the road and near the brook, but few signs of a camp remained. Although on our return to our vehicles, this writer did not veer from the road down, Churchill, Sherwin and others stopped to view an old water-powered saw mill, just to the right of the old road.

It was a gray, chilly day, and footing was poor due to ice, but a good time was had by all on the hike. We found Gov. Clement Shelter to be in excellent condition, although reports of "nonhikers" during the summer months gave our section much concern.

Paul R. Howard

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Happy Birthday, 200th. that is
for the United States of America.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Please bear with the producer of this issue of SMOKE AND BLAZES. This is the first issue that I have put out, it is the first time that I have used a duplicating machine in many years, and again many years since I have cut a stinzel for a duplicating machine. YOU WILL FIND ERRORS, in spelling, which I am going to blame on typographical errors, and you will find other errors that you may question. I note (and this is most important, that I failed to place the writer of the PLYMOUTH FIVE CORNER'S ARTICLE on page 2. That article was written by Mauri Wintturi, who I feel did a fine job, and my apologizes to him. We hope that our next issue of SMOKE AND BLAZES will have fewer errors, and that you will still find this paper interesting as you did when Frances and Wes were producing it.

Editor

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING - Oct 29, 1975

By request of Janet Martin, President of the Killington Section of the GMC, a Board of Directors Meeting was held at her home on Curtis Avenue, Rutland, Vermont at 8:00 P.M. on 10/29/75 to determine certain requests from the Main Club.

The following is the Secretary's report on this meeting:

Janet, Vera, Thelma, Paul Howard, Sr. Paul Howard, Jr. and I were present at this meeting.

Janet spoke about the request of President Ralph Bryant to forward Killington Section History as soon as possible for inclusion in printing of History of the Green Mountain Club. This request was forwarded to Terry Gulick.

Rachael Charland, Paul Howard and Betty Staack were asked to serve as a nominating committee for next year's officers.

"Wes" Weston stated that he sold his mimeograph machine and will no longer be able to print and mail the Smoke and Blazes. His many years of faithful service will be missed and it will be hard to replace him. It was suggested we inquire at the Rutland Business College and Army Reserve Center for quotations on price to print this publication. However, this issue of Smoke and Blazes is being produced by Paul Howard, in an attempt to find if this procedure can be continued within the Killington Section family.

Paul said that due to ill health, it might be necessary to obtain a new Shelters Chairman next year. He has done a very thorough and complete job during the last

few years and we hope he will like continuing his good job come next spring.

He also spoke of the Clarendon Gorge Bridge maintainence, and suggest that due to lateness of season, we could offer to creosote and lubricate the cables, but Mr. St. Peter said he could help only at his convenience and detailed so many minute specifications of maintainence that the Killington Section felt that it could find neither the money or the time to say nothing of the personnel willing to do the work.

Also he told in detail how many members of the Killington Section still feel about how the Bridge rebuilding effort was taken out of the hands of the Killington Section by the Main Club after much of the ground work had been laid and financial aid obtained.

Paul made a resolution: "The Killington Section creosole the bridge, lubricate the cables this season, with the understanding that we do not take permanent responsibility for the maintainence for the bridge beyond this fall. This was seconded by T. Valiquette, passed unanimously.

Wes, through Paul, spoke of old trusses and cables from the former bridge that could be put to use as supports for bridges over smaller streams, and that we could pick-up and store these items for future use.

Teh Officers of Wilson Moving and Storage, Inc., after a request, informed Terry it would be impossible to offer any storage space for material from the Main Club. The reason being, according to Paul an official in that corporation, is the complexity of the now existing storage accounts.

Mauri Wintturi and John Braddock have started to creosote Sunnyside, and Pico could stand a coat this fall also.

Paul asked that we conduct another radio talk show describing the various activities of the local section and the Main Club. (Scheduling for this show is contained in another part of this paper).

Respectfully Submitted
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary.

HEAVY TRAFFIC

Janet Martin reports that her son Tom took a backpacking trip with his cousin, Ralph Perkins (Grandson of Creigue and son of Peter) from the Application Gap to Middlebury Gap in the first week of August

of 1975. They met 117 Hikers in their 3 days on the trail, including Ralph Church who has been working on materials for the youth group leaders on hiking the Long Trail. Seventy two of this total they met the first day (Sunday). Didn't realize this was such a heavy use area.

Janet Martin

HELP HELP HELP

We need assistance in making up our next hike schedule. What hikes you would be interested in, where and when do you feel a good hike can be suggested, and would YOU like to lead a hike. Below is a sample questionnaire you could prepare and have ready at the annual meeting for discussion and activating:

LOCATION: _____

BEST DATES: _____ [Hikes are usually scheduled for a Saturday or Sunday]
I would be glad to lead a hike, or will be willing to suggest _____ as a hike leader if available.

Any such suggestions you have, please get the information to W. Churchill Scott at 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vt. 05701, so we can discuss this matter at the Annual Meeting on January 17, 1976.

CROSS TALK SHOW, Radio Station WHWB

On January 16, 1976, another "Cross Talk Show" will be aired on Radio Station WHWB to bring out the features of the Killington Section and the Green Mountain Club as a whole. On the show, as it is scheduled at this printing, will be Churchill Scott, Sherwin Start and Larry Van Meter, our new Main Club Executive Secretary. This is an unrehearsed program and should prove interesting to all listeners. Be sure to be near a radio for this airing, and we thank Frank McCormack for his giving us an opportunity to put this show on the air.

ANNUAL MEETING, January 17, 1976

Don't forget the Annual Meeting on January 17, 1976, Saturday, Beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 117 West Street, Rutland, Vt.

There are many important items to come before the meeting and plans for our 1976 schedule.

The business meeting will be followed by our usual coffee and dessert. Those who can bring something please call Janet Martin by Friday 1/16 at 773-8621. We thought if people could bring along their

favorite old and new and new Killington Section Hike Slides, we might have fun, historically . . . hysterical review of members, past and present. A projector will be provided, so put your slides in a box and bring them along. Jot down your suggestions now and be ready to discuss the spring-summer schedule.

Janet Martin

NEW HIKES

During 1974-1975 a number of new places were visited and enjoyed. Let's see if we can suggest more for the next outing schedule to be printed.

Tinker Brook Shelter
Northam to Plymouth Road
Chataguay Area
Rattlesnake Ledge
Old Baldy
Puddledack Ski Area
Pinney Hollow Area
Echo Ampitheater
Wallace Ledge
Buttermilk Falls
Plymouth Five Corners

DEER SEASON: Mount Independence - 1974
Fort Cassin, Vergennes - '75

W. Churchill Scott

SMOKE AND BLAZES CHANGES

After many years of cutting stencils, printing and mailing SMOKE AND BLAZES, almost single handedly, Frances Roberts and Wes Weston has felt that it was time to resign and let some of the other folks take over. The Killington Section owes a great deal of thanks to Wes and Frances, for the wonderful job they have done over the years.

Let us hope that the many folks necessary to get out SMOKE AND BLAZES in place of Wes and Frances will be as good, prompt and efficient.

Thanks again Wes and Frances, from each and every one of us in the Killington Section.

W. Churchill Scott

MISTERY HIKE

The intent of this hike was to climb Green Mountain near Little Rock Pond. We got most of the way up the mountain, but not by the exact route intended, making the destination a mystery, to those seven people that came. We went up the mountain from the west leaving the Homer Stone Brook Trail at the bridge, crossing the brook before the Trail does. Due to difficulty

walking (too much snow for boots, not enough for show shoes) we did not have time to get to the summit, but had lunch several hundred feet below the top. All agreed however, it was an enjoyable hike

Robert Carey

O B I T U A R Y

We extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mrs. Adolf Frenkiewicz who recently passed away, at the age of 90, remembering especially her daughter, Mrs. Thelma Valiquette and her grandson, John Joseph and Thomas Joseph Valiquette.

All members of the Killington Section were recently saddened to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of William "Bill" MacArthur of Williamstown, Mass.

The Green Mountain Club has lost a very faithful member, who gave so very much of his time, effort and energy. Bill set a perfect example for all of us to follow with his devotion to the Green Mountain Club throughout his life.

NEW MEMBERS

Berger, Mrs. Jean, 5 Belmont Avenue, Rutland, Vermont 05701

WORK PARTIES NEEDED

Unfortunately, there is a lot of "work" to be done on the Killington Section of the Long Trail by members of this section. We have had work parties advertised in the local media at times that we had work parties, and our turn out has been quite slim. THIS IS YOUR TRAIL, it is set up for your enjoyment and lack of all members to take part in the up-keep of our Trail System makes for bad communications both for the Killington Section and the general public. A work party is and can be fun; blazing, brushing, shelter maintenance to make the Trail System a joy, not a quoted "Freeway", so we can enjoy it. It is fun, the work party, let's see more turn out to assist the shelter's chairman and the Trails chairman.

Sherwin Start
Trails Chairman

Paul R. Howard
Shelter's Chairman

SMOKE AND BLAZES

DEADLINE for next issue is March 15th. Please send all information to Paul R. Howard, 70 Allen Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701. PHONE (Unlisted) 775-2638. The sooner I get the information, the more sure I can get the paper out in time.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

I and others of our section have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Larry Van Meter the new Executive Secretary of the Green Mountain Club., a man to assist us as a Section and the Main Club in General. We have found him to be very cooperative with us, willing to take time from his busy day and discuss all matters in his jurisdiction. He is working at the Main Club Office on Center Street with Manerva Hinchey, and Miss Hinchey states that he has been most helpful and cooperative in his work in the short time he has been there at his duties. With the changes in Smoke and Blazes, he has offered along with Miss Hinchey to be of any assistance possible in the publishing of this paper.

The Killington Section extends a warm welcome to Larry, and we hope that members will feel free to stop in at the Center Street Office and meet him, and wish him well.

W. Churchill Scott

FORT CASSIN HIKE November 27, 1975

On November 27, 1975, at 9:30 AM, ten members of the Green Mountain Club drove to Flat Rock Parking Area located on the Otter Creek River Road a short distance from Vergennes. Here the group hiked a short distance and found a very old cemetery where one member of our group, Ani Anderson, made two rubbings of two very unusual gravestones. At this point the group divided so as to follow the two roads indicated at this point of the Journey, one of which was bound to be the "tow" road. One group gave up soon and drove to the entrance of Fort Cassin and were quickly joined by the second group. All enjoyed a hearty lunch over a roaring fire along the shores of Lake Champlain. Mr. Goddard and his son of Shoreham Area Joined us and Jim Frink explained the information that we observed. After our lunch, the group proceeded to inspect the peninsula further and amid the modern dwellings, found a cellar hole which now included two caches that might have been used many years ago for ammunitions. Our thanks to Mr. Adams of the Commodore Inn of Vergennes for arranging this hike and we were sorry that due to unforeseen circumstances he was unable to join us on our trek. He had planned the hike. Approximately 3 miles of the "tow" Road was hiked.

Rachael Charland

END TO ENDERS

Our best to Betty, even though our scheduled hike with Betty Staeck from the Clark Brook Trail to Boyce Lodge to complete her End-to-End fell through due to her vacationing with her husband in Beirut, Lebanon, we are pleased to hear that she finished the Trail.

All of us in the Killington Section say well done, may there be many more miles of happy hiking ahead and we are happy to add your name to the following list of other Killington Section End-to-Enders:

Hedrick Cahee	John Nuffort
Christine Cahee	Herbert Odgen, Jr.
Robert Carpenter	Peter Palen
Robert Carey	Teen Palen
Louis Catozzi	Craigie Perkins
Virginia Day	Mary Perkins
Jeffery Magoon	Vera Perkins
Paul Magoon	Albert Reiner
Ann Mausloff	Ben Rolston
Frances Roberts	Richard Roberts
Linda Rozowicz	Churchill Scott
Louis Stare	Elizabeth Weeks
Lloyd Weeks	Mauri Wintturi

Dr. James H. Howard

If we have missed anyone, let us know and acknowledgement will be in the next issue

W. Churchill Scott

MAD. TOM NOTCH

On November 1, 1975, a beautiful sunny warm day, seven (7) members of the Killington Section together with two visiting hikers, both from Virginia, we gathered to hike from Mad Tom Notch to Lake Griffith, a distance of approximately 8.5 miles. The first portion of the trail was rather steep but was greatly aided by the lovely views and the large stepping stones and logs that indented the path. Six fast hikers made a great fire at Peru Peak Shelter which greatly helped the slower group in cooking their lunch as they arrived not too far behind the first group. No need to "Douse the Fire" as several hikers from Massachusetts came into view as we prepared to leave camp enroute to Lake Griffith. We learned this group had been on the trail for two days and were making Mad Tom Notch for the night. It appears that the U.S. Forest Service are in the process of constructing many thousand of feet of "poncheons" along the route from Peru Peak past Lake Griffith. Ruins of Lake Griffith Shelter could be seen as we jogged along the Trail to the Lake Road. The many look-cut spots made the trip a memorable one for those who had not hiked this section of the Long Trail. I am great-

ful to the following members of the Killington Section for making the first hike I have led this year a most enjoyable one for me, to name, Mauri Wintturi, Jim Frink, Mahlin Haustein, Carl Parsons, Sandi Salaby and Mike Cavalier (from Virginia), Greg Bostock and Churchill Scott.

Rachael W. Charland

COVERD DISH SUPPER - TALL TIMBERS

About 25 people attended the Spaghetti Supper Social at Tall Timbers Field House on December 7, 1975. The Spaghetti and Sauce were provided by Janet Martin (to include Jack), and others attending brought salads, and/or desserts to complete the menu. The Ping-Pong Table was transformed into an excellent Buffet table and a quality, quantity and variety of food upheld the tradition of the Killington Section Suppers.

A few people came early enough in the afternoon to hike the Blue Ridge Trail as far as the Cascades. Here we understand one of the hikers took an unexpected late season swim. Fortunately, Rachael adheres to the Scout motto "Be Prepared" so had a change of clothing in her car.

Except for this minor disaster, all went smoothly and a good supper and pleasant social evening were enjoyed. We just wish more of you had been there with us.

Our many thanks to Craigie Perkins for not only giving us the use of the Field House, but also supplying us with wood and water and warm fires to welcome us.

Vera A. Perkins

THIS IS IT

This is the first edition of SMOKE AND BLAZES to be produced in many years without Frances and Wes, and we hope you find it interesting. As stated before, please excuse the errors, and we hope there will be fewer of them in the next issue. It will make this job much easier if all hike leaders and other members with articles would sit down and type out or write what you have to say as soon as possible after the event. It is a good paper, let's all help in the continuing production of it.

A P.S. = CROSS TALK TIME SCHEDULE

The Show will be aired on 1/15/76, and Air time is 10:05 A.M.

The SMOKE and BLAZES



VOL. 29, No. 2 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Apr. - Jun. 1976

SUNNYSIDE SHELTER WELL LIKED AS AN OVERNIGHT HAVEN

The following is a letter that was received at the Main Club Office, and I think it speaks for itself:

"Dear GMC: On the first weekend of December, 1975, my friend and I utilized the Sunnyside Camp on the Long Trail. We would like to thank the maintainer of the camp for the beautiful split wood and a very clean cabin. The Long Trail has given my friend and I many enjoyable moments.

Thank you very much for your interest. Best Wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,
Donna Fruscione."

WATER, WATER, BUT NOWHERE TO BE FOUND

Although this happened some time ago, I thought I would like to pass it along to the readers of Smoke and Blazes. On Oct. 26, 1974, a dozen or more hearty souls went on a hike to Rattlesnake Ledge in Fair Haven, Vt. It was a good hike, except for a supply of fresh water. Near the spot that we were to fire up the old coffee pot, the only water we could find was a marsh full of dead leaves, wood, moss and everything else that could have been in it in this wooded area.

It SMELLED, but it was water and we wanted hot drinks. A pot full was scooped up and rapidly boiled for 5 or 10 minutes and although still smelly, brown in color, it was used for our hot coffee and cocoa.

I can not say that all partook of this hot drink base, but the ones that did are still much alive and still getting quite a laugh when we think back at our predicament. THIS IS WANTING A CUP OF COFFEE VERY BADLY.

Harold C. Rogers

A QUOTE (From Reader's Digest)

Motto displayed over the desk of a country editor: "Lord, give me this day my daily idea, and forgive me the one I

MOUNT HANDLEY ON A COLD CHILLY DAY

On January 11, 1976, at 10:00 A. M. the weather was below zero, there was a high overcast and snow was predicted, but nine hearty hikers were at the Fire Station, including Larry Van Meter, the GMC new Executive Director. Also there was Jack Crowther of the Rutland Herald and Peter Patten, a young man who hitchhiked in from Fair Haven to be on our hike.

Everyone almost froze before getting our packs and snowshoes on, but soon warmth returned as we walked up an old road toward the summit of Big Handley. Pete gave us a brief history, it was named after the Handley family. The first Mr. Handley from Great Britain had bought some land on the mountain and to impress his friends at home said "I can not ride around my land on horseback in one day." He didn't explain however, the rocks and ledges that prevented this.

Jack used cross-country skis and did a very good job to get up the hills we climbed and had a fast ride back. He also took a number of photos to be used in the Rutland Herald on winter sports, to include hiking, skiing and snowmobiling.

Soon it was snowing, getting near 12:30 P.M. and everyone was hungry, so, of course, we stopped to build a fire and eat. It did not seem like a good idea, as after eating, everyone wanted to start for home, but due to the cold, snow and poor visibility, I guess it was the right thing to do. It was 2:30 P.M. when the hike ended and all agreed it was a very enjoyable outing. (Jack published the photos in the Sunday edition of the Rutland Herald, 1/18/76, along with a very good writeup). W. Churchill Scott

MOONLIGHT HIKE, COLD BUT ENJOYABLE

Seven brave souls ventured out in 5° below zero weather for a moonlight hike on December 19, 1975. We originally

MOONLIGHT HIKE (Continued)

Shelter, but decided that it would be warmer at Sunnyside, a closed shelter. The sub-zero weather may make us sound like real nuts, but once we were on our way it didn't seem to bother, and it felt rather invigorating as we walked along. The most spectacular thing was how brightly the moon shon on the snow. It was really a perfect night for a moonlight hike and it was enjoyed by all of us who braved the cold.

TRAIL AND SHELTER MAINTAINENCE - Progress

On September 13 and 14, 1975, a work party was due to depart from the Kontolski Fire Station at 9:00 A.M. for an overnight at Cooper Lodge near the summit of Killington Mountain.

Those hearty souls that showed were Lou Catozzi, John Britton, Jim Kapitan and myself. We departed for Sherburne Pass on the hour of 9 bells. On the way we met Doc Howard and Mauri Winturri at Doc's home in Mendon. We talked Mauri into taking some pictures of us doing trail maintainence work. Thence, we proceeded to Pico Mountain, working with all HEART AND SOUL. We stopped at Sink Brook for a rest and refresher. Because it was near 3:00 P.M., and as Jim and I had not planned to spend the night (due to a forecast of snow) we broke company with Lou and John, and descended to Sherburne Pass, while Lou and John proceeded to Pico Shelter to spend the night. On our descent to Route U.S. 4, we were greeted with a hail storm.

Next morning, Sunday, 9/14/75 brought both Jim and I back to find Lou and John who were busily sawing and blazing their way back down the mountain. This was just south of Sink Brook, but Jim and I continued up to Pico to make an inspection of Pico Loop Trail. At the summit we made radio contact with interested people then proceeded to Pico Camp, and we rested, then again started down the Trail to U.S. Route 4.

I would like to express to the Killington Section and the Main Club, my appreciation of the work that Lou, John and Jim did on this work party on the week-end. I hope that the future will bring out many more workers to assist on this very important task, Trail and Shelter's Maintainence.

Sherwin Start

JAUGGERNAUT TRAIL

Departing our usual starting point, the Kontolski Fire Station on Oct. 4, 1975, Betty Stacek, Bob and Marge Fish and I were

soon on our way to West Bridgewater. On arrival, we took our saws, clippers, our paint brushes, swizzle sticks and located the Jauggernaut Trail. We then proceeded to delineate it.

Bob (Mr. Limrich as I dubbed him) kept us laughing with his slish of the tongue "Lim Ricks", as we assended the gradual climb up the old road. We found the Trail in need of clearing and brushing to expose the blazes.

The old road is still the Trail, However, it coincides with newly built roads in some places, so be careful to follow the blue blazes, to assure the right path. We arrived at Ghost Camp at 3:00 PM and we went thru the remains and digested (in small gulps) the great archeological wonder of it along with our lunch. We cleaned out the spring from which came the coldest and purest water you could ever find.

We decided to turn back and head down the hill. We did make one re-route about 300 yards long, to the south of the washed out trail just east of the register. We got back to the motor vehicles about 4:30 PM, where upon, I commenced to give a lecture about modern Forest Management to our Betty, Bob and Marge.

The Jauggernaut work party is one outing I will always remember for a number of reasons. Bob Fish's antidotes and Lim Ricks, Marg's sotle but pesuasive, prodding and ambivalence, and not last, Bob's "Jack Benny" jokes, and my clumsy attempts to come back with a punch line. I have had so far, few oppertunities to work with people, who were so willing to do their part and best for the Killington Section. I am looking forward to having this trail work party again soon, and I fully intend to do my best to see to it that it becomes a tradition and inspiration to all those that follow.

On behalf of all dedicated Killington Section GMC'ers who made the ultimate sacrifice this is respectfully submitted:

Sherwin Start

HELPING HAND ACKNOWLEDGED

Although in my rush to get out the last issue of Smoke and Blazes, I failed to, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous help my son Paul Jr. was in the operating of the duplicating machine, sorting, stapeling and address labeling of the last, and this issue of Smoke and Blazes with his help, this job has been much easier for me.

Paul R. Howard, Sr.

TREASURER'S REPORT
W. Churchill Scott
17 January 1976

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1975		\$2,120.33
Income:		
Dues	\$379.75	
Interest	90.21	
Gifts	31.50	
Sale of Patches	1.00	
Sale of H. Ogden Poster	.10	
Total	\$503.56	
		503.56
Expenses:		Bal. \$2,623.89
Dues to the Main Club	161.25	
Trails and Selters	122.59	
Outings	104.69	
Secretary Expenses	94.82 *	
Smoke and Blazes	65.00	
Annual Meeting	50.41	
Postage	32.68	
Sugar on Snow	29.50	
Donation to T.N.A.F.A.	10.00	
TOTAL	\$670.94	
		670.94
Balance		\$1,952.95

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1975. \$1,952.95

* Includes \$90.13 for 1M Paper, 500 Envelopes (Short), 500 Envelopes (Long) which will last approximately five (5) years.

Respectfully Submitted

W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer

- * * * * *

NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Now that we have the financial report out of the way, let's see what we can do to activate new members. If all readers will stop and think, you may know someone who would like to join. If so, pass along the application below. Idea from: Sherwin Start

KILLINGTON SECTION

Green Mountain Club, Inc.
132 Maple Street Rutland, Vt.
_____ 1976

I hereby make application for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club, Inc., and I enclose the annual dues of \$_____, which includes a year's subscription to the Long Trail News and the Killington Section bulletin, Smoke and Blazes.

SIGNED: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____

Mail to W. Churchill Scott, at 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vt. 05701.

DUES: Adult: \$4.50, Spouse: \$3.50

NEW ENGLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING, 1976

The New England Trail Conference will be held at the Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, Massachusetts on Saturday, April 3, 1976. For more information and pre-registration, send a self-addressed enveloped, stamped, to:

SECRETARY, N.E.T.C., Box 145
Weston, Vermont 05161

Registration is \$2.00, Annual Report \$1.00. The program starts at 9:00 AM and ends at 5:00 P.M. A copy of the program is at the GMC Main Office on Center Street, Rutland, Vermont, for your inspection.

SMOKE AND BLAZES 1975 COST OF PRODUCTION

Stencils.	\$5.00
Ink	9.13
Mimeograph Paper.	14.00
Vermont Sales Tax (3%).	.87
Postage (App. 90 issues per qtr).	36.00

TOTAL COST OF PRODUCTION. . . . \$65.00

"Wes" Weston

PHONE NUMBERS:

To contact Paul Howard, Reporter, during working hours, call 773-6070 or 775-0716

OMMISSION:

At the end of the report on the MOONLIGHT HIKE, I regret that I failed to include the writer of that article. This very fine article was written by CAROL MARTIN.

HALF MOON POND

At 11:00 A.M. on February 7, 1976, thirteen of us departed the Koltonski Fire Station for a trek to Half Moon Pond in Hubbardton, Vermont.

Of the 13 hikers, the youngest was six (6) years old. It was a clear mild morning and appeared to be an enjoyable day for a hike. Starting from our parked cars, we traveled a one lane road, but, as the going got rougher, we switched to Snowmobile trails and continued to Half Moon Park - our youngest hiker needing a lift now and then, especially on our return as the weather turned cold and windy.

It was a pleasure to stop at Cindy and Bob's kitchen where we had hot stew, home made bread and hot drinks to warm us up.

At 3:30 P.M. the hike ended and although the sudden change in Vermont Weather is to be expected, all 13 of us enjoyed the wonders of our Vermont outing.

Cindy Gibbs

SID'S ERROR

If you will refer to the current Hike Schedule, for Sunday, August 29, you will see the entry "GMC International". Please delete the word International and insert the correct word "Intersectional". I told Sid, operator of Kopy Kat, and printer of the Hike Schedule, he needed glasses.

Editor

EAGLE SCOUT HONORS:

Condensed from a local news media article of 2/18/76, is the following:

Kevin Abbot, grandson of Betty Weeks, was honored and awarded the rank of Eagle Scout of Troop No. 226 of Springfield, Vt.

Hosts for the award was Eagle Scouts George Lamb, Tom Baldvins, Mark Howe and Dester Hodgeman.

Kevin completed 24 required merit badges and service projects to win this top scout honor.

Kevin and his parents were honored at a dinner in Montpelier, and a citation from Gov. Salmon was given. Coming up for the Troop is a 50 mile hike on the Long Trail.

"Weed" Weston

WEEKEND ECOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH GROUP LEADERS, CAMP PEOPLE AND TEACHERS

PLACE: Tamarack Notch

DATES: Saturday, May 22 & Sunday May 23

REGISTRATION: Sat. 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Meals Porvided, Cost \$14.00

Entire Weekend cost including overnight accommodations. \$20.00

PROGRAM: Saturday: "Playing Tag with Nature", OBIS (Outdoor Biology Instructional Strategies), Acclimitization, Nature Games, Nature Crafts, "Tuning in to Wildlife", Nature Walks, Stream Ecology, Weather Forecasting. Resource people and materials available.

Saturday night and Sunday: Campfire and overnight planning, Night Hike, Sing together; Hiking Techniques, Local History, choice of High-road or Low-road hike of about 3 miles. Individual planning help and evaluation until 4:00 PM Sunday.

Contact Janet Martin, 7 Curtis Avenue, Rutland, Vt. 05701, Phone 773-8621 for registration or further information. (Assistant to the Director, Vermont Ecology Course for Camp Counselors, June 12-18; Girl Scout Trainer; Pres. Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club.

Janet Martin

TRAFFIC SURPRISE

Four years ago I hiked from Route 103 to Bolton Mt. In those 10 days I met a scarce dozen others - Mid-August too. The short paragraph in the last issue of S&B shows us drastically the great increase in people hiking and backpacking. We Must be concerned, for many of these "Hikers" have little idea of what they are doing, and most importantly HOW they should be doing it.

If anyone wants to see what happens when swarms of people trample a Trail, visit the White Mts. See the stomped over trail beds, huge foot-made mud holes, long stretches of log and rock paths across these mud trails; plastic, candy wrappers, McDonald's cups and trash where floweres should be; camp sites a mucky mish with all vegetation tramped to death.

Let the White Mts. be a warning to us. We CAN keep our trails and camp sites beautiful, but only if we are willing to approach and show others HOW TO.

Ann Mausolff

DEADLINE FOR NEXT SMOKE AND BLAZES:

Please send any news of interest to our members by JUNE 15, 1976. Mail to Paul R. Howard, 70 Allen Street. Rutland.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

This week we have picked our renowned Jim Frink as our personality of this, the first of a new series.

James C. Frink was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and attended schools there through High School. He then joined the U.S. Marine Corps for a period, and went to Syracuse University, class of 1927.

He was employed by Westinghouse Electric Corporation in East Pittsburgh for one year and the New York City Office for a period until 1965, Northeastern Zone Manager, then retired, at which time he moved to Rutland, Vermont.

He first came to Vermont on vacation in 1936, and continued to come each year since then. He had been staying at two cottages built and owned by his wife's father on Lake Dunmore.

Since being in Vermont, he has been a member of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce, Founded the Rutland Rock and Mineral Club, where he served as president for 4 years, and was a member of the Executive Board for a period of 10 years. He resigned this post to find more time for outdoor life and activity.

After coming to Vermont, he met Harold Valiquette who was a very active member of the GMC, and Jim joined the Killington Section. During his membership, he has served as Vice President, Chairman of the Hiking Committee, Director, and has done much in trail and shelter work with other members.

He now lives at 60 Litchfield Avenue, Rutland, Vt. with his wife Ethel, and states that he and his wife are in love with Vermont and that is why they came to Vermont for their retirement years.

Many cheers for Jim from all of us, for on any hike, without Jim, there seems to be something very important missing, we all love him for his energy, his dedication to the Killington Section, and we wish that all shared his enthusiasm in the work and activities of our section.

Editor

LITTLE ROCK POND OUTING

After departing our usual starting point, with many carrying snow-shoes, the conditions made snowshoes almost useless, with cold weather thick crust, which made walking slippery and cautious. Of course Jim Frink was best prepared with his heavy duty ice creepers.

Greg crossed Homer Stone Brook, but with wide, raging currents and slippery

ice covered logs, the rest of us were discouraged, and we continued up the old town road toward Wallingford Pond. We met the trail just north of "Aldrich Job" and walked north until 1:15 P.M. For about the first time in memory it was impossible to build a fire. All wood was completely water-logged and ice covered. Sterno and Gas powered stoves gave a bit of hot water.

We continued on past White Rock Mountain where we met some snowmobilers bushwhacking along the top of the ridge.

We walked down the Keewaydin Trail to the parking area where once again Carl was waiting to take the stragglers back to their cars.

This hike is a good example of what Creig Perkins always says, that one must be prepared for any emergency in the winter. We should have had fire starters, or ribbon or stick with us in order to have a good fire and hot meal. Also getting a few miles on the trail in winter may mean walking a number of extra miles. But all in all, we had a good time and proved that it could be done and we are already to go again-- Whenever.

W. Churchill Scott

BOILING SPRINGS, MT. CARMEL

On Sunday, Feb. 15, Nine of us met at the fire station and drove to Mountain Top Inn. We continued down the road toward the East Boston Trail, hoping we could take the Jeep all the way. At the top of the hill, the ploughed road ended, and only snowmobile tracks continued, so we thought it advisable not to take the Jeep any further. We walked to the East Boston Trail and from there took another trail north and east to it's end.

Before going to the Springs, we stopped by the trail, built a fire, using Harold Roger's saw to make a good pot hanger, filled the pot with snow and we continued. Lou Catozzi and his brother Bill, with Dorothy Kirk, stayed behind to build up and care for the fire so it would be ready for lunch.

At the end of the trail, we crossed a deep gorged creek and started bushwacking thru the woods in the direction of the Springs (North-East).

The snow was five feet deep and we had decided not to take snowshoes because we thought there would be a supportive crust beneath the six inches of new snow. There was a crust, but not enough to support a 200 pound man, so, I, as trailbreaker

BOILING SPRINGS (Continued)

It was rugged, but finally John Sch-Immel took the point and saved me from total exhaustion. I called directions to John and we arrived at the Springs shortly thereafter.

The entire water surface, a rough circle about 15 feet in diameter was unfrozen. The water temperature was estimated to be about 50° F. and the bubbling sand-filled water was impressive to watch. The water brought up light sand from the depths. The only place we could reach with my staff was at least five feet deep. It was a dangerous quicksand.

On the way back we passed Lou and Bill who came up to see the Springs. Back at the fire we had lunch and the return walk was uneventful. The 8 mile distance made us REAL TIRED.

Jim Frink

ANNUAL MEETING, KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held on Saturday, January 17, 1976 at the Universalist-Unitarian Church on West St. Rutland, Vermont.

President Janet Martin introduced our guests, Larry Van Meter, Executive Secretary, and Harry Peet who is in charge of the Caretaker Program.

Paul Howard gave a thorough report on the Shelters. All are in good repair. Have had the usual amount of maintenance work. Jeb Brugmann, Caretaker of Cooper did a good job at both Pico and Tamarack, as well as the general trail portion he had within his boundaries.

Sherwin Start outlined the Trail work. Juggernaut Trail relocation has been dropped. All of the Long Trail has been covered. He spoke very strongly about poor attendance on work parties. Out of a membership of 115, there were times that only 2 would show up on a scheduled work party. We must have more interest in keeping up our Trails and Shelters.

Frances Roberts sent a letter resigning as Smoke and Blazes editor and thanked Paul Howard for taking over and others for the helping her in the past.

President Martin suggested we send a letter of thanks to both Frances and "Wes" Weston for the wonderful work done by them.

Terry Gulick gave a report of Trustee's meeting held earlier in the day. Sweeping by-law changes will be presented at the annual meeting in May. If passed will not be in effect until May, 1977. Worcester-

ter Section offered to build a large shelter away from shore of Stratton Pond to replace those at the Pond. Want to discourage wood fires on the Trail, at the shelters and above 2,500 feet.

Breadloaf Section at Middlebury was officially chartered and they extended an invitation to GMC after annual meeting in May.

There was a mis-understanding about the nominating committee and Cynthia Gibbs said it should still be considered and made a motion to keep the idea open and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and shall be taken up at the annual meeting. Paul seconded the motion and it was passed.

Mrs. George Kirk made a motion to continue membership in Tamarack Notch-Aitken Forest Association and that the Board of Directors consider an additional donation not to exceed \$50.00. "Wes" seconded and it passed.

New hike schedule discussed and hike leaders were requested.

Mr. Weston, Start and Rogers were chosen as directors.

Judi Butterfield resignation and replacement discussed. Sherwin Start is our new trustee.

Larry Van Meter explained Act 250 and it's application to the Long Trail and relocation around Stratton Pond Area.

Sherwin stated we should have a by-law to assure representation at Trustee meetings in case the regular Trustee is unable to attend due to illness or various other reasons.

Wes, Sherwin, Ray Catozzi and Churchill appointed.

Betty Staack expressed her regret at being unable to attend the meeting.

"Wes" explained all of the work he has done as Quartermaster and listed the various equipment we have.

Dr. Howard distributed the Killington-Pico newspaper containing an article and photos of the Killington Hotel of 1880's.

After adjournment the ladies served light refreshments and they were just as enjoyable as ever. Next, slides were shown of back in the 50's and 60's and brought back many pleasant memories of winter week-ends, sugar on snow parties and work parties.

Respectfully Submitted
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary

DEADLINE, NEXT ISSUE: JUNE 15, 1976 -

Let's all get a report in and make it

CLARENDON SHELTER OUTING

Although this old hiker can not do as much as he would like to and used to on the Long Trail, it was a pleasure to get out as leader of the Clarendon Shelter hike on Saturday, February 28. We had a full block full of cars on the starting point by the fire station, with "Wes" Weston delivering the necessary coffee pot and hike needs, and Doc Howard there to see us off. I know that "Doc" would have liked to been with us, but had to return to Mendon for other commitments.

Seventeen of us showed for this hike on a day that was almost perfect for all hiking conditions. Jim Frink made the remark to me that (as we turned off the trail road on the last leg to the shelter) he could hardly beleave that we were already at the shelter, it was that enjoyable.

My two sons, Pat and Paul, and my foster son, John Braddock was well ahead of the "pack" and had a fire started when we arrived, and soon the water was hot and ready for coffee and cocoa.

Harold Rogers and others took side hikes, and as I left early with my sons, I can not report on the return for them, but Churchill told me later it was uneventful and a good hike. The shelter was found in good condition and ready for the next "overnighter" that might come along. Accompanying our 17, was my son's dog Rex Von Salsburg Klessheim, a german shephard, who throught the efforts of Pat, carried the coffee pot on his back, quite confidently.

I wish YOU were there, try to plan on the next one.

Paul R. Howard.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS:

January 17, 1976: A short meeting was held after the Annual Meeting to hear Mr. Peet and Mr. Van Meter outline in detail the Caretaker Program and it's various rules and regulations.

Janet Martin, with reservations, agreed to serve as President of the Killington Section one more year. "Wes" Weston was elected Vice-President, Churchill Scott, Secretary-Treasurer, Ray Catozzi, Trails Chairman, to succeed Sherwin Start who resigned to take the Trustee position, Lou Catozzi, Shelters Chairman to take the place of Paul Howard, who resigned on doctor's orders.

If new by-laws of main club. GMC are

have only one Trustee. Terry Gulick offered to serve until when ~~and~~ if that happens. Mrs. Judie Butterfield resigned and Sherwin Start was chosen to act as Trustee until May, 1977.

January 22, 1976: A well attended meeting was held at the Martin's house on this date.

Janet read a letter of thanks from a youth group who recently used Sunnyside.

The Caretaker Program was discussed in detail and it was decided that Cooper Lodge would be the best location as it would be possible to visit other shelters from there. Vera moved to donate \$100.00, Paul seocnded and it was so voted.

Paul spoke of the great amount of help the Sherburne Corporation was in transporting material up the mountain to the caretaker.

Ray and Lou Catozzi discussed the project of up dating folders of the Killington Section and Lou will contact the Vocational School for information on the reproduction.

A donation to the Tamarack Notch-Aitkin Forest Association of \$50.00 was suggested by "Wes", seconded by Paul and it was so voted. It was noted that we are going to use the facility for a week end and also the covered dish supper in the fall.

Respectfully Submitted
W. Churchill Scott
Sectetary.

PROGRESS ON THE CARETAKER PROGRAM

The GMC's Caretaker Program is rapidly taking final shape in preparation for this coming summer. A total of twenty-two caretakers will be in their locations by the middle of June.

In addition there will be two supervisors and two "replacements" who will fill in for caretakers on their day off or substitute in the event of sickness or other unforeseen problems.

Each year, Harry Peet, the program director and Club Trustee, receives up to two hundred applications for the positions. As a rule caretakers who have worked previously for the GMC are automatically hired, thus intensifying the competition for the remaining available spots. Harry doesn't advertise these positions; almost all applicants learn of the program from other caretakers while hiking the Trail themselves.

Caretakers are responsible for the

CARETAKER PROGRAM, Continued

Conjunction with the section trails and shelters chairman), and for educating hikers in the proper use of the woods and the trail. They also keep records of usage so we can determine if use is still increasing on the Long Trail.

The greatest concentration of the caretakers is in the area of Camel's Hump (4), Mt. Mansfield (4), and on the ponds in the southern part of the state (5). In the Killington Section's portion of the Long Trail, the Section has elected to place a caretaker at Cooper Lodge. Harry has selected Cecilia Elwert of Crescent St., Rutland for that job. Cecilia did extensive hiking in the South while with VISTA in North Carolina and has also climbed in the Tetons and hiked end-to-end on the Long Trail, No. 766. She is a graduate of UVM.

Cecilia is a good example of the highly qualified people the GMC has hired for the summer of '76. Get to know them! Those of you who got to know Jeb Bruggmann last summer know how enjoyable and educational it can be to visit the local caretaker. Jeb will be working at Stratton Pond this summer.

Lodge fees pay the better part of the caretakers' meager salary, and this year the fee will be raised to \$1.00 for non-members and remain at 50¢ for all GMC'ers.

The Main Club would like to thank the Killington Section for its generous contribution of \$100.00 toward defraying the costs of the Cooper Lodge caretaker. This contribution amounts to over half the cost of the caretaker to the Main Club, and in this time of tight money, is especially appreciated.

Larry Ven Meter
Executive Director

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The following people are recognized as assistance to the production of this issue of SNAKE AND BLAZES:

Paul R. Howard, Jr., Running the duplicating machine and stapeling for mailing. Pat Howard, his brother assisting. Betty Steack, labeling typing, Anne Mansolff, who produced the fine map at the last page of this issue, and of course, all of the writers of articles that has made this issue, I think a very interesting paper to read.

Editor

REMARKS REQUESTED, PROS AND CONS.

We have tried to make this issue of Smoke and Blazes an interesting paper to read. To some, it may be very interesting, to others, may be very dull, however, if any of you have any pros or cons about this issue, jot them down, and let me know, you did or did not like it, It will help in preparation of the next to suit you, the purpose this paper is produced.

Paul R. Howard
Reporter.

LAST MOMENT NOTES:

We regret that we left some names off the END-TO-END list published in the last issue of Smoke and Blazes. The following should be added:

RAYMOND CATOZZI AND WILLIAM DAY.
Sorry fellows.

MAILING LIST:

This is the last issue of Smoke and Blazes that will be mailed to the 1975 membership list of the Killington Section of the GMC. Future issues will be mailed to the current membership list.

THE ROLSTONS:

A note from the Rolstons, Dorothy and Ben shows that they are enjoying Texas keeping warm during our winter, and I quote: "Just a hello from the Rolston's who are enjoying a 3rd. winter in sunny Texas." end quote.

Paul R. Howard

OVERNIGHT AT GOV. CLEMENT:

Being home from College for a period between classes, Bob Carey and Lou Catozzi decided on an overnight at Governor Clement Shelter. Although I was invited to come along, commitments prevented it, and I offered a ride to the triangle. All reports were that the two, Lou and Bob had a good outing, and with Ray to pick them up the next day, the hiking was from the triangle, in and out. This was the week-end of March 6-7, 1976

LOOK FOR IN THE NEXT ISSUE:

Report on Northham Plaxic Area.
Report on Tamerack Week-end hike.
Personality of the week.
YOUR hike, with comments of interest.

DEADLINE:

Next Issue by June 15, 1976

UNSCALED SKETCH MAP FOR THE NEW BOSTON TRAIL



ANNE
MAUSOLFF
FECIT

BOILING
SPRING

HUNTERS
CAMP

OLD
LOG
YARD

TO MT. CARMEL

NEW BOSTON TRAIL
CARMEL CAMP

USFS
LOGGING
RD

USFS SIGN
"NEW BOSTON TRAIL"
POINTS UP THE
USFS LOG RD
SO GO STRAIGHT
(I.E. NOT AROUND
R. BEND)
THEN RIGHT

TO
USFS
RD

TO
N. CHITTENDEN
AND PITTSFORD

MT. TOP
SKI TOURING
CENTER

CHIT.
RES.

MT. TOP
INN

BOAT
ACCESS

QUARRY

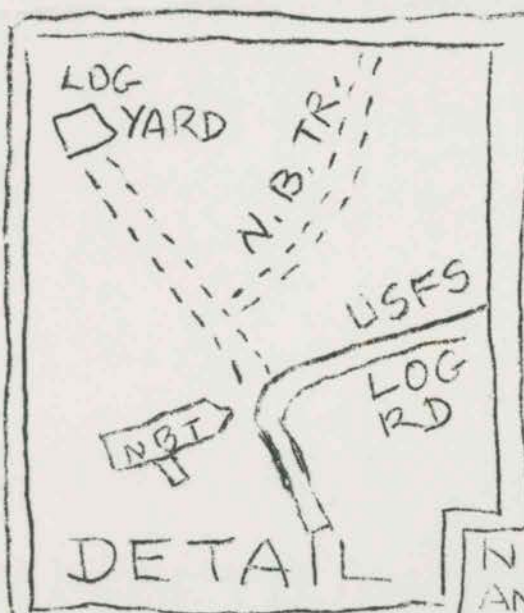
TO
SPOND
TR.

TO MENDOTA

BRIDGE

TO
N. CHITTENDEN
AND PITTSFORD

CHITTENDEN
WAR MONUMENT



SPECIAL EDITION

SMOKE AND BLAZES

JULY 17, 1976

THE 1976 BICENTENNIAL INTERSECTIONAL - Saturday, August 28th. to Monday Sept. 6th.

The 1976 Bicentennial INTERSECTIONAL will be hosted by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club will be held at TWIN HILLS GIRL SCOUT CAMP in Richmond, Vermont. As your coordinator, the following is printed from a Burlington Section Publication to keep you informed.

* * * * *

TO GET THERE, The following directions are submitted: Take the Richmond/Bolton Exit number 11 off the Interstate 89. Follow US Route 2 east to Jonesville where, opposite the Post Office, you will see a bridge over the Winooski River. (Also the Long Trail) Cross the bridge, then take the second left where a sign directs you to the Chittenden Fish & Game Club. Proceed slowly up the dirt road (A long bumpy hill) for about 2.6 miles. The Twin Hills Road is on the right and a green metal gate is visible from the road. Drive into the camp and signs will direct you to the proper parking area.

AT THE SITE: There are 8 Lean-to's, each capable of accommodating eight to ten people on a first-come first-serve basis. There are no trailer hook-ups or dumping facilities, but there is sufficient room for the trailers. There is a pavilion for rainy day activities and there will be temporary cold showers. Also, lots of tenting spaces. You may drive to your campsite to load and unload, but specific parking areas will be designated.

The cost of the facilities is \$1.00 per person per night or \$7.00 for nine nights at the event. Family rates is \$3.00 per night or \$15.00 for nine nights.

The following stipulations are requested by the Burlington Section: Please NO dogs. Bring your own food, camping gear, stove and utensils, and folding table and chairs. Outdoor fires only in the constructed fireplaces. Also, it is advisable to bring along playing cards, table games, slides & projector, Your hobbies, brag books and auction items.

Dot and Pirk Pirkanen, Phone 863-4775 and Jean and Jack Lance, Phone 985-3715 are the co-chairman of the event and I am sure that

if any Killington Section member wants to offer their services for voluntary work, to assist as hike Leaders, Guides, or for any other job they may have for you, your assistance would be appreciated.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. . . .

SUNDAY - AUGUST 29

Folk Dancing with Shari Bergstein

MONDAY - AUGUST 30

Smugglers Notch to Servensville via Butler Trail or via Nebraska Notch Trail, or via Taylor Lodge and Nebraska Notch Trail
Lee Allen/Work Hike on new section of Long Trail in Bolton - Janice Lange/in late morning, Discovery Museum, B. Pondry
Nature Hike and Beaver Pond - Bob Spear
Paul Massie will speak, on Historic Road

TUESDAY - AUGUST 31

Long Trail - Lake Mansfield to Bolton Valley
Work Hike - New Section, Bolton
Rock Climbing - Demonstration Frank Mack
Historic Hike
Family Outing
Slide Show, Frank Mack, Evening.

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 1

Several hikes for day, Canoe Trip, at night STUNT NIGHT with Ralph Gibbs.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1976

Many hikes, to include Nature Hike and events for children, map and compass orientation. Evening, Larry VanMeter will give talk on the Long Trail, Illustrated.

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 3, 1976

Watch the milking at Bushey Brothers' Farm, or your choice of many hikes, in the evening BINGO and/or BARDERSHOP ENTERTAINERS.

THE 1976 BICENTENNIAL INTERSECTIONAL - Continued. . .

The following is a more detailed schedule of events:

SATURDAY, August 28, 1976: Folk Dancing with Shari Bergstein

SUNDAY, August 29, 1976: Long Trail, Smugglers Notch to Johnson (D) - Kenn Boyd
 Work Hike on new section of Long Trail in Bolton - J. Harrington
 Colchester Bog Field Trip & Blueberry Picking - Hub Vogelmann
 Bristol Cave - Dave Bucke
 DINNER - Followed by a Bicentennial Sing-Along

MONDAY, August 30, 1976: Smugglers Notch to Stevensville via Butler Trail or Via the
 Nebraska Trail or via Taylor Lodge and Nebraska trail (D),
 Led by Leo Allen.
 Work Hike on new section of Long Trail in Bolton - J. Lange
 Discovery Museum [late morning] (Child oriented - See & Touch)
 Led by Barbara Fmdry
 Nature Hike and Beaver Pond (E) Bob Spear
 PAUL MASSIE will speak on the Bayley-Hazen Military Road
 and its place in Vermont History (Evening)

TUESDAY, August 31, 1976 Long Trail, Lake Mansfield to Bolton Valley (D) - C. Whitcomb
 Work Hike on new section of Long Trail, Bolton
 Rock Climbing demonstration (M) - Frank Mack
 Bayley-Hazen Military Road, historic Hike (M)
 Mt. Elmore Hike and/or Lake Elmore swim, family outing (E)
 Leading: HARRIS AND Jan Abbott
 Buchanan Lodge and adjacent wood roads (E) - Ken Fisher
 FRANK MACK will show slides and talk about his ascent to
 Mt. McKinley (evening)

WEDNESDAY, Sept 1, 1976 Long Trail, Bolton Valley to Jonesville (M) - Tunis Williamson
 Work Hike on new section of Long Trail in Bolton
 Mt. Mansfield, up, around, and down west side (D) Ralph Gibbs
 Canoe Trip, Lamoille River (M) - Gretchen Mead
 Exploring Twin Hills Trails for children (E) - Irene Case
 Gregory Field Trip (E) - Professor Charles Doll
 STUNT NIGHT with Ralph Gibbs (Evening)

THURSDAY, Sept 2, 1976 Long Trail, Jonesville to Camel's Hump (down Burroughs Trail
 or to Honeyhollow/Preston Brook)(D) - Larry VanMeter
 Work Hike - New Section of Long Trail
 Nature Hike (hiker's choice ferns, trees, birds, etc - B. Spear
 Duck Brook, children's hike (E) Joe Whitehorn
 LARRY VAN METER will give an illustrated talk on the Long
 Trail (Evening)

FRIDAY, Sept. 3, 1976 Long Trail, Burroughs Trail over Camel's Hump to Montclair
 Glen, down Forestry Trail (D) - John Romeo
 Work Hike on new section of Long Trail at Bolton
 Goose Pond in Bolton (M) - Gardiner Lane
 Bushey Brother's Farm (afternoon) visit to include milking
 time (E)

BINGO and/or BARBERSHOPPER ENTERTAINERS (Evening)
 SATURDAY, Sept 4, 1976 Long Trail, Montclair Glenn to Appalachian Gap or to Birch
 Glen and out via Bean Trail (D)
 Work Hike, new section of Long Trail in Bolton - J. Harrington
 Canoe Trip, Green River Reservoir (M) - Sally Spear
 Mt. Hunger, near Waterbury, with Sterling Section (M) Grittner
 Bristol Cliffs, Buswhack (M) Tunis Williamson
 SQUARE DANCE (Evening)

SUNDAY, Sept 5, 1976

See Next Page

THE BICENTENNIAL INTERSECTIONAL - Continued

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, Continued. .

SUNDAY, Sept 5, 1976 Long Trail, Appalachian Gap to Lincoln Gap (D) - Jack Lance
 Work Hike, on the new section of Long Trail in Bolton,
 Andy Thoma Leader
 Hike into Vermont's Past, Waterbury Dam area (M) - Joe Frank
 Green Mountain Audubon Nature Center (E) - Bob Spear
 Majo Trail and Buswhack back to Twin Holls (D) Chris Schultz
 HANS PRETSCH will find out what we know in his nature quiz
 in the evening.

BREAKFAST ----- September 4, 1976

This will be a great event - don't miss it.

Sign up for it when you register. . . .

Please use the following form for your reservation for the DINNER for Sunday,
 August 29, 1976 at 6:00 P.M.

NAME _____

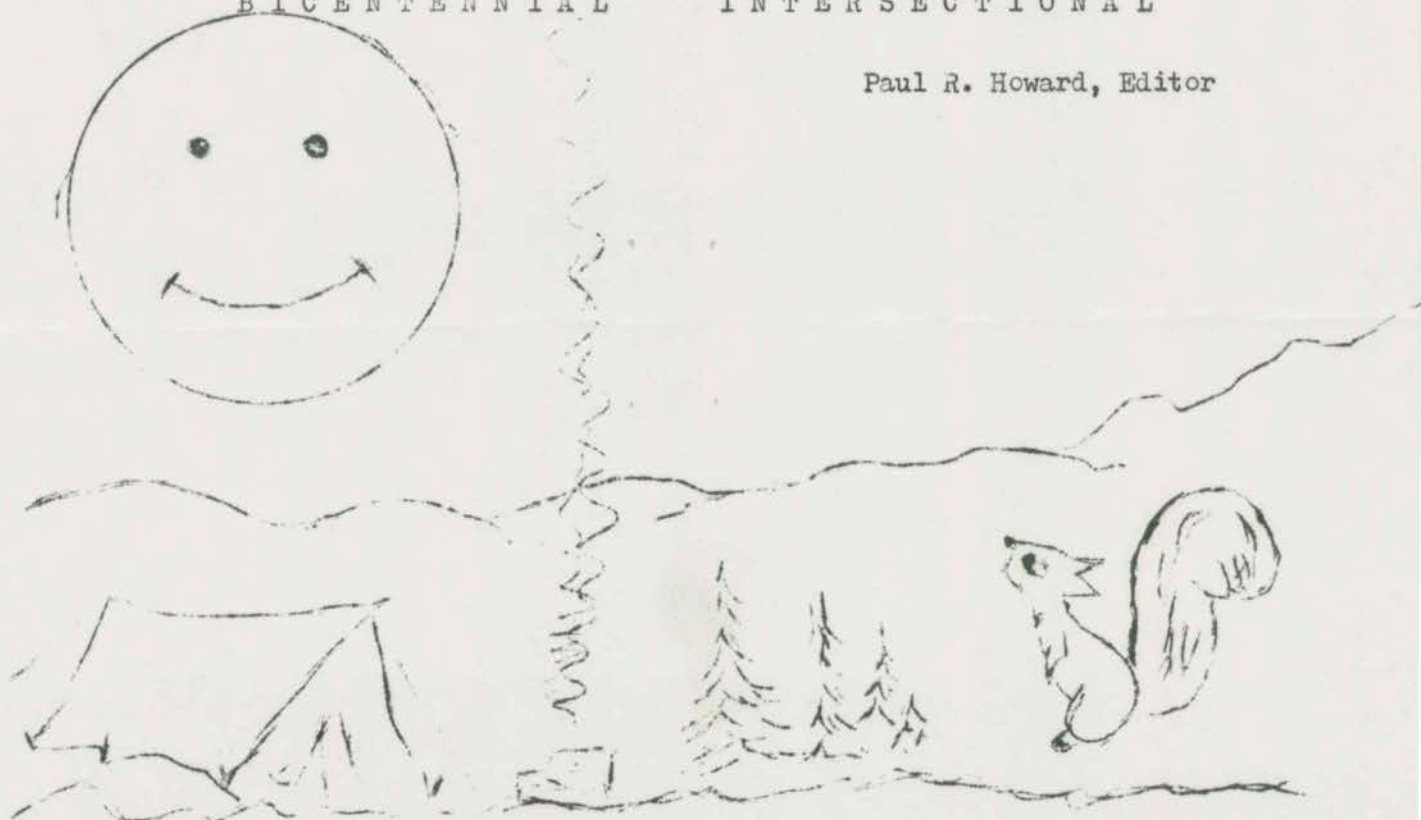
Number of persons planning to purchase dinner tickets _____

Dinner (your chance to escape the heat of your campstove,
 the tin cans in your grocery bag !) will be served at cost;
 payment due upon registration.

MAIL TO: Ron and Dot Nemcsky
 148 Spear Street
 South Burlington, Vermont 05401

BE INFORMED - KEEP THIS SPECIAL ISSUE OF SMOKE AND BLAZES FOR REFERENCE AT THE COMING
 B I C E N T E N N I A L I N T E R S E C T I O N A L

Paul R. Howard, Editor



THIRD OF JULY MAIL

PAGE 4

KILLINGTON SECTION LOSS IS THE ARMY'S GAIN

I received a letter intended for all members of the Killington Section from Lou Catozzi who is now serving his country at Fort Jackson in South Carolina. I knew of no other way to get his message to all of you, so I am printing it below in this SPECIAL ISSUE OF SMOKE AND BLAZES for all of you to enjoy.

24 July 1976

Hello,

Sorry I couldn't make the director's meeting but I had to leave for my Basic Training the Sunday before. My father tells me that it was well attended and that a lot was accomplished. I hope the Killington Section continues to have an active "Activities Schedule" as I have enjoyed in the past.

Army life is sort of different than life around Rutland, but I seem to be adjusting quickly, especially to the 110° plus temperature of July in South Carolina. The area is about 10 miles east of Columbia, the Capital of the State. NO hills or mountains to speak of; if it is over 100 feet above the surrounding area it's called a mountain. And I miss the nice cool green hills and the rich brown dirt of Vermont. Around here all there is are Pine Trees and Oak Trees, and lots and lots of hot sand. It gets into everything, your hair, (what's left of it), your clothes, your boots and everything.

On the bright side though, the food is terrific (as some of you know, I like to eat) and to those of you who were in the Army before, that sign is still up there "Take all you want, but eat all that you take".

I am bunked in an Air-Conditioned Modern, three story Brick building that holds five companies, one thousand men in 50 Platoon Dorms. No more double bunks to fall out of, but steel beds with good mattresses. We are not allowed to wear any Civilian Clothes but I've been given four sets of "Fatigues", a set of Kakki Dress Uniforms, and a set of Dress Green Uniforms.

Our Battalion will be graduating from our basic Combat Training on Thursday, September 9, 1976.

I hope to see you in September when, if all goes as planned, I should be home for 10 or 11 days.

Because I hope to hear from all of you, below is my address. See you all in September

Pvt. Louis P. Catozzi
009-52-2753, Plt. 2
Co. A, 6th. Bn, 2nd. B.C.T. Brig.
Fort Jackson, South Carolina

29207

Best Regards,

Lou

NEXT ISSUE DEADLINES:

September 15, 1976

SMOKE ***** AND BLAZES

VOLUME 30, Number 2 - KILLINGTON SECTION -- GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - June - Oct. 1976

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 29, 1976, CAMP KEEWAYDIN, LAKE DUNMORE, VT.

As reported by Sherwin Start

After Arriving and registration, the Annual Meeting got underway at about 10:00 AM with President Ralph Bryant calling the meeting to order. - The first item on the agenda was discussion of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting. No one seemed to have a copy of the minutes of that last meeting, so they were accepted as not read.

This in my opinion is not the earmarks of a big organization of which the Main Club seems to profess that it is. With this topic of discussion closed, we pushed on to the Treasurer's Report that was actually explained in some detail by Granget Kammerer, Treasurer. After some embarrassing moments, Granget turned the report over to Don Wallace who is Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, who very clearly stated that the reason for the \$7,400.00 deficit of the Main Club is that we hired an Executive Director and a too optimistic projection of the expected income. As for my feelings, I am strongly in favor of Don Wallace's philosophy, meaning we must face reality, cut expenses, even if it means cutting or doing away with certain programs.

Here we have the basic confrontation that has faced the U.S. Government for years, the battle between the extremeist and the conservatives. It appears that the extremeists have put the Club in debt over it's head. We have at the head a fine Beta Kappa key man, who has great visions of operating the club like a big corporation. On the other hand, we have another fine Beta Kappa man, who uses logic, realism and just plain common sense to guide the Club's physical policy and resources. With this thought in your minds, as you read the Treasurer's report for the last fiscal year, which of the two men do you feel should be responsible for the finances of our Club ?

Following the Treasurer's Report, was the Auditor's report. Because Ron Nemcosky could not be found, this report was not read. Oral assurances by Vice President Joe Frank and Executive Director Larry

Van Meter, that everything was A-OK, the motion was made that the Auditor's Report be accepted as read. The motion was seconded and passed.

My viewpoint is that, and I feel that at this point the membership were beginning to be aware of this, the Main Club is run by a few key people, who expedited the agenda much as they please without the approval of the trustees or the general membership. It appears that the membership were being pushed into accepting many items as being the gospel truth without verification or evidence to support the assurances of the key men.

Don Wallace then, completely unprepared due to the lack of communication, gave the Budget and Finance Committee Report. I feel that Don gave a very comprehensive report under the circumstances, making it quite clear he did not approve the revenue projections and optimism that has put the Club in the red. Had he had proper knowledge that he would be called on to give this report, he would have had a stronger case.

We move to the Report on the Trust Funds and it was made by Joe Frank, who apparently has full control over them, and also the Club's Investment Portfolio. In essence the Report stated that we are using the funds as they were intended to be used by their donors. Here again, we have no documentation to prove this but if they say so it must be so. (Get the Idea ?).

ANNUAL MEETING - Continued

I have some serious reservations about the Investment Portfolio. The basic concept of an investment is to make money, but however it appears that the opposite is occurring due to some faulty advise on the part of someone as what to invest in. Lets get out of the Investment Business and stop loseing money, or at least let's invest if we must, in something that will produce a dividend.

Madeline Nules gave the nominating Committee report and had the best nominees for the ensuing year. They were as follows:

President	Ralph Bryant
Vice President	Joe Frank
Secretary	C. E. McGoon
Treasurer	Georget Kammerer

All were unopposed, with no floor nominations, so all were elected by a showing of hands.

Also, we have a number of young new trustees at large, perhaps with some new blood in the organization we can get this Club back on it's feet and functioning like a HIKING CLUB.

The President's Report was quite short, clear and concise, with no statement of achievement in the year past and no goals set for the ensuing year. However, he did praise almost everyone for what they had done and termed the year as a highly productive and fruitful year and appreciated the opportunity to serve.

Larry VanMeter was in the spotlight next with the Executive Director's Report. At the onset Larry stated that the Main Club needs volunteer help to get the new guide book out. So if there is anyone who is willing to spend an hour or two in assisting the Executive Director, please do and we thank you very much.

Larry stated that the GMC has got it's work cut out for it in securing land Owner Agreements on the Section of the AT that the GMC has just recently assumed responsibility for (Rt. 12 to the Connecticut River). This work is being paid for by the Dartmouth Outing Club and the Federal Government. He also went on to say that some portions of the Trail (or most of it) doesn't follow the ridges like it does in Vermont (South of Sherburne Pass). As a matter of fact the AT follows roads, goes through fields, pastures, etc.,

Thus, there are a lot of problems in the securing of land agreements.

Joe Frank was our next speaker and the subject was the New By-laws. (Editor's note: Here Sherwin wanted the by-laws printed to be published with this issue of Smoke and Blazes, however, I felt it impossible to type up the necessary 12 pages of the printing of the proposed By-laws of the Main club at this time. I have a copy of these By-Laws or they may be seen at the Main Club Office.) The Trustees have done a lot of work on these by-laws, but are by no means final and we are actively soliciting your comments either in writing or orally. Please be free to contact me at my home whenever you feel like expressing yourself and your opinion. My home is at 18 Pine Street, Rutland, Vermont and my phone number is 775-3193. I am going to call a special meeting of the entire section membership in September to discuss this topic and many more. So, please either write, telephone, attending the meeting or all three at any time.

Section Reports were given by the Section Presidents and most of all of them reported things were pretty much on an even keel with a very noticable lack of interest noted by most. Some Sections can not recruit officers and most of all they are losing members.

Killington Section has been losing members gradually a few every year.

1971	103 members
1972	105 members
1973	87 members
1974	99 members
1975	98 members
1976	86 members

Lets all pitch in and get some new membership for our Section.

The last and final item of business was Committee Reports. As there were no Committee Heads prepared to give a Report they were put off with noticable exception of the Membership Committee which gave a lengthy report.

BOOTS - BOOTS -BOOTS

I quote Rachael Charland: "Lucky, lucky me ! I wen a pair of \$50.00 Raichle Boots during Wilson's Sports Anniversary Sales Contest." End Quote. Congradulations, Rachael, make good use of them.

CONDENSED G.M.C. TREASURER'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1976

BALANCE SHEET 4/75 4/76

Bank [Checking]	\$10208	\$ 6461
Accts [Saving]	14767	30827
Cert of deposit	10000	-0-
Total Assets	\$34974	\$37287
Payroll tax Liab	64	64
Deferred Income		
At-Large Dues	5817	7406
Con- (Inst'ns	-0-	750
trib- ('76 Ctr	-0-	25
utns. ('75 Ranger	1500	-0-
General Fund	1130	-0-
General Reserve	2478	333
Publicatn Resrv	16065	16945
Shelter Reserve	5771	6087
LTP Truck Res.	2149	2267
Life Membership	-0-	300
Nauheim Memorial	-0-	3110
Liab, def income,		
net worth and		
reserve	\$34974	\$37287

REVENUE DETAILS

	Actual	Budget
Operating Revenues		
At-Large Dues	\$11905	\$13000
Sect'n Assessments	9 2150	2800
Contribs - Caretaker	1400	2200
Guide Book Sale	12593	16000
Sale of Merchandise	894	950
Trust (General	4049	4500
Fund (Dunforth	2017	2250
Unrestricted gifts	379	1000
Contribs - Ranger	5300	800
Other Operating Rev.	-0-	-0-
Total Operating Rev.	\$41288	\$43500

NON-OP REVENUES

Life Membership dues	\$ 1200	\$ 300
Intrest Income	1560	1902
Defrd Inc; use '76-77		
Certain at-large dues	7406	
Contribs - Caretaker	25	
Contribs - Int.	750	
Nauheim Memorial	3000	
	\$13940	

This Report was Respectfully
Submitted by:

Granget Kammerer, Treasurer

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Balance 4/30/75	\$34974
Deferred Income	- 7317
Oprrng Revenues	+41288
Non-op Revenues	+13940
Funds Available	\$2886
Oprrng Expenditures	-44699
Non-op Expenditures	- 900
Balance 4/30/76	\$37287

EXPENDITURE DETAILS

	Actual	Budget
Oprrng expenditures		
Annual Meeting	\$ 233	\$ 175
Caretaker Program	5823	5800
Emp'l Rding pkg	2445	2550
End-to-End Comm	28	25
Exec sec-Exec Dir	6150	2800
Group Svcs comm	11	50
Hstry & archv comm	-0-	1000
Intersectal (incl.		
\$100 advnc on '76)	92	-0-
Legal, insurnc, endow-		
ment & Trust Comm	-0-	100
Liaison Agencies	75	100
Long Trail News	2403	3000
Membership Comm	648	700
Merchandise Purchased	677	300
G.M.C. Office	9920	8640
Other oprrng exp	14	200
President's Exp.	-0-	100
Public info comm	325	100
Ranger Program	7911	3375
Taxes & Insurance	625	500
Trls & Shlters (net)	7031	3278
Gross Expenditures	9826	13520
Contributions	2795	10242
Treasurer's Exp.	55	60
Trustee's Exp.	227	300
Trust Fund Comm '75	7	10
Contingency Acct	-0-	625
Total Operating Exp.	\$44699	\$33838

NON-OP EXPENDITURES

Transf. life member dues to trust fund	900	300
---	-----	-----

TRANSFER TO RESERVES

	Actual	Budget
To publicationn resrv	-0-	6800
To truck reserve	-0-	300
To general reserve	-0-	4100
Total to reserves	-0-	\$ 8700

GOVERNOR CLEMENT - Work Party

A rainy day at 9:00 A.M. on April 15, looked like the work party scheduled for Gov. Clement Camp might just be a fizzle stick. However, Doc Howard and I were sitting in his car at the Fire Station when Cecilia Elwert showed and then soon after, Larry Van Meter, followed by Wes Weston. I had our Company's 4W drive pick-up, hoping I could give Doc a ride right to the shelter, and also, have transportation to lug out any debris. We departed for the Triangle in our 3 vehicles, intending to all transfer to the 4W drive for the ride up the old road to the shelter. At the Triangle, none other than Sherwin Start barreled in and joined the party.

At this point, Larry and Cecilia decided to walk up the road, and we "old timers" decided to go via 4W Drive. Although there was one very bad mud hole, the pick up truck made it with no difficulty to the shelter. Accompanying us at this part of the trip was Wes's "Sport" and "Rascal", and Doc's "Obadiah", a beagle hound.

Soon after the fire was started, Marg & Bob Fish showed, parking their car just beyond the "mud hole" heretofore mentioned. Joining us about the same time was Churchill Scott. A lot of time was used in eating, although some work was accomplished, with Rachael Charland coming in time to grab the rake handle from me. We were pleased to find the shelter in good condition, with little trash. Larry and Cecilia made the rounds and picked up a lot of "rusty" trash that had been ingrown in grass for some time. The dirt floor needed racking and the immediate area around the front of the camp also, which was accomplished. A more major project that we were not prepared for is repair of the "swivel grate" on the fireplace which has come loose, and which Lou intends to repair.

For an ending, Obadiah, Doc's Beagle did not show when it was time to go. A return to the site in the 4W, failed to find him, but Obadiah, on his own, returned to Doc's Mendon Home, some 3 days later, how, I can not answer.

Paul R. Howard

LOVELY SENTIMENT

The following verse that I found in my

collection of items for publication is a fine article about a section of the IT that all Killington Section members feel near to their heart, and I quote:

"By the side of the shadowed mountain,
is the Long Trail Lodge serene,
With it's beauty so rare and rustic,
Mid the hush of woodland green;
Where the rocks and the solid ledges
Lend a firmness to the scene.

There's a path that is leading upward,
To Old Pico's summit, grand,
Where the view from it's lonely tower
Is the finest in the land,
And it links ev'ry heart to Nature
With an everlasting hand." End Quote.

If the writer of this fine verse will acknowledge, so will I in next issue.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT GREENWALL SHELTER

By Bob Crawford (28" & 12" snow).

Wishing you were here; just to watch the snow fly down and wonder with a kiss (depending) for the NEW YEAR. A song dancing among the night time trees - carving shadows in the deepening sky. Are we falling you could ask, and hear the hollow echos of a train whistle, somewhere far below in the valley, where life goes into a New Year in orange hats and confetti; strewn like the stars. The magic, it goes on - won't you share it with me? Whisper memories in smoke that rises from your breath and laugh - that even the silent snow smiled at. Love, such a small word for a world that is so complex. It rolls off the sunshine, between flurry clouds, onto our faces. I love you and that makes the whole winter world wake up. A flower for your troubles. HAPPY NEW YEAR - It'll be GREAT.

* * * *

GET WELL FAST MAURRI

A few weeks ago, our renowned friend, Mauri Wintturi had a heart attack and was placed in Intensive Care at the Burbank Hospital in Fitchburgh, Mass. He was in Intensive care for 5 days, and was discharged the following Tuesday. He visited Doc Howard on Sunday, 5/23/76, with Dana Riotka as his chauffeur. He had his attack while visiting the Roitkas who, in their quick efficient action, did a lot to lessen Mauri's troubles. He has since visited Doc for several days and is feeling much better. He asked me to say

MAURI WINTTURI (Continued)

that he really appreciates all the cards and get well wishes that he has received from all his friends. He hopes to be able to again soon hike in his favorite spots.

Editor

WINTER WEEKEND - TAMARACK NOTCH

March 12 to 14, 1976

By Janet Martin

There weren't many takers at the start of this weekend at Tamarack Notch but the leader and daughters, with the help of Wilber Weston on the Transportation end, took off up the Notch Road in the face of a Horrible weather forecast. Actually it was not at all bad and an enjoyable walk up the hill, with the road even bare in spots . . . in addition to the one "hot Spot" that is always bare even when the snow is deep, . . . Cause unknown.

After some adjustment to dampers, etc., the stove was made to heat and supper was prepared. Midway thru this, Lou Catozzi turned up, projector in hand. Must say it's the first time I ever saw a backpacker hike with a slide show for entertainment of the group. We had brought along some pop-corn so we had an enjoyable show. Lou had hung his hammock outside and reported he was dry and warm in spite of some wind and snow during the night. The predicted rain held off until late afternoon/

In the morning more people began to arrive, including several from my night school "Wildlife" Class. We took a long walk into the city forest area behind the camp looking for tracks. Since the snow did not stop falling until about 4:00 AM, tracks were not as plentiful as had been hoped. However we did see deer, racoon, snowshoe hare, cottontail red squirrel, and a bob cat which apparently calls camp home. Two of the wildlife class people followed up a snowshoe hare track, right to the rabbit and had to throw a couple of snowballs before it high-tailed it out of there.

The Martins' had to return to town Saturday afternoon so Lou was left in charge at camp as several other people were expected up for Saturday night. Eventually there were 8 more who braved the weather forecast to spend Saturday night.

The condition of the Notch Road made the Editorial page in the Rutland Herald.

(An added note to Janet's fine article, this writer had been up on Saturday afternoon in a 4W drive, and decided to ask Wes Weston and Ray Cattozzi if they wanted to join us in spending the night. They accepted my invite for a ride and we proceeded to camp. With us was my son Pat and John, and "Sport", Wes's dog. Before I reached the end of the good road, I stopped and shifted into what I thought was 4W drive. On reaching the end of the good road, I found that I had not properly shifted and fish-tailed. Ray and Pat got out and we all viewed the situation, I had not properly shifted into 4W, and did at this time. I started ahead, assuming that all were in the vehicle, but I found on reaching the summit of the hill, Ray had not gotten the vehicle and in street shoes was hiking up the road in a snow storm. I don't think that Ray was too happy at the time but later we all got a laugh and all ended well with a good overnight).

DOWN THE LONG TRAIL

We have a historic road in Mendon, now partially abandoned due to beavers and the wear and tear of time. Let us hike it to where it comes out on Route #100 on the day before Battle of Bennington Day, on Sunday, August 15, 1976 beginning at 10:00 10:00 A.M. Let us have members of the Green Mountain Hiking Club as guides and units from the 1st. Mountain as advance detail. Drive up the Turnpike on Elbow Road, then hike the rest of the way. Bring your own lunch. Maybe someone has a camp coffee pot and will brew some. Maybe friends can meet you at Route 100 or the hearty will hike both ways.

The above copy of this hike is from the MENDON BICENTENNIAL NEWSLETTER, and Larry Van Meter has asked us to publish it. If anyone is intrested, contact Larry Van Meter or Getty Page, East Ridge Acres, Rutland, Vermont. Sounds like an interesting hike, lets all plan to go. . .

IT WAS WORTH IT. ALL THE WAY

I want to thank all readers of Smoke & Blazes for the fine comments that I have received since the publication of the last issue. As you all know, it is a lot of hard work, but I enjoy it, and will continue to try to do my best for you.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

This week we would like to honor our long time friend, associate and corresponding secretary of the Main Club, MINERVA H. HINCHAY, in this, the second of a new series for Smoke and Blazes.

Although Minerva told me that she would be 39 years old on her next birthday, I find that she was born in Rutland, Vt. on September 11, 1895, this was 31 years ago and Minerva is still very active, both in her leisure time and on her job.

She attended the Rutland City Schools, graduating from High School in 1913 (before this writer was born). One of her classmates was the late Cleon Perkins, the father of our Killington Section President, Janet Martin. (See elsewhere in this issue for details of his recent death).

Although she did not have the advantage of a college career, her knowledge of secretarial work would put some college graduates to shame.

After graduating from High School, she went to work as a stenographer for the Rutland Fire Clay Company, where she worked for four or five years. Her salary was considered good in those days; it was a full \$5.00 per week. After leaving the Fire Clay company, she obtained employment with the Roger Pike Insurance Company, where she put in the next 20 years of an active life.

After leaving the Pike Company, she went to work for the Vermont Children's Aid, working with Mrs. Fred Fields. This was back in 1950 when the Green Mountain Club office was located in Mr. Fields Office space. Mr. Fields having difficulty in obtaining a secretary for the Club, asked Minerva to take the position, and she did. At this time, there were 200 members in the Green Mountain Club.

The Field Office closed and Minerva moved the GMC office to her home on Park St., where she continued to put in 10 to 12 hours a day, and at times, working all night to get the Long Trail News out on time (she told me that after those sessions, she would sleep all the next day).

In the early 1970's, when Shirley Strong was the President of the Green Mountain Club, the office was moved to it's present location on Center Street, Rutland, Vt.

Minerva is still there, with her pleasant smile and welcome, putting in 8 to 10 hours every day.

On the suggestion of Doc Howard, a day in 1974 was set aside and proclaimed "Minerva Hinchay Day" and a large party was put on in her honor at Craig Perkins "Tall Timbers". This was attended by many, to include the then President, John Hufford and this writer. It was a wonderful memento to a very dedicated lady.

In replying to my question "What extraordinary events and happenings could you tell me?", Minerva stressed the tremendous change that has taken place in the Club and it's structure. It's membership has grown from the 200 when she started over 20 years ago, to over 3500 today. This increase has created the need for new specialized people to handle special jobs. One of the newly created jobs is Executive Secretary, which has been competently filled by Larry Van Meter. Minerva has nothing but praise for Larry saying that President Ralph Bryant made a fine choice on picking Larry. Larry works in the same office with Minerva, and was in the office during my interview. He could not resist the temptation to speak up and had nothing but the highest praise for Minerva. He like all of us, feel that Minerva is one of the most dedicated person that the Club has.

Although Minerva was an ardent hiker in her younger years, time has reduced her hiking to walks on Park Street, and she enveys those that still can get out and hike the trail.

She recalls the annual meetings at the old Madison Street School, with lunches that followed at the Berwick Hotel. Her favorite spot in years past was the Long Trail Lodge at Sherburne Pass. All 3 of these buildings have since been destroyed, either by fire or by man. She favors the stretch from Sherburne Pass to Killington summit.

Our expression of graditude and admiration goes out to Minerva for her dedication to the Club, her tremendous hard work in the past 22 years which benifited all GMC members, and her pleasant personality and smile we all like to see when we stop in at the Center Street Office.

Paul R. Howard
Editor.

EDITORIAL

Of the 100 or so copies of Smoke and Blazes that were mailed out in March, 1976, let's assume that 90% of the readers did in fact read the fine article written by Ann Kausloff entitled TRAFFIC SURPRISE.

Of the 90%, let's again assume that 5% did take the article seriously and will try to help in the enlightening of the would be hikers that (and I quote) "does not know what he is doing, and more importantly, how he should be doing it."

There then remains a large percentage of the Green Mountain Clubber's who feel that the problem is not their own, but that of section officials, club officials, caretakers and trails and shelters chairmen along the trail system.

It appears, in my opinion, this is the sorry fact, and until ALL GMC'ers realize that it is THEIR problem, and not only the problem of a picked few, our Trail System is going to hurt from over use by the casual, untrained hiker.

You, as the most likely one to be on the Trail, will meet up with the un-trained hiker; will see what he is doing wrong, and how he should be doing it right. As a paid up member of the GMC, you have the responsibility to help these hikers and teach them the proper use of our Trail System; for example, leaving a shelter clean, neat and with as much firewood as was there when they arrived, and teaching them the many things you have learned, the carrying out trash, a very important part of this teaching.

I feel that Harry Peet has put much effort in his Caretaker Program, and one of the most important items that he drills into his selected caretakers is the teaching of the casual hiker, especially those who are new on the trail.

As Ann said, we CAN Keep our Trail System in an excellent condition, and we will if all members of the GMC in all Sections do their part in educating the untrained hiker.

Editor

MAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

By Larry VanMeter. . .

The Main Club has a number of projects underway this summer on the Long Trail. Besides the Cartaker Program, which I reported in the last issue of "Smoke & Blazes",

the Club has six ranger-naturalists stationed on Mt. Mansfield and Camel's Hump to help educate the thousands of day hikers using the area and to protect the fragile areas near the summits of the two peaks.

The Long Trail Patrol is, for the second year, working under a U.S. Forest Service contract to relocate the AT/Ut south of Glastenbury Mountain. George Peralstein, the Patrol leader, reports that progress has been exceptionally good so far, in part due to the cooperative work of the energetic Bennington Section.

The Club is also, indirectly, helping to keep a watchman atop the firetower on Stratton Mountain. The Tower, which was built in 1913, was scheduled by the State to be unmanned this summer because of financial difficulties and because most forest fire surveillance is now done by airplanes. Rather than leave the tower and watchman's cabin to certain destruction by vandals this summer, the Club worked with Forests & Parks and the U.S. Forest Service Backcountry Research Program in Durham, N.H. to raise the money to keep the tower manned. No Club money was used in this project, but without the GMC acting as a catalyst as well as a conduit for the donated money, it is unlikely that Hugh Jondry, the watchman, would be up in the tower educating the many neophyte hikers who climb Stratton Mountain in order to get a view from the tower.

The Club is also cooperating with the USFS Backcountry Research Program on a number of projects, several of which were reported on in the February Long Trail News. Not mentioned was the continuing work to perfect a composting outhouse system for high elevation lodges and an investigation to determine the usefulness of sign-in registers to gather usage figures on the Application Trail and Long Trail.

In other matters, the Club and Worcester Section have been dealt a setback by a delay in permission from International Paper Company to build a replacement shelter for Willis Ross Camp at Stratton Pond. It does not appear that a shelter will be built there this year.

RADIO AD-LIB PROGRAM COMING UP

Watch for another "Cross Talk" program to be coming up on WEMD radio in the near future. Check that station for details.

JAY PEAK WEEK-END TRIP 4/30 - May 2, '76
By Rachael W. Charland

Only three people, Lou Catozzi, Churchill Scott and myself enjoyed the Spring trip to Jay Peak on April 30 through May 2, this year.

Friday evening was a warm, Spring Day and after arriving at Jay Camp, Lou made his version of Beef-Stroganoff while I prepared biscuits for our dessert - - - Strawberry Shortcake, complete with the Whipped cream !

Saturday dawned a sunny day and as we left Route #105 hiking toward Shooting Star Shelter, we found the trail in good condition. We enjoyed a brief lunch at this shelter and found hiking toward Laura Woodard Shelter a completely different story. During the distance of approximately 4.1 miles we encountered all kinds of weather and trail hazards, high stream-like trails, mud, fallen trees and lots of SNOW - - two to four feet in some areas. Even Lou and Churchill, veteran hikers, said they had never seen the trail so difficult. Strong winds and pouring rain greeted us at the summit. Lou stopped and chatted with the Tram Operator while we headed for the thick wooded trail that would lead us back to Jay Camp. Lou managed to get ahead of us and he and our Canadian visitor, Andre, had a great fire going in the ever faithful stove. Even Churchill's thermometer registered 86° about 8:30 PM. As we strung many lines of rain-soaked clothing throughout the cabin, beef stew whetted our appetites. All were too tired for dessert !

Sunday was a rainy day (Anyone know the foot miles between Route #242 and Route #105? Ask Churchill sometime). A hearty breakfast was especially enjoyed by all. Andre left for the trail to Jay Peak while Lou made ready for another trip to the Tram station and still others attended church services in Montgomery. The sun did shine briefly Sunday morning so we hiked a bit of the trail from Route #242 toward Hazen's Notch. Let's have more hikers for the next north Country hike - - We've seen those mountains in the Spring and Winter - - How about a look at them in the Fall. . . .

PICO CAMP WORK PARTY, June 5, 1976
By Sherwin Start

At the fire Station, we met Wes Weston, Jim Frink, Robert Diddescomb, Lou Cattozzi, Carol Chapman, Betty Staack and Rachael W. Charland, all ready and anxious for the hike. At 8:45, we departed the Fire Station and arrived at Sherburn Pass at 9:00 AM. After an uneventful hike, we arrived at Pico Camp at 10:15. After a short break, we got started, and this found Jim in a general clean-up, who started afire to burn up burnable trash. Robert and I jacked up the the North-East corner of the shelter and put in supports that had previously given away. At 12:00 noon Carol was still in the process of cleaning the interior of the camp, while Robert and I were still working on the repair to the structure.

This work was dreadfully needed, to give you an idea, there were 50 pounds of tin cans, bottles and other containers which had collected in two weeks, for we had removed 8 bags of trash 2 weeks earlier.

At about 1:15, Rachael, Betty, Lou, Wes and others prepared a full-course turkey dinner, HOT ROAST TURKEY that is, with all the trimmings, to include the giblet gravy. This was the most delicious meal that I have ever seen served on the Long Trail. Our thanks goes out to Rachael especially, who prepared the big bird and lugged it up the mountain. I told her she should have kept the Turkey on the hoof and led it up the mountain and then butchered it and cooked it.

With the additional supplies brought in by the second echelon, Betty, Rachael Lou and others, who were reported at the fire station at the beginning of this article, more maintenance work was accomplished, such as stove-pipe repair, creosoting, glass repair, entrance step to the entrance door and other tasks that had to be done.

Next work party is July 19th., which will be the Jaegermant Trail, and let's all get out and help. Hope that that party can be as interesting and as useful as the Pico Party described above, it was a good turn out, and we need that kind of turn out to make this maintenance work pay off. We have boasted about our fine shelter condition.

TRUSTEES MEETING, May 29, 1976

By Sherwin Start

(1) Election of Officers:

This was all incumbents, all unopposed, all re-elected unanimously.

(2) Committee Assignments: None

(3) Life Membership:

Ralph Bryant apologized to all present because of neglecting to raise the Life Membership at Large, although annual dues was raised. After discussion, it was then turned over to the Membership Committee for recommendations for the next Trustees meeting. It was the general consensus that the Life Membership dues should be raised to conform with the increase in At-Large membership dues.

(4) Relocation of the Main Club Office:

This matter was very vaguely touched, to consider dollar and cents costs, advantages or disadvantages, but general discussion was prevalent. The matter was then turned over to the Planning Committee for a recommendation at the next Trustees Meeting.

(5) Land Owner Agreements on the A.T.:

Larry VanMeter stated that there is a very serious problem between Route 12 and the Connecticut River. However, your Trustee stuck his nose in and requested the Main Club to undertake as soon as possible the Land Owner agreements between the National Forest Proclamation Boundries (Rt. 140 to U.S. 4) This motion was seconded and then passed, as a first priority item, leaving the section from The Rt. 12 to the Conn. River a second priority

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held at Stowe, Vermont, time and place to be announced later.

LAKE PLEIAD, 3/28/76 - Middlebury Gap, Vt.
By Sherwin Start

At 9:00 AM we departed the Fire Station in Rutland and proceeded to Middlebury Gap. It was 50 in Rutland and the weather was fine. However, when we reached the Gap the temperature was 25° with wind from the west at 15 - 25 miles an hour, with the sun hidden behind the clouds. The ground was covered with snow to make the conditions more undesirable. Still not dampened by the weather, the 8 of us, Jim Frink, Churchill Scott, Anna Nyiri, Harry Hayes, Kathy Hayes, Andy Hayes, Cris Hayes and myself. We started along picking as many of the frozen foot prints

as we could for support. In spots that were not too many, we did at times sink in up to our waists. The only snowshoes that were among the party was a pair that I had brought and felt glad that I did so. It was a 30 minute struggle before we reached the Lake Pleiad shelter, and almost afraid to venture any further. At the shelter we met up with a well armed, but poorly foot dressed "Daniel Boone" who was none other than Churchill Scott's boy Robert. Bob had a good fire going which we all enjoyed and appreciated Bob having ready. After warmth had returned, we ventured further with Jim Frink in the lead. It appears that no one knew where they were going, as the route to Lake Pleiad was not known even to our illustrious leader. After several attempts to find the route, all were wet, tired and next to exhaustion. At this point, I and Chris Hayes along with Andy Hayes started for the summit of Worth Mountain. It took us about 30 minutes via the trail and ski slopes to reach the top. The two boys were light enough to stay above the Corn-Snow cover. We checked in at Worth Mountain Shelter. The view revealed Lake Pleiad nestled in a little hollowed out place in the rocks.. I talked on my CB walkie talkie to some folks in Glens Falls, N.Y. and Manchester N.H., then started to descend to Lake Pleiad, the boys carrying 75¢ worth of cans and bottles they had collected on the summit. Snowshoeing down hill is different than uphill and I had my problems, and we soon picked up the blue blazes of south Trail to the lake. After 15 minutes, with difficulties of falling and crawling at times, we stood on the East Shoreline of the Lake at the site of the old Lean-to. Because of the difficulty in our endeavors, we would have planted a flag and claimed the lake for the Green mountain club if we had had one. As no one else showed at the lake, we departed following the Blue Blazes on the Trail East back to the Main Trail. Had we followed the trail we started on in our first search for the Lake, we found we would have been correct and found the Lake in the first place. On return to the Shelter, the rest of the group were around a blazing fire in the process of enjoying a cup of coffee. Cris and Andy had hot chocolate and dried their socks. When all were well warmed, we backtracked to our vehicles to end a perfect hike.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - W. Churchill Scott

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club is grateful to the all of the following people for their contributions:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roberts
Mr. John Haffort
Mrs. George Kirk
Mrs. Harriot Bryant
Helen Frinck
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Wilman Day
Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick Cahee
Doris Newton
Albert Reiner

* * * * *

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING. . . .

By Churchill Scott

A Board of Directors meeting was held at the home of President Janet Martin on Tuesday, May 18, 1976.

Present were Mrs. Martin, Thelma Valiquette, Vera Perkins, Ray Catozzi, Cecelia Elwert, Wes Weston, Paul Howard, Lou Catozzi, Churchill Scott and Harold Rogers.

Lou Catozzi reported that new flyers describing the Killington Section, and a recruiting measure, were being readied this summer. Also the Trail from Route 140 to Sunnyside was cleared and Blazed. Sunnyside to Gov. Clement was blazed. Gov. Clement to Cooper was blazed and is O.K. However, here we need drainage work. Cooper to Pico is good except for some blow-downs. Pico to Route 4 could stand drainage work also. Lou explained a new ski trail and road to be built by the Sherburne Corporation which will cross the Long Trail. He showed on maps a proposed re-location of the Long Trail to the west which would also avoid the wet area. This met with the approval of the directors.

A letter from Don Wallace to Lou Catozzi about the "Adopt a Shelter" program was discussed. Don has received offers to adopt Sunnyside and Governor Clement, but it was pointed out that Ann Mauseloff and Miss Lynn Eaton were our appointed adopters of those two shelters respectively some time ago. A letter will be written to see if they are still interested. Paul Howard has since written to Don Wallace and explained that although the shelter program is good, we feel we are keeping up our shelters, and can not see his appointing of adopters for our shelters.

Mrs. Martin stated that shelter reports go to sections for quick action. Paul suggested expense bills go to the section for approval. Possible conflict of interest for Miss Elwert, as caretaker at Cooper, is responsible for Governor Clement also. All these items were voted on and passed to present to Mr. Wallace at the annual meeting.

Miss Elwert described her duties as the caretaker at Cooper Lodge, her need of a broom, door latch and help to clean up the trash left from the winter use.

Wes made motion, seconded by Harold to approve the relocation of the Long Trail north of Cooper at new ski cutting with the Main GMC to do the necessary paper work on Act No. 250.

The removal of stoves from camps at high elevation or heavy use was discussed. Camel Hump and Mt. Mansfield are gone but the Department of Forest does not want to remove the one at Cooper. Jeb Brugmann the caretaker at Cooper last season would not allow a fire in that stove at Cooper. It, at that elevation, was a hazard to the fragile nature of the woods. Jeb felt that if the stove was not there, temptation to use it would cease. Jeb did a very fine job at his post there last season, I know, I kept close track of what he needed, etc. The other stove in question would be the one at Pico Camp. Because the elevation is not as great as Cooper, the real danger in this stove is the tremendous cutting of trees in the area, green or dry, with no consideration of the hiker as to the damage being done to the growth in that area.

* * * * *

SUMMER LOCATION, CHURCHILL SCOTT

Let us report that Churchill Scott will again be at his same post at Plymouth State Forest Park in Plymouth, Vermont. He will reside in the same cabin he had last year and his duties will be about the same as last year. We envy Church, for it is an outdoor life all of us would much enjoy. Read your schedule, we have a week-end scheduled at Pinesy Hollow in Plymouth on August 21 to 23. That is my birthday, and I intend to be there.

* * * * *

LET'S HAVE YOUR REPORTS FOR NEXT ISSUE
Deadline for next issue September 15th.

* * * * *

NORTHAM PICNIC AREA HIKE Jan. 25, 1976 By Sherwin Start

Because of automotive difficulties, this hike leader did not meet the 12 people ready for the scheduled hike to Northam Picnic Area, and the group left the fire station at 9:00 AM.

At the end of the portion of the road that was travelable by car, the cars were parked and on skis, snowshoes and in some cases, using just plain boots, the group took off up the road to the picnic area.

Fortunately for those that were not equipped with skis or snowshoes, the road had been used for snowmobile trails and the snow was well packed to support the weight of the hikers.

In the meantime, your leader had overcome his automotive difficulties and was in route to the scene. After parking my automobile, getting into my snowshoes, I sprinted up the trail to the picnic area.

On reaching the area, I found Rachael Charland, Jim Frink, Carol Martin, Carl Schmidt, L. Slusmon, J. Crouther, Lou Cattozzi, Churchill Scott, Bob Pryer, Harold Rogers, C.O. Parsons, Janet Martin and P. Woodbury, all cuddled around the fire enjoying their lunch.

The fire was in the huge fireplace at the area, making a very warm setting. Harold Rogers finally found some water and hot drinks were available.

The group split up then, one group going up the hill to the shelter and the other group hiked off to the G.C.C Stone Shelter.

On rejoining later, we readied and hiked out to the parked automobiles and departed for home. It was a good hike, and the group was no worse for the lack of a leader at the start.

* * * * *

PINNEY HOLLOW, Plymouth, Vermont 6/28/76 By Paul Howard

Unscheduled and unplanned, at the spur of the moment, Wes Weston, Doc Howard, Mauri Wintturi left for a visit with Churchill Scott at Pinney Hollow. Learning of this, Lou Cattozzi and I decided to join the group. Apparently it sounded interesting, for Ray Cattozzi, Billy Cattozzi, and Carl Schmidt joined us, and the evening was a fruitfull event, although no formal meeting was held. Doc, Wes and

Mauri stayed the night and my car full returned to Rutland about 10:00 P.M.

SUCKER BROOK TRAIL 6/13/76 By Robert Carey

Only three of us turned out for this hike on a fine Sunday morning. Doc, Paul and others were at the Fire Station at the take off time, but for other reasons, they could not make the hike.

Rachael Charland, Robert Biddiscombe and I in Bob's vehicle, proceeded to Goshen to locate and conquer the trail. Our most difficulty was locating the trail, but we finally did and proceeded up to Sucker Brook Shelter on the L.T. At this point we enjoyed a rest, lunch before starting back to the vehicle.

It was discouraging to find a rake and other tools there with the handles burned off. This sort of thing costs money and is spoiling our trail system. The shelter was in good condition otherwise, and the day was perfect for the hike.

BALD MOUNTAIN By Janet Martin

Although Bald Mountain is not on the Long Trail System, there is much hiking and a lot of work to do there in the upkeep. The Senior Girl Scout Troup 342, with myself as leader and advisor spent much time working on the Aitken State Forest in Mendon getting the trails ready for the summer influx of hikers.

The trail starting at the Girl Scout Camp runs in a figure 8 pattern returning to the Girl Scout Camp. The work we have done is essentially the same as would be done on the L.T., although the area is not as well known. A fine article appeared in the Rutland Herald about our work on this trail, along with good pictures of our group at work. This was published Sunday May 9, 1976.

HONOR STUDENT

Betsy Martin, daughter of our President, Janet Martin, was named Valedictorian this year. She is a winner of a National Math Scholarship, and a regional winner of the University of Vermont Life Math Contest. She placed second in the 1976 French Teachers contest. She is very active in the Girl Scouts, and will study forestry at the University of Maine in Orono, Maine next fall. Congratulations, Betsy, and

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

HIKE SCHEDULE

Fall and Winter 1976-1977

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and time listed.
For more information contact the hike leaders below:

DATE	TIME	PLACE	LEADER	PHONE	MILES TOTAL
Sept. 11	) 9:30 a.m.	Bald Mt.	J. Martin	773-8621	3.0 E
	) 6:00 p.m.	Tamarack Notch-Covered Dish Supper	V. Perkins	773-2941	
Sept. 18	9:00 a.m.	Work Party	S. Start	775-3193	
Sept. 26	9:00 a.m.	End-to-End Long Trail - Mt. Carmel to South Pond	R. Charland	775-4893	8.3 D
Oct. 2	8:00 a.m.	Dorset Mt. with Bennington Section	S. Start	775-3193	5.0 D
Oct. 9	9:00 a.m.	Work Party	S. Start	775-3193	
Oct. 17	1:00 p.m.	Valiquette Memorial Hike-East Mt.	J. Valiquette	773-8745	3.0 E
Oct. 22	) 6:00 p.m.	Merck Forest Weekend	W. Weston	775-2132	
Oct. 23	)				
Oct. 29	) 5:30 p.m.	End-to-End Long Trail -			
Oct. 31	)	Jay Camp Route 242, Tillotson Camp	C. Scott	775-5720	13.7 D
Nov. 7	10:00 a.m.	Cavendish Gorge	C. Guica		
			R. Charland	775-4893	E
Nov. 13	9:00 a.m.	Rock Point - Burlington, Vt.	J. Frink	775-4925	2.0 E
Dec. 4	6:00 p.m.	Moonlight Hike	R. Catozzi	773-3006	1.0 E
Dec. 11	9:00 a.m.	End-to-End Long Trail - Bromley South to Prospect Rock	C. Scott	775-5720	6.9 D
Dec. 18	) 10:00 a.m.	Sunnyside Camp -			
Dec. 19	)	Overnight if Desired	P. Howard	775-0716	1.0 E
Jan. 8	10:00 a.m.	Northan Picnic Shelter			3.0 E
Jan. 15	7:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting Killington Section			
Jan. 23	10:00 a.m.	Elbow Road, Mendon to Sherburne	B. Staack	422-3277	4.5 M
Feb. 5	10:00 a.m.	Pine Hill Area	C. Scott	775-5720	3.0 E

Degree of Difficulty: E - Easy (Good for Children)
M - Medium
D - Difficult (Mostly Long Mileage)

SMOKE and BLAZES

VOLUME 30, Number 3 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, October - Dec. 1976

A WEEK-END AT THE BICENTENNIAL GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB INTERSECTIONAL

By Rachel Charland

On Saturday, August 28, 1976, I arrived about 9:30 A.M. and registered at the office of the Green Mountain Club Intersectional located at the Twin Hills Girl Scout Camp in Jonesville, Vermont. Everyone was so friendly and helpful in explaining the activities planned for the coming week. A Guide was dispatched with me to locate my tentmate, Dot Knight. She had spend Friday night in a shelter because of the heavy rain. She selected a tent site and we proceeded to pitch her tent and get her gear in order. Meari Winturri stopped by to chat as we were working and told us about a Nature Hike that had been planned by one of the caretakers at Little River State Park. Dot decided against going on this hike so her friend, Elizabeth Ahern, of Connecticut accompanied me to Little River where we were met by a group of campers there. Not only was it a Nature walk but a Historical walk as well as the Caretaker had documented a leaflet which told about the various former home sites as well as the old saw mill in the area. As we walked along she told us about the various flowers and bushes and some background of each of the sites. Delicious blackberries added to the enjoyment. At the end of the afternoon, Elizabeth and I attended Mass at Watbury and the day ended with a fine dinner at Twin Hills and folk dancing.

Heavy rain made Saturday evening a trying time but all seemed to survive. One unfortunate group of 4 found several inches of water in their tent and had to move to higher ground to dry out. Bad weather still prevailed on Sunday and all events were late getting started. Elizabeth Ahern gave Bob Carey and myself a ride to Mt. Mansfield summit, and Bob and I hiked the trail northward. Although the group that hiked to Camels Hump met with bad weather, we had a fine hike with the best in scenery. Lunch was at the Chin. On this hike we met approximately 40 hikers, and among them was the smallest

dog I have ever seen on the Trail who had hiked up the trail behind his master. One outstanding point of this hike was for me, the view of the lake in the clouds, a small lake, but certainly the highest lake in Vermont. After descending the trail I finished that part of the trail by walking from Smugglers Notch back to the entrance of the trail where Elizabeth was waiting for us and we returned to be greeted by a delicious Broiled chicken dinner.

With so much from so many GMC members and friends, my first impression of an Intersectional was most pleasant and I want to thank Bob Carey, Elizabeth Ahern and Dorothy Knight for all their assistance. I feel that the annual Intersectional is an opportunity for all members of the Green Mountain Club to get together to understand the meaning of G.M.C. and how to cope with the problems, structure and all that concern good hiking people, and to enjoy social entertainment with the kind of people we have the same interest with.

PINNEY HOLLOW WEEK-END - AUG 21, 1976

The Pinney Hollow Week-End camping trip was rather poorly attended. At the Fire Station, Jim Frink, Mrs. George Kirk and Paul Wiggins were there ready to go. Meari Winturri and Rachel Charland arriving at Pinney Hollow separately with the latter attending the Crown Point Military Road Hike from the Boy Scout Camp at Plymouth north along the famous French and Indian War road to the foot of Saltash Mountain.

The remaining four drove past the Coolidge Home and Cheese factory and parked. Walking along this road toward Morgan Park.

PINNEY HOLLOW - Cent.

After breaking into open country with good east and southernly views the group turned east on the Whetstone Brook Road, heavily damaged by the storm Belle in July. Jim and Mauri arrived to have lunch at the cottage with me. From 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 the leader spent at the Farm and Wilderness Fair hoping to see some more Killington Section Members.

At the Contact Station in the Park 4 to 8:30 the leader hoped to see some of the folks that had planned to stay overnight but on one arrived. Upon returning to the Cottage the latest Smoke and Blazes plus the schedule was found.

When plans were made for this outing that fell on Paul Howard's Birthday, it was hoped that a good turn out would materialize so it was very disappointing to see no one there on Saturday night.

W. Churchill Scott

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING July 15, 1976

A Board of Directors meeting was held at Pinney Hollow on Thursday July 15, 1976 Present were Janet Martin, Vera Perkins, Wes Weston, Rachael Charland, Paul Howard Harold Rogers, Sherwin Start and Churchill Scott. Guests were Jack Martin, Mauri Wintturi, Harry Peet and Cecelia Elwert. "Adopt a Shelter" Program discussed in depth and Wes made a motion to allow members of the Killington Section to volunteer as adoptees first and then if unable to find any, contact Don Wallace, head of the Program. Motion was seconded by Vera Perkins and passed. Information has been received that the Pioneer Valley Section has the same feeling. Paul read a letter from Frank Boquaert with an offer to help the Killington Section on Trail Clearing and work parties.

Need a Trails Chairman to replace Lou Catozzi who left for Army Service. Bob Biddescombe was suggested.

Wes offered to look up list of suggested duties for various officers and committee heads which he drew up some time ago.

A work party was planned for Saturday, August 14, 1976 and Cecelia suggest water bars and work on trail from Sherburne Pass to Pico and beyond if possible.

Report of Cecelia Elwert, Caretaker of Cooper Lodge, reports that Pico-Outhouse needs repair. Cooper bunks need repair and the spring, coolest on the trail has developed a leak. At Tamarack, the porkies

have been busy on the shelter and the out-house, the latter needing jacking up. Governor Clement needs repairs to fireplace grate and Cecelia suggest that signs may help to prevent further damage if it were advertised that the grate was movable. The path to the water supply is eroded.

Mauri stated Sunnyside spring should be repaired. Bucklin Trail should be Blazed. Around Little Killington, Trail eroded and should be relocated a short distance.

The Juganout trail to be worked on by Camp Cox or Sagamon.

The subject of Trash barrels came up and Sherry made a motion to purchase two with covers and chains for road crossings. This was seconded by Rachael and passed.

Harry Peet will relay this idea to Main Club to interest them in Trash Disposal. Caretaker program policy deferred until a meeting with Larry Van Meter.

Harry Peet explained caretaker program and stated it has become more efficient as time goes by. He is glad to receive help in obtaining named of possible caretakers. He suggests that members of the Killington Section be contacted before caretaker for our area is hired.

Paul Howard explained chance of getting a duplicating machine at a reasonable price. He was authorized to look into and purchase same. Sherry Start stated some posters in short supply.

Meeting ended in good season and all enjoyed Janet's delicious loaf of home made breads and Rachael's Black and White Cake.

Respectfully Submitted
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE KILLINGTON SECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

By Rachael Charland

On Monday, 10/4/76, an evening special Board of Directors meeting was held at the home of our President, Janet Martin. A List of Volunteers who have been working on the Long Trail repairing damage done to it by Hurricane Belle will in the next issue of Smoke and Blazes. Sherwin Start Trails Chairman, stated that response of the volunteers for working on the Trail Restoration program has been overwhelming. About 65 waterbars and approximately 290 feet of ditch so far has been completed on the Trail from Sherburne Pass to Pico Shelter.

Carl Schmidt is the new Quartermaster for

SPECIAL B/D MEETING - Cont.

The Killington Section due to the planned departure of Wes Weston to reside in No. Carolina. Paul Howard was appointed as Vice-President, again in replacement of Wes who had that position.

In appreciation of the long and tireless dedication that Wes has given in service to the Killington Section, a subscription to VERMONT LIFE was presented to him. Wes in turn presented a plaque that he had obtained after fire had destroyed the former Long Trail Lodge, and which was imbedded in a rock near that sight.

We will all remember Wes as a dedicated member and we will all miss him. We wish the very best to Wes and Baily in their new venture ! !

Sherry Start gave a short report of a recent Trustees Meeting that was held in Stowe. Also, Sherry announced that Wes's name was mentioned and he has been recommended for the Honorary Service Plaque that is given by the G.M.C. to the most outstanding member of the year. The meeting ended with delicious refreshments service by Janet.

THE GMC AND THE SUMMER OF 1976

By Larry VanMeter

The GMC has had a busy summer. Most Sections had active hike and work party schedules, and as reported in earlier edition of Smoke and Blazes, we had some 25 caretakers, 6 ranger/naturalists, and 8 Long Trail Patrol people on the Trail. Cecilia Elwert did an especially good job as caretaker of Cooper Lodge, thanks in part to the generous Killington Section contribution which helped pay her salary.

The summer of '76 was unusual in several respects. Three deaths occurred on the Trail: 2 heart attacks in the Mt. Mansfield region, and a drowning on Camel's Hump. In addition, our Mansfield rangers were kept busy with the unusual business of helping authorities investigate to hang glider fatalities and the discovery by a hiker of a badly decomposed body found off the L. T. just south of Smugglers Notch. Since our caretakers and rangers started keeping records in 1971, '76 has shown a sharp decrease in hiker traffic. Poor weather was at least partially responsible for this, unexpected, but not entirely unhappy situation.

The upcoming issue of the Long Trail News will give details of the replacement of Carmel Camp by a fine open-face shelter of the Tucker-Johnson design.

We have no word from the International Paper Company on approval of the Worcester Section's proposal for Stratton Pond. The trustees' Long Range Planning Committee has recommended the relocation of the Club Office from Center St., if economically feasible. Endorsed unanimously by the trustees at their September meeting in Stowe was a move to the Long Trail Lodge "dorm" a small out-building near the site of the original L. T. Lodge. If such an arrangement can not be worked out, relocation to Montpelier was prominently mentioned so that the Club can work more closely with the Dept. of Forests & Parks, the legislature, and be closer to the "private stretch" of the L. T. where the GMC is the sole maintaining organization.

The storms in July and August caused considerable damage to some parts of the Trail. However, as George Pearlstein, Trails & Shelters Chairman, noted in his report to Ralph Bryant, "...while it is convenient to say that these storms wreaked varying amounts of havoc, we should not forget that the real culprits are our years of neglect and our failure—despite the 1973 experience—to maintain and protect the trail with the worst possible run-off conditions in mind. Let us hope that other Sections will follow the lead of Killington and Bennington in scheduling special work parties to restore and protect the trail."

Without belaboring the point, I was a little discouraged to read Sherwin Start's report on the Annual Meeting in the summer issue of Smoke and Blazes. Concerned GMC'ers need only talk to other Section members who attended (among them, Rob Carey, Lou Catozzi, Rachel Charland) or pick up a copy of the minutes at the Club office, to find that Sherry's report was erroneous and misleading.

I think it's important for all GMC'ers to remember that the policy and decisions of the Club are made by its Board of Trustees, and not by the staff (Minerva and myself) or a "select group of people." On the Board there is 1 trustee for every 70 Section members, and only 1 trustee for every 450 at-large members! Each trustee has equal voice and vote. If there are problems with the so-called "main club," then they are largely between one section and another, or between individual GMC'ers. As the characters in the comic strip "Pogo" learned about pollution, "We have found the enemy, and he is us!"

SUMMER OF 1976 - Continued

With trustees in proper communication with the section, and vice-versa, the volunteer director of the Adopt-a-Shelter program, a N.Y. Section trustee, could never have assumed Section responsibility for the maintenance of certain shelters. Although the problem was rectified at the September meeting, if the trustees had specified how the program was to be run at the outset, the whole problem could have been avoided. Your trustee Sherwin Start and Terry Culick are both dedicated and energetic GMC members. But unless they know how you feel and you are sure to find out from them what happened at meetings and how they performed it is very difficult for them to work in the best interest of the Killington Section

CARMEL SHELTER TO SOUTH POND

By Rachael Charland 9/25/76

On Saturday morning on the 25th. of Sept. Chris Oey, Carl Schmitt, Jim Frink and I met at the Koltonski Fire Station at about 10:00 AM and prepared for a hike to Carmel Shelter then to South Pond. Cars were spotted at each end of the hike trail and the hike commenced at 10:30 A.M. at the New Boston Trail in Chittenden. AGAIN, THERE IS NO TRAIL SIGN INDICATING THE CORRECT DIRECTION OF THE NEW BOSTON TRAIL. Jim Frink indicated this neglect in his hike report last year. It is a mystery to find out who is responsible for all of the blazes, blue or white, on this trip from Carmel Camp to South Pond. In many instances the trail is not adequately marked. Also a very dangerous form of wet ground covering is being used on the trail and that is sheets of tin roofing covers the ground in wet areas without much thought that when this material is wet and covered with leaves, it becomes a very slippery means of crossing a swampy area. It did not take us long to reach the newly constructed Adirondack shelter at the site of the former Carmel Shelter. After lunch we continued to South Pond and found many trees that have blown down in the path and much stubble that leads to dangerous falls evidently someone has tried to clear parts of the trail without much help in the way of tools. Good weather was the order of the day and all of enjoyed the sunny, cold fall day.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Sept. 12, 1976

By Janet Martin

At the Pot Luck supper last night which

was attended by about 22 people it was decided that the condition of our section trails made it necessary to revise our hike schedule to allow for a sufficient number of outings to get the Killington Section of the Long Trail restored to a more usable condition before snow sets in otherwise the spring runoff is liable to make matters even worse than they are now. We will need the help and cooperation of all Killington Section members and friends to get our trail back into good condition. We are responsible for it and we have a record of excellent trail maintenance, but we have not done the preventive work of installing waterbars and drainage ditches which probably would have prevented much of the damage which resulted from the heavy storms this past summer.

The following schedule changes were made:

Sept. 11, Bald Mountain, this hike was changed to restoration work party at the last Board Meeting. September 18, Regularly scheduled work party will continue work started on the 11th. Ray Gatozzi in charge. Oct. 2, a work party will ride the Gondola to the summit of Killington and work from Cooper Shelter north toward Pico and Sherburne Pass. October 9, regularly scheduled work party -- hope to finish up work in the Pico-Killington Area. October 22, work on area in need of restoration in the vicinity of Button Hill. Oct. 23, Mreck Forest walk, reduced from overnight. It should be noted that Sherwin Start has undertaken direction of this trail restoration work but we desperately need a Trail's Chairman and regular committee members. If you can help please contact Sherwin or your President...773-8621.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - AUGUST 31, 1976

Present were Paul Howard, Janet Martin, Vera Perkins, Churchill Scott, Sherwin Start, T. Valiquette and W. Weston.

Sherry discussed hurricane "Belle" damage to our section of the Long Trail. Sink Brook to Pico Junction very bad. Needs great amount of work and water bars. Feels more work than section is able to do. Chain saw necessary. Wes appointed to look into cost.

Wes spoke of the proposed By-Laws of the G.M.C. Article 6 on Trails and Shelters and also about how he felt that it was unnecessary to increase the office and administration expenses so greatly.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - Continued
Paul explained a comparison of the Killington Section to the Main Club as Vermont is to the United States. Each section cannot go off by its own. It was felt that both parties need each other and must work together.

Sherry gave a report on work parties. Very poor attendance. Suggest they be called "Trail Restoration Projects". Ask if hike leaders be willing to cancel outings in favor of work parties until Nov. 7.

Vera spoke of ways to make donations to trail maintenance.

Sherry asked about organizational membership in section. Do not have at present. Read ways to meet deficits.

Possibly hire caretaker at Pico and Cooper and furnish equipment as a way to help improve Trail.

A resolution was approved to include day of week on the next outing schedule.

Paul spoke about another radio talk show to promote interest in the section. Suggested that the girls take over next time.

The Board discussed a replacement for Ian Ward and Wes was asked to contact Betty Stacey who agreed to serve. It was passed unanimously.

Sherry stated the proposed By-Laws say each section shall have a President, Sec.-Treas. and a Trails Chairman.

Rachael Charland has been asked to contact Robert Biddiscombe for the latter position.

After the meeting a very enjoyable social hour was given to the Board by Wes and we all had a very pleasant evening.

A very thorough report on "Belle" damage was read from Cecelia Elwert, Cooper Lodge caretaker. All shelters in good shape. Trails did not wash too badly. But the Bucklin Trail and Long Trail Pico Junction north to Sherburne Pass are worst hit and will require a great deal of work.

Respectfully submitted
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary-Treasurer

BAID MOUNTAIN HIKE CONVERTED TO TRAIL
RESTORATION PARTY, PICO SOUTH
Six people reported for work with shovels
inland Saturday Morning Sept. 11, 1976.
Among them we were pleased to find Lou
Catozzi home on leave from the Army, his

father, Ray, Sherwin Start, Jack Crowder and Janet and Nancy Martin. We started out with Sherwin with the rented power saw indicating where to put the necessary water-bars to prevent further erosion of the trail and cutting the necessary logs. We started work on the first up hill pitch beyond the Long Trail Lodge buildings and soon were working diligently in two crews. In all we installed thirteen water-bars and channeled drainage in two extremely wet areas - one right at the register where fill of logs and dirt hopefully will get the hikers up out of the muck when the mucky fill dries out!! Another very wet area just beyond this was also ditched and filled. Then came the big gulch - here we installed a water bar at the bottom and filled and leveled to achieve better drainage and also found a good location for another water bar part way up to divert some of the volume of water running down the trail...a log will be cut to install here next week. Then filling can be completed and the crew continue on to install the rest of the waterbars which Sherwin has laid out and cut between there and Pico Shelter. Mid way thru our labors the first hiker of the day appeared and kindly offered to help us a bit...thru conversation we learned he was John McDonald, newly arrived in the Rutland Area, invited him to the Pot Luck Supper and a new member was recruited. We weren't so successful with the other hikers who came along but at least they are now aware of the work which someone has to do to get the trail into good hiking condition!

Report Completion of the Bald Mt. Trail relocation and extension. The Bald Mt. trail is now a figure 8 going over both summits and a new loop back from the Red Rocks viewing area around the side the mountain eliminating the necessity of returning to the top before descending the Mountain Work completed by Senior Girl Scout Troop 342 on September 2.



BUSINESS MEETING - TAMARAC NOTCH Reported by C. Scott

After a tasty and enjoyable covered dish supper at Tamarack Notch a short business meeting was held.

work parties, now called Trail Restoration Projects will be held on Saturday, September 18 and October 9, 1976 as scheduled on the outing list.

Hike to Dorset Mountain with the Bennington section cancelled and Paul Howard will try to arrange for use of the Killington Gondola to bring the Restoration party to the summit of Killington Mt. and work will progress from Cooper Lodge toward Pico to meet a point the Oct. 18th. party will have completed coming from Sherburne Pass southward.

Editor's Note: The Sherburne Corporation as in the past was very understanding of our needs and very cooperative in allowing us to use the Gondola.

Merck Forest hike changed to a day hike on Sunday, October 24 and on Saturday October 23rd, work will be done on Button Hill Area.

Janet led the discussion of a list of questions by the Long Range Planning Committee of the Main Club. Sherwin Start our Trustee, will report our answers at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

MAIN PURPOSE OF GMC: To see to the overall needs of the club such as blazing; taking care of shelters; brush clearing --namely good sectional control. Shelter repair was acclaimed by all present as adequate. Outhouses and sewage control could be improved. Some talk of the new type of outhouses in use at Little Rock Pond. Should GMC make an effort for more members? Yes. Should there be greater effort sign standardization on the trail? Yes. What changes in the Caretaker program should there be? The Sections should be consulted. Should Ranger naturalist program be continued. Yes, it is very good program. It is good hiker education. There was some question about the cost of the patrol and caretaker programs and it was answered by those present that they thought (2) more people should be added to the present patrol or even to the caretaker program. More elaborate GMC headquarters was squelched. Since GMC does more and more business with the State (Act 250, for example) it has been suggested that GMC headquarters be in Montpelier. There was much discussion. More wanted the

the GMC Headquarters here in Rutland area not necessarily on Center Street but much discussion about purchasing, leasing or renting of presumably empty buildings near the Long Trail opposite the present Long Trail Lodge. There doesn't seem to be any address for the Green Mountain Club except a Box number at the Rutland Post Office. A few of us know where the office is on Center Street but the average hiker would not. Sherry asked his questions about raising funds for the Main Club and most were against it -- Paul very much in favor of raising funds for our own Section and perhaps a percentage for the Main Club. He was very certain that he could raise funds from the local businesses. These funds to help with more money for the Caretaker Program, locally. It was noted that money given to the GMC, as an organization, for a specific purpose should remain just that way. No such monies to be put into the General Fund.

A policy should be set up for hiking the trail in the winter months. There was much discussion. Such winter hiking is NOT recommended for the novice or inexperienced hiker. Other subjects were the need for a Guide for the outlying trails, GMC should influence the Legislature to assist the GMC as the Long Trail is a vital resource to the state, Ski expansion should be restricted and controlled.

If the GMC had \$10,000.00, what to do?? Trail improvement and coordinate field work. Trail assignments for new Guide Book. Can barely keep up with our own Section, but at most would consider maintaining trail to Tucker-Johnson Shelter, inclusive.

The proposed By-Laws changes were discussed. Any interested person may obtain a copy of these changes from the GMC office on Center Street. Rachael Charland was appointed to read activity report at next Annual G.M.C. Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary Treasurer

Editor's Note: Due to other commitments, I have been late in the publishing of this edition of SMOKE AND BLAZES, and I have also left out some articles, and to those who took the time to send in articles and can not find their article in this issue I apologize -- hope to do better by you in the next issue. Also, PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK will be again written next issue.

SPECIAL EDITION SMOKE and BLAZES

JANUARY 5, 1977

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL * * * * * MEETING * * * * *

Be informed, be there, enjoy the fun and refreshments at the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KILLINGTON SECTION of the G.M.C. The place is the Unitarian-Universalist Church. The Location is at 117 West Street, Rutland, Vermont. The date is January 15, 1977, Saturday, and the time is at 7:00 P. M. - Besides the regular meeting, there will be entertainment, with a varied program to be enjoyed by all.

* * * * *

There will be a slide showing of Wild Flowers of Vermont to entice the lovers of nature. Also, we plan to show other slides of scenes of the Long Trail and Hiker Interest from other members of our Section. All these slides will interest the "Back Packer". If any of our members have slides that they would like to include in this showing, bring them along and I am sure that all present will enjoy your slides.

There is parking space in the rear of the Church, accessible from Cottage Street, or plenty of parking otherwise in the area.

We are looking for a large turnout, we are looking for YOU, mark it down on your schedule and plan to be there.

Any questions about or concerning the meeting, please call our President, Janet Martin, Phone 773-8621.

After the regular meeting, there will be refreshments served and a Social Hour for all to discuss their hikes and other interests of the Green Mountain Club and especially the Killington Section.

Also, there will be a meeting of the Board of Directors after the regular meeting for the purpose of appointment of new Officers.

CROSS-TALK SHOW - RADIO STATION W. H. W. B.

On January 11, 1977, The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club will again be featured on the W.H.W.B. Radio Cross-Talk Program, an Ab-Lib show. The show goes on the air at about 10:10 A.M. right after the News, and will continue to 11:00 A.M.

Ed Larson of that station will be our host, and with Ed's questioning, it will prove to be an interesting and informative show.

To be featured on the show from the Killington Section will be our President, Janet Martin and her daughter, Betsy Martin. We are in hopes that we will be able to have Cecelia Elwert on the show also. Cecelia was the Caretaker at Cooper Lodge at the Summit of Killington Mountain in 1976, and I am sure will have interesting comments for Ed.

Be sure to have your radio tuned to WHWB for the program, and we urge you to call in during the program if you have any questions you may wish to ask our panel. The number to call is 773-3315 and ask for the Cross-Talk Show.

We thank Frank McCormick, Ed Larson and WHWB for the opportunity to be on this show.

* * * * *

HAPPY HIKEING IN 1977

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

HIKE SCHEDULE

Spring and Summer 1977

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and time listed.
For more information contact the hike leaders below:

DATE	TIME	PLACE	LEADER	MILES TOTAL
Sat., Feb. 19)	10:00 a.m.	Sunnyside Overnight	R. Catozzi	
Sun., 20)				
Sat., Mar. 5	9:00 a.m.	Ascutney Annual Hike to Hut		
		Alternate Hike - Texas Falls	J. Frink	4.0 M
Sat., Mar. 19)	10:00 a.m.	Tamarack Winter Weekend	J. Martin	
Sun., 20)				
Sun., Mar. 27	9:00 a.m.	Sherburne Pass to Sherburne Hollow	C. Scott	3.0 E
Sat., Apr. 2	6:00 p.m.	GMC Annual Sugar-on-Snow - Universalist-Unitarian Church		
Sun., Apr. 17	9:00 a.m.	Route 73 to Logan Shelter	C. Scott	9.0 D
Sat., Apr. 23	8:30 a.m.	Trail Restoration Survey		
Sat., Apr. 30)	9:00 a.m.	Hazens Notch to Vt. Rt. 118		
Sun., May 1)		(End-to-End Purpose Hike)	R. Charland	10.0 D
Sat., May 7)	9:00 a.m.	Mereck Forest Weekend (Mt. A.)	C. Scott)	
Sun., 8)		Flower Identification Hike	J. Martin)	
Sat., May 14	8:30 a.m.	Trail Restoration & Shelter Inspection (Tucker Johnson-Pico)	R. Catozzi	
Sat., May 21	10:00 a.m.	Black Pond Hike	Cindy and Bob Gibbs	3.0 E
Sat., May 28	9:00 a.m.	GMC Annual Meeting, Camp Keewaydin		
Sat., June 4	9:00 a.m.	Mystery Hike	R. Carey	4.0 E
Sun., June 5	8:30 a.m.	Trail Restoration		
Sat., June 11)	8:30 a.m.	Trail Restoration - Overnight at Cooper		
Sun., 12)				
Sat., June 18	8:30 a.m.	Trail Restoration		
Sun., June 19	9:00 a.m.	Mt. Monadnock	J. Frink	4.0 M
Sat., June 25	8:30 a.m.	Trail Restoration		
Sat., July 9)	9:00 a.m.	Putnam Pond to Rock Pond, N. Y.	R. Catozzi	5.0 M
Sun., 10)				
Sat., July 30	9:00 a.m.	Mt. Aeolus with Benn. Section	B. Agard	5.0 M
Sat., Aug. 13	8:30 a.m.	Trail Restoration		
Aug. 27 thru Sept. 5		GMC Intersectional - Tamarack	J. Martin, Chairman	

Degree of Difficulty: E - Easy (Good for Children)

M - Medium

D - Difficult (Mostly Long Mileage)

SMOKE and BLAZES

VOLUME 30, Number 4, - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, January - April 1977

ANNUAL MEETING, KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, January 15, 1977

As submitted and reported by W. Churchill Scott

The 1977 Annual Meeting of the Killington Section was held on Saturday, January 15, 1977 at the Unitarian Church attended by about 30 members. Out of town folks included Ralph Williams, West Rutland, Mr and Mrs. Lloyd Weeks Springfield and also "Wes" Weston from Raleigh, North Carolina. Also, attending was Larry Van Meter, Executive Director of the Green Mountain Club.

The Secretary and Treasurer's Reports were read and accepted.

Janet gave the President's report and also the results of the Main Green Mountain Club Questionnaire filled out at our last Annual Meeting.

Sherwin Start reported on Trails, Stressing the amount of work done to repair Hurricane Belle damage and how important it is to keep ahead of the maintenance work. Some hikes were changed to work parties, now called restoration parties.

Janet read Cecelia Elwert's report on her varied experiences as caretaker at Cooper Lodge and her recommendations for next year.

Ray Catozzi spoke about the Shelters and their conditions. Pico and Sunnyside work parties during season. Others were visited and cleaned and "picked-up" for the hiking season.

The outing Program headed by Rachael Charland, resumed the Winter-Week-End-Hike and visited Half Moon State Park, Boiling Spring, Mount Abraham, Cavendish Gorge and Rock Point in Burlington for the first time. Plus a wild flower identification hike to Bald Mt.

The membership dropped to 103 from 114 in 1976.

It was voted to donate \$50.00 again to Tamarack Notch Aitken Forest Association for we use their facilities for the Winter-Week-End and Covered Dish Supper.

Mrs. Jean Davies brought us up to date on the Pittsford Ice Cave Fund and stated that within a short time the legal Title for a right-of-way and purchase of the area will be completed. She also presented a number of slides.

Both Sherwin and Larry discussed dues credit

for persons joining the Section and also the Main Green Mountain Club at 3, 6 or 9 months into the membership year.

Mrs. Dorothy Kirk established a Fund in memory of Mr. George L. Kirk with a check for \$500.00. Mr. Kirk, a long time Rutland Herald employee and for 25 years the U. S. Weather observer, was an ardent Green Mountain Club member and country wide authority on all items of Natural History.

To be named the George L. Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club, Inc. This Fund to be managed by the Killington Section and when the principle reaches \$5,000.00, the income will be used for maintenance. Mrs. Kirk will continue to contribute with the understanding that the Section do the same. A number of methods were discussed. Voluntary donations at the time of paying dues, gifts in memory or honor of a person, or a small donation on hikes.

Sherwin urged everyone to read and digest the proposed by-laws of the G.M.C. to be printed in February issue of the Long Trail News.

Directors elected: Raymond Catozzi, Rachael Charland, Carl Schmidt and Churchill Scott. Rachael Charland appointed Trustee to replace Terry Gulick.

Paul Howard sent greetings from Doctor Howland for being unable to attend the meeting. Also, Mauri who could not make it.

It is hoped that the Green Mountain Club will be able to have offices on the Long Trail Lodge Property by Summer.

Our thanks to Janet Martin for a job well done as President of the Killington Section, to Larry Van Meter for his part in the purchase of a new Mimeograph Machine, to Vera Perkins and Thelma Valliquette for all their help as directors, and especially Dorothy Kirk for her generous gift.

ANNUAL MEETING - Continued

Also enjoyed was a extra special showing of nature flower slides, and songs by the Martin girls to fit the theme. After refreshments of the finest and tastiest variety was served, the meeting ended in a pleasant and happy mood.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 1/15/77

At a Board of Director's meeting following the Annual Meeting of the Killington Section the following Officers were elected:

PRESIDENT: Carl Schmidt

VICE PRESIDENT: Raymond Catozzi

SECRETARY-TREASURER W. Churchill Scott

Cooper Lodge was again picked as the most appropriate location for a caretaker this season. Sherry Start suggested a sum of \$150.00 toward the caretaker program, seconded by Paul and passed with the provision that the Section recruit our own caretaker if possible.

Work Parties were discussed by Sherry Start and he stressed the importance of keeping ahead of the maintenance work and more interest in the maintenance of the trail by all members of the Killington Section.

Shelter Adoptor Program was discussed and it was brought out that certain stipulations do exist before an adoptor is assigned to a shelter.

The need for more young people was discussed and methods of attracting the young people to our section, and it is hopeful that our new brochure will be useful.

Many thanks from Paul for the Killington Section and the Main Club in the purchase of a new Mimeograph Machine to put out more clear and legible copies of Smoke and Blazes. (Ed. note: It won't help my spelling!).

LONE ROCK POINT By Jim Frink

Today, although Churchill had given a notice to the Rutland Herald about the trip to Lone Rock Point, apparently it never was printed and as a result only 6 showed up at the meeting place. We did pick up another at the High School Parking Lot in Burlington.

Churchill had written to the Episcopal Diocese and gotten permission for our visit to their property, so we drove through the gate, up to the Chapel, Office and Gymnasium and announced our arrival. Then we continued to a point near the lake shore and walked down to the water. The fault thrust we had come to see was visible to our left across a cove of the lake. Then we walked to Lone Rock Point on steep slippery shale and inspected the line of demarcation between the over thrusting Dunham Dolomite and the shale streaked with calcite.

I gave them the following short talk on the geology of the area:

The essence of geology is change. Tennyson realized this when he wrote:

"The hills are shadows and they flow from form to form and nothing stands; they melt like mists, the solid lands, like clouds they shape themselves and go."

Arrowhead and Eagle Mountains in Milton; Pease Mountain in Addison and Waybridge, are all thrust blocks.

The latest rocks in the state are the glacial accumulations which belong to the Pleistocene or Glacial Epoch, of the Quaternary Period.

The Lower Cambrian Dunham Dolomite which forms the overthrusting member of the Champlain Fault as far as Lone Rock Point, includes Eagle Mountain, Red Rock Point, Mallets Head, Ethan Allen Park, and Lone Rock Point. It's Maximum width is 1.4 miles.

The Lone Rock Point overthrust is the most striking topographical feature of the Champlain Fault. It is one of the finest examples of over thrusting in the United States, and has been visited by geologists from all over the world.

After a thorough inspection of the fault, we climbed the escarpment and enjoyed the beautiful views of the lake and the Adirondacks. After returning by car to the Bishop's residence, we further explored for a half mile. Lunch was at Ethan Allen Park, which we enjoyed and further exploration done. The Top at Indian Point, once the principal lookout for the Algonquin Indians, has a large tower but this was closed because of unsafe steps. According to the inscription on a plate within the tower states that it was built in 1905 by the Vermont Society of Sons of the American Revolution, dedicated to Ethan Allen, for his capture of Fort Ticonderoga and his assistance in creating the State of Vermont.

We returned to Rutland via back roads and all had a wonderful time, we regret that so many could not have been with us.

BELMONT AREA HIKE - August 7, 1976

By Anna Nyiri

The hike was not rained out but the nine hikers were rained upon generously. Though we were undecided about completing the planned walk, 7 of us did, while two turned back to drive their cars to meet us on Route 155 at the exit of the woodland road. We were very happy to see the rescue cars. It was lucky that temperatures were mild because we were wet. The 7½ year old hiker denied she had had a good time, but we adults knew otherwise.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Submitted by W. Churchill Scott:

CASH ON HAND 1/1/76. \$1952.95

RECEIPTS:

Dues.	360.00
Gifts	546.00
Interest.	50.04
Killington Rockers	1.00
Ogden Posters	.60

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$957.64

EXPENSES:

Paid to Main G.M.C.	174.00*
Outings	141.39
Smoke and Blazes	128.37
Shelters	119.55
Trails.	100.61
Donations.	60.00
Postage.	35.74
Secretary Expenses	34.71
Sugar on Snow.	27.72
Annual Meeting	10.00
Photos	6.37

TOTAL EXPENSES \$838.46

* Caretaker Program. . . . \$100.00
 Mimeograph Machine 50.00
 Guide Books. 24.00

BALANCE December 31, 1976. \$2072.13

PROSPECT ROCK AND OUT reported by
 W. Churchill Scott

At 9:00 A.M. only Jim Frink, Carl Schmidt, Rachael Charland, Betty Staack and myself attended this hike planned to help members earn their End-to-End patch. The weather was very good, blue sky, bright sun and a very warm temperature.

A long easy up hill grade found us at the Spruce Peak side Trail at lunch time where a large flat table high rock held our stoves and food while a near-by fire lent it's atmosphere for warmth.

One more hile of up grade and then downhill to Prospect Rock and the Look Out. Here we followed the old Rootville Road, slipping and skidding and mumbeeing to ourselves about who said this was an easy 7 mile hike. Soon we were at our spotted cars and another section of the Trail was finished.

G.M.C. MAIN OFFICE REPORT by
 Larry Van Meter

Things have been busy at the office on Center Street this winter, although not quite so hectic as in the summer and fall when hiking season is still going full tilt. Most of our time is spent pulling the details and data from the season of 1976 together, and laying plans for the next season.

The move of the Office to the Long Trail Lodge site was unanimously endorsed by the Green Mountain Club trustees at their September meeting in Stowe, Vermont, and indications are encouraging that something can be worked out with the land owner. At present, however, we're waiting for the Lodge itself to be sold. The realtor does not expect much sales activity until the end of the ski season in March. Hopefully by the beginning of the summer season, we will be up at the "Carriage House" near the site of the original Lodge.

Finances for the Main Club have turned out very well this year. After a couple of bad years with substantial deficits, the 1976-1977 fiscal year promises to show the Green Mountain Club running in the black by at least \$1000.00. At large membership loyalty, despite the big dues increases a year ago, is largely responsible for our improved situation.

Harry Peet, the director of the Caretaker Program, and I both feel that Cecilia Elwert did an outstanding job at Cooper Lodge last summer. Apparently the Killington Section also agrees, as evidenced by an increased contribution authorized by your directors for the 1977 caretaker program.

Minerva and I, speaking for Ralph Bryant and other G.M.C. officers, wish Carl Schmidt the best of luck in running the Killington Section next year, and Janet Martin in running the Intersectional at Tamarack Notch. Any help we can provide will be gladly given. Best of luck too, to Sherry Start in his new position with the U.S. Forest Service in the state of Utah, what are we going to do for excitement (and trail work) with Serwin gone?

RADIO "Cross Talk" SHOW, W.H.W.B.

On January 11, 1977, another, now the third, Radio Talk Show featured the Killington Section of the GMC. With our host, Ed Larson; Janet Martin, Betsy Martin and Cecelia Elwert (and myself as a silent sitter) reported to the Radio Station just before 10:00 AM. We went on the air at 10:10 and the ab-lib show went smoothly for an hour. Several of the important items concerning the trail system was brought up. The necessary trail maintenance, the dangers of "winter hiking" and other aspects of interest to all hikers. We hope that most of you heard it. Cecelia did a fine job in explaining her job as caretaker at Cooper in 1976, along with the different people she met. We expect to have another such show in about six months, and any member interested in participating, please contact either Paul Howard or Churchill Scott. Tapes of the show will be available. EDITOR

RESTORATION PARTY, August 14, 1976 by Sherwin Start

This was a scheduled work party but was less than routine. It was vigorous. Don Mollern, Cecelia Elwert, Jim Frink and I put in 21 water-ditches and excavated 46 feet of trench and constructed 18 feet of cribbing. About noon Rachael Charland and Betty Steack passed us on their way to Pico Camp where when we arrived we found a delicious meal of Roast Chicken, gravey, hot vegetables, stuffing, hot rolls and cranberry sauce ready for us.

I would say that our Roast Chicken Dinner was the only one cooked and served at that elevation and without customary modern conveniences, in the entire state.

After this fine meal, Jim and Don went back down the trail to Sherburn Pass, Betty and Rachael went thru to Governor Clement Camp, and I went up to the summit of Pico to modulate with a few friends in N.H. Cecelia was left at Pico, apparently totally eshausted, but happy with the day's activities.

KILLINGTON SECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS LIST:

Until January 1980:

Raymond Catozzi, 103 Belevue Ave., Rutland.
Rachael Charland, 76 So. Main St., Rutland.
Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland
Carl Schmidt, 73 Edgerton St., Rutland (to replace Wilbur Weston, until Jan. 1979)

Until January 1979:

Harold Rogers, 223 Adams St. Rutland, Vt.
Sherwin Start, 18 Pine Street, Rutland, Vt.
Wilbur Weston, (Resigned 1976, replaced by Carl Schmidt)

Until January, 1978

Paul Howard, 70 Allen St., Rutland, Vermont
Janet Martin, 7 Curtis Ave., Rutland, Vt.
Ian Wark, Woodstock Stage, Mendon, Vt.
(Zip code for all above is 05701)

MERCK FOREST HIKE, October 22, 1976

By Rachael Charland

On a blustery fall Saturday morning on Oct. 22, 1976, only four hiked to the luxurious Lodge located in the Merck Forest of South Rupert, Vt. Chris Oey, a new member of the Killington Section, Churchill Scott, Eric Anderson of Castleton and your leader enjoyed exploring the vast acreage and numerous trails. There was plenty of wood for the fireplaces, one of which was in our bunk room. Sunday, we hiked up Mt. Antoine amid the snowflakes.

The caretakers of Merck Forest opened up the Museum that is located in a large barn on the property. A great deal of work has been expanded to offer to all who wish to investigate the various types of flower and

fauna of the Merck Foundation. No doubt spring-time would offer even more natural surprises and the Killington Section looks forward to enjoying this lonely spot once more.

SUNNYSIDE SHELTER - Week-end hike by Churchill Scott

Although Paul Howard was to lead this hike, because of hospitalization, Harold Rogers did agree and did lead this outing. Saturday's blue sky and bright sunshine saw 7 of us visit Sunnyside again. After gathering firewood for the night and a good lunch, Jim Frink left us to watch the Patriot Game, while Rachael Charland and Harold Rogers, and Churchill Scott visited "Patch Hollow" (Bear right where Long Trail begins climb up Button Hill). A high farm area with celler holes, lilac bushes, beaver dams and a wood duck protector is a good discription. We learned later that the tracks we saw was that of an Otter. More firewood as found and cut.

Ray Catozzi and Lou Catozzi (Lou was on leave from the Army) arrived and after a hearty supper, we played cards, told stories and watched the stars go by and finally filled up the stove for the night.

Another beautiful day on Sunday, Carl Schmidt showed up with his cross-country skiis and brought the bad news that Oakland won in the last few seconds of the game.

Again we say even though an overnight hike is planned why do not more people come for just a day. There are always many nearby points of interest to visit.

TRAIL RESTORATION PARTY, September 11, 1976 by Sherwin Start

After the disasterous flood and resulting damage to the Long Trail a month earlier, the Board of Directors decided after hearing of the damage, to cancel certain scheduled outings and replace them with parties to restore the damage done. Janet Martin, Nancy Martin Jack Crothers, Jack Martin, Lou Catozzi and his dad, Ray Catozzi, John MacDonald and myself worked from the Pico Pond Road up the mountain. With a rented Chain Saw we put in many waterbars. John MacDonald and I cut logs and stakes to Sink Brook, far out distancing our work force. By 4 o'clock it had started to rain and we all headed out of the woods. I had cut and placed 17 waterbars (136 feet) and excavated 82 feet of drainage channel and diversion channel. Also I felled about 12 large trees that were about to fall over the trail. After that particular day I think a lot of people had a much greater respect for the work and the people that do maintain the trails in this country. They may think I am a "slave driver" but this work is important and must be done.

HAZEN'S NOTCH - JAY CAMP

By Churchill Scott

On Friday, October 29, 1976 at 6:00 PM we started a hike that would end on October 31, 1976 at 5:30 P.M. The hike was a 7.1 mile hike. We had five members and one dog on this hike. After a long ride in darkness, we thaww (3) (Rachael, Chris and Churchill) arrived at Jay Camp. Soon after, Bob Carpenter and John MacDonald and their dog reached the shelter via Burlington. The shelter (one of our favorites) was in good shape with a bit of firewood. On Saturday, we drove to Hazen's Notch, and we stayed together till Hazen Notch Camp. The trail started up Bruce Peak and soon snow was deeper and deeper. It seemed there were endless mountains to go up and around and down.. Finally Domey's Dome was reached at just dusk. Flashlights were used from there and at last we were within earshot of Route #242 where Bob and John were just starting out with lights and emergency supplies. Being the first time getting caught out on the Trail after dark the importance of having lights and equipment and friends ready to help ~~struck~~ home very seariously and we are grateful.

After church and supper every body was ready for bed. Rain begain along midnight so Sunday's hike was called off. Thanks to Chris Oey, the fire was a beautiful sight and the coffee just right.

Bob and John left around 10:00 A.M. and soon ever one was up. Must be great to be able to sleep all day.

For the past two years the second day's trip has been rained out so next year we will try again and hope for better weahter.

MOONLIGHT HIKE (With no moon)

By Ray Catozzi

On Saturday, December 4, 1976 at 6:00 P.M., **The Scheduled Moon-Light hike** got underway. It is always a gamble when planning our annual full moon hike as to whether there is to be or is not to be a clear sky on the nite of the hike. The gamble is 50 to 50 chance. The night before this hike saw a beautiful nearly full moon, the night after the outing was a gorgeous clear night. **The** night of the hike ??? OVERCAST.

Oh, well, twas a nice night, and many new people walked in the short distance to good old (new?) Sunnyside. Churchill Scott and your writer went in late afternoon and had a supply of dry firewood, warmed up the shelter and had the pot of water ready boiling before the hikers arrived. A nice, multi-simulton-eous conversational time was had by everyone, as the hot chocolate, coffee and donuts were

consumed. We had hoped that some of these many new people would show up on some of our succeeding hikes, but one have shown up to date. What are we doing wrong? Must be that we are using the wrong coffeemaker. . . !

CHEER3 TO WES WESTON

Never do we know that the absence of something that we take for granted will do to our welfare. Wes Weston has been a member of the Killington Section for a long long time and has been very active in the welfare of out Section of the G.M.C.

Suddenly, we loose "Wes" Weston, for he has moved to North Carolina, he is not there to supply the hikers with the necessary coffee pot, first-aid kit, and wish all hikers the best on the hike, even though he may not be able to meke it himself. We all miss "Wes" very much, his willingness to help, his desire to see that the best happened for our Killinton Section, his dedication to the preservation of our trail system, and the vigor he had in all his endeavors for the club. Wes was up to Vermont to visit Doc Howard a couple of weeks ago, and it was a pleasure to see him. He and his dog Lady spent several days with "Doc" and he visited many of his friends in Rutland area. We all had the p pleasure of seeing "Wes" for a short time at the Annual Meeting on 1/15/77. He has returned to North Carolina now, his biggest difficulty while he was here was his car, he had to put in a new "Starting Motor", but he will be back . . I promise, His last words when he left was "I shall return" and we hope so, soon. The very best to you Wes.

Editor.

HOW TO GET?
A NEW MEMBER?

ASK HIM

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

In this issue, we would like to honor our long time friend and member, Mr. Craig Perkins.

A native of Rutland, Vermont, Craig was born in 1903 in Rutland Town and has been a country boy all his life. He attended Rutland Schools, and graduated from Rutland High School in 1920. He also attended Worcester Polytechnical Institute, majoring in Chemistry.

He has been an "out-door" man all his years and first became active in hiking with the Boy Scouts in 1918.

One of the projects that he remembers well, is the building of the "Tin Shelter" at the summit of Killington Mountain. The conception that the top portion of a silo would make a good shelter inspired this building, and the top of a silo was hauled to the summit of Killington and assembled. It was of many sides, giving it a generally round shape. All sections were well bolted together and the roof of pie shaped pieces were assembled. The stove was in the center of the structure and the chimney extended upward through the center of the roof. Mr. Perkins was about 15 years old then, and he and six Boy Scouts rode their bikes to Brewer's Corners, hid them in the bushes and hiked up the Rooney Trail. When they did arrive at the site, they were put to work "keeping the flies away from the men assembling the shelter". This was before the stone shelter, known as Porkey Lodge was built. Both shelters have long since been destroyed.

In the early 1920's he was on a hike from Vt. Route 103 to Spring Lake and met up with Willis Ross, then a prominent member of the GMC at the time, and at the meeting Ross was doing work on the trail. This meeting gave Mr. Perkins a much better understanding of the importance of trail and shelter maintenance, and what goes into the preservation of the Trail System. After this, he became much involved in Trails and Shelter work, and he stated that his preference was shelter.

One re-location he recalls, was between Gov. Clement and Killington Summit. As I understood him, on the original trail markings, no one had a compass, and the blazing was done by earshot calls from the trail-makers. The result was quite a crooked winding trail. Mr. Perkins re-location really improved the trail in that stretch.

Although he has been a member of the Killington Section since he can remember, he is not now too active on the trail. However, he does a lot of work at his "Tall Timbers" on the Elbow Road in Mendon, where the trail to the summit of Blue Ridge Mountain starts.

He has been very generous with the Killington

Section in the use of the Field House at his Tall Timbers. He has donated it's use for the "Minerva Hinchey" day party in 1974, and on several other occasions for functions of our section.

The work at Tall Timbers keeps him quite busy in keeping up this 50 acre wonderland.

Not only was he an ardent hiker, his activity included much in the Executive Branch of the Green Mountain Club. He was a Trustee, he was President of the Main Club for 2 years, and very influential in making the Green Mountain Club one of the finest hiking clubs in America.

His stories told me of how the Long Trail Lodge was acquired, a gift, I understand, and the unforeseen tremendous expense in maintenance after it was acquired. He told me how, in an attempt to meet expenses, rooms were rented out and how it was used as sort of a Hotel. He also explained how it was finally sold to the Treadway people and the Green Mountain Club was out of the Hotel Business.

His reply to my question "What is one of the most memorable experiences you had?" was the story of a trip to the summit of Killington in the winter of 1919, when he, Gale Spaulding, Genny Beale, Les Hooge, Pason Weber and Jim Cowan, using a toboggan, starting from Rutland lugged the toboggan up over East Mountain to Brewer's Corners and up the old wagon road to the summit of Killington. The six took turns in tugging the sled, and when it became dark, they were still three miles from the summit. At this point, they split into two groups of 3 each, with Mr. Perkins, Jim and Pason as the advance party and the other three left to haul up the sled. The advance party arrived, finding the stove covered with snow, but readied the camp and built a fire at the Tin Shelter. The sled crew soon arrived and a good night was had by all.

During World War II, Mr. Perkins, Doc Gasco and Mr. Spaulding engineered the work of the Killington Section, both physical and executive, and all was in good shape when the boys returned from the war and the section again put on routine basis according to the by-laws.

Churchill Scott was with me at this interview at Tall Timbers, and the stories that Mr. Perkins told were delightful and very interesting, enough to fill a book, let alone a short article in Smoke and Blazes.

I found Craig Perkins a fascinating man, full of energy, and we all envy his life at his 50 acre wonderland, Tall Timbers.

Editor

DIRECTOR'S MEETING - January 21, 1977

A directors Meeting was held at the house of Carl Schmidt on 1/21/77. Present were Rachael Charland, Janet Martin, Carl Schmidt, Harold Rogers, Sherwin Start, Ray Catozzi and Churchill Scott.

The report of the Annual Meeting was read and approved. Mrs. George Kirk's establishment of a Trail and Shelter Fund in honor of her late husband was discussed. Harold to write up an article for Smoke and Blazes. Motion was made and passed to donate \$250.00 to the Fund.

Sherwin asked for permission to buy new tools and it was voted to spend up to \$139.56. It was finally decided to rent a chain saw rather than purchase one. On Work Parties, the ladies want workers to be on time for lunch. The Hike schedule was completed for the upcoming months. It contains a good many of Trail Restoration and Shelter Inspection trips. Sugar on snow was decided to forego the addition of a Tasting Supper.

Dues Credit for trail workers was discussed and the Secretary was authorized to give membership to persons working 8 hours (Excluding the portion paid to the Main G.M.C.)

Honorary Life Membership was tabled until next meeting. Adopt a Shelter was discussed.

We have at Sunnyside, Lynn Eaton, at Tucker Johnson, Ray Catozzi.

Ways of increasing membership was discussed. The new brochure is most ready for printing with photos.

Motion was made and passed to confirm the election of the directors at the Annual Meeting.

W. Churchill Scott

* * *B*I*R*T*H*D*A*Y*S* * * * * *

Miss Martha Adams recently received a letter of congratulations on the occasion of her 99th. birthday from Ralph Bryant, President of the Green Mountain Club. Each and every member of the Killington Section wish to also extend many Happy Returns and many more birthdays to follow.

Mr. James Frink was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration held recently at the Week-End trip to Sunnyside. May he also, have many more to enjoy hiking the trail with his friends.

Churchill Scott

SMOKE AND BLAZES

This is the last issue of Smoke and Blazes to be sent to 1976 membership list. Send your dues, nto W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vermont, 05701

CAVENDISH GORGE - November 7, 1976

By Rachael Charland & Carmen Guica

This was a most unusual hike and found 14 naturalists accompanying their leader to Cavendish Gorge. Carmen Guica started the hike with a short description of the area which he read from the "History of Cavendish". Such sights as Devil's Gulch, the Bathtub, Lover's Leap kept most of us busy scrambling up and down the embankments along the Black River. There is even a cave or two there that Ray or Lou Catozzi have not located (better luck next summer Lou) After lunch in the picnic grove we were all invited to visit the Cavendish Historical Museum and we found many postal card views of the Gorge along with many artifacts of the Cavendish Area. Carmen invited our group back to the Gorge during the summer months when he said it would be possible to walk down the river and explore the caves.

PROMOTION FOR SHERWIN START

We congratulate Sherry Start for his promotion with the U.S. Forest Service and we wish him the very best in his assignment in Salt Lake City, Utah. I know that this is a big chance for Sherry, but the Killington Section is losing one of the most energetic members. His tremendous ability to organize trail and shelter work, his ability to represent the Killington Section as a Trustee, and his devotion to the Green Mountain Club is commendable. Members were willing to work for him and with him, and he was able to handle his workers and produce the most possible in restoration of the trail. Sherry, you will have to write to us, for I am afraid that your C.B. output will not reach Vermont once you get to Utah. The very best to you in your new environment.

The Entire Section

NORTHAM PICNIC AREA - January-8, 1976

By Ray Catozzi

A beautiful, but cold winter day greeted us on Saturday, 1/8/77 as we met at the Fire Station for this always enjoyable walk. Three on cross-country skis and four on snowshoes, made a small but very enjoyable group. We started up the unplowed road in a few old and a few new snowmobile tracks. A few snowmobilers passed us going the same way, and after arriving at the picnic Shelter, they started showing up from all directions. They continued to come and go, up and down the different roads and trails in the area, filling the woods with their raccous noise, while we had our hot lunches.

NORTHAM PICNIC SHELTER - Continued

The cross-country skiers, which included the G.M.C. Executive Secretary, Larry Van Meter finished lunch in a hurry and got back to skiing on more roads in the vicinity, Jim Frink left for home early, but Churchill Scott, myself and Rachael Charland went half mile further down the road and visited the Stone House that is also in that part of Coolidge State Park, and which is used as a gathering place, warming house and watering hole by snowmobilers. There were a considerable number of them and their machines all around that area, and they were joined by two of our Vermont State Police on their snowmobiles. The Police were probably up there to enforce the snowmobile speed limits (?) or protect the state property.

This was a perfect winter hike except for the snowmobile noise and all enjoyed a perfect winter day at a very lovely location.

SMOKE AND BLAZES - Deadline

I regret that because of circumstances beyond my control, this issue of Smoke and Blazes is late in being mailed to you. The deadline for the next issue will be March 15, 1977, so please try to get all articles to me by that date. I expect to have the next issue mailed on or about April 1, 1977.

Editor

RESTORATION PARTIES - -

By Sherwin Start:

September 18, 1976

After the wonderful article that Jack Croathers had in the Rutland Herald on 9/14, the result was a wonderful turnout for all of our restoration activities.

Ray Catozzi led the 9/18/76 outing. Under the faithful and professional guidance of Ray; Jim Frink, Erick Anderson, Paul Wiggins, Wes Weston, Marge Fish, Bob Fish, Maria Stadlmayer and Anna Nyire worked like beavers. They dug, shoveled, placed logs, built some steps and cut roots. They put 18 waterbars, (90 ft.) and excavated 39 feet of drainage ditch. This completed the planned work up to Sink Brook. I regret that I could not be at the outing because I had a previous obligation (Board of Directors of the Main Club) in Stowe, Vermont.

October 2, 1976

Through the efforts of Paul Howard, the Sherburne Corporation, per a letter from the President, Preston Smith, granted our restoration party permission to ride their Gondola from U.S. 4 to the summit of Killington,

making the efficiency of our planned work much greater.

Besides myself, Robert Carpenter, Tom Martin Sandy Marsh, Paul Wiggins turned out for the work. We did not have time to stop at old Cooper Lodge and we immediately started down the mountain working toward Pico Camp. We put in 12 waterbars (Logs) on the north slope of Killington which were very badly needed and six more between there and Pico Camp. We also dug 35 feet of diversion channel, inlet ditch and outlet ditch.

I must say that this crew of fellows put in everything they had into this work and after the long walk out of the woods to Sherburne Pass, all of was in some state of fatigue.

In retrospect I was very pleased with the turnout we had with all of our trail Restoration outings we had this fall. The labors and sacrifices made by all that turned out for these outings is commendable and you have thanks from all members of the Killington Section, the Green Mountain Club and especially from myself. It is people like all of you that will keep our Long Trail a pleasant place to be in many years to come.

The damages from Storm Belle is far from completed. Work on this must continue in the spring, and we are looking for another good turnout to live up to our reputation of having the best maintained section of the A.T. outside of the National Forest, and one of the finest maintained sections of the L.T.

DUES DUES DUES DUES

Have you paid your dues? It is that time again. Please have your dues into W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vt. by April 1, 1977. Dues are as follows:

SENIOR CITIZENS.	\$2.50
ADULTS.	4.50
SPOUSE.	3.50
FAMILY JUNIOR.	.75
INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR.	1.75

DUES DUES DUES DUES

Please have your articles for next issue in by March 15, 1977 - Mail to Paul Howard, 70 Allen Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701

MAURI WINTURRI

Mauri has not been to Vermont for over a month, and we have received no word from him. The Pioneer Valley Publication reports that Mauri is recuperating from his illness in a short article in their last issue. We assume that no news is good news, and we feel sure of that.

TO: All Members of the Killington Section, GMC

SUBJECT: Intersectional, Tamarack Notch, 1977

DATE: May 9, 1977

Our section is hosting the INTERSECTIONAL this year at Tamarack Notch. In order to do an outstanding job, comparable to that done by the Burlington Section Last year, we need help from EACH AND EVERY MEMBER of the Killington Section. There are many things to be done, some very active and some seditary . . . we would like to have you help where you feel you are most able. Please check through the following list and indicate which job(s) you feel you can fill, then send this information on to me at 7 Curtis Avenue, Rutland, Vt. 05701, or call me at (802)773-8621.

REGISTRATION: (Indicate dates between 8/27 and 9/5, your could work): _____

TIME: Mornings, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM _____

Afternoons, 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM _____

Evenings, 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM _____

LONG TRAIL HIKE LEADERS: (Dates free to lead): _____

TIME	DATE	DISTANCE	DAY	HIKE SCHEDULE	AVAILABILITY Check choice
8:00 AM	8/28/77	9.8 mi.	Sun.	Middlebury Gap to Brandon Gap	_____
8:30 AM	8/29/77	7.6 mi.	Mon.	Brandon Gap to New Boston	_____
8:00 AM	8/30/77	12.1 mi.	Tues.	New Boston to Sherburne Pass	_____
8:30 AM	8/31/77	8.8 mi.	Wed.	Sherburne Pass to Brewer s Corners via Bucklin Trail	Ray Catozzi
8:30 AM	9/1/77	8.7 mi.	Thurs.	Brewer's Corners to Upper Cold River Road	_____
8:00 AM	9/2/77	10.5 mi.	Fri.	Cold River Road to Route 140	_____
8:30 AM	9/3/77	9.2 mi.	Sat.	Route 140 to the U.S.F.S. Road 10	_____
8:00 AM	9/4/77	12.0 mi.	Sun.	U.S.F.S. Road 10 to Mad Tom Notch	Tom Martin

OUTLYING MOUNTAINS

AVAILABLE DATES:

9:00 AM		4.8 mi.		Blue Ridge Mountain	_____
9:00 AM		4.0 mi.		Bald Mountain	Martins (Date adjustable)
9:00 AM	8/30/77	4.0 mi.		Birds Eye Mountain	Churchill Scott
9:00 AM		3.6 mi.		Shrewsbury Peak	_____

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

AVAILABLE DATES

9:00 AM		2.0 mi.		Pittsford Ice Caves	_____
9:00 AM		4.0 mi.		Vermont's Highest Waterfall	Bob Carey ? ?
9:00 AM		6.0 mi.		Boiling Spring	Jim Frink ? ?
9:00 AM		- - - -		Merck Forest	_____
9:00 AM		3.5 mi.		Snake Mountain & Wildlife	Weeks ? ?
9:00 AM		2.8 mi.		Natural Bridge (Dorset	_____
9:00 AM	9/3/77	- - -		Cavendish Gorge & Museum	Garmin Guica ? ?

BREAKFAST:

7:30 AM to 9:00 AM, Serving. September 3, 1977

NEEDED: Waiter/Waitress

Name: _____ Time Available _____

Clean-up personnel

Name: _____ Time available _____

EVENING PROGRAMS: Needed a Coordinator for each night

DAY	DATE	EVENT	VOLUNTEER
Sat.	8/27/77	Square Dance	_____
Sun.	8/28/77	Historical Slides	_____
Mon.	8/29/77	Leave No Trace Camping	_____
Tues.	8/30/77	(Open)	_____
Wed.	8/31/77	(Open)	_____
Thurs.	9/1/77	Auction(Auctioneer Needed)	_____
Fri.	9/2/77	Magic Show	Dave Martin
Sat.	9/3/77	Square Dance	_____
Sun.	9/4/77	Final Campfire	_____

GROUNDWORK: Much help is needed in the preparation, each day maintainence, policing and control of the Tamarack Notch grounds. We need all the assistance we can get to make this INTERSECTIONAL one to remember and a delightful week for all that come to our grounds for this event.

GROUND WORK JOBS NEEDED	YOUR NAME	DATES YOU CAN ASSIST
Daily Rubbish Collections	_____	_____
Daily and final Clean up	_____	_____
Building Maintainence	_____	_____
Pool Maintainence	_____	_____
Other Grounds Jobs	_____	_____

Use this form as a method of indicating what you feel you can do to help make this event one of the most successful of our section, and when you are available to help us. Do not hesitate to call me at 773-8621, or drop a line to 7 Curtis Avenue, Rutland, Vt. 05701.

Smoke and Blazes

VOLUME 30, Number 5, - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - April - June 1977

APPALACHIAN TRAIL - NEAR SHERBURNE

By Betty Staeck
January 23, 1977

Nine of us snowshoed, hiked and skied up the Appalachian Trail east from River Road, Sherburne. We broke trail past a snow covered car which had been abandoned many years before, and then found a snowmobile trail. At the point where the snowmobile trail left the A.T. we decided to follow the easier packed trail and found ourselves near a cabin. On the front door was a note welcoming "To Whom It May Concern" asking merely that the user make a list of any food taken. What a wonderful welcome! We ate our packed lunches, heated up for coffee and chocolate, cut a supply of wood for the gracious hosts and returned to our cars.

PINE HILL AREA

February 5, 1977
By Churchill Scott

This typical winter day brought out a goodly number of outdoor enthusiastic snowshoers and cross-country skiers - 16 in all.

Two ladies from New Jersey who were vacationing at Pico plus two local families and their children skied with us to swell the attendance to 16.

All day the temperature was mild, no wind and snow fell, heavy at times and light at other times, as we crossed the Country Club and climbed easily to Muddy Pond.

Passing a good sized area where deer had dug through the snow for food we arrived at Rocky Pond where lunch and hot drinks were enjoyed.

Next we went down the road toward Evergreen Avenue and at last we cut east on the old Recreation Department Pine Hill hiking trail to the biggest rock in the whole area. Here Jim Frink gave us all a very detailed and interesting history of it and the surrounding area.

Here the group split up with some riding and some walking back to the Country Club.

This hike is a very good example of the large amount of undisturbed woodland area within walking distance from home.

REPORT FROM THE MAIN CLUB OFFICE

By Larry Van Meter
April 10, 1977

Plans for the summer are progressing well. All the caretakers will have been hired by the time Smoke and Blazes goes to press, as will the ranger-naturalists for Camel's Hump and Mt. Mansfield. One of these rangers will be Cecilia Elwert, the caretaker at Cooper Lodge last summer.

Our hopes remain of moving the office to the Long Trail Lodge site late this spring, or early in the summer. Only time will tell, however, whether the details can be worked out. We are presently waiting for the Lodge to be sold, and hoping that the new owners will be receptive toward having the GMC lease the ski dorm.

A completely revised 21st Edition of the Guide Book of the Long Trail is at the printers in Burlington, and is expected to be available by the time of the Annual Meeting at Camp Keewaydin on Memorial Day weekend. Harry Peet has done a fine job as Editor, and Dr. H. Gardiner Barnum, a Burlington Section member, has had several of his Cartography students at U.V.M. completely redrafting all the maps. Price of the new book to GMC'ers purchasing it through the office will remain \$3.00. The non-members price will be \$4.50.

Although some major relocations around Stratton Pond have postponed Long Trail work in that area, we still plan to have two crews: one completing the Glastenbury Relocation and then moving north to Johnson where much work needs to be done, and the other working on the Monroe Skyline. This second crew is possible through a contribution of \$4500.00 from the New York Section! Minerva Hinchey, recipient of Ralph Bryant's "green pen award" at the last trustees meeting, will be readjusting her work load toward an expanded bookkeeper's role, and the Club will be looking for a part-time secretary who is familiar with the Trail to handle routine matters at the Club Office. If anyone is interested, they should contact me at the Club Office.

TEXAS FALLS

March 6, 1977

By Jim Frink

Texas Falls is a beautiful Cataract north of Route 125 (West of Route 100)

The sharp drop, and tremendously large pot holes carved in the soft schist cerellean blue ice and massive white snow made this an especially beautiful scene. It is just as beautifully interesting and fascinating at any other season.

Before viewing the Falls - walking carefully in very deep snow and thick ice - we went to the end of the logging road, north of the Falls and watched a gasoline powered hydraulic ram wood splitter in operation. The way this machine split three foot diameter logs was a sight to see.

After the Falls we stopped to a sheltered spot (fierce wind) in the woods near the parking space, near a large supply of dead wood and, using a couple of logs as a base on the 5 feet of snow, built a fire and had a pleasant cook-out. Then home in plenty of time for the afternoon sports on T.V.

Although there was very little hiking, the 5 who attended had an enjoyable day.

MOUNT ASCUTNEY

March 5, 1977

By Carl Schmidt

On a warm day, six GMC'ers walked a steep 3 miles on the Brownsville Trail to the log shelter, where two members of the Ascutney Trail Association had hot soup waiting.

Ray Catozzi and Bob Carey carried out a very educational field test of the Optimus 99 versus the Primus Grasshopper backpacking stoves. Under carefully controlled conditions it was demonstrated that both stoves could heat snow better than it had previously been; however, the spring thaw showed more promise for actually changing the snow to water.

Everyone was able to complete the hike without snowshoes, even though the snow depth averaged two feet or more.

Only the heaviest member of the party (the writer) broke through the crust a few times. Some unusual aspects of the trip were that one of the cars got temporarily sidetracked between Rutland and Ascutney, and several the hikers noticed that the walk back down did seem shorter.

GEORGE L. KIRK TRAILS AND SHELTERS FUND

Balance as of April 1, 1977

Certificate of Deposit. . . . \$503.03

90 Day Notice Account 323.85

TOTAL

\$826.88

G.M.C. INTERSECTIONAL - HELP NEEDED

By Janet Martin, Chairwoman

Killington Section has agreed to be Host Section for the 1977 Intersectional, August 27 to September 5, 1977. We will need the active participation of all Killington Section Members if we are to do a really good job !! The following committees have been set up: Publicity; Reservations and Registration (need onsite registrar for each day); Hike and Day Trip Leaders; Evening Activities hosts; Site maintenance and supervision; Breakfast Committee. We need to know if we can count on YOU and your help. . . . call Chairwoman Janet Martin at 773-8621 or write her at 7 Curtis Avenue, Rutland, Vt. 05701 and let her know your preferences. This Intersectional will once again be held at Tamarack Notch. The TNAF Corp. has agreed to do a dinner and the Section will put on a breakfast, probably Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Plan now to spend some time at the Intersectional. If each member would donate one day or evening, I'm sure the week would be most enjoyable.

* * * * *

APPLACHIN TRAIL HIKE

March 27, 1977

by W. Churchill Scott

A beautiful blue sky and bright sun made this A.T. hike an enjoyable experience.

Due to snow conditions some did not use snow shoes and the climb up Deer Leap was much easier. After the Main Junction, shoes were worn but not necessary. Passing Beu's lookout a lone Cross Country Skier was met struggling up the steep grad. Who should it be (naturally) but Betty Staeck. At Gifford Woods we put a table in the sun, had lunch and enjoyed the beautiful weather.

At Route Vt. 100 we said goodbye to Mrs. DeVay and her son John. The rest continued on to the Thundering Brook Road and to our journey's end at the Sherburne Town Hall. With the coming of spring let's try to get everyone out to enjoy the warm sunny days.

* * * * *

WELCOME BACK "WES" WESTON

By Paul Howard

After spending a nice WARM winter in sunny North Carolina, "Wes" and Bailey Weston will be returning to Vermont around May 1, 1977.

We all certainly welcome you home again, Wes and Bailey, and we are looking forward to your dedicated participation in our Killington Section once again.

* * * * *

TAMARACH NOTCH WINTER WEEKEND

March 19 & 20, 1977

by Janet Martin

Much to our surprise the road up the Notch had been plowed after Friday's storm so three cars drove to Wheelerville Corner. After we got ourselves settled into the Rotaz Cabin, got water etc the group broke up into cross country skiers and snow shoers and we explored various wads in the area. The snowshoe group attempted to follow the Cold between the old wad which goes down across from camp to the bridge. It was pretty rough going but we had one beautiful slide on the seat of our pants and a scramble up to the road short of the bridge. The road, beyond camp has a washout.

Six people stayed overnight. The stars were glamorous. We looked for the evening star(planet mars) with the binoculars.

Sunday two additional people joined the six in camp and we took a Snow Shoes Hike up the old wood road and then onto the new trail to Red Rocks. We saw several deer whose presence was much in evidence as they had been pawing for acorns on the west side of the mountain. Ate lunch in a "cave" discovered by the Martin last fall while looking for Hickory trees. After lunch four of the group went looking for "the Jug Handle", a rock formation that Craig Perkins had described to Janet. We not only found one but two and a "hidy hole", all at the base of ledges! We also located several more fairly large shagbark hickory trees.

Carried snowshoes going back as trail was packed and not much snow anyway. The weather was beautiful.

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY

April 2, 1977

by Vera Perkins

At 6 P.M. on Saturday, April 2nd a "small but appreciative" group of about thirty-two Killington Section G.M.C. members and friends assembled at the Unitarian-Universalist Church for our annual Sugar-on-Snow Party.

When the thermometer reached 85 on the preceding Wednesday, we began to wonder where the "snow" part of the event was coming from. However the weather changed, as usual, and on Saturday Harold Rogers and Paul Howard found plenty of good hard snow up in Northam, so hard in fact it had to be broken up with potato mashers. Under the watchful eye of Nancy Martin (she came home for the week-end especially for the Sugar Party), the syrup was boiled to exactly the right consistency. The boxes of hard packed snow made an ideal surface for the hot syrup to "wax" on. Incidentally we needn't have worried about snow as,

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY (cont.)

Pres. Carl Schmidt had cached some away in his freezer.

As always, doughnuts and pickles accompanied the sugar. After each one had reached capacity on sugar consumption, at least for the time being, what was left in the bowl was "stirred-down" to take home for spreading on next mornings toast.

One thing which seems to remain constant in a changing world is the basic kitchen staff for the Sugar Party: Janet Martin, with various members of the Martin Family as available and "T" valiquette. We appreciate their continued interest and assistance. Our thanks also to the "snow gathers" and others in attendance who lent a hand to the clearing up. Every one working together is what makes this a "fun" party. Too bad so many of you missed it.

* * * * *

BRANDON GAP TO MT. TOP INN

April 17, 1977

by W. Churchill Scott

Another beautiful sunny spring day gave our End-To-End hikers an opportunity to do almost too much. Hiking from Brandon Gap to Mountain Top Inn during the early spring snow season is a HIKE.

Thanks to the cars of Jim Frink and Mauri Wintturi the party was taken to Brandon Gap. Along the beginning there were a number of good views of Mount Horrid.

A quick lunch stop and rest was taken at one of the many stream Crossings.

Snowshoes were taken by some but not used in spite of the deep snow along the way. For the snow held one up for the most part and much of the Trail was side hill walking.

A number of spring birds were seen patches of Jerusalem artichokes and mint were found and many picturesque fungi observed.

All in all perhaps this 10.6 mile hike was a little too much for this time of year but a good section of Trail was covered for those who needed it.

* * * * *

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A meeting of The Board of Directors was held at the home of Janet Martin on February 24, 1977. Present were Janet Martin, Sherwin Start Paul Howard, Carl Schmidt, Harold Rogers, Raymond Catozzi and Churchill Scott.

Sherry submitted his resignation as Trustee due to his coming Transfer to Utah with the U. S. F. S. A motion was made by Janet,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Cont.)

seconded by Harold to nominate Ray to act as Trustee at March 26, meeting. This was approved. If the new by-laws of the G.M.C. are voted upon at the Annual meeting unless we have 151 Adult Members, our Section will have only one Trustee, Rachael Charland. A discussion was held about replacing directors and Carl will contact Jim Frink to see if he will be willing to accept a position as director to replace Sherry Start.

An intersectional meeting will be held on March 10 to work on getting more specific ideas on paper, activities both day and night scheduled and list of fees discussed.

Sherry suggested constructing a small box for a shelter to hold a supply of small trash bags and information for hikers to use them to carry out their trash. It was decided this would be done on a trial basis at Pico, Sunnyside and Clarendon Shelters.

Carl spoke about trying to establish a file card system of all hikes taken and giving along all important details such as; length, difficulty, type of terrain, good for winter or summer. Also a topographical map showing route taken.

The new brochures are just waiting for the photo negatives to be recieved at which time they will be printed.

by W. Churchill Scott
February 24, 1977

HIKE SCHEDULE CHANGES

by W. Churchill Scott

The leaving time for Hazen's Notch hike is changed to 6:00 P.M. Friday, April 29 due to the long distance to be traveled before spotting cars and hiking. All interested persons please take notice.

MERICK FOREST WEEKEND

May 7th. and 8th.

Those who do not participate in the May 7th part of the Merick Forest Weekend, and still want to attend the Flower Identification Hike on Sunday, May 8th will meet at the Kontolski Firestation on Sunday, May 8, 1977 at 10 A.M. and will join the others at Merick Forest.

UPCOMING HIKES

SUNDAY, April 17, 1977 at 9 A.M. Leader: W. C. Scott.

This is a medium to difficult hike for all those working on their End-to-End. We will

UPCOMING HIKES (Cont.)

hike from Brandon Gap south to Logan Shelter and the New Boston Trail about 9 miles.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, April 29-May 1, 6 P.M. Leader: Rachael Charland.

Please note the change of time for this hike to the Hazen Notch area. We plan to stay at Jay Camp Friday spot car at Hazens Notch, hike north from Route 118 to overnight at Tillotsow Camp.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, May 7 and 8, 9 A.M.

Leaders: Janet Martin and W. C. Scott

Lets everybody get out for a spring hike to one of our favorite spots. It is hoped that hikers will come for just the day Saturday or Sunday to enjoy the many varied trails and learn about flower identification. (See notice for those attending only Sunday)

SATURDAY, June 4, 9 A.M. Leader: Rob Carey
Here is another mystery hike to be led by Rob. As always he has promised to make this one of his best so lets all get out and hike.

SUNDAY, June 19, 9 A.M. Leader: Jim Frink
This hike to New Hampshire's Mt. Monadnock will be a very interesting trip made more so by the knowledge that Jim has of the geological formation.

TRAIL RESTORATION PARTIES

To continue the damage repair done by hurricane Belle there are a number of scheduled parties. On April 23, May 14, June 5, 11, and 18 and 25. Lets all try to help all we can.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

By Paul Howard

Some time ago, this writer suggested that a member of the Killington Section, G.M.C. be picked as our PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK, and a short history be written.

However, difficulty in finding personalities that want to be interviewed and entered in this column have been very difficult to find and the time and effort necessary to produce this column has made it necessary for this writer to discontinue the article.

I would like to see the article reactivated. If some member of our Section wishes to take the responsibility of finding and interviewing a person, I will be more than happy to include it in SMOKE AND BLAZES. Any interested member, please do not hesitate to contact me at 773-6070 or 775-0716 during working hours.

I think the article was liked and I hope that I can get a volunteer !

Smoke and Blazes

VOLUME 30, Number 6 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - June - August - 1977

GMC ANNUAL MEETING - May 28, 1977
Keewaydin Camp, Lake Dunmore, Vt.
By Ray Gatozzi

This report will include items that concern the Killington Section mostly, and mostly as I did not take many notes, thinking the official minutes of the meeting would be available now. They aren't!

The revised by-laws were passed. The Key Item here is the new allotment of trustees (directors) from the various sections based on one director for each 100 members (adult) or majority fraction thereof. So with our 100 more or less members, we are able to have only one director representing us on the board. Rachael Charleand is the one director who will be staying on the job.

Another interesting item was the announcement that the main club has acquired liability insurance with a blanket coverage for all the sections of the club located in Vermont. The Killington Section has had fire insurance on its shelters for a number of years, but to my knowledge, no liability insurance, which seems to be needed in more and more areas of human activity every year. Details as to how the cost will be borne out haven't been worked out yet, but one method suggested was cost based on a club's membership. Joseph Frank, a lawyer from Burlington, who was elected the G.M.C. President for the coming year, engineered the insurance deal, and he says he really got a bargain for the coverage offered. This is not why he was elected President, by the way, he was Vice President the past two years.

In the Section reports it came out more and more often, when telling of their programs, of the upsurge in cross country skiing. Many of the sections are attracting many new members by placing ski touring on their winter schedules. This was talked about in our Killington Section board meetings a couple of times, and it was agreed that we, too, should include more of this pleasant method of winter hiking. Our new schedule, to be out soon, will reflect this trend.

Other sections of the club experienced much erosion on their parts of the trail last year,

but in talking to various section members after the meeting, I felt that the Killington Section of the trail was hit the hardest. We should be all grateful to our ex-Trails Chairman, Sherwin Start, for the tremendous amount of work he himself did, plus the amount he got out of the rest of us, in restoring our badly damaged mileage to the reasonably good condition it is in today.

The Annual Meeting of the Main Club is always an interesting affair, with talking and comparing notes with hikers, walkers and backpackers from all over the northeast. It is also sad and too bad that more Killington Section members don't attend, especially when it is held so close to Rutland most of the time. Bob Carey and I were the only Killington Section members present. If there were others, I didn't notice them.

RUTLAND LIONS CLUB HOME AND SPORTSMAN SHOW
May 13, 14 and 15, - Mandigo Arena.
By Carl Schmidt

Thanks to Alderman's Cheverlot, who donated a \$100.00 booth, the Killington Section was represented at the Rutland Lions Club Home and Sportsman's show held on May 13, 14 and 15, 1977 at the Mandigo Arena. Although we only had a week's notice, enough Section members (and some of their hiking friends) were found to staff the booth throughout the show. Nancy Schmidt and others put together an excellent presentation of GMC interests and objectives, from all season hiking to trail shelter maintenance. Guide books - the old edition - were sold at a discount. Killington Section schedules and many items of GMC literature were made available to the public. Those who staffed the booth enjoyed many free samples of pretzels and potato chips from the Charle's Chips people next door; unfortunately, Schlitz didn't have a booth in the show.

TRAIL BLAZING
By Wes Weston

What in blazes has blazing to do with Smoke and Blazes? Well, it so happens that a week ago Thursday (6/23), the author and one Mauri Wintturi and I did a stretch of the Long Trail from Route 140 in E. Wallingford to near

TRAIL BLAZING (Continued)

Sunnyside Camp, along with Chris Guerra, in the process of trail blazing. In the caos of the auther, it was a lesson in "Trail Blazing" with Porfessor Wintturi calling the shots. I learned from him on this occasion. ~~BUT~~, what we found out in the process of our endeavors was that there was plenty of work on the Trail aside from blazing. We found several blowdowns and had we been four or five in number instead of three, the extra members could have cleared the obstructions. We or I can not vouch for the rest of the Trail committed to our charge, but much could be done in this sector. Come out and see us sometime.

BENNINGTON-KILLINGTON SECTIONS HIKE TO MT. AEOLUS

By Rachael Charland

On July 30, 1977, only three members of the Killington Section met with Bennington Section members and climbed (Mt. Aeolus) Green Peak. Thom Bailey of Bennington Section led the group as they explored the site of the first Marble quarry in that area; a bat cave and finally the summit of the mountain. Wonder where the hikers were that like to explore and climb new mountains!

TRAIL AND SHELTER RESTORATION REPORT

By Ray Catozzi, Trails & Sheler Chairman

Good Friday in April A walk into Sunnyside Camp revealed two smashed sash and about 12 broken lights of glass, an obvious job of vandalism. Nothing was done at this time but to cover the openings with large trash bags.

Saturday, May 21 Hike to Black Pond was cancelled. A trail work party was substituted for the Bucklin Trail. But that trip was cancelled due to personal work schedule.

Saturday, May 14 Mauri Wintturi and Wes Weston ambled into Tucker-Johnson Shelter to inspect it. Privy needs 1 whole new wall, and some bunk repair needed. This same day Carl Schmidt, Bill Catozzi and I cleared trail from Sherburne Pass to Pico Camp. Another smashed sash (all the glass gone) was removed from Pico and brought into Rutland for replacement or repair.

Sunday June 5 Into Sunnyside again to remove the two broken sash and bring to Rutland for repair.

Saturday, June 11 Back to the trail from Sherburne Pass to Pico Camp for more grooming. Bob Carey, Rachael Charland and I worked this trip. The stove was removed from the camp, and the window that was taken out to be repaired, was re-installed. This

window was repaired by using semi-rigid clear plastic instead of glass, as an experiment and we hope it works.

Saturday, June 25 Mauri Wintturi, Carl Schmidt, Rachael Charland and a Killington Section member living in the Boston Area, (the name escapes me) and I headed back into Sunnyside Camp to clear trail from there to Route 140. Glass was brought in to replace broken glass (in the undamaged sash) but Mauri Wintturi, Bob Carey and Paul Howard had already made a trip in and done the job. The extra glass was then stored under the bunks and behind the front riser. Mauri stayed here at Sunnyside and dug out the spring to make it more serviceable, while the other four headed south with the trail tools.

Wednesday, June 29 Another late evening walk into Sunnyside with the two repaired windows (replaced four 8"X12" lights of glass with one 16"X24" light in both windows - glass was donated by Carmote Paint Store) All the windows in Sunnyside are repaired now; only minor things are left undone.

With many thanks to Bob Paradise, caretaker at Cooper Lodge on Killington Peak, our section of the trail from Pico Camp, where we had left off June 11, all the way to Gov. Clement Shelter has been cleared, including blowdowns. This is a tremendous help to our trail crews. Last year's caretaker, Cecelia Elwert, did the same outstanding job for us. At last word, Bob is Blue Blazing the Pico Loop Trail, and he might do the Bucklin Trail, too. Killington Section supplied the paint. On Saturday August 13, there is work party scheduled and Bucklin Trail will be cleared to go with new blue blazes.

This leaves us about 9 miles of trail left to clear before the Intersectional, from Gov. Clement Shelter to Sunnyside. Some of this is on roads, and most of it is in fairly good shape, so we think a couple of trips out will put our section of the Long Trail, 21 miles, in good condition for the rest of the year.

SMOKE AND BLAZES By Paul Howard

The deadline for getting in information for the next issure of SMOKE AND BLAZES will be no later than September 15, 1977. This issue is late for two reasons, I did not get the reports in time, and my business work load has been very heavy. I regret that, although I will not let our section down, I am ready to retire from Editor of SMOKE AND BLAZES, and any interested member that would like to take over, please contact President Carl Schmidt or Churchill Scott.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB INTERSECTIONAL
AUGUST 27 Through Sept 5
1977

TAMARACK NOTCH

A report from Janet Martin, Chairwoman.

The intersectional is shaping up well. Hike leaders have been obtained for all hikes. If not staying at Camp they should report to the Staff House (where Registration is held) at least ten minutes before the scheduled departure time.

The Breakfast to be put on by Killington Section on September 3rd. is pretty well covered but we could use a few more diswashers ! !

Our last big call for help is for workers to man the registration table. Only one evening volunteer so far and three day-time dates covered (Aug 27, Aug 31 and Sept. 4). We need you. . . this is a job "retired hikers" would enjoy . . a pleasant setting, cool refreshing mountain air, and you meet the nicest people. Give me a call 773-8621, if no answer, try 773-6740 which is the number of Tamarack Notch Office., if you have some free time. We need people for morning (9:00 AM to 12:30 PM) afternoon (12:30 PM to 5:30 PM); evening (5:30 PM to 9:00 PM)Aug. 27 through Sept. 5 (morning only at last day.)

Jack Martin also needs a few volunteer rubbish men to collect trash after supper each night and on the first day to put out trash barrels, etc. and a final cleanup crew. . . we are borrowing latrines from Girl Scout Camp and these must be dismantled and filled in on Labor Day as well as picking up site. If you can help with this please let him know . . . Telephone Number above.

There was a final Committee meeting at 7 Curtis Avenue. on August 2nd.

We have an Auction scheduled for Thursday September 1st. so check your attics. If you can't bring items to Camp the week of the Intersectional, please leave at Martins the week of August 22-26. Call me if you can't get your auction items to us and I will arrange for pick-up.

* * * * *

MERCK FOREST, RUPERT VERMONT
By Churchill Scott

Our semi-annual trip to Merck Forest was favored with one of the best week-ends of spring. Warm weather, blue sky and perfect visibility.

Saturday was spent hiking and sunning. Ray Gatozzi, Rachael Charland and Churchill Scott climbed Mt. Antone to enjoy the distant Adirondacs and nearby Tocomic Range. Spring flowers were in great abundance, mainly leeks Dog Tooth Violets (Trout Lillies) Dutchman's Breeches and Spring Beauties.

During our descent a very inquisitive Scarlet Tano entertained us for a long time. Next we finally swung around Beebe Pond and home where Carol and Miss Austin drove a deer into the front yard to everyone's amazement and enjoyment.

On Sunday, Jack and Janet brought a group for the day was conducted an interesting flower

identification trip to a different area than normally covered.

It was good to see so many new people join us on such a beautiful day. We believe it was the most since mid-winter Pine Hill walk.

MAIN CLUB GMC OFFICE REPORT
By Larry Van Meter

A very hectic summer means that this report for SMOKE AND BLAZES will be pretty brief. As you all know, the Caretaker and Ranger-Naturalist Programs are being run essentially the same as they were last year. The Long Trail patrol, however, is larger than ever - two separate eight-person crews. Both crews are concentrating on chronic problem areas in the north, although we do hope to get the cribbing replaced at Clarendon Gorge before the end of the summer.

MAIN CLUB GMC OFFICE REPORT (Continued)

Other activities this summer include the distribution of the new Guide Book, working with Bennington Section on the new Nauheim Shelter just north of Route 9, and continuing to look for new office. The Long Trail Lodge has at last been sold, and the new owners are not interested in having the GMC set up offices at Sherburne Pass. The focus is now on the Winooski Valley.

One item with which the Club has had limited involvement, but which will certainly have impact on the Killington Section is the prospective acquisition of all private lands along the Appalachian Trail by the National Park Service. The full implications of having the Killington Section stretch of the Long Trail owned by the Federal Government rather than by relatively passive private landowners is difficult to predict.

As many of you already know, I will be leaving shortly after the Intersectional to return to school. I've thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with the Club and particularly with the Killington Section, of which I am a member (and intend to remain a member !!). My successor will be Steve Rice, with whom I have worked for several years. Steve and I have both been involved in the same U.S. Forest Service Backcountry Research Program in Durham, N.H., and he brings a good knowledge of the Long Trail with him (a two time End-to-End'er!).

I'm sure you will show Steve the same warm hospitality and cooperation you showed me when I first arrived in Rutland two years ago, Thanks again !!

HAZENS NOTCH SOUTH TO ROUTE # 118

On Friday evening, April 29th., at 6:00 PM the sky was very clear and blue and cloudless in Rutland. However, after passing through Morrisville later on that same day it began to rain and then the rain became mixed with snow and then SNOW! There was really a blizzard atop Route #142 as we parked the car and unloaded our gear in preparation for a short hike to Jay Peak Camp. We were lucky, just as quickly as the blizzard had begun, it stopped and the moon shone through long enough for us to hunt up wood and start a fire at the camp. Throughout the night the wind blew and snow fell leaving on the ground approximately 2½ inches. Saturday morning we spotted two cars, one at Hazens Notch and another at Route #118. Began hiking at Hazens Notch at 9:45 A.M. and struggled southward - - - snow was very evident everywhere, from 3 feet to 5 feet deep making the travel-

ing rather difficult, on a side hill angle, to Navigate. Blazes were difficult to find and much time was lost trying to find them. When we did find blazes they were real old and faintly visible. As we climbed the ridge to Haystack Mt. bear tracks were clearly visible as well as partridge and many times we frightened the birds enough to cause them to frighten us by their thundering flight. We arrived at Tilliston Camp, all of us with wet boots, socks and well seasoned with "dropping into holes" of the soft snow. The outhouse at Tilliston is new and if it had been larger we would have camped in it since it would have been in better condition than the shelter itself. No stove so we hung our socks for decoration, prepared our supper and built a fire outside to get ourselves warm before bedtime.

Sunday morning about 7:45 A.M. we headed for Belvidere Mt. and the same thing was true of this trail, THE LACK OF BLAZES! We were well equipped with topo maps and bushwacked much of the distance to the top of this mountain. The Fire Tower still waves in the wind and there is a resemblance of a cabin there too. Since Sunday was much warmer than the previous day we all took off our socks and went barefoot on the bare ground while our socks dried on the hot rocks. Signs were visible calling this area, Rock City. After a leisurely luncheon hour or so we were happy to don DRY Socks for the descent to Route 118. Two young people who had climbed from Route 118 indicated that they too, had had a most difficult time finding the blazes and said to follow their footprints in the snow. Oh, yes, snow was still on the western side of the mountain too. There is a logging operation at the lower end of this trail and tops of trees had been thrown with abandonment over the Long Trail making it impossible to use. However, it was with welcome relief to see bare ground many flowers, trilliums, trout lilies, spring beauties and numerous ferns were a delight to behold. This trip I think convinced the Hike Scheduling Committee that Spring DOES NOT ARRIVE ON MAY 1st. in the NORTHEAST KINGDOM. I wish to thank my friends for helping me over this difficult part of the Long Trail.

Rachael Charland

Remember, deadline for next issue:

SEPTEMBER 15, 1977

MONADNOCK STATE PARK, June 19.

By Jim Frink

On Sunday, June 19, 9:00 AM (should have been 8:00 AM) the hikers assembled at the Fire House. Rachael Charland, Bob Carey, Joe Catozzi with his father Ray, Bernie Donahue and I drove to Mt. Monadnock State Park and paid 50¢ per head entrance fee. (Joey got a free ride).

We climbed the cascades, Red Dot, and Pumbelly trails to the summit - high and very windy. It was a beautiful day, blue sky, sunshine and widely spaced beautiful white clouds. The trails we took to the summit were steep in places, but not difficult over all. They were very well blazed with yellow dots for the first, red dots in white circles for the second, and rock cairns (above the timberline) for the third. In the woods, mosquitos were ferocious, but on the exposed rocks the high wind blew them away. The summit is only 3,165 feet but affords a 360° marvelous view.

This mountain is an old volcano composed of hard lava flows which have resisted corrosion until all the surrounding country has been worn away leaving the neck of the volcano exposed. The word "Monadnock" is a geological term describing a volcano formation rising out of surrounding level country-side.

Southeast of the one we climbed is "Little Monadnock Mountain" - elevation 1883 feet. There is one in the far northeast corner of Vermont but I can't find it on any of the Vermont maps I have now.

We came down, after an hour for lunch and relaxation, over the "white dot" trail, the shortest and steepest route. The upper part all over bare glacial smoothed rock descends at an average angle of about 50 degrees! Sit down and slide is an answer to many of the very steep sections.

Since the mountain is an old volcano, the rock is solidified lava. When the volcano stops erupting, the lava flows cool very quickly which results in the fine grained igneous rock called basalt. The various lava flows, of varying thickness, are evident near the summit of the mountain where all the rocks are exposed. There are rocks which feldspar phenocrysts and many with andalusite crystals changing to muscovite. A few hollow pyromorphite crystals were noted.

About half way down the mountain some mica schist were observed which remained from

the eroded rocks which surround the volcano. Many wide veins of quartz have solidified in the cracks of the basalt where the silica bearing liquids deposited them. Some of the lava splashes are so rich in iron that they rust on the surface.

The last glaciation approaching from the northeast has polished and rounded the basalt into domes which have the typical granitic shape but there are only a few dykes of granite to be found. The rocks at the southwest are vertical cliffs of the columnar basalt which form in the neck of a volcano.

This was a most interesting, enjoyable, and educational hike for me. The weather was perfect, and I hope the others enjoyed it as much as I did.

DIRECTORS MEETING G.M.C. (Unscheduled)
By Rachael Charland - K.S. Director

A special G.M.C. Directors meeting was held Saturday, July 30, 1977 at the Bardwell Hotel. The meeting began with a few minutes of Silent Prayer for Mrs. Barbara Vielle, who drowned on May 28th.

President Joseph Frank gave the Directors one minute to scan the Minutes of the Annual meeting held on May 28th. at Camp Keewyden. Larry Van Meter's report concerning the services of the Rangers, Trail Crew and Caretakers brought out the fact that there is still much trail work to be performed on the Long Trail. He recommended better communication between the Trail Patrol and Section Volunteers so that the Long Trail could be better serviced.

After carefully considering all of the applications submitted for the position of Executive Secretary for the G.M.C., President Frank submitted the name of Steven Rice of Stowe, Vt. Steve is a Forestry Major and also has a degree in Journalism. His extensive Survey of the Long Trail coupled with the photographic album were available to the Directors during the morning recess. This survey has been used during the past months in connection with determining much needed repairs to both Shelter areas and the Trail.

Present Directors unanimously voted that Steve be given the post of Executive Secretary of G.M.C. on August 22nd. Larry Van Meter after that date will begin his college studies in Rochester, New York.

The proposed idea of having a Fall Trail Crew, presented by Larry drew much discussion by the Directors. Members of the Summer Patrol indicated that even though a great

DIRECTORS MEETING, GMC (Continued)

deal of work has been accomplished this summer, there is considerable more to do.

After a delicious Roast Beef luncheon, the Directors resumed their discussion of the proposal of hiring a Field Supervisor. It was indicated by both President Frank and Executive Secretary, Larry VanMeter, that such an employee was needed as at the present time, as there are 45 employees working in various sections of the Trail. Not only is it time consuming for one person to oversee the Trail Section Problems as they occur but literally impossible to combine such duties with extemporaneous speech making and still manage the busy Rutland Office. As much as 60 to 80 hours per week has been the workload of our present Executive Secretary.

Harry Peet, Jr. who has been in charge of the Caretaker Program, was recommended by the President for this position. All of the Directors were in full agreement that a Field Supervisor was needed and Harry Peet, Jr. will begin his duties as of January 1, 1978.

Since the recent sale of the Long Trail Lodge, plans for a GMC office in that area have been cancelled. A heated discussion followed as to various locations recommended for this office. Final agreement was reached that the Executive Advisory Board members seek a new G.M.C. office site in the Winooski Valley. Harry Peet stressed the known fact that there is more trail traffic at Sherburne Pass and Jonesville than at any other point or junction of the Trail and that office at one of these points would greatly enhance the usefulness of our G.M.C. office.

Western planned trips were discussed and the Directors agreed to sponsor such trips in the future. It is hoped that more GMC members will take advantage of these ventures in the future.

Tentative Committee Sections announced by President Frank and Lester A. Vielle will be the Trails and Shelters Chairman and Earl Williams will chair the Guidebook Committee. Killington Section's Director, Rachael Charland will be Chairman of the End-to-End committee and serving with her are End-to-Enders: Betty Staack, Ray Catozzi and Churchill Scott.

All Sections have been requested to make suggestions for the next Annual Meeting as well as the NEXT INTERSECTIONAL SITE. Meeting was adjourned at 4:14 P.M.

PUTNAM POND TO ROCK POND, N.Y.

July 8, 9, and 10

By Ray Catozzi

This 2 night, 2 day trip, of less than 4 miles took us into a beautiful low-hills-many-ponds area S. W. of Ticonderoga. Rachael Charland drove my son Bill and I to Putnam State Park on Fri. Evening. We 3 hiked the 1.7 miles in to Rock Pond, using flashlights the last .7 mile. Our timing was to beat the Week-end crowd to the 2 shelters in the area. The 1st one was filled, and the second one we could not find, as it is located on a tiny adjacent pond, reached by confusing trail junctions. We found it the next day, but having a 3 man tent with us, saved the night.

Saturday morning dawned bright and beautiful. We moved the tent far out on a rocky point of the island. All similar to the island in our Little Rock Pond in Danby on the L.T. It is 20 feet away from the main shore and this 20 feet of shallow water is spanned by 2 small logs, one of which rolled under Bill's feet and dumped him into 8" of pilywog filled water.

Would have made a good picture, but I pulled him up out of the water quickly as he was weighed down by the pack and was relatively helpless. He dried out soon.

The day was spent with a long walk around the pond, going by an abandoned iron mine. At the far end of the pond, we basked in the sun, while eating lunch, then continued our trek around the pond, with a swim in mind at our campsite, but clouds, coolness, and threatening rain cancelled this.

Sunday was another perfect day. We packed our lunches and hiked to the far end of the pond again, where the outlet is located. A trail leads down this brook and at the $\frac{1}{2}$ way mark is a beautiful 40' water fall. Leaving the brook trail we bushwacked up the north slope of Peaked Hill, a 1900 ft open top hill with nice views of the surrounding country. Here on the open rocky hill we gored ourselves on ripe blueberries, and picked some for home. Back at our campsite, Bill and I went for a swim, with Rachael packing for the hike out. We were home at 9:30 P.M., the end of an enjoyable and interesting trip. It would have been much more fun if more people had gone. Where were all the Killington Section backpackers? It seems that only a small handful have turned out for the last 3 or 4 overnight trips. (Editor's note: The above article was shortened for space reasons, hope the author will forgive me.)

HAVE A GOOD DAY

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

HIKE SCHEDULE

1977 - 1978

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and time listed. For more information contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton Street, 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, Vice President, 103 Bellevue Avenue, 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Secretary-Treasurer, 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

DATE	TIME	PLACE	LEADER	MILES TOTAL	
Sat., Sept. 17.....	9:00 a.m...	Blue Ridge Mountain.....	R. Catozzi.....	4.0	M
Sun., Oct. 1.....	1:00 p.m...	Valiquette Memorial Hike.....	J. Valiquette...	4.0	E
Sun., Oct. 16.....	9:00 a.m...	High Pond.....	Bob and Cindy Gibbs.....	4.0	E
Sat., Oct. 29).....	8:00 a.m...	Backpacking - Route 118 to Parker Camp.....	C. Scott.....	9.7	D
Sun., Oct. 30)					
Sat., Nov. 5.....	10:00 a.m...	Chatuguay Gold Mine.....	C. Scott.....	4.0	E
Sat., Nov. 19.....	9:00 a.m...	Danby Marble Quarry.....	J. Frink.....	3.0	E
*Sat., Dec. 3).....	8:00 a.m...	Backpacking - Parker Shelter to Barrows.....	C. Scott.....	7.2	D
Sun., Dec. 4)					
Mon., Dec. 26.....	6:00 p.m...	Moonlight Hike and Christmas Party.....	R. Catozzi.....		E
**Sat., Jan. 7.....	9:30 a.m...	Shrewsbury area - Ski Tour and Snowshoeing.....	C. Schmidt.....	3.0	E
Sat., Jan. 14.....	7:00 p.m...	Annual Killington Section meeting Universalist-Unitarian Church.....			
**Sun., Jan. 29.....	9:00 a.m...	Ski Touring and Snowshoeing.....	B. Staeck.....	3.0	E

*Area may be changed due to snow condition.

**Location to be published at a later date.

Degree of Difficulty: E - Easy (Good for Children)

M - Medium

D - Difficult (Mostly Long Mileage)

Smoke and Blazes

VOLUME 30, NUMBER 6, KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB August - December 1977

REMEMBER:

Special Main Club Membership Meeting: January 14, 1978, 1:00 P.M. -Hotel Bardwell
Killington Section Annual Meeting: Same day, 7:00 P.M. -Unitarian-Universalist Church

REPORT ON 1977 INTERSECTIONAL

Killington Section was host to the 1977 Intersectional at Tamarack Notch Aug. 27 to Sept. 5. Unfortunately attendance was down considerably from 1976 with just 111 individual campers registered..this was made up of 52 camper units (individual or family) and 10 visitors who did not stay overnight. Visitors were mostly from Killington Section and were people who came up to help on some part of the activities.

Each day there were several hikes scheduled for campers to choose from. Most popular hikes were trips to Vt's highest waterfall, Cavendish Gorge, and Blue Ridge. Two of the Long Trail hikes were cancelled for lack of interest..those involving the most travel.

The trail restoration trips recruited a few workers who put in a total of 34 work hours on our section of the Long Trail as follows: repaired and replaced, as needed, waterbars at Clarendon Gorge Bridge approach; went to Gov. Clement and worked up trail repairing and resetting waterbars and brushed trail for two miles above the shelter..to the point where two brooks cross the trail.

Evening programs included two square dances, an evening of very old slides which Jack Martin managed to project with an overhead projector followed by some pictures from other Intersectionals in the 50ties and 60ties; Dave Langlois gave a talk and demonstration of leave-no-trace camping and equipment; Tiny Hare presented some worldwide travel slides; we had an auction which earned \$33.73; a talent night and a magic show. The highlight of the letter was the presentation of a gift to Minerva Hinchey from the Killington Section of some Vermont scenic placemats and a Vermont Bicentennial Plate.

The Tamarack Notch Aitken Forest Corp. members put on a scrumptious dinner the first Sunday and Killington Section an equally delicious breakfast on the second Saturday which netted us \$35.64.

Unfortunately the low attendance meant we ended with a deficit in spite of our money-raising efforts and donations from Mauri Wintturi, Bob Poole, and the Martins. (NOTE: The Main Club reimbursed us for this deficit.)

In closing I wish to thank the rest of my Committee: Ray Catozzi, Harold Rogers, Wes Weston, Rachael Charland, Carl Schmidt, Vera Perkins, Thelma Valiquette, and Paul Howard, and my husband Jack and daughters Nancy and Betsy and son David who put on the magic show. Also the following members who worked on registration or lead hikes; Nancy Schmidt, Carol Chapman, Betty Staack, Bob Carey, Bob Carpenter, Larry Van Meter, Frank Bequert, Jim Frink, Churchill Scott, and Rick Davies. The following also helped on the breakfast: Veda Knipes, Ann and George Reynolds, and Bettina Roulier. Smoke and Blazes Editor Paul Howard also helped by printing up our flyers and maps. Many thanks to all of you.

Janet Martin, Chairperson
1977 Intersectional

BAD NEWS ISSUE

By Carl Schmidt, Killington Section President

Unfortunately, this issue of Smoke and Blazes contains many items that might not be too pleasing to our membership.

1. Our old friend, Wes Weston, has moved back down South after having returned to Rutland for a few months. His contributions to the GMC will be sorely missed.

2. The Main Club office has moved from Rutland to Montpelier. There will be a special meeting of GMC members at the Hotel Bardwell on Saturday, Jan. 14, 1978, at 1:00 P.M. to give official sanction to this move (per the GMC Charter, Headquarters are officially in Rutland).

3. Your Section's Board of Directors established a Budget Committee, which quickly discovered that our Section finances were in a very bad state of decline; a long article follows. Part of our problems are tied in with the dues structure of the Main Club. The dues situation will be discussed at the above mentioned Main Club meeting, afternoon session, on Jan. 14 AND at the Section's annual meeting at 7:00 P.M. THE SAME DATE at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, Rutland. We urge as many members as possible to attend both meetings.

4. The Intersectional at Tamarack was an artistic success but a financial failure.

5. Our Trail Restoration efforts (together with the absence of severe floods) have temporarily slowed down the deterioration of the trails in our Section. But the increasing popularity of hiking and backpacking during the last few years seems to have resulted in far more trail 'users' than 'helpers'. Despite excellent coverage of hiking and GMC activities by newspapers and radio stations, we just aren't attracting enough solid new members to carry on the work and enjoyment that have been the dual goals of the Killington Section for so many years.

NEWS BRIEFS OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD IN OCTOBER AT VERMONT STATE SKI LODGE

By Ray Catozzi and Rachael W. Charland,
Killington Section Directors

Better communications promised between Main Club and the Sections concerning trails and shelters work that both might be involved in...such as the Clarendon Gorge Bridge and the caretaker in our Section.

GMC Office moving to Montpelier after being in Rutland for its entire life-- sixty years! Bulk of Main Club business and work is centered further north now, they say.

Minerva Hinchey honored at luncheon break of GMC Directors meeting.

Usage of LT down in Southern part of LT and up in the Northern part. LT Patrol has done much trail work way up North where it has been neglected for too long.

Western expedition to be sponsored and publicized by GMC for any and all members for next summer. Six hundred dollars for an eleven day trip including round trip air fare. A BARGAIN!

1978 Intersectional, and possibly GMC Annual Meeting to be in Southern part of state, possibly in the Bennington area.

HIKE SCHEDULE CHANGE

The Jan. 29 hike has been changed to Feb. 5 at 9 A.M. Betty Staack will lead this ski and snowshoe tour.

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN, OLD CANTY TRAIL
By Rachael Charland, substituting for Ray Catozzi
September 17, 1977

Saturday, Sept. 17 at 9:00 A.M. was another wet, drizzly day, yet three ambitious individuals climbed Blue Ridge Mountain, a small mountain compared to nearby Killington. It used to be called the Old Cauty Trail as it winds upward of 3,278 feet and most of the trail runs alongside beautiful, roaring, powerful cascades. At the very top of the cascades a logging bridge has been built and points the way toward still another entrance to these most unusual woods of large tooth-heart shaped aspens, yellow birches, spruce and balsams. It was rather impossible to view Coolidge Range or the Adirondacks as a fine mist settled over the summit as we hastily munched our lunches. Anna Nyiri's sharp eyes found many patches of colorful lichen amid the rocks and fallen lengths of wood. Fallen leaves made the descent rather slippery in many spots but with Jim Frink leading the return trip to Route #4, we all arrived safely at our vehicle and for a few minutes the rain actually stopped!

HIGH PCND, HUBBARDTON

By Robert Gibbs
October 16, 1977

On one of the few good days of this autumn, seven hikers made a leisurely tour to a dark blue hidden lake, then to a high bluff overlooking Lake Bomoseen. There were many white-blazed trails to lead out-of-state

hunters safely back to their cabins, and many signs of a large deer population.

FOOTBATH IN THE WILDERNESS: #118 SOUTH TO PARKER CAMP

By Ray Catozzi, substituting for Churchill Scott
October 29 and 30, 1977

Only three GMO hikers enjoyed the beautiful fall weather on a backpacking trip from Route 118 (Ritterbush) to Route 15 (Parker): Greg Bostock, Rachael W. Charland, and Ray Catozzi. We met two hikers on the trail who were taking pictures especially of Devil's Gulch; mildly dangerous, with wet boulders and wet leaves to crawl up and over. The hikers were from Montreal and had been there one week before without any success because of the poor weather conditions. This man also is a member of the Montreal Ski Patrol. Wet leaves did cling to the rocks making one's footing unsteady at times. There were many stretches of beautiful hard wood trees. We had lunch on a rock overlooking Ritterbush Pond and could hear the whine of an electric chainsaw in the distance as well as reports or a gun at intervals. Since Ritterbush shelter does not have a stove, all of the cooking was done outside and enjoyed in the light of the harvest moon Saturday evening. Frost was glistening on every bush and tree in the morning as we packed up and headed for Parker Camp. Bowen Mountain seemed much steeper than Butternut, probably because of the two peaks being so close together. There was a gradual climb up Butternut Mountain but the descent was another problem, especially in darkness. Parker Shelter was a most welcome sight as a warm fire welcomed us as well as the dog and the couple who were cooking steak. Another 1.5 miles brought us to the car without much difficulty.

CHATUGUAY GOLD MINE

By Churchill Scott
November 5, 1977

This hike had one of the biggest turnouts in recent years -48 people. It seems as though we were joined by the entire Bennington Section and all their friends. There were many amateur (and professional) geologists along, complete with rock hammers, specimen sacks, and head lights. We had many enjoyable explanations as to why we weren't likely to find gold, and everyone had a good time not finding any.

BACKPACKING--ROUTE #9 TO COUNTY ROAD

By Rachael Charland, substituting for Churchill Scott
December 3 and 4, 1977

Up, up from Route #9, not the stairway to the stars but to Harmon Hill! Next on the winding trail to Congdon Shelter we met 2 youthful N. H. hikers who stated they have often camped at Congdon. This shelter was very comfortable and with a good stove! About 2½ inches of snow fell during the night. We crossed numerous roads enroute to Stamford Stream; the trail running alongside the brook was the forerunner of a climb to Sucker Pond Trail and Scrub Hill. We could hear the musical hum of the powerlines even before we reached that area as the wind was really rushing across that section. Lunch was a hasty affair sheltered in a clump of trees just beyond the power line. Descending now to County Road and then our big mistake of the day! We walked many miles on West Road instead of the County Road until we met a most obliging homesteader on West Road who took us to my car on County Road--not only did he assist us with a ride but helped with starting the car and saw us safely on our way before he departed --a real Vermont Good Samaritan.

MOONLIGHT HIKE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Rob Carey (Hike leader, Ray Catozzi)
December 26, 1977

The Killington Section ended the year on a dramatic note. Thirty-seven people went into Sunnyside Camp for a combined moonlight hike and Christmas party. Lou Catozzi and I went in during the afternoon to cut wood, and got a fire going to warm the camp and heat the water. Timing was excellent, as the water had just come to a boil when the rest of the group arrived. When the camp seemed full, with about 15 people in, Lou said there were still more outside than in. We got the entire group, all 37, in. It was cozy and kept the camp nice and warm. Although we were short of cups everyone was able to have a hot drink. Many people brought and shared cookies and other food. Several sang Christmas carols, adding to the Christmas spirit. There was an excellent full moon for the hike and it was not too cold. We hope to see many of these new people at the annual meeting and other hikes, and maybe at a work party or two.

We regret to announce that Paul Howard has resigned as Editor of Smoke and Blazes. Our thanks to Paul for all the time and work he has put in on this newsletter.

DUES INCREASE

The Killington Section dues have to be increased. Right now, our dues do not come near to meeting our annual expenses. Following is a breakdown of those expenses, which must be shared among our 100 adult members. These expenses are the average for the last four years; they are not padded to provide for the inflationary cycle our country is in. At the right of these figures is the minimum amount that the section directors think we can live with.

		Average: 4 Years	Lowest Cost
A. <u>Basic Killington Section expenses</u>			
1. Trails and shelters, insurance		175	175
2. <u>Smoke & Blazes</u>		114	100
3. Outings (schedules, food, coffee, etc.)		115	90
4. Postage, telephone, secretary's expenses		84	75
5. Miscellaneous (annual meeting, etc.)		20	20
		508	460
B. <u>Expenses related to Main Club</u>			
1. Dues (100 adult members @ \$3)		300	300
2. Caretaker at Cooper Lodge		150	75
		450	375
TOTALS		958	835

As you can see, our average expenses per member are now \$9.58, and probably can't go much lower than \$8.35. Things get even more complex when you realize that many of our 100 adult members are senior citizens or 'spouses', who do not pay the present full membership cost (\$4.50).

One of the major expenses, Main Club dues, is an open item on the Main Club's agenda, and they are aware of our situation. Certain expenses, such as Trails and Shelters, are part of our basic reason for existence--anyone can hike the trail free, as long as the trail is there; the GMC ensures that the trail will be there for our children. Other expenses, such as Outings, help us to enjoy the trail and recruit new members. But spare dollars are hard to come by for all of us.

Dues of six other Vermont sections range from a low of \$5.00 to a high of \$7.50, and many are considering dues increases. The New York section charges \$12.00. Few sections carry the Trails and Shelters load that we do.

The entire financial situation will be discussed at length at the Section's annual meeting in January before setting a new dues schedule. To help us do this, an initial ballot will be taken at the meeting. A sample ballot is shown below (there will be extra ballots at the meeting). The Board will then propose the new dues structure for the membership's approval.

If you cannot attend the annual meeting, please mail your ballot to: Carl Schmidt, 73 Edgerton Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701, before January 10.

By Carl Schmidt, President Killington Section

BALLOT: Killington Section Dues Increase

This ballot is intended to advise the Section Board of Directors of the general membership's feelings. After reviewing this ballot, the Board will make its final recommendations and call for an official vote of the membership.

1. Type of membership you now hold.

Adult (full cost)	☐	Adult spouse	☐
Family junior	☐	Junior	☐
Senior citizen	☐	Not sure	☐

2. Should Smoke & Blazes publication continue?

Yes	☐	No	☐
-----	--------------------------	----	--------------------------

3. Should we continue to help support a caretaker at Cooper Lodge in the summer?

Yes - \$150 ☐

Yes - \$75 ☐

No ☐

4. Are you willing to pay the following dues?

a. \$4.50 (only senior citizens and spouses answer this one)

Yes ☐

No ☐

b. \$6.50 (no Smoke & Blazes, no Cooper Lodge caretaker)

Yes ☐

No ☐

c. \$9.00 adult, \$8.00 spouse (Board of Directors' minimum recommendation)

Yes ☐

No ☐

d. \$10.00 adult, \$8.00 spouse (a very few extra dollars over minimum)

Yes ☐

No ☐

5. Your comments _____

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Perkins
1141 Culligan Blvd.
San Jose, California 95120

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

HIKE SCHEDULE WINTER-SPRING 1978

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton St., 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, Vice President, 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION-EVENT	LEADER	MILEAGE
Sun. Jan. 29 1978	9:00 A.M.	Blueberry Hill Ski Touring Center with Breadloaf Section Special rates for GMCers!	(VARIABLE MILEAGE)	E-M
Sun. Feb. 5	9:00 A.M.	Juggernaut Trail Ski Touring & Snowshoeing	B. Staeck	5 M
Sat. Feb. 18	10:00 A.M.	Cold River Road to Tamarack G.S. Camp -Ski Touring & Snowshoeing	C. Scott	3 M
Sat. Mar. 4 &/or Sun. Mar. 5	10:00 A.M.	Sunnyside Overnight Snowshoeing & Ski Touring in area	R. Catozzi (VARIABLE MILEAGE)	E
Sat. Mar. 25	6:00 P.M.	Annual Sugar on Snow Party Unitarian-Universalist Church	J. Martin	
Sun. Apr. 9	10:00 A.M.	Tucker-Johnson Ski Touring and Snowshoeing	R. Charland	3.6 E
Sat. Apr. 22	10:00 A.M.	Quarterline Road Snowshoeing & Ski Touring	H. Rogers	* E
Sat. May 6 &/or Sun. May 7	9:30 A.M.	Clarendon Shelter Overnight Outhouse Raising, Trail Clearing & Shelter Work	R. Catozzi	1.6 E
Sun. May 21	9:00 A.M.	Abbey Pond	J. Frink	4 E
Sat. June 3	8:30 A.m.	Blackinton, Mass. to Seth Warner Shelter	R. Charland	7.1 M
Sun. June 18	8:30 A.M.	Trail Restoration -Cooper Lodge to Pico Shelter	R. Catozzi	5.5

DATES, HOURS, DESTINATIONS, LEADERS, AND MILEAGE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

*Watch Newspapers for Latest Details

DEGREE OF HIKING EFFORT: E-Easy (suitable for children)
M-Medium
D-Difficult (long mileage)

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED; ALSO WARM EXTRA CLOTHING AND WEAR WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE.

KILLINGTON SECTION

WINTER-SPRING 1978

1. Please meet at Main Street Park near Killington High Station on the day and hour listed. For more information contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 777-5500, Raymond Hattori, Vice President, 103 Bellvue, 777-7000, or 4-Churchill Street, Sec. Treas., 172 Maple St., 777-5730.

DATE	TIME	DESTINATION	LEADER	MILEAGE
4-M	9:00 A.M.	Blanchard Hill Ski Touring Center with Recreational Section Special rates for CMR's	(VARIABLE) (MILEAGE)	
5-M	9:00 A.M.	Interstate Trail Ski Touring & Snowshoeing	B. Stueck	5
6-M	10:00 A.M.	Coon River Road to Laramie G.S. Camp - Ski Touring & Snowshoeing	E. Stueck	3
7-M	9:00 A.M.	Interstate Trail Snowshoeing & Ski Touring	B. Stueck (VARIABLE) (MILEAGE)	5
8-MAY 2	8:00 P.M.	Chambers Lake Overnight Dinner & Trail Cleaning & Shelter Work	B. Stueck	1.5
9-MAY 21	9:00 A.M.	Abby Road	J. Larkin	5
10-JUNE 3	8:30 A.M.	Blackstone, Mass. to Beth Warren Shelter	B. Stueck	7.1
11-JUNE 18	8:30 A.M.	Trail Restoration - Cooper Lodge to Pine Shelter	B. Stueck	2.3



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Perkins
1141 Culligan Blvd.
San Jose, Calif. 95120



DATE, TIME, DESTINATION, LEADER, AND MILEAGE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
Detailed description for latest details.

LEADER OF MIXING EXPERT -
B. Stueck
B. Stueck (look at leader)
B. Stueck (look at leader)

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. ALSO BRING EXTRA CLOTHING AND WEAR
CLOTHING TOGETHER.

WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTINUE TOWARD CAR EXIT.

Smoke and Blazes

VOLUME 31, NUMBER 6, KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB January - March 1978

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

By Ray Catozzi
Vice-President, Killington Section

After postponing the annual meeting from Jan. 14 because of a large snow-storm the day before, it was decided to hold the meeting the next Saturday, Jan. 21, even though a still larger snow storm had fallen on Rutland and vicinity just before that date! Needless to say, it cut down on attendance from 30 of last year to about 20 brave souls who found their way to the Unitarian-Universalist Church this year.

At meeting time of 7:30 only 6 or 7 folks had showed up, so the opening was delayed until 8 P.M. The coffee water was started so we could have hot drinks while we waited. Just as the meeting was about to get underway, it was delayed again when Pres. Carl Schmidt had to leave to help get his wife Nancy's car unstuck over where she had made a stop enroute to the meeting. The meeting was finally underway in earnest about 8:15!

Reports from the Sec./Treas., Outings, and Smoke and Blazes were read and accepted with little discussion. The nominating committee reported with names for 3 new directors, Jean Berger, Carol Chapman, and Nancy Schmidt. Needing a 4th, Randy Seifert was nominated from the floor. All four were elected; the three women for 3-year terms, and Randy for 1 year, finishing out the term of Sherwin St@art, now departed for the West.

Ray Catozzi gave a graphic Trails & Shelters report, drawing a map of our 21.2 miles of Long Trail showing roads and shelter locations, then pointing out where work had or had not been done on the trail and shelters during 1977.

Pres. Carl Schmidt then opened the meeting for discussion of, and action on, the very important item of an increase in Section dues.

Weeks prior to the annual meeting, a new budget committee's examination of our Section's financial records showed a substantial increase in expenses over the last 4 years without a corresponding increase in income. The board agreed something had to be done by annual meeting time, and it was discussed and defined at a board meeting in November.

Various options were drawn up which were first presented to the membership in the December Smoke and Blazes. Members who didn't plan to attend the annual meeting were requested to return a questionnaire included in the issue. The Board sets the dues structure, subject to the approval of the membership, but the Board wanted to feel the pulse of the membership first, after explaining the financial plight.

At this time Carl Schmidt first gave the background of events leading up to the Board's decision to increase dues; then he presented in graphic flip chart form the entire nature of our financial problems and the various solutions. It was shown whereby the Killington Section was paying out about \$5 per member for the basic things like costs of outings, trails & shelters maintenance, insurance, office expenses, Smoke and Blazes, etc., and had been paying the main club \$4.50 per member for dues allotment and share of Cooper caretaker's salary. At \$9.50 this was more than double what we take in for an adult member - \$4.50. A fee of \$10 per adult member was needed to break even with expenses with a little left to spill over into our Kirk Memorial Trails & Shelters Fund.

After his presentation of the issue, more copies of the questionnaire were

ANNUAL MEETING, CONT.

passed out, showing the dues options such as the whole \$10 dues or lesser amounts with some budget items cut down or struck out.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned so the board, with the new directors sitting in for their first meeting, could count and evaluate the vote. Along with the absentee questionnaires, the feelings of the members were overwhelmingly in favor of the \$10 adult dues, which was then re-presented to the members at the reconvened meeting as such: \$10 per adult, \$8 spouse, \$1 family junior, and \$2 individual junior. It passed.

Next important item discussed was ways to increase membership. Rachael Charland reminded the members that even though we now have 2 directors to the GMC Board until Ray Catozzi's term runs out next year, the new GMC by-laws allow only 1 director for each 100 adult members or majority fraction thereof. Therefore we need to increase out 100+ members to at least 151 by the beginning of 1979 or lose a director.

One good idea brought forth to attract new members was to ask area Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops to work on trail and shelter maintenance with our work parties or by themselves with some supervision. Members present were asked to go out and each recruit a new member.

Nancy Schmidt then talked about the upcoming GMC Ski Touring Day at Blueberry Hill in Goshen.

Refreshments were served during the adjourned portion of the meeting rather than at the end, as the time was getting late. Cancelled was a Long Trail, White Mountains, Adirondacks showing of slides by Lou Catozzi. We'll save this for a later date. The meeting was adjourned, second time, at about 10:45 P.M.

IT WAS EASY BEING GREEN!

In case you're wondering why this issue of Smoke and Blazes appears on green paper instead of the usual white, we took advantage of a Rutland printer's "Luck of the Irish" discount of 15% on all orders printed on green paper during the week of March 13 to 17.

Erin Go Bragh!

APPALACHIAN TRAIL TO BE SECURED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

By Carl Schmidt
Killington Section President

Congress has just passed the Appalachian Trail Bill, which authorizes \$90 million dollars over the next three years for "securing" 125 acres per trail mile (500 feet average, each side) along the entire 13-state Appalachian Trail. The A.T. coincides with the Long Trail from Massachusetts to Route 4; this segment includes the entire Killington Section. The initial House bill provided only for "acquiring" the necessary land, i.e., buying it outright. As a result of numerous protests by land owners and some deeper thought by the Senate, the bill was amended to provide for securing the land by "lesser interests" (e.g., easements) as well as through purchase. The Senate version was accepted by the House. Various members of the Killington Section have contacted the land owners in our section to keep them up to date on what was happening and to give them names, addresses, and phone numbers of officials that they could contact regarding the impact of the bill on their land.

The GMC did not push for passage of the A.T. bill; the Long Trail itself is not included in the 1968 National Scenic Trails Act, for which the recent bill provides A.T. funds. We are involved only to the extent of trying to maintain the good will between hikers and land owners that has made the Long Trail possible. It wouldn't hurt if any of us who meet land owners on hikes or anywhere else take time to say "thank you" to them.

MEMBERSHIP LIST IN NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of Smoke and Blazes will include the current 1978 listing of Killington Section members. Be sure to get your dues in soon so your name will be included in the roster.

WORK PARTIES ARE FOR EVERYONE

The first work party, part of the Section's trail maintenance and restoration program, is scheduled for May 6 and 7.

Many members, we have found, think that work parties are only for big, strong men. Actually, there's something for almost everyone to do, even including children.

Litter must be picked up in shelters and along trails; branches along trails need to be trimmed with hedge clippers; and blazes need to be re-painted. Of course there is always the more strenuous work, such as clearing windfalls, placing water bars, and repairing shelters and outhouses. But as you see, almost everyone can help in some way.

If you want to know how you can help, contact Trails & Shelters Chairman Ray Catozzi at 773-3006.

SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING THE JUGGERNAUT TRAIL

By Betty Staack
February 5, 1978

On a clear, cold day (0°-10°), nine of us went up the Juggernaut Trail where we enjoyed wonderful views back of the Killington ski area.

Some of us lunched just short of the 'ghost town', a once active logging area, others went all the way to the 'town'. All that remains of this once-inhabited area are two fallen-down sheds. -A great day with grand scenery.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY

The Killington Section will hold its annual Sugar-on-Snow party on Saturday, March 25, at 6 P.M. at the Unitarian-Universalist Church on West Street.

Sugar-on-snow, a traditional event of the sugaring season, is a special dessert treat consisting of thickened syrup poured over snow, giving it the consistency of chewy candy. The customary doughnuts and pickles (that's right, pickles) will be served, along with coffee and cocoa. There will be a charge to cover the costs of maple syrup.

Eat a light supper, and bring the whole family to enjoy this special Vermont dessert treat.

NOTES FROM GMC DIRECTORS MEETING
MAR. 11 * TRAPP LODGE, STCWE, VT.

By Rachael W. Charland, Ray Catozzi
Killington Sect. Directors to GMC

- * The Killington Section, it appears, is leading the way in establishing communications with landowners along the Long Trail/Appalachian Trail.
- * The GMC will be working with the state of Vermont in establishing a State Trails System for hikers, bikers, ski tourers, and snowmobilers.
- * After the loss of attendance and money at the Killington Section sponsored 1977 Intersectional, no section had stepped forward for 1978. It was almost voted out completely, but was salvaged when 3 or 4, including Ray Catozzi, agreed to work on a plan for a weekend campout for the weekend before Labor Day.
- * A planning committee was also formed to work out details for a GMC winter weekend of camping, ski touring and shoeshoeing, for the winter of 78-79.
- * Winter trail standards for next year possibly to include marking parts of the Long Trail with 4" light blue diamond ski touring trail markers.
- * A Day Trips Guide Book to be out soon. Selling for \$4.95, it is to be the same size as the LT Guide Book. Outlying Trails Guide Book is also in the works.
- * The Killington Section will not be losing money on its members anymore. It was voted to eliminate section assessment of family junior members! Individual Jr. memberships, priced by the KS at \$2, will be still be assessed at \$1.50 by the main club.

THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES THAT WILL BE MAILED TO THE 1977 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.....

NEW MEMBER ON SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

The one issue of S & B that has come out since Paul Howard's resignation was the joint effort of many of the KS directors, and probably will continue that way for awhile. But we have a new face on the scene. Jake Sherman, a past member of the KS, has returned and has offered to help with the typing and putting the paper together. Jake is an assistant Rutland librarian. Welcome aboard, Jake!

GMC SKI TOUR AT BLUEBERRY HILL

By Ray Catozzi
January 29, 1978

Up to the land of Goshen on Sunday, Jan. 29 went the Killington Section, joining with the Breadloaf Section of Middlebury, to enjoy a fine day of cross-country skiing at the Blueberry Hill Ski Touring Center. This is the third year that the Breadloaf Section has sponsored the event and the second that the Killington Section has participated. Very special low rates were in effect for GMCers. These came to only \$1 for the day with your own equipment and only \$3 if you had to rent. This included a critique on modern equipment, instructions on waxing, lessons for beginners to advanced intermediates, free "bubbly" home-made soup at lunchtime, and use of many miles of ski trails. It was a fine winter day with some sunshine and a little breezy. The Killington Section group divided several different ways for the day with some heading for beginners' classes and others taking to the slopes immediately. A few went home immediately after a tour of the trails, but there were a few who skied right up to the four o'clock closing. This is a most invigorating, enjoyable, and fast-growing sport which we feel blends in beautifully with our normal winter activities and our philosophy of the outdoors. Our outing committee thinks so, anyway, as our current schedule lists many outings for both snow-shoeing and ski-touring. It is bringing out more people, and new people, and that is what we all want.

* * * * *

SUNNYSIDE SHELTER OVERNITE

by Ray Catozzi
March 4 and 5, 1978

Pleasant winter weather blessed this overnight trip. Saturday morning five persons found a new two-inch fall of snow on the Spring Lake Ranch Road, making it touch and go to get to the top of the hill with our cars. The weather during the day consisted of intermittent flurries and scattered sunshine. Churchill Scott

and Harold Rogers came in just for the day, snow-shoeing in to the camp, then going out for a long tour of the area by themselves.

The three overnighers, Rob Carey, Rachael Charland and I, had lunch at the shelter after getting a good fire going and heating up a KS coffee pot of water. Our afternoon trip on skis was a delightful two-mile round trip, following the nearby power line in a southeasterly direction and return. We crossed many old and new ski tracks, giving a good indication of the popularity of the terrain for ski touring. Many other skiers were out.

A nourishing hot supper was prepared in camp by the light of the late winter sunset, was consumed in the afterglow, and had its dishes and pans washed by many candlelights. We were just getting ready for an evening of card playing when two young couples from Rutland arrived, with a young frisky black puppy named Satan, and carrying their sleeping bags under one of their arms and bags of groceries under their other arm. Only one person had a decent frame pack.

We rearranged our gear to accommodate them like all good LT campers are supposed to do, and then we all got acquainted as they prepared a supper of kosher hot dogs boiled in beer, baked beans, and wine(?). They also brought out for dessert a half bottle of ginger brandy which they shared with us. Not bad! I was commencing to feel they weren't such bad or crazy kids, after all. The feeling was even better when they gathered up all their trash Sunday and carried it out. We GMCers all agreed that the situation might not have been so favorable had we not been there with them. (We had informed them who we were).

Soon there were two card games going, one in each of our two groups, with the fire roaring cheerfully while the wind picked up its moaning in the treetops. A lot of lively conversation was going on in both games, and Satan, the pup, ran back and forth between the two of them. After snacks it was hit the hay, and warm and comfortable it was, with a couple of trips to the stove to replenish the wood.

Sunday dawned bright and beautiful, a perfect day for ski touring and snowshoeing. Just as our leisurely late breakfast got out of the way, two snowshoers, Roma and Al Pulling, and one skier, Greg Nolder, showed up for the day. The Pullings took two unplanned trips before they got to the right road to the camp, then after a hearty lunch, they were ready for a third. We led them on a tour to Spring Lake Clearing via the road past the camp, and back by the LT. Some came back by the road, a round trip of a mile.

Another snack preceeded our packing up for the trip home. We were sorry that we didn't have the tools to properly replace all the beautiful lengths of split white birch we found when we arrived in the camp Saturday. We have awfully good friends at Spring Lake Ranch who frequently check on this shelter for us, and often supply it with firewood. Our thanks go out to them.

TAMARACK NOTCH AITKEN FOREST CAMP AREA

by Churchill Scott
February 18, 1978

A group of 14 turned out for this hike. We left at 10 a.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m., covering a distance of four miles. Due to the inability to find suitable parking space at the Balch farmhouse area, this trip was concentrated around the Tamarack Notch Aitken Forest camp area. It was very pleasant to see Vera Perkins out with us again, for she was one of those who first discovered this road and subsequently hiked it a number of times during the 1960's. Also George Reynolds from Springfield was with us for the day. A short cross-country ski and snowshoe trip was taken before lunch, with some of the group going around the oval and others descending to the river crossing near the S. Parker homestead. After a short break for a bite to eat, again some toured the oval while others traveled across Kirk bridge and on to the cemetery at the junction of the Rousseau road and the road to Clark Mason's camp. Again, this area proved very enjoyable for both cross-country skiing and snowshoeing along the many town roads and century-old farms and cellar holes.

MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER IDEAS

By Carl Schmidt
Killington Section President

The Killington Section needs new members, as does any healthy organization. In years past, when expenses were very low and hiking was done largely by clubs such as our own, GMC sections encouraged everyone--members and non-members alike--to share in the joys and benefits of outdoor activities. Times have changed. The greatly increased use of trails and shelters in Vermont forces us to realize that no one is doing the outdoors a favor by hiking along ridgelines or toasting marshmallows over a campfire. Our recent outing announcements in local publications have tried to appeal to the person who wants to help the trail as well as enjoy it.

We are encouraging all our members to include a small Killington Section "commercial" when talking to non-members on a hike or on other occasions. We have a lot to offer. To the person who generally prefers to hike alone, we can show new trails and give some little-known trail histories (sometimes accurate). To the person who would like to get out of the house, especially during the cabin-fever season, we provide scheduled activities and objectives. To the person who just wants to get into the outdoors with some convivial neighbors, we provide the opportunity. And -- someone has to build the water bars to prevent trail erosion, cut out windfalls across the trail, carry out wine bottles left by the hippies, and provide a little financial support.

For an organization such as ours, personal contact is the most rewarding way to recruit, from the standpoint of the club and of all the people involved. As part of the American Free Enterprise System, we are offering \$1.00 off present or future dues for each new adult member you recruit. Please try your best to get at least one new member in 1978.

SMOKE & BLAZES TO LAND OWNERS

Recent events have reminded us of the thanks we owe to land owners on the Long Trail. Smoke & Blazes will be sent to them (free) as part of that thanks.

TREASURER'S REPORT
KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

By W. Churchill Scott
Secretary/Treasurer, Killington Section

Balance 1/1/77.....	\$2072.13
INCOME - DUES.....	400.50
GIFTS.....	75.50
G.M.C. CHECK FOR 77 INTER. DEFICIT.....	74.35
SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY.....	39.00
INTEREST.....	31.24
DONATIONS TO 77 G.M.C. INTERSECTIONAL.....	25.00
SALE OF 77 G.M.C. INTERSECTIONAL PATCHES....	13.00
SALE OF G.M.C. GUIDEBOOKS.....	13.00
1977 G.M.C. INTERSECTIONAL CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT	8.15
G.L. KIRK T. AND S. FUND (COFFEE POT).....	.56
SALE OF KILLINGTON SECTION ROCKERS.....	1.50
TOTAL.....	681.80

EXPENSES--TRANSFERED TO G.L. KIRK T. AND S. FUND.....	826.16
PAID TO MAIN G.M.C.....	527.00
TRAILS.....	141.88
SMOKE AND BLAZES.....	99.98
OUTINGS.....	61.04
SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY.....	56.41
DONATIONS.....	55.00
SHELTERS.....	52.60
POSTAGE.....	40.51
SECRETARY EXPENSES.....	31.31
ANNUAL MEETING.....	23.00
G.M.C. 1977 INTERSECTIONAL.....	18.97
PHOTOS.....	9.00
TOTAL.....	1942.86

BALANCE 12/31/77.....811.07

REPORT OF G.L. KIRK TRAIL AND SHELTER FUND	
1-YEAR CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT.....	500.00
INTEREST.....	31.40
BALANCE 12/31/77	531.40

90-DAY ACCOUNT	
GIFTS TO FUND.....	885.66
	24.14
BALANCE 12/31/77	909.80

REPORT ON KIRK TRAIL AND SHELTER FUND

The first year report of the George L. Kirk Trail and Shelter Fund, Killington Section, Green Mountain Club, Inc., is very encouraging.

In January 1977 we purchased a \$500-one year certificate of deposit and opened a 90-day notice account. During the year additional gifts plus the earned interest allowed us to purchase on Feb. 2, 1978, a \$1,000-six year certificate. As of Feb. 1, 1978, there is also \$448.55 balance in the 90-day notice account.

This fund was originated by Mrs. Dorothy Kirk in memory of her husband, George L. Kirk. When the principle reaches \$5,000 the interest earned will be used to help maintain the Trails and Shelters for which the Killington Section is responsible.

It is hoped that many K.S. members and friends and users of the trail and shelters will be able to contribute to this fund.

DUES AND FINANCES

By Carl Schmidt
Killington Section President

The response to the dues increase questionnaire in the last Smoke and Blazes was large, and very gratifying to the Board of Directors. The consensus of those who sent in their replies and those attending the annual meeting was to establish the following dues structure:

Adult member \$10.00 Spouse \$8.00
Family junior \$1.00
Independent junior \$2.00
Senior citizen \$4.50

Members are urged to send in their 1978 dues as soon as possible to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701.

Our special thanks go to Frank Bequaert of Lexington, Mass., who sent a \$150

check in memory of his son, to pay for our Section's support of the Cooper Lodge caretaker for one year. Along with his financial support, Frank has made his presence felt at the last Intersectional and on Trail Restoration parties.

If we don't lose too many members because of the dues increase, and if new members keep coming in as they have during the past year, the Killington Section will be in good shape in 1978. We hope to build up the Kirk Fund; when this fund reaches \$5,000--and we have a long way to go--the interest will give the Section some long range financial stability. We hope that we can obtain additional financial support from local businesses and individuals interested in the Long Trail. But, for a healthy Section, we want to emphasize getting the most done with the fewest dollars but with the maximum participation of our members.

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE & BLAZES (Section newsletter). I will also receive a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events.

Killington Section, GMC
W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
132 Maple Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES (Effective 1978)

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

* Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

THANK YOU!

Your dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte. 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Robert & Thelma Perkins
1141 Culligan Blvd.
San Jose, California 95120

FIRST CLASS



KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 31, NUMBER 2, KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB April-June 1978

ANNUAL MEETING OF GMC MEMBERS: BROMLEY, MAY 27-29

By Carl Schmidt
President, Killington Section

Since all of our members will get a more comprehensive report on business details of the meeting via THE LONG TRAIL NEWS, this article will just cover a few random highlights and impressions.

- Many of the Sections seem to be in a period of resurgence after a few years of slowing down.

- The recent Trails and Shelters Workshop at Camp Betsy Cox in Pittsford (attended by Ray Catozzi) was very effective. Ray stated that although he has been involved in trail maintenance for 40 years -- hard to believe since he is only 39 -- he learned several useful things on equipment and trail design that should help our Section.

- The Killington Section had five members present - directors Ray Catozzi and Rachael Charland, Bob Carey, Mauri Winturri, and Carl Schmidt.

- Our Section was commended for its landowner efforts, holding the Intersectional, and its concise annual report.

- Bromley Mountain was a first class choice for the meeting. With free tenting sites and washroom facilities, air-conditioned meeting rooms for the 90°F weather, the Alpine Slide for kids up to 75, and ample cold beer for Mauri and Carl, it made the necessarily long members' and directors' meetings less painful than in many past years.

- Dedication ceremonies for the new William A. MacArthur Memorial Bridge, the relocated Harmon Hill/Glastonbury Mountain section of trail, and the new Nauheim Shelter were very well attended. At the new shelter (1 1/2 miles from the nearest road), approximately 100

people were served cookies, donuts, coffee, and cold lemondade with ice.

- A Section Presidents' meeting was held with GMC president Joe Frank to discuss things in general. No one had any sure-fire ideas on how to get new members and still maintain the direct-participation attitude of the GMC. The most effective method seems to be, as always, personal contact.

- The End-to-End Committee, comprised of Killington Section members, has simplified and rewritten in hikers' terminology the End-to-End rules.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL DIRECTORS' MEETING

By Rachael W. Charland
Director, Killington Section

During the mid-afternoon of May 27, 1978 the Annual Meeting of the GMC Board of Directors convened at the Base Lodge at Bromley Ski Area.

Minutes of the March 11 meeting were read by the secretary. Numerous additions and corrections were made and then the minutes were accepted and approved by the Board.

The first business of the hour was the urgent request by President Frank for suggestions on "how to shorten the Annual Membership Meeting." Though several ideas were offered and discussed, none seemed to fully meet the desperate situation.

New officers for the year were approved by the Board as follows: President - Joseph Frank; Vice-President - James Guida; Secretary - Pamela Caldwell, and Treasurer - Preston Bristow.

Don Wallace, Chairman of the Win-

ter Outing Committee, issued information sheets concerning the winter encampment which will be held March 3-4, 1979 on the LT between Clarendon Gorge and Vt. Route 140. It was emphasized that participants must have "prior backpacking experience and be in good physical condition." More information will be forthcoming.

Committee Preference Forms were available for all of those who wish to help with the GMC work behind the scenes of the LT. A member need not be a director to volunteer for one of these varied committees. If interested, write to P.O. Box 889, Montpelier, Vt. 05602 for a form.

Steve Rice reported that he had received several applications for the Administrative Assistant position at the GMC office now held by Preston Bristow who will soon be employed by the USFS. The qualifications of John Vara of Island Pond, Vt. were discussed and the directors voted to secure his services.

Discussion followed concerning a proposal to build another TV antenna on Mount Mansfield. Directors voted against this proposal unless there was an overwhelming need.

Site of the next GMC Annual Meeting will be at the Old Lantern in Charlotte, Vt. The Burlington Section will be our host. The meeting closed with the announcements of the schedule of the next Directors' meetings.

* * * * *

APPALACHIAN TRAIL BILL (Part 2)

By Carl Schmidt

Since passage of the Appalachian Trail Bill, which authorizes \$90 million over the next three years for securing the entire Appalachian Trail corridor (including the Killington Section of the Long Trail), we have some good news and some not-so-good news. First the good news.

1. Preston Bristow, the GMC's administrative assistant until this May, will be working for the Park Service/ATC starting in June as liaison with landowners in Vermont and other states. Preston should carry over the attitude of equal concern for the landowner's

interests and the interests of the Trail that he so ably represented in his GMC job.

2. A Rutland Regional Landowner's Steering Committee has been formed which seems to be working toward reasonable approaches to landowner/government relations. Jack Barrett and Fred Elwert are co-chairmen of this group. The Killington Section will try to keep them informed of any landowner reactions which come to our attention.

3. Beginning with the last issue, SMOKE AND BLAZES is being sent to Killington Section landowners free of charge. Three landowners utilized the membership application on the last page to join the Section. Although we didn't intend the free mailings as a solicitation, we are extremely pleased to have these new members.

For the bad news: We have heard indirectly of a few instances where the trail has been fenced off, posted, or protected with a shotgun. Churchill Scott has tried to trace down some specifics, but hasn't been able to pin anything down so far.

In other trail-related matters, three landowners have requested our help in relocating segments of the trail. Now that the Park Service organization is shaping up, we will give these situations prompt attention.

* * * * *

KILLINGTON SECTION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Carl Schmidt

Briefly -- encouraging news. With the new higher dues recently put into effect, our membership has increased from 104 to 110. Participation in hikes and work parties has been good, the Kirk Trail Fund has reached \$1660 (mostly through Mrs. Kirk's efforts), we had a front page article on one of our work parties in a recent Sunday HERALD/TIMES-ARGUS, and we are holding our own against trail erosion and shelter vandalism.

It is a good time to be a member of the Killington Section, and an excellent time to ask your friends and acquaintances to join us. We need 50 new adult

members to maintain our two directors to the main club -- let's try to get them.

* * * * *

GMC TRAILS AND SHELTERS WORKSHOP

By Ray Catozzi
May 20 and 21, 1978

The weekend of May 20 and 21 found about 35 interested parties at Betsey Cox Camp in Pittsford, Vt., ready to learn all about modern trail building and maintenance. Harry Peet, Field Supervisor, GMC, in charge of the Long Trail Patrol, the Caretaker and Ranger-Naturalist programs, set up the training session with Steve Rice, GMC Executive Director, as his assistant. The men from many of the club's sections, including your correspondent from Killington, and many young men and women who will be working under Harry on the trails and in many big shelters this summer, were divided into two groups for Saturday's session. I was in the group led by Harry, who took us to Middlebury Gap where we hiked north to Burnt Mountain to observe all the recent trail work the GMNF had done.

The other group, led by Steve Rice, hiked up the Burnt Hill Trail to observe a trail badly in need of restoration. After lunch, the two teams swapped positions. Harry stopped repeatedly and pointed out where and how a water bar should be placed, and how long it should be.

The Saturday evening session included a display and talk on trail tools by Steve Rice followed by a slide program on trail work which Steve had done while working on an AMC trail crew in the White Mountains.

Sunday we put our training into practice on the 3/4 mile horse trail and the two waterfront trails leading to Burr Pond from Betsey Cox Camp and Camp Sangamon. We divided into four eight-person crews and did a thorough job of rehabilitating 1 1/2 miles of trail with stone steps through boggy parts and water bars and log steps where there had been bad erosion. This work session lasted about four hours

and then we all trailed back to the camp dining hall for a not-on-the-schedule free lunch.

It was a well-organized, well-run workshop with great camaraderie, and even to this old-timer on work parties in the Killington Section it was an eye-opener on tools and techniques. I will endeavor to update our tools and then attempt to pass on the techniques to all you willing trail restorers out there.

* * * * *

MEMBER IN BOSTON MARATHON

Greg Bostock, physical education teacher in Springfield, Vt., and a member of the Killington Section, participated in the 82nd Boston Marathon held on April 17. He finished the race feeling "real high". Greg is still waiting for official notice of his place in the order of the runners completing the race. His time was 3 hours, 45 minutes while Bill Rodgers, the second time winner, finished in 2 hours, 11 minutes.

* * * * *

REMINDER

On Sunday, June 18th, Carl Schmidt will lead a trail restoration from Cooper Lodge to Pico Shelter. The chairlift will be used for transportation to the top of Killington. Lunch will be provided.

* * * * *

IN SYMPATHY

On Thursday evening, May 18th, members of the Killington Section were saddened by the news of the sudden death of Jim Staeck, husband of Betty Staeck, a member of the Killington Section and a member of the End-to-End Committee. We extend our sympathy to Betty and her family.

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY

About 30 sweet-loving adults and children met at the Unitarian-Universalist Church on Saturday, March 25th, for the Killington Section's annual Sugar-on-Snow Party.

Doughnuts, pickles, and coffee were added to the golden feast. Several unfortunate late-comers had to be turned away because the supply of syrup was exhausted.

Janet Martin and her faithful kitchen crew gathered the snow, boiled down the syrup and cleaned up the sticky remains.

The party was a success both for those who enjoyed its delicacies and for our treasury which realized a profit for this event for the first time in several years.

* * * * *

SNOWSHOEING & SKI TOURING TO TUCKER-JOHNSON SHELTER

by Rachael W. Charland
April 9, 1978

Sunday, April 9th was a beautiful, sunny, crisp day for seven cross-country skiers and three snowshoers as they made their way to Tucker-Johnson Shelter. In about 20 minutes all had gathered at the Shelter and, after leaving our day packs, we decided to venture toward the Elbow Road. Most of us found this terrain challenging, to say the least, so we found a spot with a lovely view of the mountain, took some pictures, and returned to the Shelter for lunch.

Two enthusiastic snowshoers had an open fire smoking and blazing by intervals in front of the Shelter as well as the pot boiling on the Sterno stove within for hot beverages. Some members decided to try the ski trails at nearby Gifford Woods. New ski trails there were found to be in excellent condition as were the well-worn trails to Mountain Meadows.

To those of you who thought all snowshoeing and skiing were over because of recent warm weather, let me tell you that at least two of our members found

there was, at least, three to four feet of snow on the ground when they tried to walk beside the ski tracks! OOPS!, here we go!!

* * * * *

QUARTERLINE ROAD

by Harold Rogers
April 22, 1978

Saturday, April 22 was a nice, warm, spring-fever day and only Churchill Scott, Ray Catozzi, and I were at the fire station to take an easy walk up the Quarterline Road.

The road was too muddy for automobile travel but was good walking. We walked south toward Chippenhook for about two and a half miles and had our lunch at a sheltered logging landing.

While eating, we saw a large bird flying. At the time we thought it was an owl but since have wondered if it was a young eagle. Ray was looking for pussy-willows and we didn't find very many and wonder if we were in a poor area or the season was late and they weren't out yet.

Ray wanted to detour up through a pasture to a flat rock ridge, and I was glad that we did because we had a good view of the mountains from the Bromley area to about Brandon by looking east. The air was very clear and the sun was at our backs.

On the way back we saw a group of trees with a disease or fungus of large black growth on the limbs and trunks. We don't know what kind of trees they were, but maybe they were some kind of maple.

It was an easy hike, and we were disappointed that more hikers weren't with us.

* * * * *

KILLINGTON SECTION SUNNYSIDE-CLARENDON WORK WEEKEND

by Ray Catozzi
May 7 and 8, 1978

'Twas beautiful weather the weekend of May 7th and 8th for the scheduled rebuilding of the Sunnyside Outhouse, shelter repairs at Clarendon, and general

cleanup at both sites. Fourteen people showed up at the Koltonski Fire Station, including Judy Polumbaum, the RUTLAND DAILY HERALD reporter. Judy went right along with us up to Sunnyside and continued interviewing different members of the Killington Section and snapping pictures while the members started working. It was an overnite work trip and before the work was done at Sunnyside on Sunday, the SUNDAY RUTLAND HERALD hit the newsstands with Judy's article and a picture of our president, Carl Schmidt, carrying lumber up to the Sunnyside Outhouse. Such wonderful and fast publicity we never had before!

While Harold Rogers and Churchill Scott headed north on the Long Trail to clear 2 1/2 miles of trail to Clarendon Gorge, Carl Schmidt, George Reynolds of Springfield, Joe Dicton, Dick Romano, Bob Piper and I started in on rebuilding the outhouse. Carol Chapman, one of our new Section directors, and Rachael Charland tackled the clean-up of the camp and yard. They worked hard and the place looked inviting enough to make a person want to move in and take up residence.

Rachael also prepared another of her now famous turkey dinners, complete with all of the fixings, doing all of the cooking at home Friday evening and then just preparing vegetables and reheating the turkey over an open camp fire. Both of the women had to literally "hoe-out" the cooking site before any fire could be properly and safely started. Carol and Rachael served the "bird" in the early part of the afternoon. Bob Piper rescued the nearly fire-consumed potato pot!

George Reynolds and I took Harold Rogers' car up to Route 103 crossing so when Harold and Churchill got done they could move along home. But we met them coming out with the 2 1/2 miles of trail all cleared in record time. We talked them into coming back to Sunnyside for cold beer and hot turkey!

With the work mostly done at Sunnyside by late Saturday afternoon, all went home with the exception of George Reynolds, Carl Schmidt and me. We stayed overnite and on Sunday morning replaced some broken windown glass; put up a new outhouse sign as well as a new

sign indicating the location of the water supply; loaded up the trash to carry out and headed for Clarendon Shelter.

Clarendon Shelter was to have had some broken and burned-out bunk boards replaced. That was the scheduled work, but a hole in the center of the leading edge of the floor that was small enough when discovered a month ago had grown large enough for a person's foot and leg to go through to the ground. We decided the work on the bunks could wait. George and I spent two hours repairing that hole in the floor. Clarendon Shelter has a double wood floor with the first layer laid diagonally and the top layer going from front to rear of the shelter.

Carl policed the area and filled a 20-gallon plastic bag with rubbish and chopped down all of the berry bushes that were growing on the sides and back of the camp.

At 4:00 P.M. George and Carl decided to "call it quits" and hiked to their cars to go home. I stayed alone for another hour and cleaned out the area of thorn-apple trees of about a 50-yard radius.

This Trails and Shelter Chairman is very appreciative and thankful for the great turnout of members and for all the work that was done. It was a tremendous headstart for this summer's section work!

* * * * *

ABBEEY POND

by Jim Frink
May 21, 1978

On Sunday, May 21, thirteen hikers met at the Fire Station at 9:00 A.M. We went north on Route 7 in four cars. I had John Cioffredi and his wife, Peg, (on their first Green Mountain Club hike), plus Rachael Charland and Marilyn Ennis. It was Marilyn's first hike ever, but she managed the steep climb, with several breath-catching stops, with no trouble.

There was another car with Dick Romano and his son, Don, and still another with Joe Dicton and his son, Joe, Jr.

Carol Chapman drove the fourth car

with Anna Nyiri, Joyce Whitcomb, and Doris Farenkopf.

We all met at the junction of Routes 125 and 116 in East Middlebury and drove five miles north on Route 116 to the beginning of the trail to Abbey Pond.

The trail is flat for a quarter mile at the bottom, then very steep for 1 3/4 miles, and fairly flat and rolling at the top for the last mile with many very muddy spots.

The outlet from the Beaver Dam at the north end of the pond makes for very marshy country until it starts down the mountain. Then it becomes a series of beautiful rapids and chains of crashing falls all the way along the trail to the bottom.

The trail is well marked with blue blazes, except for the first quarter mile at the start. A few more blazes at that point would help avoid some wrong turns in that stretch.

The pond is contained and kept full by many beaver dams. Freshly beaver-cut birch logs were observed on the west side where a couple of us searched, without success, for the pitcher plants which will bloom there later in the season. To get to the west side, several jumps from rock to rock over water were necessary and one of the boys was contemplating a jump, leaning over the water and supporting his weight on a stick, when the stick broke and caused him to get a thorough soaking. Fortunately, he had some spare dry socks, and we were finished with lunch and ready to start down so he could dry off.

We saw many Jacks-in-the-pulpit, Canadian violets, huckleberry blossoms, and purple and white trilliums growing profusely. Everyone said they enjoyed the trip, and I know I did.

* * * * *

SAVE THE DATES SEPTEMBER 22 - SEPTEMBER 24 FOR THE INTERSECTIONAL WEEKEND WHICH WILL BE HELD AT MOUNTAIN MEADOWS, IN LINCOLN, VERMONT. FURTHER DETAILS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF LONG TRAIL NEWS.

NICE THINGS TO BRING ON SUMMER DAY HIKES

- Lemonade, partially frozen the night before, in a canteen or plastic bottle
- Bug repellent
- One of the many new products for neutralizing sting or bite right after it has happened
- A Sierra Club cup (metal, clips on belt) for dipping water out of stream
- An extra large, dry handkerchief
- A broad-brimmed hat to shade the eyes
- Mesh underwear (cool in summer, warm in winter)
- Fresh oranges or apples (take the orange peels home)
- Whistle, compass, and waterproof matches (four seasons)
- Lightweight rain poncho
- Lemon drops
- Kleenexes, toilet paper in plastic bags
- Water-resistant wind-breaker; a sweltering morning in Rutland can turn into a chilly, wet afternoon on Pico
- Guidebook, guide to plants or birds
- A "fanny pack" to carry the above



GMC
KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER
MAY, 1978

Page 7

Adams, Martha	c/o Ellen B. Russell 33 Thayer Street P.O. Box 834	Providence, R.I. 02906 Rutland, Vt. 05701
Berger, Jean	44 Bertwell Road	Lexington, Mass. 02173
Bequaert, Frank	P.O. Box 367	Dearborn, Mich. 48121
Blaskovich, Mrs. W.J.	North Main St.	Pittsford, Vt. 05763
Blittersdorf, John	40 Fern St.	Burlington, Vt. 05401
Bostock, Greg	86 Jerusalem Road	Trumbull, Conn. 06611
Britton, John	P.O. Box 131	Dorset, Vt. 05251
Bryant, Harriot	179 Union St.	Springfield, Vt. 05156
Cahee, Hedrick	110 Lyons Hall	University Park, Pa. 16802
Carey, Robert	Perry Lane	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Carpenter, Robert	103 Bellevue Ave.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Catozzi, Raymond, Billy (JM) & Joey (JM)	009-52-2753, Box 2 USA SAT COM A	Fort Monmouth, N.J. 07703
Catozzi, Louie	39 East Street	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Chapman, Carol	125 Church Street	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Charland, Rachael	Sunset Acres, R.D. #2	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Conlon, George	249 Lincoln Ave.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Crowther, John	276 N. Beverwyck Road	Parsippany, N.J. 07054
Culvert, Harry	Camp Betsy Cox	Pittsford, Vt. 05763
Davies, Jean	R.D.#1, Box 536	Springfield, Vt. 05156
Day, Mr. & Mrs. Wilman (Virginia)	Sugarwood Hill Road	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Dicton, Joseph, Sr., Joseph, Jr. (JM)	287 Loudville Road	Easthampton, Mass. 01027
Eberlin, Joel (Miss)	19 Crescent Street	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Elwert, Cecelia	P.O. Box 81	Londonderry, Vt. 05148
Fish, Marjorie	1200 Woodside Drive, Apt.C-4	Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
Fitzgerald, Mr. & Mrs. Brian	25 Seabury Street	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Fostman, Ruth	10 Elm St.	Randolph, Vt. 05060
Frink, Helen	60 Litchfield Ave.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Frink, Jim	31 Bilodeau Pkwy.	Burlington, Vt. 05401
Frank, Joseph	Butterfly Ave.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Happy, Alecia, Matthew (JM)	45 Park Street	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Hinchey, Minerva	101 Ross St.	West Rutland, Vt. 05777
Johnson, Margaret	8 E. Washington St.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Kirk, Dorothy	P.O. Box 123	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Knipes, Veda	46 Rip Road	Hanover, N.H. 03755
Linell, Thomas	R.D.#2, Box 294	Vergennes, VT 05491
McKirryher, Mr. and Mrs. Bradford (Judith)	112 Library Ave.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
MacLaughlin, Janet	S U Box 1800	Williamstown, Mass. 02167
Magoon, Jeffry	RFD#1, Box 475-A	Springfield, Vt. 05156
Magoon, Paul	84 Pleasant St.	Ludlow, Vt. 05149
Mahoney, Paul	280 Fort Washington Ave.	New York, N.Y. 10032
Maier, Elsie	7 Curtis Ave.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Jack (Janet), David (JM), Tommy (JM)	R.D.#1	Chester, Vt. 05143
Mausolff, Anne	R.D.#1, Easy Street	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Mumford, Louise	26 Boutwell Road	Andover, Mass. 01810
Newton, Doris	453 Victor Way	Wyckoff, N.J. 07481
Nuffort, John	167 Stratton Road	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Nyiri, Anna	R.F.D.#2, Box 269-f	Laconia, N.H. 03246
Ogden, Herbert, Jr.		

KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER (cont.)

Parsons, Carl	170 Stratton Road	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Partridge, Charles	49 Warner St.	Proctor, Vt. 05765
Perkins, Mr. & Mrs. Craigue	Tall Timber c/o Woodstock Stage	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Perkins, Christopher (JM)	41 Wachusetts Ave.	Shrewsbury, Mass. 01545
Perkins, Ralph (JM)	41 Wachusetts Ave.	Shrewsbury, Mass. 01545
Perkins, Mr. & Mrs. Robert (Thelma)	1141 Culligan Blvd.	San Jose, Cal. 95120
Perkins, Vera	242 S. Main St.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Perutz, Lottie	Sawyer Hill Road	Mt. Holly, Vt. 05758
Pulling, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred (Roma)	R.F.D.#2, Woodstock Ave.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Reynolds, George	8 Hillcrest Road	Springfield, Vt. 05156
Reynolds, Shirley, Richard (JM)	25 North St.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Rhoades, Barbara	P.O. Box 165	Wallingford, Vt. 05773
Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Richard (Frances)	2 Hill Place	Springfield, Vt. 05156
Rogers, Mr. & Mrs. Harold (Florence)	223 Adams St.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Rolston, Ben	P.O. Box 196	Ascutney, Vt. 05030
Russell, Ellen	33 Thayer St.	Providence, R.I. 02906
Schmidt, Mr. & Mrs. Carl (Nancy), Charles (JM), Ellen (JM)	73 Edgerton St.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Schneider, Norman	4038 Spruce St.	Philadelphia, Pa. 19104
Scott, Churchill, Kim (JM)	132 Maple St.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Seifert, Randy	10 Sheldon Place	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Sherman, Jacob	48 Morse Place	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Sibley, Joan	R.F.D.	Cuttingsville, Vt. 05738
Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Clark (Barbara)	179 Grove Street	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Staeck, Betty	R.D.	Killington, Vt. 05751
Tilley, Dr. Winthrop	11 West.St.	Fair Haven, Vt. 05743
Unsworth, Karen	45 N. Main St.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Valiquette, Anne (JM), John (JM), Mary (JM), Thomas (JM)	R.D. Town Line Road	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Valiquette, Thelma	93 Killington Ave.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Walker, Eleanor	87 Baxter St.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Weeks, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd (Betty)	7 Harvard St.	Springfield, Vt. 05156
Wellman, Mary L.	P.O. Box 165	Poultney, Vt. 05764
Weston, Wilbur	Rte.#4, Box 695	Raleigh, N.C. 27606
Wilson, Carleton	9 Harvard St.	Rutland, Vt. 05701
Winturri, Mauri	179 High St.	Fitchburg, Mass. 01420
Woodbury, Mr. & Mrs. Philip (Barbara)	P.O. Box 53	Perkinsville, Vt. 05151
Yara Engineering Corp.	P.O. Box 277	Elizabeth, N.J. 07207

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
KILLINGTON SECTION HIKE SCHEDULE
SUMMER-FALL 1978

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton Street, 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, Vice-Pres., 103 Bellevue Avenue, 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

JUNE 30, JULY 1 & 2: MOOSILAUKE MT., N.H. (Leave Rutland Friday at 6:30 P.M.)

This is going to include a day trip climbing from Kinsman Notch (1800') to the top of Mt. Moosilauke (4810') carrying just your lunch and returning to Glencliff. A day will be spent visiting such scenic attractions as Lost River Canyon and Polar Caves or driving over the Kancamangus Highway through the 2800' Kancamangus Pass and stopping at many beautiful overlooks. Friday nite will be spent at Quechee State Park, the second nite at a campground near the mountain. Cost including food, optional tourist fees and donation for gasoline will be between \$10 and \$15. Hiking distance over Mt. Moosilauke is 8.4 miles with the 3,000-foot ascent coming in the first three miles. Considered MODERATE TO DIFFICULT... Ray Catozzi, Leader 773-3006

JULY 16 - 10 A.M.: LANA FALLS -- A delightful short hike to a beautiful spot above Lake Dunmore. The cold water of Sucker Brook tumbling down thru a steep-sided ravine. Distance: 0.8 mi. Leader: Carl Schmidt. Optional side trips to Silver Lake or Moosalamoo, 1-3 mi. Carl Schmidt, Leader 773-6990

JULY 29 - 10 A.M.: LAKE PLEIAD -- An old favorite of the Killington Section; just off Middlebury Gap. Occurs on the same day and date as it did in 1961. Swimming, sunning, and picnicking. Round trip: 2 mi. Jim Frink, Leader 775-4925

AUGUST 13 - 9:30 A.M.: CANTILEVER ROCK -- A horizontal obelisk of rock 60 feet above ground wedged into the vertical face of a 100' cliff. We will drive to Mansfield State Park (Underhill) and hike via the Sunset Ridge Trail to Cantilever Rock. Round trip: 4 mi. Rachael Charland, Leader 775-4893

AUGUST 26 - 9:00 A.M.: BAKER PEAK via the LAKE TRAIL -- A fairly steep climb from Route 7, south of Danby. Spectacular views en route and an top of the peak. Round trip: 6 mi. Ray Catozzi, Leader 773-3006

SEPT. 9 & 10: END TO END HIKE - PARKER CAMP TO BARROWS -- Leave Friday at 6:30 P.M. Stay overnite at Parker Camp. Saturday morning hike Laraway Mtn. with day pack (2790'). Enjoy unusual view from Laraway Lookout (2620'). Return to Davis Neighborhood. 7.2 mi. Rachael Charland, Leader 773-4893

SEPT. 22-24: INTERSECTIONAL WEEKEND! -- Mt. Meadows, Lincoln, Vt. WATCH LONG TRAIL NEWS FOR MORE DETAILS!!

OCT. 8 - 9:30 A.M.: MYSTERY HIKE -- A moderate climb to the summit of a little frequented mountain with splendid views on a different trail down. All within 20 miles of Rutland. Round trip: 3 miles. Ray Catozzi, Leader 773-3006

OCT. 22 - 1:00 P.M.: ANNUAL VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE -- East Mountain. Bring your supper and join us at the campfire after the hike for a Fall cookout. This is an easy afternoon hike. Joe Valiquette, Leader 773-8745

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701

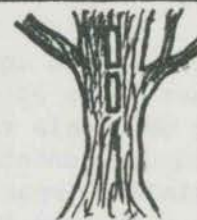


DEFEAT
MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
SUPPORT MDA

Mr. & Mrs. Craig Perkins
Tall Timber
c/o Woodstock Stage
Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 31, NUMBER 3

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JULY-SEPTEMBER, 1978

RARE II, WILDERNESS, AND THE LONG TRAIL

By Carl Schmidt

President, Killington Section

The RARE II program (Roadless Area Resource Evaluation) has received much local publicity within the past few months. Run by the U.S. Forest Service, it seeks to determine the best uses for national forest lands around the country. It includes proposals for designating six more areas in Vermont (in addition to Lye Brook and Bristol Cliffs) as "wilderness." The Killington Section Board of Directors has endorsed the policy statement issued by the Main Club in September of 1977 and sent a copy to the Forest Service via the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Steve Yurich, chief forester for the northeastern U.S., attended a large meeting at Rutland High School on September 6, 1978 (at the request of Vermont's congressional delegation) to listen to Vermonters and answer their questions. Mr. Yurich confirmed that designation of areas as "Wilderness" would mean that trail shelters and outhouses would be allowed to deteriorate and could not be replaced; "artificial" improvements, such as water bars and footbridges, would be prohibited or severely restricted. This would affect four Long Trail shelters and approximately 26 miles of the Long Trail in the Breadloaf area. After listening to 100 people speak their minds, the Section's position (which follows) still made sense.

* * * *



- Position Statement -

ROADLESS AND UNDEVELOPED AREA INVENTORY

by

The Green Mountain Club, Inc.

The Green Mountain Club, Inc., recognized by the Vermont General Assembly as "the founder, sponsor, defender, and protector" of the Long Trail system, is reluctant to support the designation of additional Wilderness in Vermont. While the GMC remains committed to the need for undeveloped forest land in the spectrum of outdoor recreational opportunities, we would rather see the 55,000 acres already accepted by the GMNF as "roadless and undeveloped" study area, having the potential for Wilderness designation, eventually placed in Management Area III and IV categories. This action, we feel, would effectively retain the recreational qualities Wilderness attempts to preserve while allowing greater management flexibility.

Our reasons are as follows:

1. The present lack of management flexibility inside Wilderness stems from the current interpretation of the 1964 Wilderness Act. Too often, the result has been a failure to provide for established use patterns. As one example, the presence of primitive trail shelters is considered inconsistent with Wilderness management policies. In one eastern Wilderness, however, the removal of shelters coupled with a "dispersed camping" policy resulted in increased physical impact on trail corridors and streambanks. Most overnight visitors chose to camp in these places rather than disperse. (1)

2. Timber harvesting, when carried out as prescribed under MA III guidelines and located with sensitivity toward existing or planned recreational facilities

ties, can be compatible with hiking and other forms of "primitive" recreation. The GMC feels cutting operations, when conducted under these guidelines, have a limited impact on aesthetics and over the years can impart an interesting variety to the landscape. Productive timber land is included in the 55,000 acre review area, and we believe it would be unfortunate to eliminate this significant economic resource.

3. The decision to set aside remote, undeveloped lands should be made primarily on the local level. Unit Planning is designed to do this, as it includes extensive public participation. We feel this planning approach is well-suited for determining future management of those areas identified as "roadless and undeveloped."

4. The two already established Vermont Wilderness Areas are of sufficient acreage to fulfill the place of Wilderness in the recreational spectrum. The Bristol Cliffs and Lye Brook Wilderness Areas (3,740 acres and 14,000 acres, respectively) comprise approximately 7% of the land within the GMNF. We feel this is an appropriate percentage.

In light of these points, the Green Mountain Club urges that all involved parties take a critical look at the desirability of designating additional Wilderness in Vermont.

- (1) Schnitzer, Michael. 1976. Visitor Travel Patterns in the Great Gulf Wilderness, N.H. USDA Forest Service, Backcountry Research Program, Durham, N.H.

* * * * *

NEW MEMBERS

Berg, Anna Box 241-A, Airport Rd.
 No. Clarendon, VT 05759
Biddiscombe, Robert 39 Kendall Ave.
 Rutland 05701
Zeda yko, Jane 11 Caernarvon St.
 Fair Haven, VT 05743

WANTED: NEW FACES, NEW PLACES

Do you have a favorite trail to hike? Would you like to share it with others? The Killington Section is looking for suggestions for outings and leaders to guide them. If interested, please contact Rachael Charland (775-4893) or Ray Catozzi (773-3006).

* * * * *

INTERSECTIONAL WEEKEND: SEPT. 22-24

By
Robert Carey

More than a dozen Killington Section members joined over 85 Club members at the Mountain Meadows Campground for the weekend Intersectional. The weather and campground were perfect. There were beautiful views of Lincoln Mountain, which inspired three hikes from Lincoln Gap to Mt. Abraham and beyond on Saturday. In the evening everyone enjoyed viewing a slide presentation on this summer's GMC Western Trip.

Following a frosty night, two groups of hikers set out Sunday morning. One group followed the Robert Frost nature trail, while the other journeyed to Abbey Pond. After returning from this hike, I could not resist the temptation of a quick dip in the pond.

Those of us who attended look forward to returning to this beautiful area.

* * * * *

NEW BOOK ON APPALACHIAN TRAIL RECOMMENDED

Miriam Bell writes to recommend to our readers Appalachian Odyssey: Walking the Trail from Georgia to Maine by Steve Sherman and Julia Olden, Stephen Greene Press, 1977. This account of a young couple's hike of the entire Appalachian Trail is written in a very interesting manner. A glowing tribute is paid to the Green Mountain Club's care of its section of the trail, easily the best part of the entire journey. Mrs. Bell says that reading the book made her feel as if she had taken every step of the journey herself.

The Smoke and Blazes staff needs access to an electric, elite-type typewriter to type up the newsletter for printing. Is any member who has such a machine willing to let us borrow it for a couple of days every three months? Contact Nancy Schmidt at 773-6990.

BLACKINTON, MASS. TO SETH WARNER SHELTER

by Rachael W. Charland
June 3, 1978

The 3rd of June '78 was a cloudy, drippy sort of day as two Killington Section members drove toward Blackinton, Mass. Any hiker trying to find the entrance to the Appalachian Trail in Blackinton better have his GMC Guide Book handy, and even then it is a puzzle as to the entrance of the Trail and a spot to park the car. Three strong hikers, Jim Guida (Arlington), Dot MacDonald (Brattleboro) plus her dog, and Jeffrey Chenard (Arlington) were waiting for us.

Under gray skies and an occasional patter of rain we plodded along the AT amid an abundance of mountain laurel and pink lady slippers, the only bright spots of four miles of trail in Massachusetts. Only Jack-in-the-pulpits dotted Vermont's section of the LT. Waterfalls were numerous but views were blotted out by fog as we trudged ever upward. Hundreds of feet of puncheon have been installed by Pioneer Valley and I believe hundreds more feet will have to be added to aid the hiker on his way during such weather.

Then, high on a rock pile, a fugitive from Alcatraz, no doubt, we hastily swallowed our lunch as the rain drops became larger. Greg Bostock of Burlington greeted us as we munched our sandwiches -- Greg would drive my car to the County Road as he was hiking southward with two companions, Philip Woodbury of Perkinsville and George Reynolds of Springfield.

Alas! a few minutes later after Greg was well on his way, we discovered neither of us knew where Greg would leave the Car Key! Then to our rescue, our K.S. Jogger, Ray Catozzi, raced madly along the trail to meet Greg as he would be parking the car on the County Road. It was a slick, mucky, root-laden trail over which he ran to make the CONNECTION! When the remaining rain-soddened travelers emerged on

the County Road, Ray was there waiting for us with the car all unlocked!! MANY, MANY, MANY THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR PHYSICAL ENDEAVORS, RAY.

James Guida treated all of us to hot bowls of soup at a nearby restaurant while some of us changed into dry clothing, all of which made the return trip to Blackinton more enjoyable. The Plus for this wet journey was another 7+ miles for those working on their end-to-end goals.

MOOSILAUKE MT. TRIP

by Ray Catozzi
June 30 - July 2, 1978

Six stalwarts joined forces at our meeting place in Rutland Friday night June 30, ready to head out for a three-day trip in the White Mountains. The main event was to climb 4810-foot Mt. Moosilauke either on Saturday or Sunday, depending on which day promised the clearest weather.

By tenting Friday night at Quechee State Park we were able to get an 8 a.m. start on a beautiful clear Saturday morning, get a car spotted south of the peak, and start climbing out Kinsman Notch by 10 a.m.

The climb up Moosilauke from the north on the AT has the least elevation to get behind you. But it was still quite a rugged climb of over 3000 feet in 3.4 miles, with 2200 feet coming in the first 1 1/2 miles! The steepest but one of the prettiest parts of the whole ascending trail was about a mile of 30-degree climb alongside a fluming brook. Ladders, log steps, and hand rails are much in evidence along this stretch.

What a magnificent view from the windy and cool top! Visibility unlimited on a crystal clear fall-like day with the peaks of the Green Mountains marching down the far distant western horizon: Mansfield, Camel's Hump, Abraham, Pico and Killington. Our little group of Ray Catozzi, leader, Kathy Hayes and son Chris, Joan Sibley, Rachael Charland and

The County Jail, New York, New York, is a very interesting place to visit. It is a very old building, and it is very large. It is a very interesting place to visit.

The County Jail, New York, New York, is a very interesting place to visit. It is a very old building, and it is very large. It is a very interesting place to visit.

THE COUNTY JAIL

By the Editor
June 10 - July 1, 1910

The County Jail, New York, New York, is a very interesting place to visit. It is a very old building, and it is very large. It is a very interesting place to visit.

The County Jail, New York, New York, is a very interesting place to visit. It is a very old building, and it is very large. It is a very interesting place to visit.

The County Jail, New York, New York, is a very interesting place to visit. It is a very old building, and it is very large. It is a very interesting place to visit.

The County Jail, New York, New York, is a very interesting place to visit. It is a very old building, and it is very large. It is a very interesting place to visit.

The County Jail, New York, New York, is a very interesting place to visit. It is a very old building, and it is very large. It is a very interesting place to visit.

The County Jail, New York, New York, is a very interesting place to visit. It is a very old building, and it is very large. It is a very interesting place to visit.

The County Jail, New York, New York, is a very interesting place to visit. It is a very old building, and it is very large. It is a very interesting place to visit.

The County Jail, New York, New York, is a very interesting place to visit. It is a very old building, and it is very large. It is a very interesting place to visit.

and then up the road to the top and our cars.

It was a short, but very pleasant hike -- especially the post-luncheon part, and we were sorry more people did not decide to make the climb.

* * * * *

LET'S SEE CANTILEVER ROCK

by Rachael W. Charland
August 13, 1978

Under threatening skies, three vehicles with ten adventuresome hikers (Peg Cioffredi, Rita Motroni, Roberta Reynes, Joe Dictons, Al and Roma Pulling, Bernice Grum, Elena Baker, and your writer) set out for Underhill State Park on August 13th at 9:30 a.m.

It soon was apparent that all was not well with the lead car as s-c-r-a-p-i-n-g sounds offended the eardrums of the passengers. Investigation by the male members of the pick-up truck following us showed that this was the prime time for the hangers of the tailpipe of the Plymouth to just "let-go"! Amid shouts of "where's your jack?" -- "where's your pliers?" and "have you some rope or wire?" Al Pulling sprawled under the car to view the damage. His long legs projecting into the oncoming traffic of Route 7 were well protected by three female onlookers. The first repair job was followed by a second, after just a few miles along the highway, BUT the workmanship of the second repair job was such that not even the rough, graveled roads of the North Country were able to loosen the improvised hangers. Hooray for GMC mechanics!!

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Woodbury of Reading were waiting for us as we entered the Park and they provided dry kindling for the hot beverages that were requested by the hungry group as they prepared their individual mid-day repasts.

Five GMCers, fortified by their noon meal, quickly ascended the Sunset Ridge Trail to the Laura Cowles Trail. The remaining hikers were very pleased to reach the Lookout Rock area and enjoy the view and rest in the 80 degree temperature. One first-time hiker, Elena,

was unfortunate enough to trip over some tree roots and tumble backward down the trail. Thankfully, her lacerations of face and forehead were minor and even her glasses were found unshattered. Four travelers, unaccustomed to the narrow, rocky terrain, decided to enjoy the views from various lookouts along the pathway instead of plodding toward the appointed destination. Needless to say, the Cantilever Trail is obliterated by two fallen trees making it necessary to crawl through the branches to gain entrance to the swampy track.

The sight of the 60-foot natural obelisk-like rock was certainly well worth the efforts of those who struggled to make it. Some agile members climbed the roughly-notched pole that was the only visible means of ascending the stone appendage to Cantilever Rock. One nimble couple managed to scramble to the very edge of the horizontal arm and cameras clicked as they were viewed enjoying their goal and sat eating their lunch. Various types of lichen and mosses lined Cantilever Rock while white turtleheads grew profusely amid brownish-green ferns at its base in this hidden glen. All agreed they enjoyed their climb and should any of you venture to Underhill State Park, be sure to ask to see the wooden, beautifully hand-carved clocks done by the Park Ranger.

* * * * *

BAKER PEAK

by Ray Catozzi
August 26, 1978

It seems that if you mention a steep climb on the upcoming Killington Section hike, most folks stay home. That was the case again on Aug. 26 when only four showed up to climb Baker Peak in Mt. Tabor. It really wasn't all that bad, as the Lake Trail makes big switchbacks on the way up. (It used to be a stagecoach road to a hotel on Griffith Lake).

Ray Catozzi, leader, Rachael Charland, Shirley Reynolds and Mauri Winturri were the hikers. But Mauri said

"so long" and returned to his car, after reaching the brook, just short of the junction with the Baker Peak Trail. Mauri has to take it easy since his heart attack.

The spot on the brook where Mauri turned back has a large pool which he named Ben's Bathtub, in honor of Ben Rolston who was instrumental in re-routing the Long Trail over Baker Peak. It seems that the Lake Trail was the quickest way in and out while Ben was cutting the new trail between the peak and Griffith Lake, and many times he would stop off at this spot on the brook and clean up before heading home.

Rachael Charland is working on her Long Trail End-to-End, so rather than head for Baker Peak via the Baker Peak Trail as announced, the remaining three went all the way in to Griffith Lake to pick up the Long Trail north, and that led us to the peak, joining up with the Baker Peak Trail just short of the top.

There were magnificent views up and down the Otter Valley, with the Danby Imperial marble quarry directly opposite Baker Peak on Dorset Mountain but down much lower. A small rocky opening allows the view on Baker Peak, a great place to lunch while looking over the Vermont countryside.

A large group of 30 or so boys and girls from the Killington Trail Camps hiked the mountain at the same time as our little group. You out there who didn't go -- it was really an easy climb -- a piece of cake. Try it next time; you might like it. It's coming up again on our schedule, going south from Big Branch Shelter.

PROPER CARE OF FOOTGEAR, SKIS, AND SNOWSHOES

Most experienced backpackers, hikers, and cross-country skiers agree that the single most important equipment category is footgear. Following are a few basic tips for keeping this vital equipment in good shape.

-- Hiking Boots and Leather Cross-Country Ski Boots: Any reputable outdoor equipment store can advise you of

the proper leather preservative for your particular boots; different leather types will require different preservatives. For heavy-duty boots with stiff uppers, don't use preservatives that soften the leather. For any boot, the welt area (where the sole is attached to the uppers) requires the most attention. Use saddle soap and an old toothbrush to thoroughly remove dirt and sand from this area and from other seams. When the seams are clean and dry, use another old toothbrush to work in the preservative. Without such attention, thread can rot out while the leather is still in good shape.

-- Wooden Snowshoes: Each spring, clean thoroughly and dry. Examine wood frames and leather webbing carefully for cracks. Wrap any cracked area with nylon monofilament fishing line, then put liquid ferrule cement over the wrapped area (get both line and cement at a fishing equipment store). If any areas have the varnish worn dull or through to bare wood or leather, apply two light coats of marine or spar varnish (from any paint or hardware store). When thoroughly dry, tie the snowshoes tightly together with twine bottom to bottom. Wedge a block of soft wood into the space between the toes. Hang them by the tail end from a rafter (out of the sun) by a piece of fine wire. The wire will prevent mice or squirrels from climbing down and eating the webbing. NOTE: Treat leather bindings the same as boots; that is, keep the leather and especially the seams clean and preserved.

-- Wooden Cross-Country Skis: Before the season starts, many ski shops offer reduced rates on pine tar jobs. Take them up on it. You can learn to do it yourself, the same as you can learn to change the oil in your car -- but it isn't worth it. For summer storage of any type ski, saw a short piece of 2" x 4" lumber to fit the space that exists between the skis when they are placed bottom to bottom with the ends touching. Use short adjustable straps (from any ski shop) to hold the skis in this position, so that the natural curvature (camber) of the skis is preserved.

-- Aluminum Snowshoes, Nylon Ski Boots: Little maintenance required.

CAROL CHAPMAN NEW EDITOR OF SMOKE & BLAZES

by Nancy Schmidt, Publicity Chairman

We are pleased to inform our members that Carol Chapman is now editor of Smoke and Blazes. Carol, a Burlington native, has lived in Rutland since 1972. A teacher at the Vermont Achievement Center, Carol has been an active participant in GMC activities and is currently a member of the Killington Section board of directors. She will be carrying out the editor's duties with the assistance of Jake Sherman, who types and prepares Smoke and Blazes articles for printing.

Carol requests that all articles or items of interest for the next Smoke and Blazes, to be printed December 15, be submitted to her by December 1. Please send all material for Smoke and Blazes to:

Carol Chapman
39 East Street
Rutland, VT 05701

HIKING DURING HUNTING SEASON

It is the policy of the Killington Section not to schedule hikes during deer hunting season (Nov. 11-26, 1978) and to warn hikers to avoid areas where hunters might be. The Section does occasionally schedule outings during deer season in safe areas. The November 11 Mt. Philo hike is in a state park where hunting is strictly prohibited and where the area is thoroughly posted; so we feel safe in inviting people to join us on this holiday outing.

Also on the schedule during deer season is a Pot Luck Supper at Tall Timbers, the Craigie Perkins' residence in Mendon. Don't miss this social gathering on November 18.

TRAIL WORK THANKS AND PLANS FOR TRAIL RELOCATION

The section owes special thanks to Mauri Winturri, a K.S. member from

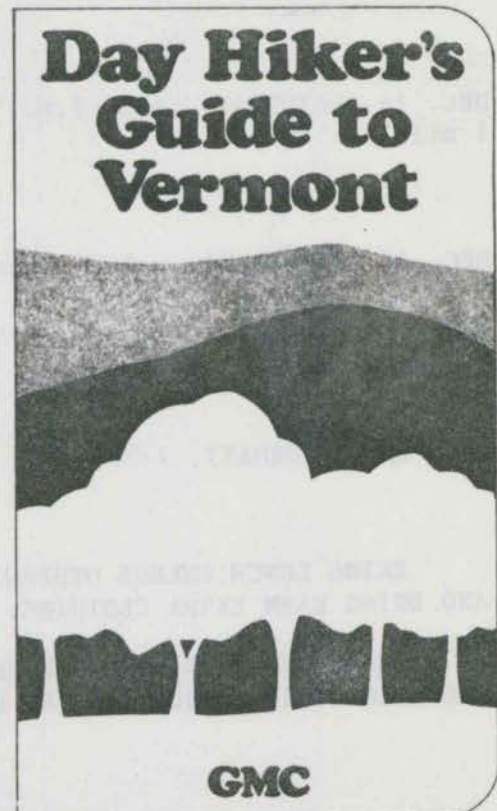
Fitchburg, Mass., who has spent many weekends this past summer working on the Long Trail. Trail-maintenance is a never-ending job, and we appreciate the many hours Mauri has spent in re-painting blazes, making repairs, and many other necessary chores.

Also our thanks go to Rob Carey, who has worked some with Mauri on the trail, and to Rob, Harold Rogers, Churchill Scott, and Ray Catozzi, who are doing the preliminary survey for trail relocation. This trail relocation is necessary and considered urgent. We need all the workers we can get for this work party on November 4; much of the work involved is clearing and marking the new trail -- not too much hard labor. With enough volunteers, it could be completed in a day and shouldn't be that hard a job.

DAY HIKER'S GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

The recently published Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont is available at the reduced rate of \$3.50 to GMC members (\$4.95 to non-members). This long-awaited guide furnishes information about more than 200 short trails around the state.

Copies may be obtained from Carl Schmidt or Churchill Scott.



GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
KILLINGTON SECTION HIKE SCHEDULE
FALL - WINTER, 1978-1979

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton Street, 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, Vice-Pres., 103 Bellevue Avenue, 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

OCT. 29 (SUNDAY), 9:00 A.M.: BIRD MOUNTAIN (in Ira) -- Churchill Scott, 775-5720, leader. A new route to the summit, past the site of the historic Masonic Monument.
4 miles

NOV. 4 (SATURDAY), 9:00 A.M.: WORK PARTY - TEMPORARY LONG TRAIL RELOCATION (near Cold River Road) -- Carl Schmidt, 773-6990, leader. Volunteers needed. Section will furnish tools and materials.
Short distance

NOV. 5 (SUNDAY), 8:00 A.M.: LONG TRAIL, MAD TOM NOTCH TO RTE. 30 (near Manchester) -- Rachael Charland, 775-4893, leader. Excellent views of Stratton and Equinox Mountains.
5.3 miles

NOV. 11 (SATURDAY), 9:00 A.M.: MT. PHILO (near Vergennes) -- Jim Frink, 775-4925, leader. Short holiday hike to a mountain given to the state by Mrs. James Humphrey in 1924, with views of Lake Champlain, the Adirondacks and the Green Mountains.
2 miles

NOV. 18 (SATURDAY), 6:30 P.M.: Pot Luck Supper at Tall Timbers, Craigie Perkins' residence. Bring your favorite hot dish or dessert and your own place setting. Section will provide beverages. Churchill Scott, 775-5720.
Social

DEC. 2 (SATURDAY), 8:00 A.M.: LONG TRAIL, USFS RD. #10 TO BAKER PEAK (south of Danby) -- Churchill Scott, 775-5720, leader. Trail goes southward to Big Branch Suspension Bridge; watch for foundation of old water wheel.
8 miles

DEC. 16 (SATURDAY), 6:30 P.M.: MOONLIGHT HIKE TO SUNNYSIDE SHELTER (near Rte. 103) -- Carl Schmidt, 773-6990, leader. Hike, ski or snowshoe for all ages. Section will provide coffee and cocoa.
1 mile

DEC. 30 (SATURDAY): To be announced in December SMOKE AND BLAZES.

JAN. 14 (SUNDAY), 10:00 A.M.: QUARTERLINE RD. (near Rutland) -- Harold Rogers, 775-4471. Snowshoe and ski.* Variable mileage, many possible side trips. Suitable for older children.
3 miles*

JAN. 20 (SATURDAY), 7:30 P.M.: KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING. Location to be announced in December SMOKE AND BLAZES.

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED; WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING WARM EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DRIVING DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 31, NUMBER 4

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 1978

AREA-WIDE COOPERATIVE EFFORT HELPED LOCATE HIKER IN AN EMERGENCY

One of the less pleasant activities of GMC members is the urgent location of hikers on the trail when an emergency has occurred at the hiker's home. One October morning we received a call from the Main Office in Montpelier asking for assistance in locating a New York man hiking northward alone on the trail between Lost Pond and Sherburne Pass. The cause for urgency in this case was the death of the hiker's father; a day had already passed in which the State Police had been unable to locate him. The overall hike was to take 4 days.

This happened on a Monday when we had no volunteers available, so we had to resort to the telephone. Eventually we managed to contact landowners at or near road crossings, as well as the large ski corporations and the hiker's destination point. The northern locations alerted south-bound hikers to watch for the N.Y. hiker, and people at other points posted notices on trail markers in addition to watching the trail. We did make contact with the hiker late that afternoon.

In every case, we received a wonderful response of concern and helpfulness. The Board of Directors of the Killington Section would like to thank the following people and organizations who assisted us in this search: The Inn at Long Trail, the Sherburne Corporation, Pico Peak Ski Resort, and Sue Darrow. Our special thanks to Diane Carrara at the Cold River Country Store, Chuck Wade, and Gary Salmon, who all 'went the extra mile' and were a great help.

One final word. The hiker for whom we were searching had left an itinerary, with starting and ending times and places, and tentative locations for overnights. This is a precaution all travelers should take, but especially persons

hiking alone. The itinerary helped us in our search, even though the hiker was a bit ahead of his projected time schedule.

THE GEORGE L. KIRK FUND-- AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE

Before 1978 ends, consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the George L. Kirk Trails & Shelters Fund.

Mr. Kirk, who died in 1966, was a newspaper reporter and editor in Rutland for 57 years and Weather Bureau observer for over 25 years. An authority on botany and ornithology, he was an active hiker who probably climbed Killington more than anyone else.

Mr. Kirk's widow, Mrs. Dorothy Kirk, established the George L. Kirk Trails & Shelters Fund in January 1977 with an initial donation of \$500. The Fund is managed by the K.S., and when the principle reaches \$5,000 the interest earned can be used for trail & shelter maintenance in our Section. Currently the fund contains over \$1,800.

Section policy is that yearly income from dues should pay for all yearly expenses, including moderate trails & shelters expenses. Our recently-raised dues structure barely keeps us in the black. Unless membership expands substantially we will not have necessary funds for shelter replacement and major repairs, or major items of trail maintenance, such as puncheons and bridges.

We have virtually eliminated subsidizing social activities such as Sugar on Snow and gatherings with hired entertainment which were so enjoyable in past years, because our budget condition is so delicate.

The AT Bill and the attendant relocations that may become necessary will strain our trails & shelters budget to or beyond the breaking point. Shelter vandalism seems to worsen each year; the cost of materials for repair and maintenance is soaring.

(Continued on page 2)

MYSTERY HIKE

by Ray Catozzi
October 8, 1978

It had been an unusually warm autumn, they'd been saying, temperatures above normal, many sunny days, etc. So what did the weather do on this particular Sunday? It gave us a preview of the winter to come: wet snow on the ground, falling out of the trees, and more coming at us out of the sky.

The real mystery for the seven brave souls who showed up to hike, they knew not where, was what happened to the nice weather that day. However, off we drove to the north for about 15 miles, parked our cars on what is known as the Middle Road, and started up a wood road.

We were heading for the summit of this medium high mountain, but the steepness of the terrain, the thick cover, and slippery going with the wet snow underfoot, caused your leader to call a halt short of the top. With the announcement of no really good views from the summit, most voted to head back down.

Branching onto a newly cut trail, heading west down off the ridge, we soon arrived at a tiny cabin belonging to John Blittersdorf of Pittsford, a KS member. This cabin is situated at the upper edge of a high, steep pasture on the western slope of the mountain, with magnificent views to the north, west, and south. John is living in this cabin while he is constructing a larger permanent one nearby. Your leader had arranged with John for the hikers to lunch here.

John proved a gracious host, having water hot for coffee and cocoa, chocolate chip cookies he had baked himself in his wood stove oven, and furnishing spices to go in our hot cider.

It was crowded, but fun as we had our lunch with much pleasant conversation. Soon though, it was time to head back, traveling down John's motorcycle path which snaked back and forth down the pasture like a cattle trail on a Swiss Alp.

Oh, where did we go, you're saying? Sorry, I should have mentioned before --Nickwackett Mt. in north Chittenden.

VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE - EAST MT.

by Joe Valiquette
October 22, 1978

Sunny skies were over Rutland as 25 hikers met at the fire station at 1 P.M. Leaving Rutland we proceeded up the Notch Road, then north via the Wheelerville Road and parked south of Mc Laughlin Falls.

We headed up the logging road from the Wheelerville Road toward Dyers Meadows. Just south of the meadows we took a spur up East Mountain. The hike to the top was relatively easy following old logging roads and with very little bushwacking.

The view from the top was beautiful, but a little hazy. The memorial flag placed there last year was still hanging, but a bit tattered and torn. John Valiquette tied a new flag close to the worn one.

The hike down was fast and we came upon a porcupine high up in a tree. That was about the only wild life we came across.

About 12 hikers stayed for a cookout following the hike down, with Rachael Charland tending the fire. It was Don Romano's first cookout.

All in all a good day was had by all.

KIRK FUND, CONT.

The AT Bill, which will secure the Killington Section of the LT, together with the remainder of the AT, was passed through Congress with the understanding that trails & shelters maintenance would remain with local hiking organizations rather than with the federal government. If we cannot live up to this responsibility, we will be forced to re-examine our reasons for existence and the objectives of the Section and the GMC.

A contribution to the Kirk Fund is an investment in both the futures of the Long Trail and the Killington Section.

OUTING CANCELLATION

Plans for a possible outing on December 30, listed in the last schedule, did not materialize.

BIRD MOUNTAIN

by Churchill Scott
October 29, 1978

A perfect fall day greeted a good-sized group of hikers, eager to explore a new route up Bird Mountain.

Parking at the usual spot, we hiked about one-half mile on the road to Ben's Slide, then bore west on an old wood road climbing easily between the series of ledges.

At the ridge top we turned south, bushwacked along the ridge, soon reaching the ravine where the old east and west roads meet. From here it was easy to follow the trail to the summit.

It was very enjoyable to have Mr. Justin Lindholm, owner of the summit and east side of Bird Mountain, with us. Earlier he had cut trees to improve the view, which extended from Snake and Philo mountains counter-clockwise to the peaks east of Middlebury. Mr. Lindholm returned via the old trail, pausing at the Big Spring and then continuing around the foot of the ledges where new and spectacular views were to be seen.

The success of this hike was largely due to Rachael Charland, who flagged a very important turn, Mr. Lindholm, Jake Sherman, who copied the story of Bird Mountain from Summits of the Green Mountains, and George Young, who loaned us the booklet, "History of the Masonic Monument Erected on Bird Mountain".

This peak, named after Colonel Amos Bird, has had many routes to its summit. As far back as 1887, when over 2000 persons attended the monument's dedication, countless thousands have climbed this mountain. For many years the Castleton State College Outing Club maintained the trail, but now it has been so neglected that George Pearlstein did not include it in the Day Hiker's Guide. If the Killington Section ever gets caught up this trail would be a good work project.

SMOKE AND BLAZES DEADLINE

The next issue of Smoke and Blazes is to be mailed out mid-March. Please submit your articles and hike reports by March 1 to: Carol Chapman, 39 East St., Rutland.

WORK PARTY - TEMPORARY LT RELOCATION

by Carl Schmidt

On November 4, a Killington Section work party cleared a new one-mile trail segment that will be used until landowner arrangements on the old trail location are clarified through the Appalachian Trail securing act. Going south from the Lower Cold River Road, the hiker will proceed south on the Lottery Road (called the Middle Road on some topo maps) about 500 yards beyond the old trail cutoff, which has been barricaded by the landowner, to its new cutoff just before a red barn/house. The new trail essentially follows a fence line to the top of a ridge, then turns right along the ridge until it intersects the old trail a few hundred yards later. The relocated trail is cleared and blazed (tape blazes); the new cutoff traveling from south to north is well-marked and the old trail barricaded.

The workers are all to be commended for their efforts. Phil Woodbury of Perkinsville, Paul Magoon and George Reynolds of Springfield, and Ralph Caddell of Poultney came the longest distances. For exceptional efforts, Mr. Woodbury was awarded free trail privileges for an end-to-end hike, and a ridge was named for Mr. Magoon. The temporary trail itself was temporarily named for Joe Dicton, who as usual was where there was work to be done. Karen Unsworth, a Section member and end-to-end hiker, put in many hours of brush demolition despite a bad cold. Rob Carey worked pretty hard until it was time for the Penn State football game. During lunch, we were joined by Churchill Scott, Rachael Charland, Joan Sibley, and Mauri Winturri, who helped complete clearing and blazing. It was a fine day among good company, and a reaffirmation of one of our Section's main reasons for existence.

And in conclusion, our thanks to Mr. Walsh, who permitted the relocation onto his land.

MAD TOM NOTCH TO ROUTE #30

by Rachael Charland
November 5, 1978

It was a beautiful, sunny, unusually warm day even at 8:00 A.M. as three K.S. members, Churchill Scott, Rob Carey, and your narrator left Rutland to meet with the Caddells at the LT crossing on Route 30. Rob gave all of us a ride to Mad Tom Notch entrance to the LT. We were especially pleased to see such spacious parking areas at both of the LT entrances. Thanks to the Green Mountain Forest, I understand.

Evidently the heat got to Rob as he quickly packed away his special woolen hiking pants and once more enjoyed hiking in his summer garb!

The woodlands were brightly carpeted with many varieties of trailing evergreens. Not many birds were heard, but numerous chipmunks kept us company as we climbed to the summit of Bromley and then onward to the tower at the site of the Bromley chairlifts.

There we encountered a hiker who told us he had left the snow in Baxter State Park and was enroute to his home in Pennsylvania.

After we had lunch we looked in vain for the five states we were supposed to be able to see from that tower. As we ascended to Bromley Shelter we met several families hiking to the top of Bromley. The shelter was in good condition and we enjoyed an extra cup of tea as we conversed with a family from Manchester who often hike to this shelter on Sunday afternoons.

It was such a lovely, easy hike, it is too bad that so few members made an effort to join us.

MT. PHILO

by Jim Frink
November 11, 1978

Anna Nyiri, Bob Carey, Churchill Scott, B.J. Stuller, and I arrived at the entrance to Mt. Philo State Park at about 10:15 A.M.

We climbed through, over or under the heavy gates and walked up the winding auto access road for about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.

Then we climbed a steep trail back to the road, which climbs the mountain in a series of three great loops. We walked left on the road to the trail which crosses the second loop, up to the road again. A walk to the right on the road took us to the trail which cuts off the third loop, circles a great excavation in the mountain side and leads to the set of wooden steps which ends at the look-out.

From there we walked to the north-west and south look-outs where we enjoyed beautiful views of the lake and the Vermont valley. Unfortunately the Adirondacks were hidden behind haze and clouds.

We commandeered one of the park's picnic tables and enjoyed a lunch sheltered from the powerful north-west wind.

After lunch we walked down the one-way exit road. When it passed a beautiful, high, north-facing meadow, we all rolled under the three strand barbed wire fence and walked to the end of the lovely cow pasture which ended on a knob commanding a 180 degree view of the valley.

The walk down the road took only about 45 minutes, including the stop at the meadow.

DUES FOR RECENT MEMBERS (Who Joined in 1978)

For members who joined after the first quarter of 1978, it might come as a temporary shock when you are billed for 1979 dues in January, rather than twelve months after you initially joined. Section policy for some years has been to charge a full year's dues for the partial year in which a member first joins, then give credit for a partial year's dues during the next year. For example, if you paid a \$10 membership in July, 1978, your 1979 dues will be \$5, payable in January. Be sure to remind us of this when you send in your dues.

MAIN CLUB DIRECTORS MEETING

(Bardwell Hotel, Oct. 28, 1978)

1. The Main Club's financial status has taken a downward turn during 1978 due to increased costs (postage, Social Security) and lower than-anticipated income (especially At Large dues). Four proposals for increasing income were submitted.

- A. Begin annual solicitation of funds from At Large and Section Members.
- B. Establish and solicit special non-voting membership categories (e.g., corporate donors).
- C. Establish an additional outlet for sale of GMC publications (Contemporary Sports, Inc.).
- D. Establish a committee for exploring the advisability of accepting paid advertising in GMC publications.

Item A was passed 13-12. The Killington Section had objected since Main Club solicitations could drain contributions from our Section: contributions in excess of dues are just about the only way our Section can keep income slightly ahead of expenses, and build up the Kirk Trail Fund to provide long range stability for Trails & Shelters funding.

Items B, C, and D were also approved, with appropriate safeguards to prevent abrupt changes in Club direction.

2. A position statement on Rare II ("Wilderness") was approved, which essentially reaffirmed the 1977 GMC position printed in the last Smoke and Blazes. (To summarize, we endorse well-controlled multiple usage.) The final statement limited itself to the three proposed Wilderness areas that would affect the Long Trail. This statement will be sent to the Forest Service and to our confressmen.
3. Field programs were well-managed, effective, and held to tight budget control. Harry Peet, who leads this program, would like to have our trained field people play more of a role in leading or training local Section work parties in order to preserve the volunteer nature of the GMC. He will try to contact Section presidents in late fall/early winter.
4. Future events (to be reported in future Long Trail News).
 - a. Ski Day at Stowe (Trapp Lodge) on Jan. 28.

- b. Winter Outing, Mar. 3&4.
- c. Annual Meeting, May 26, to be hosted by the Burlington Section, Old Lantern Inn, Charlotte, Vt.
- d. GMC Summer Expedition to Scotland, Wales (\$800); 10 day trip.
- e. Autumn Intersectional Weekend Outing, Sept. 21-23, at Lincoln (same location as last fall-beautiful!)

5. It was proposed that the GMC host the Appalachian Trail Conference in 1985. This will be discussed further at the next Main Club Directors meeting at Stowe, Jan. 27, 1979.
6. An excellent audio-visual program on Mount Mansfield and the GMC has been prepared by free-lance photographer Louis Boire; these slides were prepared at no cost to GMC and will be offered to Sections, schools, etc., at minimal deposit.
7. The Killington Section received two certificates of recognition for land-owner relations and the 1977 Intersectional.

POT LUCK SUPPER AT TALL TIMBERS

by Churchill Scott
November 18, 1978

The annual covered dish supper has come and gone again with the smallest group ever. Only seven attended, but what we lacked in quantity we made up for in quality. Steaming hot lasagna, delectable scalloped potatoes, crisp macaroni and raisin salad, Jello, and cookies, plus lots of good, hot coffee, tea, or hot chocolate by a nice, warm Franklin stove.

Following the supper Craigie showed us old-time photos, via magic lantern, of Killington Section activities dating way back to the 1920's and '30's.

Once again the section is grateful to Craigie and Mary for their hospitality, but it is too bad Craigie had to give up a whole day to split wood, build fires to keep the field house warm, and show photos to only six people.

The Outing Committee will have to take a long hard look to see what should be scheduled in the future.

1978 KILLINGTON SECTION FINANCES

-W. Churchill Scott, Secretary-Treasurer

In 1978, Section dues were raised to a level that was intended to cover normal operating expenses, plus provide a (very) few extra dollars. We did exactly as advertized. Following is a breakdown of expenditures vs. income through November 1978, given in the same format as last year's dues proposal. Not included are expenditures/income for Guidebooks, and special gifts for the Kirk Fund and the Cooper Lodge caretaker. We are trying to get financial support from local corporations for the Cooper Lodge caretaker; if we don't succeed, our Section's support will again be reassessed at the Annual Meeting. As for the Kirk Fund -- we must try to get more contributions and/or raise money in other ways so that our Section will have a continuing source of trail maintenance income; if you can spare a few extra dollars with your 1979 dues, please support this worthy cause.

A. <u>Basic Killington Section expenses</u>	<u>Average, previous 4 years</u>	<u>1978</u>
1. Trails & shelters	175	139.12
2. "Smoke & Blazes"	114	① 195.00
3. Outings (Schedules, food, coffee, etc.)	115	① 47.74
4. Postage, telephone, secretary's expenses	84	① 30.53
5. Miscellaneous (Annual meeting, etc.)	20	22.30
		<u>434.69</u>
B. <u>Expenses related to Main Club</u>		
1. Dues (88 adults, 16 juniors) ②	300	282
2. Caretaker at Cooper Lodge	150	③ -0-
		<u>282.00</u>
Operating expenses =		716.69

① Postage went down because we include the schedules in Smoke & Blazes, rather than mailing them individually. This helps soften the blow of "S&B" increased costs.

② After this year, family juniors won't pay Main Club dues. (This was the number of members when dues were paid.)

③ In 1978, paid by gift of Frank Bequaert.

Income from dues:

1. 61 adults @ \$10 + 10 spouses @ \$8	△ 636.50
2. 28 senior citizens @ \$4.50	△ 122.00
3. 3 juniors @ \$1.75 + 13 family juniors @ \$1	18.25
	<u>776.75</u>

△ A few memberships were sent in before dues increase was voted in. We let these go -maybe we shouldn't have.

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
132 Maple Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

HIKERS REMEMBER!

Tell your spouse, friend, neighbor, or parent where you are hiking and when you are leaving for your hike.

If you are using your car, leave a note that can be seen by anyone from outside your car with the above information. If your car is not used remind the driver of this safety measure.

FOR SALE

Pair of new (never worn) Raichle hiking boots, size 6½. Color, fawn brown with steel shank and toes. Make me a reasonable offer. Tel. 775-4893

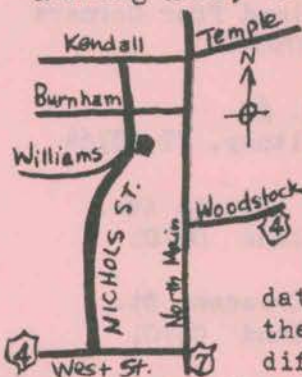
NEW MEMBERS

Berezin, Iris	P.O. Box 59 Hartland Four Corners VT 05049
Caddell, Ralph	R.D. #2 Poultney, VT 05764
Cioffredi, Peg	167 Lincoln Ave. Rutland 05701
Elwert, Fred	19 Crescent St. Rutland 05701
Luckman, Susan	25 Kelly Rd. Cambridge MA 02138

DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT AND MAIL IN
YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE!

ANNUAL MEETING: SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1979

7:30 P.M. in meeting room at Pleasant Manor
Nursing Home, 46 Nichols Street



Parking lot between the two
buildings; meeting (dining)
room is downstairs in build-
ing on the left (northern-
most building). *****
Special Item for Considera-
tion: Suggested scheduling
of annual meeting at later
date (March or April) when wea-
ther less likely to cause travel
difficulties. Date change will
require a change in by-laws and a vote of
members present at the meeting.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

To please your hiker friend or relative,
give him or her a 1977 edition of Guide
Book of the Long Trail or a copy of
Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont, each \$3.50
for GMC members.

Also available are Killington Section
"rocker" patches for pack or sleeve at
50 cents each.

These may be obtained from Churchill
Scott or Carl Schmidt.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL OUR SMOKE AND BLAZES READERS !

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
KILLINGTON SECTION HIKE SCHEDULE
WINTER 1979

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton Street, 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, Vice-Pres., 103 Bellevue Avenue, 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

- JAN. 14 (SUN.), 10:00 A.M. QUARTERLINE ROAD (near Rutland) Snowshoe and ski. 3 miles Variable mileage with many possible side trips. Suitable for older children. Harold Rogers 775-4471
- JAN. 20 (SAT.), 7:30 P.M. KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING To be held this year in the meeting room at Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, 46 Nichols Street. (See page 8 for map.) We urge all who can to attend as there will be many important issues to discuss. Refreshments served.
- JAN. 27 (SAT.), 9:00 A.M. PICO PEAK A moderately difficult snowshoe hike 5 miles with a 1500 ft. elevation gain on a well packed section of the Long Trail. Hiking to Pico Camp (no stove). Rob Carey, 773-7076
- FEB. 11 (SUN.), 9:00 A.M. SHREWSBURY AREA Easy to moderate snowshoe and ski 2.5 - 3 miles tour with optional side trips. Suitable for children who can cross-country ski. Carl Schmidt, 773-6990
- FEB. 24 (SAT.), 1:30 P.M. SUGAR ON SNOW AND PINE HILL SKI TOUR The annual 3 miles sugar on snow party at the Unitarian-Universalist Church will be combined with a ski tour which will follow a trail, described in the GMC Day Hiker's Guide, passing by Rocky and Muddy ponds and ending at the Country Club. Bring your supper and hot soup will be served at a small charge. Top it off with sugar on snow for dessert. ski tour; Harold Rogers, 775-4471
sugar on snow; Roma Pulling, 773-6997
- MAR. 4 (SUN.), 8:30 A.M. G.M.C. DAY AT BLUEBERRY HILL, GOSHEN The fourth annual G.M.C. Day at Blueberry, sponsored by the Breadloaf Section. Look forward to a day of cross-country ski instruction, home-made soup, and skiing on the trails at Blueberry Hill, all at unusually low rates. Equipment may be rented there. Nancy Schmidt, 773-6990
- MAR. 11 (SUN.), 9:00 A.M. MYSTERY HIKE Easy to moderate snowshoe or ski tour of variable mileage. Joan Sibley, 492-3553
- MAR. 24 & 25 (SAT.&SUN.) BROMLEY SHELTER OVERNIGHT Bring your snowshoes or 4 miles 9:00 A.M. skis for this backpack trip. Rachael Charland 775-4893

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED; WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DRIVING DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Mr.&Mrs. Craigie Perkins
Tall Timber
c/o Woodstock Stage
Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 32, NUMBER 1

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JANUARY-MARCH, 1979

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

by W. Churchill Scott

On January 20, 1979 the annual meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held at the Pleasant Manor Nursing Home.

There were about 30 people present, but we feel the very poor forecast of snow, sleet and freezing rain kept many at home.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

President Carl Schmidt explained our financial standing, which is encouraging, by using a flip chart.

Likewise Ray Catozzi used a large scale map to outline the work done on trails and shelters during the past year -- a new outhouse at Sunnyside, relocation north of Hermit Spring and a re-route flagged north of Lower Gold River Road. Ray expressed appreciation to all who helped.

The main speaker of the evening was Preston Bristow, Vermont's Appalachian Trail representative, formerly assistant to the Executive Director of the Green Mountain Club. Preston gave an excellent presentation of the Appalachian Trail Bill, its history, implementation and the current status of his work with landowners. Following his talk Preston conducted a question and answer period regarding the A.T. and landowner concerns. The Killington Section is doing well in this area.

A by-law change was proposed to hold the annual meeting in April, possibly on the third Saturday, to be assured of better weather for out of

town members to attend. (A number of other sections meet in March or April.) This proposal was favored by a large majority.

The George L. Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund was discussed. It is doing very well. Nancy Schmidt made a large, interesting display of clippings, articles and mementos of Mr. Kirk. Mrs. George Kirk spoke of methods to inform more people and organizations about the fund.

The following officers were chosen:

President - Carl Schmidt
Vice President - Raymond Catozzi
Secretary-Treasurer -
W. Churchill Scott
Board of Directors -
Joseph Dicton, Sr.
Carl Schmidt
Harold Rogers, each for three
year terms
Roma Pulling, two year term

Roma will finish the term of Jean Berger who regretfully resigned because of her retirement and extensive travel opportunities. Good luck to her!

Joseph Dicton, Sr. agreed to be Trails and Shelters Chairman with his son Joseph, Jr. as his assistant. Initially they will be working with present chairman Ray Catozzi.

A new K.S. brochure was discussed and planned.

Rachael Charland outlined the outings for the past year, asking for suggestions of new areas to visit. She also proposed a complete meal at the time of the sugar on snow party. Let's think about this more.

Carol Chapman thanked everyone for their help on Smoke and Blazes in

preparation and mailing. It helps very much to have so many offers of assistance.

We extend our thanks to the folks at Pleasant Manor for a convenient meeting room and to all those who brought the delicious refreshments.

BRIEF NOTES ON DIRECTORS' MEETING

The Directors' meeting of the GMC Main Club was held at the Trapp Family Lodge on January 27th, 1979 with a very small attendance, possibly 35 members.

President Joe Frank stated that Form #1023 has been submitted to the IRS, making application for Tax Exemption and he especially thanked John Keyes for all of the work he did on this application. If the GMC were to obtain the tax exemption, it could mean lower postal rates.

The Killington Section was commended on its relationship with landowners in the area. Sections are not to sign any land agreements with landowners.

Two new sections are being formed, Montreal and Woodstock. Joe Frank will MC an international meeting in Montreal soon.

The response for a Winter Survival Trip to be led by Don Wallace has been very high in numbers. The 24 members to be screened and selected by Don will be receiving a letter from him soon.

A letter received by some section members from Dorothy Knight concerning a full week for the Intersectional gathering instead of a weekend was read at this meeting. She is to be invited to the May Directors' meeting to offer her proposal as to her findings.

Comments are requested from the sections concerning the GMNF standards for signs. All comments in letter form are to be directed to Harry Peet in care of the Montpelier GMC office.

A great deal of time was given to the proposal that the GMC consider

advertising in the Long Trail News. Four directors, of which two were KS members, were against the proposal. However, the majority wanted to try advertising in the newsletter. Much debate was given over to the question of how much, how often and what type should be considered. An Advertising Editor must be appointed by the Board for this venture. It should be noted that the Killington Section is considering advertising in Smoke and Blazes.

Harry Peet did announce that there will be a Trails and Shelters Workshop to be held at Tamarack. More details will be forthcoming.

ADOPT-A-SHELTER PROGRAM is to be re-activated. Harry is asking for responses from the sections concerning this program.

A newly designed End-to-End certificate is now available. Those who have an old one and would like a copy of the new certificate should enclose \$2.00 and make their request to: GMC Inc., Box 889, Montpelier, Vt. 05602.

Carol Chapman was elected a new member of the End-to-End Committee. Betty Staek has moved from the State of Vermont. We will miss Betty's willingness to help us whenever called upon. Safe hiking, Betty.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael W. Charland

KIRK FUND GROWING

Certificate of Deposit 3/1/79 \$1088.02

90 Day Notice Account 3/1/79 \$1853.77

Since January 1, 1979 we have received \$643.59 in gifts to the George L. Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

On March 31, 1979 we will be able to purchase a second \$1000 six year certificate of deposit and be well on our way to a third one before the end of 1979.

BAKER PEAK

by Churchill Scott
December 2, 1978

All of the conditions for this early winter End-to-End hike were perfect. After having visions of parking at the Silver Bridge with our hiking distance increased by two miles, we discovered little enough snow so that we could drive to the trail crossing at the #10 - Black Branch Road.

A short rest and lunch stop at Big Branch Shelter was enjoyed before looking over the original Mt. Tabor-Landgrove (pre-1927 flood) Road and waterwheel and mill site. This would be a good overnight stop.

Hiking over the bridge and up an easy grade with deeper snow gave us a good appetite at Lost Pond Shelter. By the time we arrived at Baker Peak the northwest wind was very strong and cold, blowing away the clouds, so good views were had of the Adirondacks, Taconics, and Green Mountains.

Ben's bad weather by-pass was used by several of us for the ice, snow and wind were very bad over the ledges on the peak. These conditions also caused a big discussion over which trail to use on the descent. Due to the late hour we chose the Baker Peak Trail, but still we seemed to live up to the reputation that most of our End-to-End hikes finish in almost total darkness. A good hike, a good day, and enjoyable companions.

MOONLIGHT HIKE TO SUNNYSIDE SHELTER

by Carl Schmidt
December 16, 1978

Twenty people turned out for the Moonlight Hike, though the moon didn't appear from behind the clouds until after the hike began. Going into Sunnyside Shelter it was a bit cloudy, but the return hike was by full, beautiful moonlight.

Since the snow was not suitable for skis or snowshoes, we all went in by foot, accompanied by a sled, which some of the younger hikers used for a bit. Youngest hikers were Charles and Ellen Schmidt, ages 3 and 6, and Greg Crowther, age 5. All three proved to be good hikers and showed enthusiasm worthy of experienced

hikers for the cocos and especially the goro which Rob Carey provided. All those present enjoyed the closed shelter with its warm wood stove.

SAD SEQUEL TO THE MOONLIGHT HIKE REPORT

February 11, 1979

Ski and Snowshoe Outing

The February 11 outing scheduled for the Shrewsbury area was shifted to Sunnyside because the trails in the Shrewsbury area had been heavily used by loggers. That Sunday was a bitterly cold day (as had been the whole week), but Rob Carey and hike leader Carl Schmidt braved the sub-zero temperature since the sun was shining.

On arriving at Sunnyside, they found to their dismay that the new outhouse, constructed just last spring, had been completely demolished and used for firewood in the shelter's wood stove. From the signs and evidence, it could only have happened within the two or three days before Rob and Carl were there; the people who used the outhouse to warm themselves in the shelter were not skiers, snowshoers, or snowmobilers; there were only boot prints around the shelter. Even more discouraging is the fact that the spring outhouse-building and trail work, which received such excellent publicity in the Rutland Herald, was necessary because two sides of the old outhouse had been ripped off for firewood the winter before.

While we know that Sunnyside, an all-too-accessible enclosed shelter with a stove, is much used by non-hikers who are simply having parties of some sort, such wanton and rapid destruction of Trail property is most depressing. The Killington Section Board of Directors will consider the problem of misuse of the shelter, and whether or not to replace the outhouse, at its next meeting.

PINNEY HOLLOW, PLYMOUTH, VT.

by Churchill Scott
December 30, 1978

An unscheduled, impromptu hike attracted five hikers who made a special trip to the Forester's Headquarters at the old C.C.C. Camp at Plymouth.

The cottage provided a very good base

for our lunch after skiing about two miles up the Whitstone Brook Road and making a swift downhill return run.

Churchill stayed by the fire to keep the pot warm while the rest, Rob Carey, Rae Charland, and Mr. & Mrs. Rosenthal made a second run.

QUARTERLINE ROAD, CENTER RUTLAND AREA

by Churchill Scott
January 14, 1979

Despite the steady rain and absence of the coffee pot, eight hardy souls gathered for the Quarterline Road Outing. This road at the parking area was a sheet of ice. The snow conditions were not sticky but mostly granular and, thank goodness, snow did not build up on the skis or snowshoes.

Jim, Churchill, and hike leader Harold Rogers used snowshoes, while Karen Unsworth, her friend, Lisa Bianchi, and Barbara, Dorothy, and Arnold Rosenthal used skis.

Shortly after Harold left to return to his car, we ate a quick lunch on an unplowed section of the road. Continuing on for the longest half mile all day, we hit the old abandoned Town Road leading to the east. Here the skiers were right at home for after a short easy downhill run it became a steeper descent. But all the turns and bumps were maneuvered with a minimum of falls.

Harold drove his car around to the Creek Road, walked up to meet the rest and transported all eight back to the starting point where once again a lot of pushing and shoveling was needed to get headed for home.

At lunch the blue sky and sunshine appeared for a short time, then rain again. For wildlife we saw only a pair of deer tracks and a few chickadees.

PICO PEAK SNOWSHOE

by Rob Carey
January 27, 1979

Churchill Scott, Al and Roma Pulling and myself were joined at Sherburne Pass by Kevin Smyth. In spite of the recent warm weather and rain at the lower elevations, the snow proved to be excellent for snowshoeing. It was neither crusty, icy, nor slushy. We soon discovered that one

person had been up several days before us. There was some snow on his tracks, but the broken trail made the trip much easier.

We made good time to Pico Camp, where we had an unpleasant surprise. The door was completely off of its hinges, and partially broken. The heavy plastic that Ray Catozzi and I had put in was completely gone. It looked like it had been cut out.

Since the stove had been removed two years ago, we heated water on a variety of backpacking and sterno stoves. After a relaxed lunch we made an uneventful but very enjoyable hike down.

PINE HILL - NORTHWEST OF RUTLAND

by Harold Rogers
February 24, 1979

After waiting hopefully an extra few minutes at the fire station, we drove to the Rutland Country Club golf course. We had hoped that even though the heavy rain was very discouraging in the morning that others would change their minds and come along.

The conditions were not good for snowshoeing but about average for skiing. Rachael Charland and Jim Frink snowshoed while Churchill Scott and I were on skis.

We left the golf course and proceeded west up Pine Hill to Muddy Pond (about one mile), then south to Oak Street, and then back northeast to the golf course.

It did not rain but the weather was warm and cloudy.

WARMER WEATHER AT LAST (OR, MAYBE THE GROUNDHOG WAS RIGHT AFTER ALL)

by Nancy Schmidt

Pine Hill Ski Tour, February 24, 1979
Sugar-on-Snow Party, February 24, 1979
GMC Day at Blueberry Hill, March 4, 1979

After weeks of bone-chilling cold, the weather warmed a bit starting on February 20, and continued warming. It was raining lightly the day of the Pine Hill outing, which made for a small turnout. We gather there are lots of good trails in that area, so we hope we can schedule another outing

there soon.

The Sugar-on-Snow party also had a smaller turnout than usual; this may have been caused in part by its being scheduled on the Saturday of winter school vacation week. Janet Martin, as usual, presided over the kitchen and provided the delicious dessert. Those of us who took supper sandwiches to eat beforehand with the soup provided at the church enjoyed doing it as a supper event. Those who came later just for sugar on snow enjoyed it just as much as the rest of us, I'm sure.

The continuing warmer weather and rain reduced the Killington Section's attendance at the Blueberry Hill GMC Day to about half a dozen. Morning skiing was nice (with klister), but by afternoon the sun and temperature combined to make it slower going. Nonetheless, our thanks to the Breadloaf Section for arranging this annual event. We look forward to it, and to better weather for it, next year.

* * * * *

LEMON CAKE

By special request Shirley Reynolds shares her recipe for the delicious cake she brought to the Annual Meeting.

- 1 package lemon cake mix
(Duncan Hines is best)
- 1 package lemon jello
- 1 cup boiling water
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 cup salad oil
- pinch of salt

Dissolve jello in boiling water, let cool. Add jello to the other ingredients combined. Beat two minutes at medium speed.

Pour into greased 9"x13" cake pan and bake at 350 F. for 35 to 40 minutes.

While still warm prick with fork or toothpick and spoon glaze made of juice of 1 lemon and 1/2 cup of sugar over surface of the cake.

* * * * *

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

This will be the last Smoke and Blazes mailed to the 1978 KS membership list. After April 1st dues notices will be sent out. The 1979 membership roster will be printed in the June issue of Smoke and Blazes.

Beginning this year we will lose one member on the Board of Directors of the Main Club, unless we have 151 members.

Membership over the last five years is compared below.

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979 *
Adult	25	25	34	23	34
Spouse	9	7	11	6	8
Senior	13	14	20	7	20
Life	1	1	1	2	2
Junior	1	0	0	3	0
Family jr.	9	8	9	9	13
	<u>58</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>77</u>

*As of March 1st each year.

* * * * *

REUNION AT WILGUS STATE PARK

On the weekend of May 4-6 the Killington Section would like to invite to a reunion all of Ben Rolston's friends and co-workers who helped him establish the Long Trail over Baker Peak and erect the Lost Pond Shelter.

Ben has suggested we can use the facilities at Wilgus State Park, Ascutney, Vermont and at the same time assist Dorothy and him in getting the park ready for opening day.

Canoeing on the Connecticut River and a sunrise hike to the Pinnacle are other activities that may be enjoyed.

The section will furnish hot drinks.

* * * * *

BROMLEY SHELTER OVERNIGHT

Don't forget this outing listed in the last issue of Smoke and Blazes. It will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25. Bring your snowshoes or skis for this backpack trip. For more information call R. Charland 5-4893.

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
132 Maple Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

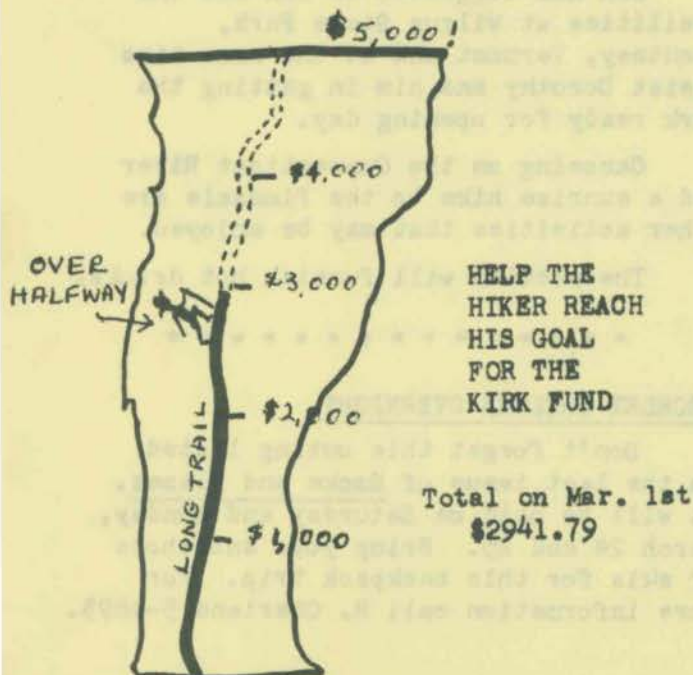
ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!



LIVEN UP YOUR DOWN

Have you tried NU-DOWN, the concentrated bio-degradable detergent for washing down sleeping bags and garments?

Nancy Schmidt highly recommends this product which she has used on sleeping bags, pillows and down garments. Nancy finds it more satisfactory than dry cleaning as it increases the loft of the down.

A one ounce tube, which costs under \$3.00 can be used to launder two sleeping bags. NU-DOWN is available in Burlington at Eastern Mountain Sports, Inc. or may be ordered through their mail order house in Peterborough, N.H. 03458.

TREASURER'S REPORT
KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

Balance - 1/1/78		\$ 811.07
INCOME - DUES	794.25	
GIFTS - (\$150.00 to Cooper Caretaker)		
(\$727.00 to G. L. Kirk T. & S. Fund).	877.00	
SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY	78.10	
SALE OF G.M.C. GUIDE BOOKS	51.90	
INTEREST	25.10	
SALE OF PATCHES	10.10	
WORK PARTY REBATE	.48	
SALE OF HERB OGDEN POSTER	.10	
TOTAL	<u>\$1,837.03</u>	
EXPENSES - TRANSFERED TO G. L. Kirk T. & S. Fund	727.00	
PAID TO MAIN G.M.C. CLUB	584.23	
SMOKE AND BLAZES	244.77	
1977 G.M.C. INTERSECTIONAL	125.00	
SHELTERS	97.64	
SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY	73.95	
OUTINGS	49.62	
TRAILS	46.74	
SECRETARY'S EXPENSES	30.63	
POSTAGE	25.41	
TRUSTEE'S MEETING	18.50	
ANNUAL MEETING	<u>13.20</u>	
TOTAL		<u>\$2,036.69</u>

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
W. CHURCHILL SCOTT, TREAS.

REPORT OF GEORGE L. KIRK TRAILS AND SHELTERS FUND

\$1,000-SIX YEAR CERTIFICATE	\$1000.00
PURCHASED 1/31/1978	
INTEREST	<u>74.30</u>
BALANCE 12/31/1978	\$1074.30
90-DAY ACCOUNT-BALANCE 1/1/78	\$ 909.80
WITHDRAWAL TO PURCHASE \$1000 CERTIFICATE-	<u>465.68</u>
BALANCE 2/2/1978	\$ 444.12
GIFTS TO FUND	727.00
INTEREST	<u>40.00</u>
BALANCE 12/31/1978	\$1,211.12

BALANCE 12/31/78 \$ 611.46

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.
KILLINGTON SECTION
TREASURER'S REPORT

3 211.07

Balance - 1/1/78

INCOME - DUES	724.35
GIFTS - (2150.00 to Cooper, Carverham)	2150.00
(2737.00 to G. L. Kirk T. & S. Fund)	2737.00
ROCK ON SNOW PARTY	78.10
SALE OF C.M.C. GUIDE BOOKS	21.00
INTEREST	75.10
SALE OF PATTERNS	10.10
WORK PARTY REPAIR	.00
SALE OF NEW GAMES POSTER	.10
TOTAL	3193.65

EXPENSES - TRANSFERRED TO G. L. Kirk T. & S. Fund	727.00
PAID TO MAIN C.M.C. CLUB	204.35
SHOES AND GLASSES	204.77
1977 C.M.C. INSTRUCTIONAL	172.00
SHIRTLESS	97.00
SNOW ON SNOW PARTY	73.95
OUTINGS	49.63
TRAILS	46.74
POSTAGE	40.23
TRAILER'S MEETING	37.41
ANNUAL MEETING	18.50
TOTAL	2108.88

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
W. CHURCHILL SCOTT, TREAS.

REPORT OF GEORGE L. KIRK TRAILS AND SHIRTLESS FUND

61,000-NIX YEAR CERTIFICATE	61000.00
PURCHASED 1/21/78	74.30
INTEREST	2107.30
Balance 12/31/78	\$ 608.60
90-DAY ACCOUNT-BALANCE 1/1/78	462.88
WITHDRAWAL TO PURCHASE 61000 CERTIFICATE	462.88
Balance 12/31/78	\$ 462.12
GIFTS TO FUND	727.00
INTEREST	40.00
Balance 12/31/78	61,211.12

Balance 12/31/78 \$ 611.62

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Perkins
4118-D. Providence Rd.
Charlotte, N. Carolina
28211



GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
KILLINGTON SECTION HIKE SCHEDULE
SPRING 1979 SUMMER

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton Street, 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, Vice-Pres., 103 Bellevue Avenue, 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

- APR. 7 (Sat.) 9:00 A.M. MOSCOW POND Near Bomoseen State Park. Great views.
1 - 4 miles EASY Churchill Scott 775-5720
- APR. 21 (Sat.) 9:00 A.M. WORK PARTY Location to be announced.
Rain Date: APR. 22 Ray Catozzi 773-3006
Joe Dicton 775-4446
- APR. 28 (Sat.) 9:00 A.M. WORK PARTY Location to be announced.
Rain Date: APR. 29 Same leaders as above.
- MAY 4-6 (Fri.) 6:30 P.M. BEN ROLSTON REUNION Wilgus State Park, Weathersfield
(Sat. & Sun.) Bring food and sleeping gear. Open-faced shelters.
Sunrise hike to Pinnacle Sat. A.M. led by R. Charland.
Canoeing, swimming. Chairman: W.C. Scott 775-5720
- MAY 12 (Sat.) 9:00 A.M. WORK PARTY Location to be announced.
Rain Date: MAY 13 R. Catozzi & J. Dicton 775-4446
- MAY 19 & 20 (Sat. & Sun.) END-TO-HIKE - KELLEY STAND to Prospect Rock
13 mi. 8:00 A.M. Camp at N. Bourne Pond. MODERATE
Churchill Scott 775-5720
- MAY 26 & 27 (Sat.&Sun.) GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING Charlotte, Vt.
Make early reservations! See GMC Inc. in ACTION!
- JUNE 9 (Sat.) 8:00 A.M. ROUTE #125 TO SUCKER BROOK SHELTER
5.4 mi. A moderate hike. Rachael Charland 775-4893
- JUNE 17 (Sun.) 9:00 A.M. OL' BALDY MOUNTAIN Bridgewater. New trail approach
3 mi. to a favorite KS hike Carol Chapman 775-3545
- JUNE 23 (Sat.) 9:00 A.M. AMITY POND NATURALIST AREA near Pomfret
3 mi. EASY Mauri Winturri and Roma Pulling 773-6997
- JULY 4 (Wed.) 10:00 A.M. KS HOLIDAY PICNIC AT SILVER LAKE *near Lake Dunmore*
2 mi. Bring lunch and bathing suit. EASY More info. later.

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED; WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DRIVING DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 32, NUMBER 2

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

APRIL-JUNE, 1979

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GMC ANNUAL MEETING

by Rachael Charland
May 26, 1979

Foul weather did not seem to decrease the number of people attending the Annual Meeting held this year at the Old Lantern in Charlotte, Vt. on May 26th.

The Burlington Section was this year's host and duly welcomed all, as well as providing a varied program of hikes and sites of interest for those who did not participate in the meetings.

President Joe Frank asked for a few moments of silent prayer for GMC's good friend and diligent worker, Minerva Hinchey. It was reported that the Killington Section will rename one of their shelters the Minerva Hinchey Shelter later on this summer and all members were invited to attend this event. The next edition of the Guidebook will be dedicated to her.

Executive Director Steve Rice enumerated the various types of work performed by members of the GMC staff in Montpelier for the benefit of those who always ask: "What do those MPR staff workers do?" There is enough work being done there to warrant the addition of an office manager beginning in June.

Field Supervisor Harry Peet announced that many women were employed this year in the LT Patrols and as caretakers and ranger-naturalists. A new set of sign standards will be drafted by Peet and presented to the club at the next board of directors' meeting.

Treasurer Preston Bristow announced that this was the first year the GMC budget has exceeded \$100,000! His report was in the form of a cash sheet and this will be changed in form next year to a balance sheet report.

The proposed amendment to the Articles of Association (see May issue of the LT News)

was passed by GMC members present.

Section Reports were NOT read but given to the Executive Board due to the late hour of the Annual Meeting. Rob Carey voiced his opinion that this was a very important part of the Annual Meeting and that he would like to hear the reports of the sections read at future Annual Meetings.

The annual allocation of directors under the present by-laws was discussed with regard to obtaining institution and organization memberships as well as obtaining MORE SECTION MEMBERSHIPS to increase representation for the sections.

Dorothy Knight presented the 1979-1980 slate of officers as follows: President - Douglas James; Vice-Pres. - James Wilkinson, Jr.; Secretary - Elizabeth C. Paulson; Treasurer - Preston Bristow, and Auditor - Newell Briggs.

After lunch the Annual Meeting reconvened and section awards were presented according to the categories listed in the last LT News.

The meeting adjourned just in time for those members who wished to join the group for the Essex Ferry trip.

GMC DIRECTORS' MEETING

by Ray Catozzi
May 26, 1979

Some highlights of the annual directors' meeting which immediately follows the Annual Meeting of the general membership are as follows:

-- the establishment of two new GMC sections called Ottauquechee in Woodstock, Vt. and Le Sectione GMC du Montreal, Quebec. So we are now truly an international hiking club with a link to American history by an "Indian" section.

-- the GMC president's office is now

filled again by a Bay Stater, Doug James.

-- GMC now has official IRS tax-exempt status which enables anyone making a contribution to the section or the main club not to worry anymore about its being disallowed on their income tax deductions. Donators, line forms on the right, Churchill will take your money; then we can get the Kirk Fund up to \$5,000 more quickly.

-- there will be, as reported in the LT News, both an intersectional encampment at the usual time at Mt. Norris Scout Reservation in Lake Eden, Vt. and an Autumn Weekend Outing again at the Mt. Meadows Campground near Lincoln, Vt.

-- there is a good possibility, according to Don Wallace, that there will be another Winter Weekend in 1980, but in a different location. Last March they hiked and tented out on the Killington Section of the LT near Sunnyside Shelter.

-- the last item of the directors' meeting which came up so late that it wasn't even on the agenda, and which directly affects just the Killington Section (along with the main club) is a sudden possible major relocation of the Long Trail from Sherburne Pass south all the way around Pico on the westerly side to rejoin the present trail south of Pico. This proposal was made to the directors by Preston Bristow, National Park Service representative for AT protection, at the request of the Pico Peak Resort Area which has possible long range plans of expanding their ski area around Pico to the east. Their new area would overlap the Long Trail in one or more places for a possible total distance of 1/2 mile.

Steve Rice, GMC executive director, made a counter proposal to at least keep the trail crossing at the height of land in Sherburne Pass, instead of way down the highway near Beaver Pond.

Pico Ski Area wants a decision within a month, so the directors voted for the proper officers, directors and committee men to get together with the ski area officials and work something out agreeable to all concerned including the Killington Section. A KS director (yours truly) has requested to be included in any and all meetings on this important issue.

KILLINGTON SECTION CAMPS AT BROMLEY SHELTER

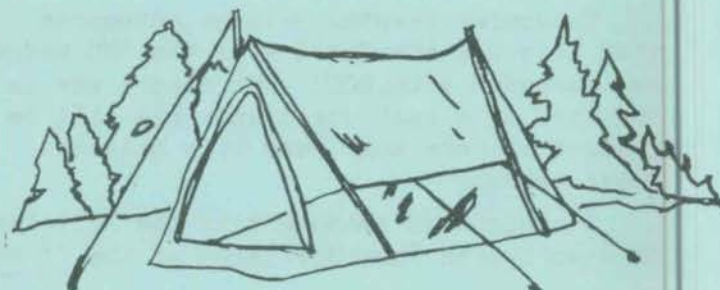
by Rachael Charland
March 24 & 25, 1979

Bad weather forecasts did not deter four stalwart backpackers from enjoying an overnight at Bromley Shelter. The four were Rob Carey, Churchill Scott, Lex Burton, and Rae W. Charland. Anna Nyiri and her granddaughter joined the foursome en route to the shelter.

Cars had to be parked at the ski lodge, a mile away, as the parking lot was not plowed out! Additional dry wood was hauled via Schmidt's sled.

Overcast skies even discouraged the skiers, so they began leaving the area while K.S. members enjoyed their mid-day meal in the 60 degree temperature. Rob Carey didn't think there would be enough snow for snowshoes so he just hiked along, attired in his famous shorts, behind the snowshoers until such time as he miscalculated the thickness of the snow-covered ice over a small stream. THEN A SUDDEN ICY FOOTBATH AMID HIS SCREAMS OF ENJOYMENT ???!!! He was lucky that we didn't have far to go to reach the shelter after an otherwise delightful snowshoe trip exploring Bromley trails.

Very little wood was needed for warming the shelter as we prepared our evening repast. Prior to our evening card games, Lex prepared some apples for baking atop the stove. Needless to say, those tasty fruits fortified with chocolate bits, brown sugar and raisins were hastily devoured before bedtime. The temperature of the cabin was 90 degrees with windows and door open! Rain battered the roof for a few minutes late Saturday evening (guess who bet it wouldn't rain?), but sunshine greeted us for Sunday as three of us took to the trail toward Prospect Rock -- which proves again how changeable Vermont weather can be!



3 KILLINGTON SECTION WORK PARTIES (A) BIG SUCCESS

by Ray Catozzi

Saturday - April 24 - Rte. 140 to Rte. 103

When our present schedule was set up last February no definite plans were made as to where to start the '79 season's work, but a ski trip by Pres. Carl Schmidt and Rob Carey into Sunnyside soon thereafter settled our priorities in a hurry. The outhouse at Sunnyside, which a large work party had rehabilitated in April of '78 (two walls missing), was even more ventilated after last winter -- all 4 walls were missing this time, and presumed burned in the shelter stove.

So Joe Dicton, Sr., our new Trails and Shelters Chairman, got the news, and promptly built a complete new one in his driveway at home. Made from rough boards, except the seat, and completely covered by old corrugated sheet metal, it was hauled all the way into Sunnyside in Joe's pickup truck, carried by six muscle men up to its location behind the shelter, and placed over a brand new pit dug by this same Killington WPA gang: Al Pulling, Joe Dicton, Sr., Joe Dicton, Jr., Rob Carey, Carl Schmidt, and Ray Catozzi. It is fervently hoped this metal outhouse will encourage the beer partiers to look for deadwood for their winter warming.

That was only a part of the great achievements of the day. Boy Scout Troop #105, with Asst. Scoutmaster Steve Pulling as their leader, was asked to join us in clearing trail. Fourteen boys showed up at the fire station that morning ready to go to work. Steve, son of K.S. members Roma and Al Pulling, took eight boys and started clearing trail at the Gorge bridge on Rte. 103 and worked their way to Sunnyside in time for a 2:00 P.M. lunch. Churchill Scott got a much-delayed start from Rutland, but headed south from Rte. 103 and soon caught up with Steve's trail crew.

The rest of the Scouts went directly into Sunnyside with the K.S. shelter crew. Under the leadership of Mr. Phil Woodbury, four boys headed south from Sunnyside clearing trail. After a while they came back for lunch but went out again with Churchill and finished clearing all the way to the dirt road part of the trail north of Rte. 140. Two stayed at Sunnyside.

In the meantime, after the new outhouse

was installed and christened with ceremonies, all necessary repairs were made on the shelter. Roma Pulling and Pat Noyes did yard policing and Roma acted as official photographer. So, we had a good productive day with five miles of trail cleared, a new outhouse installed, and a shelter cleaned and repaired and ready for summer.

Saturday - April 28 - Rte. 103 to Lower Cold River Road

Starting at Rte. 103 this day an early crew consisting of Carl Schmidt, Joe Dicton, Sr., Carol Chapman, Rob Carey, George Reynolds, and myself headed north to Clarendon Shelter. After leaving Carl and Joe at the shelter for cleanup and minor repairs, the rest of us started clearing in a northerly direction towards the Lower Cold River Road. Carl and Joe walked back out to Rte. 103 after their shelter work, and drove around to the lower road to start working south to meet us coming north. In the meantime they picked up Al and Roma Pulling. So we had a sizeable group working towards each other. We met on the southern end of the new-relocated one mile piece of LT done by the K.S. just last fall; and then all walked out to the Lower Cold River Road! Another five miles of trail cleared and blazed, the blazing being done by Carol Chapman and Roma Pulling.

Saturday - May 12 - Lower to Upper Cold River Road

Onward we go to the north this day --- a crew consisting of Joe Dicton, Sr. with a chain saw, Joe, Jr., Carl Schmidt, Al & Roma Pulling, Rob Carey, and myself. Today we had a different chore - the job of relocating a 3/4 mile stretch of trail back to where it used to be along the Cold River before landslides washed portions of the trail into the river. It was then moved up on the flat pine woods and quite a way from the river to make use of wood roads. Hull Maynard, who owns the land in both locations, asked us if we could relocate back on the river, and this we did, following the old trail, repainting the old blazes, and moving away from the river and up on the edge of the flat woods only where we couldn't get by the landslides, which were quite like quicksand and impassable.

Joe Dicton's chainsaw made quick work of many blowdowns along this relocation as well as the regular pieces to the south and north. Roma Pulling painted the blazes all the way through this 1.6-mile stretch between the Lower and Upper Cold River Roads.

Miles cleared & blazed to date - 10.9.

Shelters & outhouses repaired - 2.

All the officers and directors of the K.S. are thankful and appreciative of the large worker turnout and accomplishments so far, with a special 3 cheers to Troop #105 of the Boy Scouts for their tremendous effort. Joe Dicton, I'm sure, in his new role as Trails & Shelters Chairman, was glad for all the helping hands so far this year.

SAID POND AND MOSCOW POND

by Churchill Scott

April 7, 1979

Again we hiked a trail from George Pearlstein's Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont and it was indeed an enjoyable experience.

It was a typical spring day as we drove to the parking area on the Regan Road, started walking on the multi-purpose trail toward Said (pronounced Si - eed' according to some hiker), and passed over the causeway at Glen Lake.

A nice dry sunny spot was chosen in which to leave our gear while we explored Moscow Pond. This body of water, high in the woods, has very interesting rock formations and ledges along its eastern shore. Ray Catozzi and Jim Frink returned via the outlet which drops and tumbles over rocks and ledges.

After lunch we all walked along an old logging road, passed by the Scotch Hill Trail, stopped at an overlook of Glen Lake and finally arrived at the causeway again.

Back at the parking lot a very serious and heated debate took place concerning the length of the hike. The schedule said 4 miles, the leader said 3 miles, but actual guidebook figures said 5.5! Oh well, it was not too hard.

WILGUS STATE PARK, BEN ROLSTON REUNION

by Churchill Scott

May 4-6, 1979

It was very encouraging that a number of members came on this weekend Killington Section outing. "Sandy" Stare, the Palens, Bob Attenboro, Ray Secor and his wife, and "Frenchy" Garfield were some of the old-timers attending Ben Rolston's reunion.

Rachel intended to lead a sunrise hike to the Pinnacle on Saturday, but no one could be coaxed out of his warm sleeping bag.

Work was the order of the day on Saturday, raking up the campsites, cutting up trees felled by beavers, and putting in place stairs to the boat landing.

An enjoyable walk up the trail to the Pinnacle was led by Rae in the afternoon.

Next Ben took us along the Connecticut River showing his own nature trail which passes by a number of C.C.C. fireplaces built in the mid-'30's.

In the evening we were entertained by Ben Rolston's slides showing the trail that he constructed from Lost Pond to Baker Peak and Mauri Winturri's slides of the AT and LT.

On Sunday some members left early while others stayed on to continue the work around the camp.

LONG TRAIL - GROUT JOB TO PROSPECT ROCK

by Churchill Scott

May 19-20, 1979

Another end-to-end hike has come and gone, and once again very few K.S. members joined in. Rob Carey, Rachael Charland and Churchill Scott left early Saturday morning, parked a car at the bottom of the Rootville Road and continued on to the beginning of our hike where the trail crosses the East Arlington - West Wardshoro Road near Grout Job. Would you believe we found snow alongside the road? So, of course, everyone had to pile out, take pictures and make a snowball.

We began hiking too early to run into the Worcester Section members who were having a work party in that area but we did hear a chainsaw in the distance and subsequent hikers from the south said they had encountered the workers.

We lunched at the site of the old Willis Ross Shelter and trudged on over a great amount of rather wet trail.

At Bourne Pond Shelter (South) we met two parties of hikers before continuing on to North Bourne Pond Shelter where we spent a very enjoyable time near the shore so we could look east to Stratton Mountain, yet far enough away so the spring peepers were insudible.

The temperature was an even 50 degrees with just enough wind to keep every black fly and mosquito away. However, Sunday was much warmer and humid.

Before leaving, we met a man hiking the Trail to U.S. 4, possibly to Canada. In time, after lots of mud and a few detours, we reached Douglas Shelter where soon the Brattleboro Section arrived to finish repairing the bunks, changing them from wire to boards. After discussing whether to return by Route 100 or Route 7, we made our way down to the Rootville Road and home.

BOOK REVIEW

by Carol Chapman

New editions of two unique books for anyone interested in identifying Vermont's trees and shrubs have just been published by the Charles E. Tuttle Company. They are The Handbook of Vermont Trees by G.P. Burns and C.H. Otis and The Handbook of Vermont Shrubs and Woody Vines by L.R. Jones and F.V. Rand.

The Handbook of Vermont Trees, a guidebook to trees in all seasons, is illustrated with line drawings of leaves, twigs, flowers and fruit and photographs of bark. Nature lovers will welcome the return of this easy-to-understand, informative volume, first published by the Agricultural Experiment Station at UVM in 1916. It is available in paperback at Tuttle's Bookstore for \$5.25.

A companion volume, The Handbook of Vermont Shrubs and Woody Vines contains descriptions of a variety of plants, both common and rare, with notes on their edibility, poisonous nature, legendary properties, and ornamental values. Did you know how witch-hazel acquired its name? "The forked branches of the witch-hazel were formerly much used as 'divining rods' in searching for hidden springs of water

or deposits of ore." This well-illustrated, fact-filled book is available at Tuttle's for \$3.95.

HIKE REMINDERS FROM LAST SCHEDULE

On Saturday, June 23, Roma Pulling and Mauri Winturri will lead an easy hike to the Amity Pond Naturalist Area near Pomfret. Roma advises wearing footgear suitable for wet ground.

Celebrate the Fourth of July at Silver Lake. Join your K.S. friends in this scenic hiking spot above Lake Dunmore. We'll pass the Falls of Lana en route. Bring your lunch and bathing suit.

HOW TO FIGHT BLACK FLIES

A University of Maine entomologist, Arthur Gall, says he has come up with a new way of fighting black flies which may look foolish, but helps prevent bites.

A reflective hat coated with oil can trap many of these irritating insects. A white aluminum hard hat or aluminum foil taped or stapled over another hat may be used. Baby oil, mineral oil, or even automotive oil should be applied liberally. This makes an effective fly catcher which should aid the hiker or outdoorsman.

PEANUT BUTTER BARS

(from Diet for a Small Planet by Frances Lappe)

Mix in bowl:

- 1 cup powdered milk
- 1 cup shredded cocoanut
- 1 cup sesame seed
- 1 cup soy protein powder

In a sauce pan heat carefully:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup honey

Add the above ingredients and mix well. Transfer to a cookie sheet, roll out and cut while hot. Makes 20 bars. For backpacking, wrap individually in wax paper and plastic bag.

-- contributed by Rachael Charland

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

The Killington Section is pleased to welcome its two new group members, Spring Lake Ranch and Boy Scout Troop #105.

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
132 Maple Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

SPECIAL THANKS TO TROOP #105

Fourteen Boy Scouts from Troop #105, a new Killington Section member, put in a busy day clearing trail at the work party on April 21st. (See article on work parties for further details).

The Club wishes to extend its appreciation to:

Matt Ovisan	David Van Guilder
Matt Malmgren	Chris Whitehair
Gary Ackerman	Kevin Gray
Jeff Gaiko	Rick Hedding
Clay Palmer	Joe Minard
Danny Palmer	Steve Fredette
Larry Fenn	Sean Coppinger

& Steve Pulling, Asst. Scoutmaster.

LEAVE NOTHING BUT
FOOTPRINTS !

Remove all litter from trails

Clean campsites

Always take trash home

Clean woodlands are YOUR responsibility

KEEP VERMONT BEAUTIFUL!

GMC
KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER
JUNE, 1979

Adams, Martha	c/o E. Russell 33 Thayer St. Box 1097 44 Bertwell Rd. Box 59 Foot Hill Rd., R.D. Box 834 Box 367 70 Killington Ave.	Providence, R.I. 02906 Middletown Springs, VT 05757 Lexington, Mass. 02173 Hartland Four Corners, VT 05049 West Rutland, VT 05777 Rutland, VT 05701 Dearborn, MI 48121 Rutland, VT 05701
Barber, Mr./Mrs. David	Box 131	Dorset, VT 05251
Bequaert, Frank	R.D. #2	Poultney, VT 05764
Berezin, Iris	179 Union St.	Springfield, VT 05156
Berg, Anna	Box 391	Rutland, VT 05701
Berger, Jean	Perry Lane	Rutland, VT 05701
Blaskovich, Mrs. W.J.	103 Bellevue Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Boy Scout Troop #105	39 East St.	Rutland, VT 05701
(c/o Mr. D. Marquard)	125 Church St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Bryant, Harriot	167 Lincoln Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Caddell, Ralph	R.D. #2	Rutland, VT 05701
Cahee, Hedrick	249 Lincoln Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Carey, Robert	276 N. Beverwyck Rd.	Rutland, VT 05701
Carpenter, Robert	Camp Betsy Cox	Parsippany, N.J. 07054
Catozzi, Raymond	R.D. #1, Box 536	Pittsford, VT 05763
Chapman, Carol	Sugarwood Hill Rd.	Springfield, VT 05156
Charland, Rachael	287 Loudville Rd.	Rutland, VT 05701
Cioffredi, Peg	General Delivery	Easthampton, MA 01027
Conlon, George	19 Crescent St.	Londonderry, VT 05148
Crowther, John	1200 Woodside Dr., C-4	Rutland, VT 05701
Culvert, Harry	31 Bilodeau Pkwy.	Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
Davis, Mr./Mrs. Charles	10 Elm St.	Burlington, VT 05401
Day, Mr./Mrs. Wilman	60 Litchfield Ave.	Randolph, VT 05060
Dicton, Joseph, Sr. & Jr.	Sugarwood Hill Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Eberlin, Joel	8 E. Washington St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Elwert, Cecilia	Box 61	Rutland, VT 05701
Elwert, Fred	Box 123	N. Clarendon, VT 05759
Fitzgerald, Mr./Mrs. Brian	R.D. #1, Box 475-A	Rutland, VT 05701
Frank, Joseph	280 Fort Washington Ave.	Springfield, VT 05156
Frink, Helen	7 Curtis Ave.	New York, N.Y. 10032
Frink, Jim		Rutland, VT 05701
Kiesel, Peter	R.D. #1	Chester, VT 05143
Kirk, Mrs. George (Dorothy)	Loretto Home	Rutland, VT 05701
Knipes, Brian & Chris	26 Boutwell Road	Andover, MA 01810
Knipes, Veda	453 Victor Way	Wyckoff, N.J. 07481
Magoon, Paul	167 Stratton Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Maier, Elsie	R.D. #2, Box 269-F	Laconia, N.H. 03246
Martin, Mr./Mrs. John	170 Stratton Road	Rutland, VT 05701
& David	41 Wachusett Ave.	Shrewsbury, MA 01545
Mausolff, Anne	90 Woodstock Stage	Rutland, VT 05701
Mullin, Ruth (LaBrake)	4118-D Providence Rd.	Charlotte, N.C. 28211
Newton, Doris	242 S. Main St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Nuffert, John	Sawyer Hill Rd.	Mt. Holly, VT 05758
Nyiri, Anna	R.D. #2	Rutland, VT 05701
Ogden, Herbert G., Jr.	R.D. #1	Rutland, VT 05701
Parsons, Carl	8 Hillcrest Rd.	Springfield, VT 05156
Perkins, Christopher & Ralph		
Perkins, Mr./Mrs. Craigie		
Perkins, Mr./Mrs. Robert		
Perkins, Vera		
Perutz, Lottie		
Pulling, Mr./Mrs. Alfred		
Randall, Margaret		
Reynolds, George		

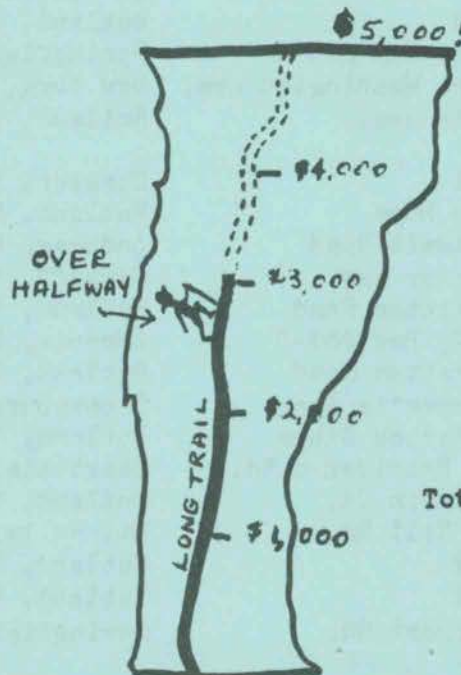
KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER (cont.)

Rogers, Harold	223 Adams St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Rolston, Ben	Box 196	Ascutney, VT 05030
Romeo, John	39 Wyoming St.	Commack, N.Y. 11725
Rosenthal, Arnold & Dorothy	8 Ford Hill Rd.	Whippany, N.J. 07981
Roulier, Bettina	25 Piedmont Pkwy.	Rutland, VT 05701
Russell, Ellen	33 Thayer St.	Providence, R.I. 02906
Schmidt, Carl & Nancy	73 Edgerton St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Charles & Ellen		
Schneider, Norman	3952 Pine St.	Philadelphia, PA 19104
Scott, Churchill & Kim	132 Maple St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Simonds, William	18 Terrace Hill	Proctor, VT 05765
Smith, Mr./Mrs. R. Clark	179 Grove St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Spring Lake Ranch	R.D.	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
(Attn.: Laura Kreidler)		
Unsworth, Karen	45 N. Main St., Apt. 2	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Thelma	93 Killington Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Anna, John, Mary, & Thomas	R.D. #2	Rutland, VT 05701
Walker, Eleanor	87 Baxter St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Wallach, Maria	Box 212	Wallingford, VT 05773
Weeks, Mr./Mrs. Lloyd	7 Harvard St.	Springfield, VT 05156
Weston, Wilbur	R.D. #4, Box FV 21	Apex, N.C. 27502
Whalen, Kathryn	95 Main St.	Ludlow, VT 05149
Wilson, Carleton	9 Harvard St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Winturri, Mauri	179 High St.	Fitchburg, MA 01420
Woodbury, Mr./Mrs. Philip	Box 53	Perkinsville, VT 05151
Zedayko, Jane	32 Washington St.	Fair Haven, VT 05743

KIRK FUND (as of June 1, 1979)

\$1,000 - Certificate of Deposit - purchased 1/31/78	\$1109.77
\$1,000 - Certificate of Deposit - purchased 4/2/79	\$1013.42
90-Day Account	\$ 908.97

TOTAL \$3,032.16



HELP THE
HIKER REACH
HIS GOAL
FOR THE
KIRK FUND

Total on Jun. 1st
\$ 3,032.16

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
KILLINGTON SECTION HIKE SCHEDULE
SUMMER 1979

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact: Carl Schmidt, Pres., 73 Edgerton Street, 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, Vice-Pres., 103 Bellevue Avenue, 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

JULY 6-8 (Fri.-Sun.)
15.9 mi. 6:00 P.M.

KILLINGTON SECTION OF THE LONG TRAIL
A challenging hike from Rte. 103 north to Route 4 at Sherburne Pass. Two nights and two days backpacking past 5 of our 7 shelters and over Killington and Pico Peaks. Joint trip with our new organization member, Boy Scout Troop #105.

Ray Catozzi for GMC 773-3006
Steve Pulling for Scouts 773-6997

JULY 17 (Tues.) 6:00 P.M.

SUPPER HIKE AT WHITE ROCKS PICNIC AREA
Walk the Cliffside Trail - 1 mile or take the trail to the Ice Beds - 2 miles.

Churchill Scott 775-5720

JULY 29 (Sun.) 9:00 A.M.
(approx. 3mi.)

MT. HANLEY West Rutland. An easy hike to the ridge with lookouts over the Castleton Valley. Leader to be announced.

AUG. 4 (Sat.) 2:00 P.M.

DEDICATION OF MINERVA HINCHEY SHELTER
Sunnyside Shelter will be renamed in honor of Minerva Hinchey, corresponding secretary for the Main Club for 22 years and K.S. member for many years.

Ray Catozzi 773-3006

AUG. 11 (Sat.) 9:00 A.M.

WORK PARTY from Gov. Clement Shelter north.

Joe Diction 775-4446

AUG. 18 (Sat.) 9:00 A.M.

LIBERTY HILL Pittsfield - Rochester area.
Hike an old country road to see some great views.

Jim Frink 775-4925

AUG. 25-SEPT. 3
(Sat.-Mon.)

INTERSECTIONAL AT MT. NORRIS BOY SCOUT CAMP
Eden Mills, Vt. See May issue of LT News for further information.

SEPT. 16 (Sun.) 8:30 A.M.

TACONIC TRAIL An easy hike in the area of the Vt.-Mass.-N.Y. border. The hike begins at North Pownal and follows the N.Y.-Mass. border. More information will be given in the Rutland Herald

Ray Catozzi 773-3006

SEPT. 21-23 (Fri.-Sun.)

AUTUMN OUTING, MT. MEADOWS CAMPGROUND, LINCOLN, VT. - Make early reservations for this repeat gathering of all GMC sections during foliage season. (Those arriving at night must be there before 11:00 P.M.).

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED; WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DRIVING DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



PER*41 07191331 FORWARD TO:

PERKINS
4118 PROVIDENCE RD #D
CHARLOTTE NC 28211

Robert & Thelma Perkins
1141 Culligan Blvd.
San Jose, California 95120



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 32, NUMBER 3 KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB JULY-SEPTEMBER, 1979

APPALACHIAN TRAIL PROJECT AND THE KILLINGTON SECTION

On August 8, Preston Bristow, formerly assistant director of the GMC, and currently representative for the Appalachian Trail Conference and the National Park Service, met with the Killington Section board of directors to report on progress in securing the Appalachian Trail under the recently enacted federal legislation, and specifically to report on possible trail relocations within the Killington Section.

There are four sections of trail within the Killington Section that may be affected. From south to north, proposed relocations are:

(1) Bear Mountain Relocation. The proposed trail would be moved west from the Bear Mountain Road, go over the summit of Bear Mountain, and rejoin the present trail near the Wallingford/Shrewsbury town line. This would provide a scenically pleasant trail and remove hiker traffic from the houses at the junction of Route 1140 and the Bear Mountain Road.

(2) Cold River Relocation. The proposed trail would run west and north of the current trail, leaving the junction of Cold River and Keiffer Roads, following the eastern bank of the Cold River and rejoining the trail at the East Branch of the Cold River. This would remove the trail from town highway and private woods road and make it more remote from homes.

(3) Clarendon Outlook Relocation. This relocation would change the access to the Clarendon Gorge, which until recently has run through a roadside auction establishment. Going north, the proposed trail would bear left after crossing the Gorge bridge, climb over a wooded knob on Fish & Game land, cross

Route 103, and continue north of the existing trail (now in an easterly direction) until it rejoins the existing trail below the summit of Beacon Hill.

Note: The trail south from Route 103 to the Clarendon Gorge Bridge was temporarily relocated this summer; the A.T. relocation will pretty much follow the trail as it is currently re-routed. We thank Chuck Wade for the fine job of clearing and blazing which he did in the Clarendon Gorge area.

(4) Little Killington Relocation. The proposed relocation would go west of the current trail a short distance below Governor Clement Lodge, ascend the south ridge of Little Killington to the summit, and rejoin the trail near Tamarack Shelter.

As was mentioned earlier, none of these relocations is definite yet. Section members will be kept informed through Smoke and Blazes.

There is one other relocation under discussion, though it was not initiated by the Appalechian Trail bill. Landowner corporations in the Pico area have requested that the Trail be moved to the west to allow for expansion of ski areas and possible residential development expansion. This relocation would move the trail from the crossing at Sherburne Pass. The request for relocation is under consideration by the GMC Main Club officials, and no relocation will be made that is not acceptable to all organizations involved.



TWO NEWCOMERS' IMPRESSIONS OF INTERSECTIONAL

RACCOONS IN THE GARBAGE

by

Roma Pulling

I received a wet introduction to my first Intersectional. Rachael Charland and I arrived at Mount Norris Scout Reservation in Eden Mills about 8:00 A.M. in the rain -- not a gentle pitter-patter but a real sod-soaker. We then proceeded to set up Rachael's tent in the rain, a good beginning, I guess, because everything had to look good after that. We were preceded by Mauri Winturri of Killington Section and later joined by Rob Carey.

When the storm let up toward noon, we roamed around the campground and were impressed with the size of it. After lunch at our campsite, there being very little activity at the meet, we ventured across Route 100 to climb Mt. Norris, from which the camp receives its name. The trail was poorly marked and overgrown with brush -- WET brush! It could almost be said we swam to the top.

When we returned to camp, we wrung out our clothes, prepared our supper and produced, as if by magic, a cake complete with candles, as a little bird had informed me it was Rob Carey's birthday.

The evening activity consisted of an informal meeting in the dining hall, where I was amazed to discover I was the only Vermonter present!

Shortly after retiring to our tent, peace was shattered by the clang of the trash bin cover being knocked to the ground. One ambitious soul-- not from KS!!! -- shined a flashlight on the scene and discovered a raccoon raiding the garbage. We had been forewarned of this possibility and had our foodstuffs safely stowed in the car.

We arose Sunday to near-perfect weather conditions. The KS members joined a group -- or did they join us? -- hiking from the Johnson-Waterville road to Rte. 15. All the rain that fell the day before seemed to have collected on this trail. We slogged, waded, and sometimes temporarily left the trail to get to Prospect Rock for our lunch, and it was

worth it. There is a really lovely view of the Lamoille River valley. From here it was an easy walk to our car, and when Rachael and I started home, I was determined that although this was my first Intersectional it would not be my last.

MY FIRST INTERSECTIONAL

by

W. Beverly Davis

As a new member of G.M.C. and attending my first Intersectional that was held on Mt. Norris at the Boy Scout Camp, I would like to congratulate Dot for the tremendous work she did during the week.

Unfortunately I was only able to come for the last weekend. Many had left to go home before the Labor Day rush, but for those who stayed it was most enjoyable with a lovely dinner and square dancing on Saturday evening.

After a good hike on Sunday, the large campfire and harmonica playing just topped off the evening.

I am looking forward to our next intersectional gathering in 1980.

A CHANGE AT SUNNYSIDE CAMP

by Ray Catozzi

Sunnyside Camp is no more. No, it didn't burn down again; it's still there, just off the LT south of Spring Lake. It has a new name, the MINERVA HINCHEY SHELTER.

This camp, which has been used by the KS for many years for many memorable outings including our most recent winter-moonlight hikes, was the scene recently of dedication ceremonies in the renaming of the camp. Minerva Hinchey was for 22 years the corresponding secretary for the GMC at little or no pay for most of that time, and for many years a member of the Killington Section. Minerva's dedication and loyalty to the club were known by hikers from all over the northeast. She died last March at the age of 83.

The renaming ceremony took place on a pleasant sunny Saturday afternoon on the 4th of August. About 40 people gathered there to enjoy a party-like atmos-

phere and to listen to various people talk about Minerva. Among the guests who spoke were Ben Rolston, former GMC president, and Frank Hinchey, Jr. from Cincinnati, Ohio, Minerva's nephew.

Ben came over from his job as supervisor of Wilgus State Park on the Connecticut River, saying he had attended the dedication and naming of the Lula Tye Shelter on Little Rock Pond, and he didn't want to miss out on this one. Lula Tye was also a secretary for the GMC a good many years ago.

Frank Hinchey spoke of his appreciation of what the club was doing in memory of Minerva.

A new sign reading MINERVA HINCHEY SHELTER was bolted on the front of the building, in place of the old Sunnyside Camp sign.

Mauri Winturri, who originated the idea of renaming Sunnyside in Minerva's honor, enjoyed the outing with a can of his favorite liquid refreshment in his hand, even while everybody else was drinking lemonade and eating crackers and cheese dip, courtesy of Carl and Nancy Schmidt.

It was a pleasurable outing, however brief, and a memorable one for those who were there.

MIDDLEBURY GAP TO SUCKER BROOK SHELTER

by Rachael Charland
June 9, 1979

After spotting our cars, nine hikers began a steep climb from Route 125 to Lake Pleiad Shelter. Carl Schmidt, KS president, indicated to the hikers the good maintenance work that had been completed on the trail we trod and how he hoped all hikers would join in such an endeavor to keep the LT so well groomed. There were three evidences of the trail being rerouted and these were well marked.

We didn't stop at Worth Mt. Lodge as we wanted to obtain the "spectacular view to the northeast" promised by the GMC guidebook -- needless to say, we were not that lucky as a heavy haze obscured the distant mountains.

The group was somewhat divided into the Fast Pacers led by Carl and the Tur-

tle-Trotters led by this writer; however, we all met at Sucker Brook Shelter where we were greeted by hikers from the Big Apple.

After a refreshing rest, we mistakenly took a wide dirt road that wasn't the usual trail back to the location of our cars, but since it was such easy traveling we didn't mind being several feet from the regular entrance of the trail.

Before all departed, Barbara Tenny, a new hiker, invited us to accompany her to view the mountain pinks which were in bloom along Lake Griffith. This writer can vouch for the loveliness of those luscious pink blooms as I was the lone KS member who accompanied Barbara and her nephew on Sunday. That third grader certainly knew his short cut route to Lake Griffith. We had a difficult time choosing from the many picnic sites along the lake. Barbara has many excellent snapshots of the mountain pinks in bloom in this area that she would like to share with you. As an added treat of the day, as we talked over the day's journey in her doorway, we noted a double rainbow hovering over the brook that runs by her home. Thanks for the invitation, Barbara -- remember to tell us again next year when the mountain pinks are in bloom along that lake!

OLD BALDY

by Carol Chapman
June 17, 1979

Nine hikers met at the fire station on this hot, sunny day in June. A tenth hiker, Anne Taylor, a newcomer from Quechee, met us at the bridge in Bridgewater.

After making a preliminary scouting hike up Old Baldy from the South Woodstock side with Churchill Scott several weeks previous to the scheduled hike, I decided it would be better to take the familiar trail up the west side than to go bushwhacking through evergreens.

First we followed an old road and then a trail leading to an old stone wall. Along the way a couple of us spotted a doe running near the trail. Little toads were so numerous that we had to step carefully to avoid them.

By the stone wall the trail disappeared and left us wondering, but thanks to some scouting in opposite directions by Steve Pulling and Ray Catozzi, we found our way to the summit of the mountain.

Old Baldy may have once been treeless, but now is forested except for the very top. We picnicked there in an Indian paintbrush-dotted field with a magnificent view of the surrounding mountains.

Several streams crossing the trail helped us to quench our thirst on the way down. According to Steve's pedometer, the round trip was nearly seven miles, several miles longer than publicized. But we Killington Section members, being a hardy and determined lot, all made it to the top.

AMITY POND NATURAL AREA

by Roma Pulling
June 23, 1979

The skies were threatening when seven of us gathered at the fire station, but fortunately a storm never materialized. We enjoyed partial sunshine and comfortable temperatures throughout this 2 1/2 mile walk (as recorded on Mauri Winturri's pedometer). The leisurely pace we set allowed plenty of time for lingering at the tiny pond and the two shelters. The area's only view of distant mountains can be had from a knoll near the pond.

An unexpected bonus on this hike were large patches of luscious wild strawberries, where we proceeded to gorge ourselves. An accommodating workman had just mowed an open area, a bit of luck for us, as otherwise this feast would have been hidden.

The bugs which pestered me on a previous visit here were absent, but not mourned! We did spot numerous toads and one red eft. A patch of delicate white flowers which none of us recognized proved to be a one-flowered wintergreen, or one-flowered pyrola, depending on which book one consults.

Ironically, the most thrilling glimpse of wildlife that day was not in the "natural area." Five of us sighted two graceful does on the way back to Rutland

and watched them several minutes, a most satisfying end to a delightful outing.

FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC

by Rachael Charland

On July 4th fourteen hikers drove to a country road leading to Silver Lake (near Lake Dunmore). It was a very long and stone-infested lane, but eventually we found the parking area. Mauri Winturri suggested this particular entrance to Silver Lake picnic grounds because the grade to climb would be gradual as the day was one of the summer's sunniest.

With so many side paths to investigate the temptation to several hikers couldn't be resisted, so for a while we wondered where George Reynolds, who was carrying our watermelon, had disappeared. When he did arrive at the picnic table -- oops! you guessed it, he tripped over something (his feet?) and the loud bang heard was our watermelon splitting into sections. Didn't spoil the taste at all as everyone who shared it agreed.

Three venturesome souls went swimming in the chilly waters; others climbed Mt. Moosalamoo and still another group went seeking the Falls of Lana where only a slight trickle of water could be seen struggling over the huge rocks. A darkening sky hastened our departure -- needless to say, the first Fourth of July picnic of the Killington Section could be called a success!

ROUTE 103 TO ROUTE 4

by Roma Pulling
July 6-8, 1979

Five regular Killington Section members led by Ray Catozzi along with 11 scouts of Boy Scout Troop #105 and their leader, Steve Pulling, hiked this section off trail the weekend of July 6th through 8th. The weather was perfect -- cool at night and sunny and warm but not hot during the days.

The outstanding flora seen on this hike were violet wood sorrels which were, almost literally, everywhere.

The view from the top of Beacon Hill was pretty, and we paused there to enjoy it. The hike between the lower and upper

Cold River roads, paralleling two branches of the stream, was most pleasant.

The group, which had been split into several small ones, was reunited at Governor Clement Shelter for lunch. Here we regrettably lost two hikers -- an adult who was not feeling well and a scout who didn't want to continue. The rest of us proceeded, each at his/her own pace, to Tamarack Shelter for the night. The shelter was occupied by two other groups of hikers, so our party occupied the campground for a very restful night.

On Sunday, July 8, the most strenuous hiking behind us, we set a leisurely pace to Cooper Lodge. There we paused long enough for a short but steep climb to the summit of Killington. The vistas in all directions were fabulous and well worth the effort.

Between Killington and Pico Peaks the grade is easy but walking difficult because of the muddy and badly eroded condition of the trail with tree roots exposed. Our group was reunited again at Pico Camp for lunch and welcomed the prospect of the 2 1/2 mile home stretch to Route 4, all admitting to being slightly tired and sore but happy.

WHITE ROCKS SUPPER HIKE

by Churchill Scott
July 17, 1979

This quarter we tried something new on our schedule.

Tuesday, July 17, we planned an easy evening walk and cook-out at the White Rocks Picnic Area east of Wallingford. Over 30 people came along, and it was a special treat to have Mr. Bennett D. Bell, his wife, and two of their grandchildren. Mr. Bell was a former president of our section and a director to the main club.

After a good hearty meal, two short walks were conducted. A one-mile trip took us over the old Cliffside Trail to the White Rock Cliff overlook. A longer one, led by Ray Catozzi, followed the old Town Road via the Ice Beds Trail. At the sign describing the geological history of the area some of the more adventurous climbed up the talus slopes before returning.

It is hoped that during mid-summer while the days are long we may have more of these easy short outings.

MT. HANLEY

by Nancy Schmidt
July 29, 1979

On a very hot, muggy Sunday, twenty hikers trudged up an old logging road, around the front of Little Hanley and up over the top of Big Hanley to a rocky overlook which provided views of Bird Mountain and the Taconics beyond, as well as Route 4 and the Castleton River valley to the west. The views were somewhat reduced by the haze, but the outlook was a lovely spot.

Just as we finished lunch and were preparing to head down, six men appeared carrying hang gliders; they had come up another logging road on the north side of Mt. Hanley (in a 4-wheel drive vehicle). We all stayed and enjoyed watching them spread their wings and take off from the spot where we had just lunched.

The hike was more uphill than our experienced information sources remembered, and if the road had not been in shade the heat would have been miserable. We all agreed that this would be an excellent autumn hike with good foliage on the way up and a great view at the lookout.

Our youngest hiker was Russell Chance, five years old, and a really good hiker.

ROAD TO LIBERTY HILL

by Jim Frink
August 18, 1979

Seven people (Anna Nyiri, Kristin and Maria Theresa Nadler, Bev Davis, Rob Carey, Mauri Winturri, and I) left the fire station at 9:10 A.M.

We drove to the Colton Guest House just east of Pittsfield on Route 100 where the road to Liberty Hill commences. Mrs. Nyiri and Mauri left their cars a half mile up that road and waited for Rob Carey and me while we parked Rob's car 1/4 mile west of Route 100 where the Liberty Hill road crosses the White River. After returning in my car to meet the others, we all drove to the point where the Liberty Hill road starts up the moun-

tain.

After an hour and a half of hiking uphill, we came to a beautiful mountain meadow with views of the Green Mountains to the east, Big Wilson to the south and Little Wilson to the north.

Mauri left us at the meadow and walked back to his car. Mrs. Nyiri and the children decided to complete the hike since Rob's car would hold the six of us.

When we got to the top of Liberty Hill we stopped at the house which previously belonged to my good friends, Joe and Eva Wintermute. The present owners are Ray Quillia and his wife, who greeted us and cordially invited us in to see how they had rebuilt the place. It was marvelous to see what they had done with that old house. Now it is a very beautifully built and perfectly furnished home with an added large fireplace and many other additions.

The end of the hike was just a mile down the road and we reached the car just when the raindrops commenced to fall.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO DID TRAIL AND SHELTER WORK...

Our thanks to all the volunteers who have helped us maintain the Section's heavily used trails and shelters. For much-needed work at Cooper Lodge, thanks to Gary Salmon and his state forest colleagues, Ray Auger, the GMC Southern Caretaker Supervisor, and campers from Camp Betsy Cox. Also we'd like to thank Suzanne Deemer, Cooper Lodge caretaker for the summer just past, for all the work she did.

AND A REQUEST FOR WORKERS AT PICO AND CLARENDON!

There are two work parties on the fall schedule for the purpose of fixing up Pico Camp and Clarendon. Pico Camp and its outhouse are in serious need of repair; bad weather has cancelled our last two attempts to work there. We are asking for a good turnout on Sept. 29 and Oct. 27 in order to get these shelters spruced up and clean again.

ADVICE TO NEW (AND EXPERIENCED) HIKERS

1. Hikers should always wear sturdy footwear and dress warmly according to the season; remember that the shaded woods or the top of a mountain can be much cooler than Main St. Park. Since small children will usually manage to get wet pretty soon during any hike, extra dry socks and clothing are a must, especially in winter.

2. Children and young teenagers should be in the control of parents or some other pre-assigned adult at all times. No hiker should wander far ahead of, or behind, the main group unless the hiker is thoroughly familiar with the area and informs the group of his/her intent. All hikers should carry whistles and use them immediately if disoriented with respect to the main group. And, if you give another hiker a ride, make sure that the hiker has return transportation if you decide to leave early.

3. Taking unleashed dogs into the woods is a bad idea. Even well-trained dogs will chase wild animals and get lost or get a noseful of porky quills. Most landowners strongly object to loose dogs roaming over their property.

4. Some hikers enjoy pleasant conversation and making new friends, while others most enjoy the quiet of the woods. Arguments, complaints, and loud discussions are seldom welcome. The best rule is (plagiarizing Thumper): "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all."

A WHALE WATCH, ANYONE?

A sunny sky, a salty wave, accompanied this writer along with 81 other passengers June 16th on a sturdy boat which left Provincetown pier about 3 P.M. All eyes were glued to the horizon seeking the first glimpse of a WHALE!

Not many minutes passed when the cry "Thar she blows!" indicated at least one whale had been sighted. Cameras of many types clicked feverishly trying to capture the graceful monster's movements as he once more dived into the deep.

During the trip three species of

whales were seen: the Right Whale, the Blue Fin Whale, and the Humpback Whale. Anyone who hasn't experienced this exhilarating trip should contact a member of the St. Albans Section for reservations on next year's trip.

A THANK YOU

A special "thanks" to Rob Carey for his efforts in trying to find the entrance to the trail to Davis neighborhood and the two short hikes he so patiently endured so I could gain additional mileage toward my End-to-End.

-- Rachael

RECOMMENDED READING

Dan Doan's Fitness Program for Hikers and Cross-Country Skiers is a well-illustrated book of isometric, calisthenic, and endurance exercises that can help get you into shape for the ski season. Dan, author of Fifty Hikes in the White Mountains, developed this fitness program based on his own experiences. Following the exercises is an appendix with tips and advice on backpacking, clothing, diet, etc. New Hampshire Publishing Co. \$4.95.

DECEMBER DEADLINE

Please submit all hike reports and articles for the December issue of Smoke and Blazes to the editor by December 1. Mail material to:

Carol Chapman
39 East St.
Rutland, VT 05701

NEW MEMBERS - 1 SEPT. 1979

Badger, Mr/Mrs. Robert (Carolyn)
43 Gloria Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701

Davis, Beverly
99 Center St., Rutland, VT. 05701

Roberts, Mr./Mrs. Richard (Frances)
2 Hill Place, Springfield, VT 05156

Tumlin, Susan
21 1/2 Park St., Rutland, VT 05701

Chance, John (Family)
Box 244, East Wallingford, VT 05742

KIRK FUND

\$1,000 - Certificate of Deposit -
purchased 1/31/78\$1131.95

\$1,000 - Certificate of Deposit -
purchased 4/2/79\$1034.34

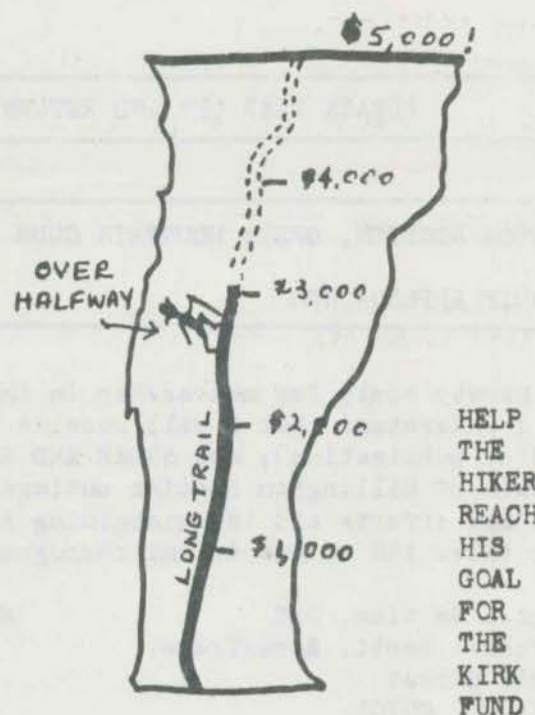
90-Day Account\$ 939.11

TOTAL\$3105.40

BEST WISHES!

Word has been received of the recent marriage of Cecelia Elwert. She is now

Mrs. Cecelia Elwert-Bissell
R.D. #2, Signal Tree Farm
Putney, VT 05346



Total on Sept. 1st
\$3105.40



MINERVA HINCHEY SHELTER DEDICATION

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
132 Maple Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

HIKE SCHEDULE

FALL, 1979

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton St., 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, Vice-President, 103 Bellevue Avenue, 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION-EVENT
SEPT. 29 (Sat.)	8:30 A.M.	WORK PARTY. Shelter repair at Pico Camp. Rain date: Sept. 30. Joe Dicton 775-4446
OCT. 6 (Sat.) 4 mi.	8:30 A.M.	SNAKE MOUNTAIN. Northwest of Middlebury. Only 1287 ft. high, but spectacular views of Lake Champlain from Fort Ti to Burlington. EASY Rav Catozzi 773-3006
OCT. 14-20 (Sun.-Sat.) 8 mi. per day	11:00 A.M.	WEEK OF BACKPACKING. Hiking from Rte. 15 in Johnson south as far as possible (hopefully Jones- ville). Will pass over Whiteface, Madonna, and Mt. Mansfield. All planning to go must call for pertinent information: Rachael Charland 775-4893 after 5:00 P.M. DIFFICULT Churchill Scott 775-5720
OCT. 20 (Sat.) approx. 4 mi.	9:00 A.M.	LAKE ST. CATHERINE MOUNTAIN. Bring food to barbecue at the Caddells' house on the lake. Beverage will be provided. MEDIUM Jean & Ralph Caddell 287-9590
OCT. 27 (Sat.)	8:30 A.M.	WORK PARTY. Outhouse relocation at Clarendon Shelter. Rain date: Oct. 28. Joe Dicton 775-4446
OCT. 28 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	ANNUAL VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE. East Mountain. See the paper for more details on this afternoon hike. EASY Joe Valiquette 773-8745
NOV. 4 (Sun.) 3 mi.	9:00 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE. A short hike, with some climbing. MEDIUM Churchill Scott 775-5720
NOV. 17 (Sat.)	4:00 P.M.	COVERED DISH SUPPER. Will be held at the Sunrise Boy Scout Camp in Orwell. Program following supper. Please make reservations by calling after 5 P.M. Carol Chapman 775-3545
DEC. 2 (Sun.) 5 mi.	9:00 A.M.	BIRD MOUNTAIN. Following a new trail. DIFFICULT Churchill Scott 775-5720
DEC. 15 (Sat.) 2 mi.	9:00 A.M.	APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKE. On foot or snowshoe depending on weather from Gifford Woods to Sherburne Pass. MEDIUM Rachael Charland 775-4893
DEC. 30 (Sun.) 1.6 mi.	6:00 P.M.	MOONLIGHT HIKE. Snowshoe in to Tucker-Johnson Shelter. EASY Carl Schmidt 773-6990

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



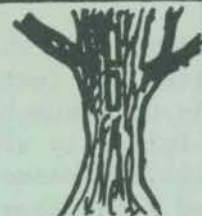
DESTINATION-2281

PER 18 22241881 09/24/79

PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE NC 28212



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 32, NUMBER 4 KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 1979

GMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: STOWE, OCTOBER 13

Nancy Schmidt attended as alternate director for Section Director Ray Catozzi, who was unable to attend. Bob Hagerman's report in the November Long Trail News covered the actions of the board quite thoroughly, and it doesn't seem necessary to repeat any of his account here. However, there are three topics which were discussed before and after the meeting which are of considerable interest to the Killington Section.

(1) Proposed Relocation of Trail in Pico Area. This proposal has been dropped, and the trail will remain where it currently is in the Pico area, and will continue to cross Route 4 at Sherburne Pass.

(2) Appalachian Trail Relocation in the Killington Section. A Manchester surveying company has just begun surveying and center-blazing the Trail from Cold River Road to just below Pico. This is just the first step in a process that may take quite some time.

(3) Clarendon Gorge Bridge. After the bridge was rebuilt, the Killington Section agreed to maintain it for a time, and that time is now past. The bridge is currently in need of repair and needs a program of annual maintenance (which would not be too difficult or involved if done on a regular basis). An agreement was reached with GMC President Doug James that the Club would seek someone to "adopt" and maintain the bridge.

The next meeting of the GMC Board of Directors will be held at the Inn at Long Trail in Killington on January 12, 1980. GMC members are invited to attend as observers.

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with the amendment approved by Section members at the January, 1979 meeting, the Killington Section annual meeting will no longer be held in January, when the weather is likely to make travel difficult, but in late March or April.

This year the annual meeting will again be held in the meeting room of the Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, 46 Nichols Street, Rutland. Date and time are Saturday, March 29, at 7:30 P.M.

The following positions will need to be filled: President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer (we certainly hope that Churchill Scott will continue in this last position); also there will be some director's positions to be filled. If you have suggestions, please make them to the nominating committee whose members are: Ray Catozzi, Rachael Charland, and Carol Chapman.

Section members who are interested in participating more in the workings of the club are invited to consider helping on the following committees: Trails & Shelters, Outings, Publicity, Smoke & Blazes, and Membership.

QUECHEE GORGE

by Roma Pulling
September 16, 1979

Webster defines a gorgé as "a narrow cleft with steep, rocky walls, esp. one through which a stream runs." The one named Quechee fits that description and enhances it. It is also picturesque, vast and awesome.

The eight of us who rendezvoused at the fire station on this day were joined at our destination by Mauri Winturri. Our first stop was the former railway

bridge from which we gazed down at the water 165 feet below. Our trip along the Ottawaquechee River was more nearly a leisurely stroll than a hike. Nearly everyone seemed to enjoy it, though, and spent some time looking for crayfish in the shallow pools among the rocks, exploring or just plain relaxing on the rocks in the river south of the bridge.

Our last stop was a quick look at the falls on the north side of the road; then it was off for home.

GMC AUTUMN OUTING: MT. MEADOWS CAMP- GROUND, LINCOLN

by Rob Carey
September 21-23, 1979

Attendance of GMC members at the second Autumn Outing was down this year, probably due to the return of the Inter-sectional. However, all those who did come enjoyed the weekend. The weather was clear and cold again, with lows down in the 20's.

Mt. Abraham was the most popular destination with about 25 going. Some hiked to Camel's Hump while others worked on their end-to-ends. The most ambitious hikers again proved that it is a full day's hike from Lincoln Gap to Appalachian Gap. It was too cold for swimming in the campground pond this year.

A short hike to Bristol Ledges was enjoyed by many on Sunday, with spectacular views of the Champlain Valley.

WORK PARTY AT PICO CAMP

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
September 29, 1979

After an all night rain, there was a question of whether the Pico work party would be held. During the morning hours the rain did stop and all the signs said "go, go, go."

At the fire station that wet Saturday morning the following Eager-Beavers did sign up and were ready to go: Joe Dictons, Jr. and Sr., Al and Steve Pulling, Carl Schmidt, Randy Seifert, and the following Boy Scouts of Troop #105: Gary Ackerman, Pete Davis, Matt Malmgren, and Danny and Eric Palmer. As you

can see, it was a good turnout for this much-needed project.

On our climb to Pico Camp, Al Pulling and Carl Schmidt, carrying their supplies, stopped for trail work that included cleaning out and installing water bars and trail clearing.

When we arrived at Pico Camp, we found seven hikers just arising from an overnight stay.

Steve Pulling, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop #105, rebuilt the window and door which needed major repairs.

Joe Dicton, Jr., Randy Seifert and I replaced missing boards and a window on the side of the shelter. Steve Pulling and Joe Dicton, Jr. worked on the roof, nailing down wind-loosened metal roof sheeting and cementing the holes.

As Carl Schmidt and Al Pulling arrived at the camp, they decided to work on the sagging foundation. A good five-inch spruce was found and cut up for three new support pillars.

The Killington Section should be proud of the outstanding effort made by the Boy Scouts and the other volunteers in restoring this shelter to good condition.

SNAKE MOUNTAIN

by Ray Catozzi
October 7, 1979

The weather was cloudy, windy, and cold on Saturday morning, October 7, with only a fifty-fifty chance of sunshine by late afternoon, but five persons showed up for the trip to Snake Mountain in Addison. Another hiker was to meet us in Middlebury, and he did, but a meeting with more people at a road junction on Route 125 west of Middlebury, fizzled, so Roma Pulling and I headed for the mountain.

No cars were at the trail head, so we sat and waited and wondered what had happened to everybody else. After 10 or 15 minutes, I drove over to another approach to the mountain, thinking they had all gone there by mistake. No cars. Back to the first trail head on Mountain Road. Still no cars.

We decided to head up the trail after another short wait, figuring they'll come

along eventually. Well, Roma and I climbed the mountain, enjoyed the view, ate lunch, and were one-third of the way back down when the rest finally came into sight on their way up. After greetings and explanations of what had happened to everyone, the second group continued on up the mountain. Roma and I took a side trail to a natural area, Cranberry Bog, where there are hundreds of pitcher plants, then headed for our car and home.

Snake Mountain is a long, low (1287 ft.) and ledgy mountain that affords beautiful views of Addison farm land and Lake Champlain. It was too bad we had mix-ups and had to climb it in separate groups.

KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERS WEEKLONG HIKE

by Churchill Scott
October 14-20, 1979

My son, Kim, and two of his friends drove Rachael Charland and me to Davis Neighborhood on Sunday, October 14th. It was really snowing and it continued to snow on Monday and Tuesday. Parker Camp was made snug by plugging holes and a large gaping window with plastic, but we did miss the stove. There was already a good ground covering of snow and more was falling.

Around 5:00 P.M. we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Surette of Sorel, Quebec, who began their hike at Route 242. On the higher spots of Laraway Mountain we found snow six to eight inches deep even before new snowfalls added another six inches. Hiking was very slow and difficult and the white blazes were impossible to spot because of the wet, falling snow and slippery downhill grades. Usually about 3:30 P.M. we would stop each day and two of us would pitch tents and two get the evening meals. On Monday night we pitched our tent under an enormous pine tree.

Tuesday we reached Coddington Hollow while Wednesday we shuffled through the deep snow with the Surettes to Route 15. That night we pitched out tent on the back lawn of a local tourist home.

Despite the sleet and driving rain on Thursday, we plodded on from French

Camp over Whiteface. We were joined by a couple from New Hampshire who had started at the Canadian border and had been held up by bad weather around Jay Peak.

The open front shelter at Sterling Pond is a very big change from the old closed camp but equally beautiful unless seen through the mist.

We made it to Smuggler's Notch and down Route 108. As we rested at the side of the road, a couple of hunters informed us of the recent accident in Nebraska Notch. Such news dampened our spirits enough so we did not attempt the Mt. Mansfield LT. We made camp at a nearby campground and hitched a ride the next morning to Jonesville.

Ice cream cones were the order of the day and we repacked and hiked to Duck Brook for Saturday evening-- with the temperature rising from 24 to 60 - the 60 for the last day of our hike. A large hawk soared over our heads as we scaled the mossy rocks to Duck Brook. This was the spot where my Svea 123 (camp stove) gave up its ghost, and the explosion started a lovely campfire...some good came of it.



On Sunday Rachael hiked down a road to Jonesville and then southward to the entrance to the trail to Wiley Lodge where I met her with the car.

I learned that a tent and a Sterno stove and plenty of good nourishing food helped an otherwise foul-weathered week.

SAINT CATHERINE MOUNTAIN

by Roma Pulling
October 20, 1979

Jean and Ralph Caddell led this pleasant hike expertly. Fifteen people walked along the ledges above Lake St. Catherine, and although thick haze prevented us from seeing the mountains, it didn't obscure our view of the lake, which was lovely with some colored leaves still in evidence.

Following our hike, we enjoyed a barbecue at our leaders' lakeside home and were treated to rides in their rowboat

and canoe, adding up to an altogether delightful day.

Thanks, Ralph and Jean, wherever you are!

WORK PARTY

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
October 27, 1979

On learning that the scheduled relocation of Clarendon outhouse had already been accomplished by a group of the Long Trail Patrol, we decided to return to Pico Camp to work on that outhouse.

On this cool October morning Roma and Al Pulling and Joe Dictons Jr. and Sr. signed in for the project. At first it seemed like too few helpers to carry all the necessary supplies up the mountain, but we accomplished it without mishap. On our way to Pico Camp there was a dusting of snow and a little frost on the ground.

Al Pulling started digging out a hole for the new outhouse location. Joe Dicton, Jr. replaced missing boards in the wall and floor. New sheet metal roofing was nailed on top of the old leaking roof. Roma Pulling was busy looking after the fire and getting our lunch ready.

After lunch, using an iron bar, we moved the outhouse to its new location.

This was another outstanding effort of club members working together to keep our Long Trail structures in good shape.

VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE

by Joe Valiquette
October 28, 1979

It was a hazy day but 13 hikers gathered for the annual Valiquette Memorial Hike to the top of East Mountain. When we reached the top we saw that the flag placed there last year was still intact. The view was obscured by the haze. We could not see the Adirondacks, but had a pretty good view of the immediate area of Rutland. We saw no wildlife but I am sure plenty of wildlife saw us! All in all it was a pleasant hike even if Old Man Weather did not provide us with the best day.

MYSTERY HIKE

by Churchill Scott
November 4, 1979

This time our Mystery Hike did not take us too far from home. We drove to the Whipple Hollow Road and began our walk up the familiar road to Mt. Hanley (so-called). Soon we reached a level stretch by the first brook crossing. Here the bush-whacking began with a request that everyone stay together and in sight of each other.

As we walked along a ridge to the south, each person learned a bit about the trees, ferns, mosses and plants growing underneath our feet.

In time for lunch we arrived at our destination, a gully between the two peaks of Little Hanley (so-called) where a large overhanging ledge with southern exposure was located.

After a bite to eat we continued south to a number of spectacular lookouts. At one point we watched an old steam engine and passenger cars move along the D&H Railroad Line to Castleton.

Here communications broke down. Some were so far ahead it was impossible to retrace our steps and we had to take the hard way down the steep slopes, rocky areas, and slippery leaves.

It was good to see Kim Faulkner with us again and also Glenn Tarbell, a brother of Susan Tarbell, an old time K.S. member.

COVERED DISH SUPPER AT CAMP SUNRISE

by Winnie Shambo
November 17, 1979

None of the 11 people attending this year's covered dish supper could possibly complain of a lack of variety in the dishes presented or the amount offered. We enjoyed everything from spaghetti in meat sauce to a variety of salads and vegetables to hot breads and mince pie and chocolate chip cookies. Calling our attention to how fortunate we were, Mrs. Dorothy Kirk asked if we would take a moment to remember the world's hungry, which we did.

After this great repast, the dishes

SNOWSHOE AND CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RENTAL

Last winter we received numerous calls for information on snowshoe rental especially. For the up-coming winter season, we include a list of local suppliers who rent snowshoes and skis.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Snowshoes</u>	<u>Skis</u>
Green Mountain Rental 158 North Main Street	775-0101	Tubbs standard	No
Leisure Lines Woodstock Avenue	775-0854	Tubbs Sherpa	Yes
Mountain Travelers 162 Woodstock Avenue	775-0814	Tubbs Sherpa	Yes
Sports Peddler 162 North Main Street	775-0182	Tubbs Sherpa & Dover Bearclaws	Yes

All Stores except Green Mountain Rental will have Sunday hours in the winter. However, they advise that you reserve snowshoes and arrange pickup in advance. NOTE: Prices will vary from store to store, but the amount is the standard rental charge. There are no discounts for GMC members.

were cleared away and we viewed two slide shows -- one presented by Carol Chapman and the other by Rob Carey. Carol's was of a canoe trip located north of Montreal that she and her mother took one weekend in July. The scenic shots as well as the price of the trip and what it includes has interested a few of us in also making the trip.

Rob's slides were mainly of the LT, although he had also taken quite a few of Pennsylvania. He had some fantastic shots, too many to mention individually, but I congratulate him and envy his photographic abilities.

Rachael and I came prepared to spend the night, which we did, and awoke to a beautiful sunny day. After breakfast and Rachael's housekeeping duties were completed, we hiked to the ridges surrounding Sunrise and were impressed with the beauty confronting us each time we stopped. We climbed one particularly steep hill (just to see the other side) and walked the ridge along a deer trace until we came to a most impressive sight, that being the two lakes, Sunrise and Sunset.

This short hike was enjoyable and we saw only two hunters while we were in the woods.

BIRD MOUNTAIN

by Churchill Scott
December 2, 1979

Fourteen hikers appeared at the fire station on this rather cold windy day of snow flurries.

The new trail, cut and blazed by a group led by George Pearlstein, was well marked except where some vandals had torn down signs, which caused some confusion.

Steep in spots and wandering a bit, the trail seems to end at the north summit of a gully where the old trail comes from the southeast. It then makes a right-angle turn to the south and 0.5 miles later you reach the real summit and ledge where there is a magnificent 180 degree view encompassing the Green Mountains to the east and to the west Lake Bomoseen and beyond that the Adirondacks.

SMOKE AND BLAZES DEADLINE

The next issue of Smoke & Blazes will be mailed out after the Annual Meeting. Deadline for all other reports will be March 20.

NOTICE TO OTHER SECTIONS

Because printing expenses are increasing, we would like to eliminate any unwanted mailings of Smoke & Blazes. We have been mailing copies to other GMC sections. If you are an officer of another section receiving Smoke & Blazes and would like to continue receiving it, please send a postcard to Carol Chapman, 39 East St., Rutland, Vt. 05701. (If we don't hear from you, we will assume you are uninterested and your name will be dropped from the mailing list). In return, we would be interested in receiving newsletters from other sections. Please mail them to Churchill Scott, 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vt. 05701.

Kirk Fund Total

\$3,268.40

as of Dec. 1, 1979

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The time is approaching to renew your membership. Help yourself and the Killington Section too by getting a new person to join the club. Adult members will have one dollar subtracted from their dues for enlisting a new member.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS!



PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
 W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
 132 Maple Street
 Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Winter - Spring Schedule 1980

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton St., 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, V-Pres., 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Jan. 12 (Sat.)	10 A.M. (Easy)	X-Country Ski & Snowshoe Venture - Pine Hill via Watkins Ave. - (L) Churchill Scott - 775-5720
Jan. 26 (Sat.)	9 A.M. (Med.)	X-Country Ski & Snowshoe Trip - Lake St. Catherine. Variable Mileage (L) R. Charland 773-6717
Jan. 27 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	GMC Day at Blueberry Hill - Free X-Country Ski Lesson and Soup. Unusually low rates for rentals and trail use. (L) Nancy Schmidt - 773-6990.
Feb. 10 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M. (Med.)	Quarterline Road. Ski or Snowshoe Tour. 4-6 mi. to Chippenhook. (L) Harold Rogers - 775-4471
Feb. 16 (Sat.)	9:30 A.M. (Easy)	X-Country Ski & Snowshoe Day in Healdville. Variable Mileage. (L) Kathryn Whalen and M. Randall - 773-2871
Feb. 23 & 24 Sat. & Sun.	9 A.M. (Med.)	WINTER WEEKEND. Merck Forest in Rupert. Snowshoeing and Skiing both days. Variable Mileage. Reservations required. (L) Churchill Scott 775-5720
Mar. 8 (Sat.)	2 P.M.	SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY AT PULLINGS' RESIDENCE. Roma Pulling - 773-6997.
Mar. 16 (Sun.)		GMC Day of cross-country skiing in the Rutland area. Watch <u>Long Trail News</u> for further info.
Mar. 22 & 23 Sat. & Sun.	9 A.M.	SPRING BACKPACKING WEEKEND. Little Rock Pond. 6 mi. Watch news release for more details. (L) Rob Carey - 773-7076.
Mar. 29	7:30 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING. Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, 46 Nichols St., Rutland. Refreshments will be served.
Apr. 13 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M. (Easy)	Mystery Hike. (L) Churchill Scott - 775-5720. 4 mi. round trip.

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED; WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DRIVING DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.

See Page 5 for information on snowshoe rentals.



KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701

10872

M/M ROBERT PERKINS

~~4113 D PROVIDENCE RD~~

4812 Lebanon Rd

CHARLOTTE

NC 28212



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 33, NUMBER 4 KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB JANUARY-MARCH, 1980

"STATE OF THE SECTION" REPORT

by
Carl Schmidt - Pres.
Killington Section

FINANCES: For the second year (since the dues increase), we came out just barely in the black. This amazing accomplishment, in light of inflation, was largely the result of our Trails and Shelter Chairman, Joe Dicton, getting a huge amount of work done with minimal expenditures. With an income of \$860.00 after paying out \$3 per member to the Main Club, our major expense was Smoke & Blazes printing plus postage (\$200), both of which will be increasing in 1980. THERE IS ONE WAY to avoid a general DUES INCREASE in 1981, and that is

THE KIRK FUND: We are slowly but surely getting to the \$5,000 needed for the Fund to return interest income for trails and shelters. Please -- if you can spare a few extra tax-deductible dollars for the Fund, you will be insuring the future of the Section for a long time to come.

TRAILS & SHELTERS: At least 75% of the 26 miles of Long Trail in our section was gone over and is in excellent shape. The worst segment, between Governor Clement and Tamarack Shelters, is scheduled for relocation under the Appalachian Trail securing act. The Main Club is looking for an individual or group to take permanent responsibility for the Clarendon Gorge Bridge. The outhouse at Tucker-Johnson Shelter will be rebuilt this spring. All shelters were in acceptable shape at the end of last fall, including Minerva Hinchey (formerly Sunny-side) Shelter.

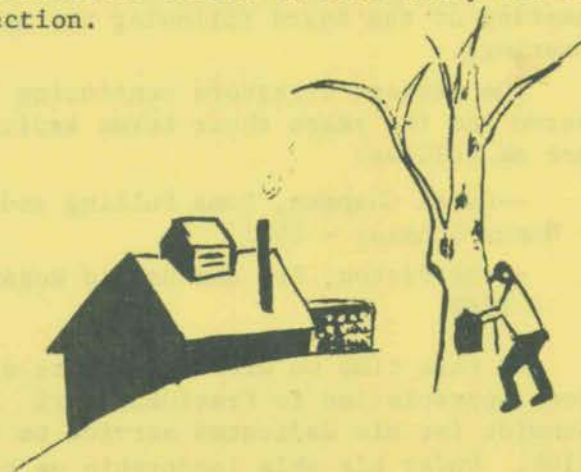
APPALACHIAN TRAIL SECURING RELOCATION: Preston Bristow will give an update at our Section's annual meeting. Landowner

negotiations seem to be going well. Help should be forthcoming from the government and the Main Club, but the Killington Section will have its hands full for at least the next three years working on relocations. The Clarendon Gorge area will require substantial work as soon as possible for safety reasons. My initial impression is that in most cases the relocations will benefit landowners as well as hikers. The proposed relocation by-passing Sherburne Pass did not materialize.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is down so far in 1980. I hope this is due to the later-than-usual annual meeting. We need working, contributing members now more than at any time during the last decade. If you haven't yet renewed, please do so -- and sign up a friend.

WINTER HIKES: Next year we might relocate them to Virginia or South Carolina, where most of the snow seems to have gone.

APOLOGIA: To those who attended this winter's Moonlight Hike, the weak hot chocolate was due to my assuming that one scoop of mix was the correct amount (rather than two, as stated in the label directions, which I read later); it was not a conscious effort to save money for the Section.



KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

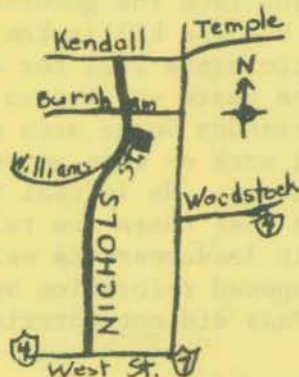
-- SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1980

7:30 P.M. in the Meeting Room

at

Pleasant Manor Nursing Home

46 Nichols Street



Parking lot between the two buildings; meeting (dining) room is downstairs in building on the left (northernmost building).

Refreshments will be served.

Please pay your membership dues by March 29 (Annual Meeting) to assure that your name will be placed in the roster, to be published in the next issue of Smoke & Blazes, and to continue receiving this publication.

NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS

The nominees for two Directors' vacancies are Rob Carey (3 year term) and Steve Pulling (2 year term). Ray Catozzi and Churchill Scott will be nominated for new three year terms. (Officers are elected by the Directors at the first meeting of the Board following the annual meeting).

The present Directors continuing to serve and the years their terms expire are as follows:

--Carol Chapman, Roma Pulling and Nancy Schmidt - 1981

--Joe Diction, Sr. and Harold Rogers - 1982

At this time we wish to express our deep appreciation to President Carl Schmidt for his dedicated service to the club. Under his able leadership we have

succeeded in keeping the Killington Section "in the black." He and Nancy have devoted much time to developing and improving the club's relationship with Trail landowners. Although he will no longer be a Director, we hope Carl will continue his valuable participation in the Killington Section.

MINI HIKE ON THE LT AND AT

by Rachael Charland

December 15, 1979

On a clear, beautiful, wintry Saturday, six energetic hikers, after spotting two cars, began their trek from Gifford Woods to Route #4. We had at least two hikers with us who had never hiked this section of the LT and AT.

It was a gradual climb from Gifford Woods affording several unusual views. Icy rocks slowed the group down as we neared Route #4 but with talk of the hearty lunches that several members had packed, ice wasn't going to hinder these adventurers. All packed into one car and drove to Gifford Woods where we selected the sunniest picnic table area and enjoyed our noon repast.

PINE HILL

by Churchill Scott

January 12, 1980

Once again the lack of snow made this trip just a walk through the woods on Pine Hill.

We traveled the trails cut by the Rutland Recreational Center and which are described in the G.M.C. Day Hike Guide. We were pleased to have a total of nine hikers for this Saturday outing, among them Mr. and Mrs. Rosenthal of Whippany, N.J. whom it was a pleasant surprise to see once again.

While waiting for the fire get started and the water to boil, the Muddy Pond area was explored.

Returning via the road, we took a short side trip to the old stone crusher and the enormous boulder where Jim Frink explained its geological history and that of the surrounding area.

We are indeed fortunate to have such an enjoyable area easily available to us.

LT RELOCATION SURVEY

by Churchill Scott

Continued bare ground into the middle of January offered Preston Bristow an opportunity to hike over the Little Killington relocation with Joseph Dicton, Sr. and Churchill Scott.

Starting west of the bridge over the West Branch of the Cold River, the proposed new trail follows an easy grade past the Herb Haley farm and a short distance west of the Governor Clement Shelter.

Following along small mountain streams, the area is very enjoyable and pleasant. At last a steeper ascent begins and for 1/2 to 3/4 miles it passes a number of views, finally reaching the summit of Little Killington. Here the trail continues in a northeasterly direction to join the present Long Trail about 1/4 mile north of Tamarack Shelter.

Preston states that the paper work may not be completed until 1981, but the middle portion on State land may be cut, cleared and blazed this summer (1980). So it is hoped we can get a great deal of work done.

NEW ROUTE TO MINERVA HINCHEY SHELTER

by Rachael Charland
January 26, 1980

This day was to have been our first x-country ski and snowshoe trip on Lake St. Catherine. Needless to say, Mother Nature didn't cooperate with us. Seven adventurous souls ventured on a little known back road to Minerva Hinchey Shelter. We managed to miss the LT trail markers so bushwacked to the shelter. After a quick lunch period we departed in a northerly direction for Route #103. The wind whistled through the trees and whirled bits of snow as we descended the trail to Clarendon Gorge. Again icy formations on the rocks slowed our pace.

After crossing the Gorge bridge we entered the relocated LT area and found that not only was its approach rather steep, but dangerous if one didn't watch

one's footing. This situation was reported to Harry Peet and we have been assured that this area as well as the descending pathway to Route #103 will receive some necessary attention from the Long Trail Patrol this summer. At the same time those problem boards of the bridge will be attended to.

QUARTERLINE ROAD

by Harold Rogers
February 10, 1980

Eleven dedicated hikers showed up for the hike on this pleasant but hazy morning. Because of poor conditions for snowshoeing and skiing, we left our cars at the junction of Quarterline Road and Boardman Hill Road and went on foot.

About a mile up the road we saw some interesting knurls or galls on some hardwood trees. Continuing south for about a mile, we then turned east up to Flat Rock for a view of Rutland city and Otter Valley to the north. We then zigzagged in a southerly direction down through some soft woods and apple trees to a log road that goes down to the Creek Road. There were quite a few wild turkey tracks in this area. We built a fire and had hot drinks as Churchill Scott had carried water and the "makings" for us.

On returning to our cars along the Quarterline Road we had a good view of West Rutland. In all we traveled a distance of about 4 1/2 miles.

HEALDVILLE OUTING

by Kathryn Whalen
February 16, 1980

Meeting at the 2 X 4 Restaurant in Healdville, we decided to cancel the planned hike around Lake Ninevah due to poor weather conditions. Instead seven Killington Section members walked to the Edward Whalen camp where we enjoyed a hot dog roast. Hopefully we can plan another trip to Lake Ninevah in the near future.



WINTER WEEKEND

by Roma Pulling
February 23-24, 1980

I was told by an expert that when hiking you should always be prepared for the unexpected. At Merck Forest the unexpected caught up with us when we found the road to the parking area blocked off, adding at least an extra half mile (groan) to carry our packs.

The caretaker was nowhere in sight and neither was the shelter we had reserved, but from a passing skier we learned of a shelter nearby that fit our requirements and moved in. Much later we located a Forest employee and found that we were in the right spot.

Four of us -- Jim Frink, Rachael Charland, Linda Lampert and myself, met at the fire station, to be joined later by Rob Carey, Steve Pulling and Becky Grady. Jim hiked with us on some of the nearby forest roads but could not be persuaded to spend the night. The rest of us slept comfortably with a wood fire and enjoyed more hiking the next day. Two people reached the top of Mt. Antone and were surprised to find up to 10 inches of snow but no visibility due to a layer of fog just below the summit.

We were sorry that our leader, Churchill Scott, was sick and couldn't be with us; but as usual, Merck Forest provided an unforgettable outing.

HELP THE
HIKER REACH
HIS GOAL
FOR THE
KIRK FUND



Total on March 1

\$3,620.24

HYPOTHERMIA: WHAT IT IS, WHAT TO DO

(excerpted from "Tracks in the Snow," a pamphlet put out by the Prospect Ski Club, Bennington)

Hypothermia is subnormal body temperature due to the body losing more heat than it can produce.

Aggravated by cold exposure, wet, wind, hunger, fear, panic, and exhaustion.

It is the #1 killer of outdoor recreationists.

It occurs most frequently between 30 and 50 degrees Fahrenheit because people underestimate the weather.

Beware signs of hypothermia:

- (1) uncontrollable shivering
- (2) mental changes: i.e. apathy, listlessness, confusion
- (3) unconsciousness
- (4) freezing of extremities
- (5) death

**** victim will deny he's in trouble****

Treatment: Get out of wind and rain. Remove all wet clothing. If victim is only mildly impaired, give warm drinks, get dry clothing on, and put him into a warmed sleeping bag near the fire. If the victim is semi-unconscious or worse, try to keep him awake, remove all clothing, and put him into a warmed sleeping bag with another stripped person. This victim is unable to generate his own body heat, therefore it must be externally provided. Get medical help immediately.

SMOKE AND BLAZES DEADLINE

Please submit your articles and hike reports by June 1 for the next issue of Smoke and Blazes. Mail to:

Carol Chapman
39 East Street
Rutland, VT 05701

TREASURER'S REPORT
KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

Balance - 1/1/79	\$611.46
INCOME - GIFTS TO KIRK FUND	\$817.28
DUES	745.00
SALE OF G.M.C. GUIDE BOOKS	53.35
SUGAR ON SNOW	30.50
INTEREST	26.47
SALE OF PATCHES	2.00
TOTAL	<u>\$1,674.60</u>

¹ Dues reductions: Rachael Charland - 8 new members
Raymond Catozzi - 2 new members

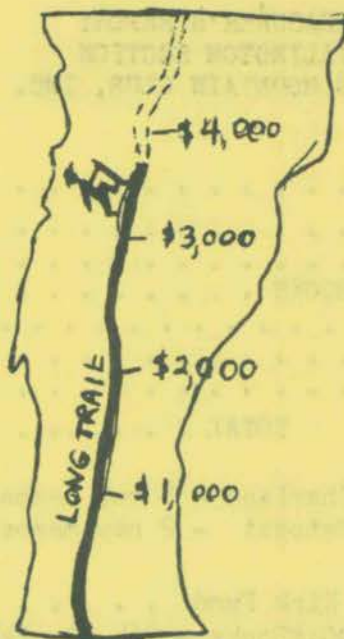
EXPENSES - TRANSFERRED TO G.L. Kirk Fund	\$817.28
G.M.C. (Dues -\$282.00; Books - \$64.73; Patches -\$12.53)	359.26
SMOKE AND BLAZES	197.62
OUTINGS	107.92
TRAILS AND SHELTERS	72.93
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' EXPENSES	38.50
POSTAGE	27.10
GIFT - LEUKEMIA SOCIETY - MINERVA HINCHEY	20.00
SECRETARY EXPENSE	9.55
DUFS REBATES	7.50
ANNUAL MEETING	6.45
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	.41
TOTAL	<u>\$1,664.52</u>

¹ Includes: Camp Sunrise - \$20.00 - will show up as 1980 income.
(\$7.00 Donations - \$13.00 donation from R. Charland -
Merck Forest - \$18.00 - will show up as 1980 income.

REPORT OF GEORGE L. KIRK TRAILS AND SHELTERS FUND

1,000-SIX YEAR CERTIFICATE	\$1,074.30
PURCHASED 1/31/78	
INTEREST	87.75
1,000-EIGHT YEAR CERTIFICATE	1,000.00
PURCHASED 4/2/79	
INTEREST	62.74
90-DAY ACCOUNT BALANCE 1/1/79	1,211.12
WITHDRAWAL TO PURCHASE 1,000 CERTIFICATE	1,000.00
BALANCE 4/2/79	<u>211.12</u>
GIFTS TO FUND	817.28
INTEREST	54.70
FUND TOTAL - 12/31/79	<u>\$3,307.89</u>
BALANCE 12/31/79	\$621.54

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
W. CHURCHILL SCOTT, TREASURER



HELP THE
HIKER REACH
HIS GOAL
FOR THE
KIRK FUND

Total on March 1
\$3,620.24

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
132 Maple Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Spring Schedule 1980

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton St., 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, V-Pres., 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., 775-5720.

DATE	HOURL	DESTINATION OR EVENT
March 29 (Sat.)	7:30 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING. Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, 46 Nichols St., Rutland. See article within for further directions.
April 13 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M. (Easy)	Mystery Hike. 4 mile round trip. Churchill Scott 775-5720
Apr. 18-20 (Fri.-Sun.)	6:00 P.M. (Difficult)	Sixteen mile End-to-End Backpacking Trip from Grout Job to Route 9. Traverse Glastonbury Mt. For further information call Roma Pulling - 773-6997
Apr. 27 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY. Outhouse repair at Tucker-Johnson Shelter. 1.6 mi. Joe Dicton, Sr. 775-4446
MAY 3 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY. Clarendon Gorge area trail relocation. Rain date: May 4. Joe Dicton, Sr. 775-4446
MAY 10 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	GREEN UP DAY. Location to be announced. Joe Dicton, Sr. 775-4446
MAY 17 (Sat.)	8:30 A.M. (Difficult)	Mendon Peak. An ambitious 10-mile hike bushwacking up the northwest side of the mountain. Rob Carey 773-7076
MAY 18 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	WALK-THROUGH Killington Section's part of the LT. (See Long Trail News). Light trail clearing and observation of future major repairs necessary. Joe Dicton, Sr. 775-4446
MAY 24-26 (Sat.-Mon.)		GMC ANNUAL MEETING in South Pomfret. See Long Trail News.
June 1 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	Sawmill Hill Ledges overlooking Lake St. Catherine in Wells, Vt. This is a fairly easy 2 mile hike, but it is advised not to bring children because of the steep cliff. Geological explanation of area. Jim Frink 775-4925
June 15 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	Mystery Hike. Easy to moderate. MORE CUES LATER Ray Catozzi 773-3006
June 26 (Thurs.)	6:00 P.M.	Picnic at Texas Falls. Churchill Scott 775-5720

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED; WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DRIVING DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Mr/Mrs Craigie Perkins
90 Woodstock Stage
Rutland, Vt 05701



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 33, NO. 2

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

APRIL-JUNE, 1980

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

by
W. Churchill Scott

The annual meeting of the Killington Section was held Saturday, March 29, again this year at the Pleasant Manor Nursing Home. Twenty-six people were present.

President Carl Schmidt, with the aid of flip-charts, gave a detailed account of our Section. We have been holding our own financially, but with a projected main club increase in assessment next year we will have to examine our expenses. Section membership was down from 119 in 1978 to 107 in 1979.

The following reports were given:

•Treasurer's and Secretary's - W.C. Scott

•Trails & Shelters - Joe Diction, Sr. Joe reported that 75% of our section of trail was covered last year. Expenses were kept down due to Joe's efforts to economize in every way.

•Smoke & Blazes - Carol Chapman

•Outings - A written report was submitted by Rachael Charland. Possible bike and canoe trips were discussed.

•Main Club Directors - Rob Carey.

Carl expressed the section's appreciation to everyone for the fine work done during the past year. Rob Carey was elected to the Main Club's Board of Directors.

Raymond Catozzi and Churchill Scott were elected to the Board of Directors for three year terms. Steve Pulling and Rob Carey, respectively, were elected directors to complete the unexpired terms of Carl Schmidt (2 years) and Rachael Charland (3 years).

Preston Bristow, fresh from the New England Trails Conference, gave a very thorough account of the current Appalachian Trail relocation project. He noted that nearly three-quarters of the AT between Vt. 140 and the Connecticut River

is slated for relocation during the 1980's. This includes substantial portions in the Killington Section, including a significant stretch between Governor Clement Shelter and the summit of Little Killington.

The Killington Section area is progressing well, according to Preston. Arrangements with landowners are expected to be completed by 1981, unless, as presently seems likely to happen, funding of the AT bill is cut by Congress.

The following officers were elected by the Board of Directors:

President - Nancy Schmidt
Vice-President - Roma Pulling
Sec.-Treas. - W.C. Scott

Once again the ladies served delicious refreshments, bringing an enjoyable evening to a close.

Everyone deserves credit for joining in and helping to make 1979 such a good year.

NOTE: See succeeding article for more recent changes in officers.

A FAREWELL

It is with much regret that we must inform you that the Killington Section is losing several of its most valued and active members.

For some time we had known that Rachael, upon retirement, was moving west to Flagstaff, Arizona.

In April the Schmidts learned that Carl was to be transferred this summer to the G.E. plant in Cincinnati, Ohio. Therefore, at the directors' meeting on April 26 Nancy announced her resignation as president and director. Rob Carey was elected as the new president and Winnie Shambo was elected to serve as a director to complete Nancy's term.

Nancy, Carl, and Rachael have all devoted so much of their energy, time, and spirit to the Killington Section that their departure will leave a big hole.

We all want to express our gratitude to them and to wish them Godspeed in their new ventures.

NEW ENGLAND TRAILS CONFERENCE

by Winnie Shambo
March 29, 1980

Saturday, March 29, happened to be a very busy day -- what with the annual meeting of the Killington Section, my adult education class field trip, and the 63rd Annual New England Trails Conference all scheduled for the same day.

After due consideration, and not being of a split personality, I opted for the NETC at Mount Holyoke College along with Rachael Charland. Because we were able to stay with my sister, Chiquita, who lives in Northampton, we were only about five miles from South Hadley where the conference was held.

We found the 50 or so people who attended very friendly and willing to share whatever information they had concerning trails.

The morning was devoted to trail condition reports. When the Green Mountain Club was called, Rachael gave an impromptu report and put forth a good presentation in our behalf. I'm not sure who was supposed to be representing the GMC, but Preston Bristow didn't arrive until the afternoon session. After some discussion, we both agreed that the Club should appoint someone to represent us each year instead of operating on a hit-or-miss basis. And even if the Main Club sends a representative, our own section might want to consider sending its own representative.

We were entertained by the showing of two slide shows. The first was a very interesting and informative presentation on the activities of the Dartmouth Outing Club. The second was George Ernst's vacation to Mount Rainier and vicinity. He had such beautiful shots of wildflowers and many excellent scenes of the Cascade Range. It was particularly interesting to see Mount Saint Helens looking so peaceful in these slides of last year, knowing of her recent activity.

The speaker of the day was a representative of Heritage Conservation Resource Service from the Department of the Interior. She spoke at some length on the legislation President Carter is trying to get passed, on the establishment of a National Trails System, and the funding available to us. She asked for feedback from the various clubs, so that the government would be better able to designate different areas for hiking, trail biking, rec-vehicles, etc. We found her to be well informed on her subject and an interesting speaker.

As hikers we were concerned with the problem of trail bikes and snowmobiles using the same trails as hikers and were told that the reality of life comes down to the sharing of trails with other types of recreation. This may well include trail bikers, etc. using hiking trails. You can well imagine our feelings on that point!

We felt this particular Saturday was well worth the trip to Massachusetts and hope more of "our" people will attempt to go next year. You'll find the Conference very interesting and you may learn of some hiking trails previously unknown to you.

A TRIBUTE TO MARTHA M. ADAMS Jan. 9, 1878 - Jan. 3, 1980

by
Ellen B. Russell
(niece of Martha Adams)

When a person has lived almost 102 years, there is much to be said of their years of interests and activities. Martha M. Adams was one of those persons. Her death occurred January 3, 1980, just six days short of her 102nd birthday. The Killington Section lost its oldest member on that date. Naturally her advanced years with frailty of limb prevented active participation, but her interest in those who found enjoyment and exercise in "tramping the woods" remained keen almost to the end.

One of Martha's (Aunt Mat to many people) interests was the wildflowers, ferns, and shrubs of the Vermont hills. Born on a farm in Shrewsbury (the Long Trail crosses Route 103 in East Clarendon at the railroad crossing by the road which leads up

the hill to the Anthony Adams farm), she learned early to love the treasures of nature. She spoke often of walking the area and of the thrill of standing on the Fox Lot to look off to Rutland and the valley beneath the hill where Route 7 now runs.

She moved to Rutland in her early teens to be able to pursue a formal education. One of her instructors, a Professor Snow, had a great influence upon her. From him she learned the business skills which she later applied in positions in the law offices of the late Charles Howe, at one time a Probate Court judge. Also, at the same time, she was bookkeeper for the late Charles G. Noyes, a building contractor. Many will remember her as a life-long business woman.

Neighbors on Roberts Avenue (Rutland) will remember that she arose at dawn many mornings during the summer months to tend her flower garden. She took much pleasure in raising flowers which she could cut and share with others. She developed a near professional knack of floral arrangement and arranged flowers for her church for many years. When her garden could not produce the necessary blooms, she knew where to search in the meadows or nearby hills to find the needed flowers. It was fortunate that her relatives continued to have farmlands from which she could pirate.

She was active in several organizations, both civic and fraternal, and in her advanced years took pride in being honored on several occasions for being their oldest living member.

It was appropriate that the words, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help....." be recited at the memorial service held in remembrance of this fine lady.

IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR WALKER

by

W. Churchill Scott

Once again this spring the Killington Section has lost a longtime member who always enjoyed our section's activities to the utmost.

Eleanor Walker will always be remembered for her cheerful smile and willingness to help others, whether it was assist-

ing at a social affair, preparing food for work parties or telling a story about our early trips.

For many years she was instrumental in obtaining the CVPS rooms for our annual meeting and the cafeteria for our always delicious refreshments.

In later years her health did not permit Eleanor to be active in our outings, but whenever we met we could count on many entertaining stories about the section.

All of our longtime club members will remember her more than 15 years of service as Secretary-Treasurer.

I know we will all miss Eleanor very deeply.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY

by Roma Pulling

March 8, 1980

Apparently sugar-on-snow parties had been held in private homes sometime in the past, and this year, for economic reasons, we resumed the practice.

Twenty-one people, including a reporter from the Rutland HERALD, delighted in the main course boiled down to perfection by Janet Martin. This was supplemented by pickles, doughnuts, and coffee.

It almost became sugar-sans-snow, but at the last moment Cynthia Pulling saved the day by dashing out in the rain and filling containers with snow from the back yard. Fortunately, a fresh supply had fallen the night before.

The writer can't speak for the guests, but from the hostess' viewpoint, the party was a huge success.

HIGH POND MYSTERY HIKE

by Stephen Pulling

April 13, 1980

For you who don't remember, April 13th was a perfect spring day for a mystery hike. Sixteen people, including two Scouts from Troop 105, should remember that day very well.

After driving through one section of very muddy road, we parked the cars before attempting a second mudhole and walked to Half Moon State Park where the hike actually

began. After walking a few hundred yards down the state park's main road, we turned north and hiked along an easy, well-marked trail to High Pond. At this point we stopped, ate lunch, and enjoyed the gorgeous day and lovely view across the pond. When lunch and a short siesta were over, we walked leisurely back to the cars.

BRANDON GAP TO MIDDLEBURY GAP

by Roma Pulling
April 19-20, 1980

This backpacking trip was originally scheduled as a hike over Glastenbury Mountain. But after receiving reports of heavy snow remaining in that area, we decided to undertake something less ambitious. In spite of some initial disappointment at the change, we had a fabulous weekend.

Rob Carey, Lee LaVictoire, Anne Mausolff and Steve Pulling met at the writer's house Saturday morning, and the five of us headed for Brandon Gap. The weather was perfect. We encountered patchy snow and less mud than would ordinarily hamper the hiker at this time of year. With a pace that allowed plenty of time to stop and enjoy the scenery, we arrived at Sucker Brook Shelter, delighted to find we had it all to ourselves.

After a pleasant evening around the campfire, we slept comfortably and awoke to another good day, marred only by some light rain toward the end of the trip. The highlight of our second day was locating Worth Mountain Lodge, which apparently few hikers have seen.

After a quick visit of Lake Pleiad, with evidence of beavers at work, we reluctantly left for home.

TUCKER-JOHNSON WORK PARTY

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
April 27, 1980

Our thanks to all the volunteers who helped us repair and relocate the Tucker-Johnson outhouse. It was a fine effort and a good job done by Linda Butler, Rob Carey, Carol Chapman, Joe Dictons, Jr. and Sr., Ann Mausolff, Edward Morse (Medford, Mass.), Anna Nyiri, George Reynolds, and

Winnie Shambo.

A large deep hole was dug for the new location of the outhouse. A metal front with a new door was installed as well as a metal replacement for a missing side.

Following our work most of the group stayed at the shelter for a well-earned lunch. A hike up to Deer's Leap brought the day's outing to a most pleasant conclusion.

CLARENDON GORGE WORK PARTY

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
May 3, 1980

The Clarendon Gorge trail relocation was accomplished by installing a switch-back trail up the steep bank off Route 103.

At the foot of the Clarendon Bridge the trail was moved away from a hazardous area.

These outstanding tasks were performed by Stephen Pulling, George Reynolds, Bob Badger, Roma and Al Pulling, Becky Grady, Joe Minard, Gary Ackerman, Sue Smyer, Joe Dictons, Jr. & Sr., Anna Nyiri, Scott Ferguson, and a friend of Scott's.

As you can see, this was a fine turnout for this important project.

Once again, the Killington Section is grateful to the above volunteers.

GREEN UP

by Roma Pulling
May 10, 1980

It was interesting to note that the bureaucratic runaround is exercised even in planning a trash pick-up. We were shuffled among the city clerk, district highway engineer, the woman behind the desk at the Highway Department, the town clerk, two selectmen and the Rutland Town road commissioner before completing plans for Green Up Day.

Only four persons took part in this effort -- Joe Dictons, Sr. & Jr., Al Pulling and myself -- but we collected about 35 bags of trash from North Grove Street and Bittersweet Lane, including a box of returnables which netted us \$2.55 for the Kirk Fund. Thanks go to Joe Dicton and Al

Pulling for use of their trucks. Besides the inevitable bottles, cans, paper and rags, we found these more unusual items:

- a dead cat
- 2 sneakers (not mates)
- a lady's fashion boot
- a car gas tank
- a golf club (9 iron)
- a loaf of French bread

Those who spent this beautiful spring day in the mountains or at the lake couldn't really be blamed, but the writer returned home with a feeling of accomplishment and a renewed appreciation for Vermont's bottle law and the ban on flip-top cans, without which our job would have been much harder.

MENDON PEAK BUSHWHACK

by Rob Carey
May 17, 1980

Nine ambitious bushwhackers -- Steve Stergerwald, Roma Pulling, Audrey and David Baker, Tom Cunningham, Karen Unsworth, Arnold and Glen Goodman, and myself turned out for this hike. We hope to see these new people again.

The weather cooperated perfectly. Friday night was cold, slowing down the bugs. Saturday was cool at first but not cold. It stayed clear all day. This was a repeat of the weather the last two times we hiked Mendon Peak in 1972 and in 1960.

We took a new route, following the old road along Eddy Brook, from Brewers Corners, until it crossed the brook after about 1 1/2 miles. Then we bushwhacked up the ridge at 180° for about 1/2 mile after which we turned to 150° and the summit. In theory, this course would keep us in the hardwoods and out of the thick spruce and fir until we were almost to the top. As it turned out that is exactly what happened. The view from the summit was spectacular, especially to the south and east.

Someone had placed a register on top two years ago. Only about 50 people had signed, most of them from out of state.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL WALK-THROUGH

by Carol Chapman
May 18, 1980

In spite of almost steady rain that day, eight club members participated in this GMC statewide activity. President Rob Carey organized our group, sending pairs out to hike different sections of the trail.

Joe Diction, Sr. and Rob cleared the trail from Lower Cold River Road to Gov. Clement Shelter. They found the trail to be in good shape except for a few wet spots.

Al and Roma Pulling, covering the stretch between Route 103 and Minerva Hinchey Shelter, found it in relatively good condition. They came upon several blowdowns which Al and Joe have since cleared out. The shelter is in good repair with the outhouse still standing! Al and Roma picked up and returned a sack of bottles and obtained \$1.65 for the Kirk Fund.

Steve Pulling and Becky Grady encountered three blowdowns on their section of trail from Route 140 to Minerva Hinchey Shelter. They cleared out one, rerouted the trail around a second, and recruited Al and Joe to clean up the third with a chain saw on the following weekend.

Mrs. Anna Nyiri and Carol Chapman hiked between Lower Cold River Road and Route 103. They discovered several long muddy stretches, two new blowdowns and two signs which need repainting or replacing.

In summary, the Walk-Through was a success and a good way to make us aware of our trail's condition and needs.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED

Roma and Al Pulling recently received the following letter of appreciation:

At its regular meeting May 12, 1980, the Board acknowledged the fine job you and the Green Mountain Club did in the North Grove Street area on Green-Up Day. The roadside looks terrific!

Thank you very much for your efforts.

Sincerely,
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town of Rutland

KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB (G.M.C.), INC.

BY-LAWS

Key

///// ... deletions	1) Ratified 1/18/75	3) Ratified 1/20/79
_____ ... additions	2) Revised to reflect G.M.C. By-laws; subject to rati- fication in 1981	

NOTE: Incorporates all revisions 1/18/75 and later.

1. The purpose of the Killington Section of the G.M.C. shall be to maintain that part of the Long Trail, along with side trails and shelters, assigned to it by the G.M.C.; to arrange for group hikes and other social and appropriate activities; to encourage proper trail and shelter use throughout its section of the Long Trail.
2. All voting members shall be at least 18 years old.
3. Persons under 18 years of age may be admitted as Junior Members, but they may neither vote nor hold office.
4. The activities of the Section shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of nine members over 21 years of age. The Directors shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the Annual Meeting.
- 1) 5. The terms of office of the Directors shall be three years, with three Directors elected each year. ~~A Director who has served two terms may not be re-elected until after a lapse of one year.~~
6. The absence of a Director from two consecutive meetings of the Board, without a valid reason, shall terminate his membership on the Board and create a vacancy. Vacancies on the Board, created thus or through resignation, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, subject to approval of the Section at the next Annual Meeting.
7. Officers shall be elected by the Directors from among their number at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual Meeting. They shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, with the last two being combined if found desirable. The term of office shall be for one year.
- 2) 8. The Directors shall elect from their number ~~two Trustees~~ Directors to the G.M.C. as allocated by the G.M.C. Bylaws. In the event that Director candidates for the office of ~~Trustee~~ G.M.C. Director are found lacking, the Directors may seek candidates from the general Section membership.
9. The By-laws may be amended by a 3/4 vote of the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority vote of the Section members at the Annual Meeting, following a notice of at least two weeks.
10. The Board shall meet at least twice a year, upon the call of the President or at the request of three or more Directors. A quorum for all business of the Board, other than amendment of the By-laws, shall be a majority of the total number of Directors.
- 3) 11. The Annual Meeting shall be held ~~in January~~ no later than the end of April to nominate and to elect Directors, hear reports of the Officers and ~~Trustees~~ G.M.C. Director(s), plan for the coming year and to transact any other appropriate business.
12. Annual dues, to cover the G.M.C. assessment, trail and shelter work, social and other appropriate activities, publication of a newsletter, shall be set by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority vote at the Annual Meeting.

KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER
MAY, 1980

Barber, Mr./Mrs. David	Box 1097	Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Bequaert, Frank	44 Bertwell Road	Lexington, MA 02173
Bissell, Mrs. Cecilia E.	Signal Pine Farm	Putney, VT 05346
Blaskovitch, Mrs. W.J.	Box 367	Dearborn, MI 48121
Boy Scout Troop #105		
c/o Mr. D. Marquard	70 Killington Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Bryant, Harriet	Box 131	Dorset, VT 05251
Caddell, Ralph	R.D.#2	Poultney, VT 05764
Cahee, Hedrick	179 Union Street	Springfield, VT 05156
Carey, Rob	7 Milford House Road, Apt.#9	Milford, N.H. 03055
Catozzi, Raymond	103 Bellevue Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Catozzi, Billy	103 Bellevue Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Catozzi, Joe	103 Bellevue Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Chapman, Carol	39 East Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Charland, Rachael	c/o Dr. Ravit/ 128 Merchants Row	Rutland, VT 05701
Conlon, George	R.D.#2	Rutland, VT 05701
Culvert, Harry	Plains Road	Pittsford, VT 05763
Davies, Mr./Mrs. Charles	Camp Betsey Cox	Pittsford, VT 05763
Dicton, Joseph, Sr.	Sugarwood Hill Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Diction, Joseph, Jr.	Sugarwood Hill Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Eberlin, Joel C.	287 Loudville Road	Easthampton, MA 01027
Faulkner, Kim	7 Green Square	Proctor, VT 05765
Fitzgerald, Mr./Mrs. Brian	R.D.#2	Poultney, VT 05764
Frink, Helen	10 Elm Street	Randolph, VT 05060
Frink, James	60 Litchfield Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Guerrera, Eleanor	20 Shedd Place	Rutland, VT 05701
Kirk, Mrs. George	8 East Washington Street	Rutland, VT 05701
LaVictoire, Lee	12-5 Regency Manor	Rutland, VT 05701
Maier, Elsie	280 Fort Washington Ave.	New York, NY 10032
Martin, Mr./Mrs. John	7 Curtis Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Mausolff, Anne	R.D.#1	Chester, VT 05143
Mullin, Ruth L.	Loretto Home	Rutland, VT 05701
Newton, Doris	26 Boutwell Road	Andover, MA 01810
Nyiri, Anna	167 Stratton Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Nuffort, John	453 Victor Way	Wyckoff, N.J. 07481
Ogden, Herbert G., Jr.	R.D.#6, Liberty Hill	Laconia, N.H. 03246
Parsons, Carl	170 Stratton Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Peet, Harry	c/o GMC Headquarters	Montpelier, VT 05602
Perkins, Craigue	Woodstock Stage	Rutland, VT 05701
Perkins, Mr./Mrs. Robert	4812 Lebanon Road	Charlotte, N.C. 28212
Perkins, Christopher	41 Wachusett Avenue	Shrewsbury, MA 01545
Perkins, Ralph	41 Wachusett Avenue	Shrewsbury, MA 01545
Perkins, Vera	242 South Main Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Pulling, Mr./Mrs. Al	R.D. Woodstock Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Pulling, Steve	R.D. Woodstock Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Reynolds, George	8 Hillcrest Road	Springfield, VT 05156
Roberts, Mr./Mrs. Richard	2 Hill Place	Springfield, VT 05156
Rogers, Harold	223 Adams Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Rosenthal, Mr./Mrs. Arnold	8 Ford Hill Road	Whippany, N.J. 07981
Roulier, Bettina	25 Piedmont Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Russell, Ellen	33 Thayer Street	Providence, RI 02906
Schmidt, Mr./Mrs. Carl	73 Edgerton Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Schmidt, Ellen	73 Edgerton Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Schmidt, Charles	73 Edgerton Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Schneider, Norman	71 North Street	Belchertown, MA 01002
Scott, W. Churchill	132 Maple Street	Rutland, VT 05701

Shambo, Winnie	142 Dorr Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Sherman, Jake	48 Morse Place	Rutland, VT 05701
Simonds, William	18 Terrace Hill	Proctor, VT 05765
Smith, Mr./Mrs. R. Clarke	179 Grove Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Unsworth, Karen	45 North Main Street, Apt. 2	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Thelma	93 Killington Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Anne M.	R.D.#2	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, John J.	R.D.#2	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Mary A.	R.D.#2	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Thomas J.	R.D.#2	Rutland, VT 05701
Weeks, Mr./Mrs. Lloyd	7 Harvard Street	Springfield, VT 05156
Weston, Wilbur	Rte. 4, Box F-V 21	Apex, N.C. 27502
Wilson, Carleton	9 Harvard Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Winturri, Mauri	179 High Street	Fitchburg, MA 01420
Woodbury, Mr/Mrs. Philip	Box 53	Perkinsville, VT 05151
Noyes, Mrs. Donald	59 Terrill Street	Rutland, VT 05701

HIKING COMPANION WANTED

Would like companion while hiking the Long Trail between July 7 and July 20. For further information write to Lee La-Victoire, 12-5 Regency Manor, Rutland, VT 05701 or call (802) 773-6463.

SMOKE AND BLAZES DEADLINE

Please submit your articles and hike reports for the September issue of Smoke and Blazes by September 1. Mail to: Carol Chapman, 39 East Street, Rutland, VT 05701.

NEEDED TO BORROW

An elite-type typewriter for last minute details on Smoke and Blazes once every three months. Please call Carol Chapman after 5 P.M. at 775-3545.

RELOCATION OF CHURCHILL SCOTT

This summer and fall until November Churchill is employed as a forest fire lookout on Killington Peak. He will be in Rutland on Wednesday evenings and during the day on Thursday. If you wish to reach him while he is on Killington, you may call him at 422-3400.

HIKING COMPANION WANTED

Backpacking partner for four-day trip in September from Sherburne Pass to Hanover via AT. For information contact Karen Unsworth, 45 North Main Street, Apt. 2, Rutland, VT 05701.



KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Summer 1980 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information contact: Robert Carey, President, 7 Milford House Road A9, Milford, NH 03055, 603-673-6395; Roma Pulling, Vice Pres., R. F. D. 2, Woodstock Ave., 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
July 5-6 (Sat.-Sun.)	9:00 a.m. (Med.-Diff.)	END-TO-END Brandon Gap to South Pond, 15 mi. Overnight at Logan shelter. Rob Carey, 773-7076
July 13 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	Work party, Cooper Lodge to Pico Camp. Joe Dicton, Sr. 775-4446
July 19 (Sat.)	10:00 a.m. (Easy)	MYSTERY HIKE 4 mi. More details later. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
August 2 (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.	CORN ROAST Minerva Hinchey shelter. Reservations must be made in advance. There will be a small charge. Winnie Shambo, 773-9330
August 9 (Sat.)	9:00 a.m. (Easy)	ABBEY POND An attractive wilderness pond within view of Robert Frost Mt. 4 mi. Robert Badger, 773-3777
August 16-23		GMC INTERSECTIONAL Camp Sunrise in Orwell. See Long Trail News.
September 7 (Sun.)	9:30 a.m. (Med.)	KILLINGTON PEAK VIA BUCKLIN TRAIL Vis- it Churchill Scott at his summer loca- tion. 5 mi. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
September 12-14 (Fri.-Sun.)		GMC AUTUMN OUTING Mountain Meadows Campground in Lincoln. See Long Trail News.
September 13 (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	BIKE TRIP Furnish your own equipment. About 30 miles. Watch the Herald for further details. Anne Mausolff, 875-3631
September 27 (Sat.)	10:00 a.m. (Easy)	PITTSFORD ICE CAVES A short hike to a talus type of cave, where ice usual- ly remains through the summer. Jean Davies, 483-6623

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED; WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DRIVING DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Craigie Perkins
Woodstock Stage
Rutland, Vt. 05701



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 33, NO. 4

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

OCT.-DEC., 1980

JUNE SECTION DIRECTORS' MEETING

by
Rob Carey, President

Counting Churchill's telephone conversation, all Directors were present.

Ray Catozzi made a membership committee report. Ideas generated included wider postings of our schedule, special introductory hikes, and a presentation at the Rutland Free Library. The last could be made in fall or spring.

Trails & Shelters - Thanks to Joe Diction's efforts the Trails & Shelters Committee, with help from dedicated workers, has covered the trail well. The relocation from Upper Cold River Road to Killington is progressing well. This relocation is part of the plan for permanent protection of the Appalachian Trail required by the federal government. Troop #105, under the direction of Steve Pulling, has cut at least half of the portion on state land. They will be continuing soon.

The recent bulldozing of the old LT down to Clarendon Gorge was discussed. It was felt that any action should be left up to the Main Club, Preston Bristow, or the Vermont Fish and Game Department.

As a result of the trash at Cooper Lodge in spring for the past several years, the Directors voted to recommend conversion to an open-front shelter without a stove. The shelter would still be available for use by hikers, but would be less appealing for spring parties. It is expected that approval from the Main Club and the state will be forthcoming to allow the work to be done next summer.



SAWMILL HILL LEDGES

by Jim Frink
June 1, 1980

For some time Churchill Scott and I had been seeking new and interesting places to explore each Wednesday. On one of these trips we learned that each of us had long had a desire to climb to the top of the high cliffs which border the east side of Route 30 from Wells, Vt. up past the whole length of Lake St. Catherine.

Shortly thereafter, we drove down to Wells and sought a trail leading to the top, but we found no indication of any such trail leading up from the south where we figured a trail ought to be.

After driving up a dirt road on the east side of the cliffs and parking in a small meadow, we bushwacked straight up the almost perpendicular east side to the edge of the cliffs. There was a north-south trail along the cliff edge which we explored well to the north. The view was beautiful, taking in the town of Wells, all of Lake St. Catherine, and the country to the west including the three Granville towns. We turned back south figuring that this would be the trail down to the road that connects Route 30 to Route 133 to the east, but we came to a high ledge of rock which seemed to have no exit, so we bushwacked down the east side again to the car.

This is all we knew about the ledges and the trail until it came time for me to lead the scheduled hike there on June 1. There were about 18 in our party. (Churchill couldn't go since he had started his fire watch on Killington for the summer.) Not knowing any better, I led the group up the steep east side -- short, but quite a climb!

After we had explored the ledges as far north as we wanted to go, a hiker who was familiar with the area told me there

was a trail which ascended the ledges from the south. On going there again, I discovered that I had not looked close enough to the cliff edge. This time, however, we spotted some almost vertical steps in the rocks descending about 12 feet to a really steep trail south. It did not go all the way to the connecting road, however, but by turning east near the bottom we were able to cross some fields and come out a little south of where we had parked.

I think everyone enjoyed the experience.

MYSTERY HIKE

by Ray Catozzi
June 15, 1980

Even though they knew not where they were going, 13 adventurous hikers assembled at Main St. Park this fine June day, willing to give it their best. They found out eventually, and enjoyed it immensely, they said; but just for fun, for our readers who didn't go, let's prolong the mystery and make it a guessing game:

Four miles east of Rutland on Route 4 we parked our cars, and started hiking up a gravel road which ran between apple trees. Three-fourths of a mile up we left the road, went down a short path, crossed a well-known brook that flows through Rutland, and entered the path again for a short distance until it joined an old logging road. A short, very steep trail led up to the left and onto a rock ledge.

From this ledge there is a splendid view of Rutland, especially of a shopping center.

After an enjoyable lunch on the ledge, during which the leader served cheese, crackers and wine in honor of all hiking fathers (June 15 being Father's Day), we returned to the logging road and continued south for awhile. Then we cut down another old road to the west, recrossed the same brook mentioned earlier, and followed up its left bank to a beautiful, though small, waterfall.

Continuing up the brook, we reached the path where we had crossed the brook
co

coming in, and then returned to the gravel road. But instead of going back down, the leader led the group further up the road, even though it had started to rain. A treat was in store for them, especially the country house lovers. At the end of the road was a stone house, built like a miniature castle over 40 years ago by the man who started one of the first ski areas in the northeast U.S.

Because of a downpour, we huddled in the shelter of a large tree, while the leader recounted the house's history to the group.

The rain let up after a few minutes, so we headed back down the gravel road to our cars and then home.

O.K. What brook (1) did we cross, recross, and travel up? What ledge (2) on what mountain (3) did we climb? What home (4) did we visit? Who (5) started what ski area (6)?

Answers: (1) Tenney Brook (2) Snake Ledge, also called Wonder Ledge, or Mystery Ledge, very visible from NE Rutland (3) East Mountain (4) Mead Castle (5) Brad Mead (6) Pico Peak.

TEXAS FALLS

by W. Churchill Scott
June 26, 1980

Many recollections of past good times were made when the Killington Section had a mid-week picnic supper at Texas Falls.

There was a mixture of new faces and old, including the entire Shambo family, oldtimers like Ray and Lou Catozzi and the former Louella Green who backpacked with Craigie and Mary Perkins' daughters in the 1930s and '40s.

After a bit to eat, most everyone enjoyed a tasty treat from the Shambos' garden of fresh Swiss chard.

Last of all, we took a short walk over the nature trail and visited the impressive gorge cut through the rocks over the past millions of years. Here we told tales of cold water swimming in various pot-holes way back before the area was developed by the U.S.F.S.

It would be good to have more half-day outings like this one that whole families could enjoy.

LT BACKPACK

by Rob Carey
July 5 & 6, 1980

Five backpackers, including myself, met at the fire station. We had a long first day planned, up the South Pond Trail to the LT, then north to Logan Shelter. The only significant climb is up to South Pond, but there are a lot of minor up-and-down stretches on the Trail.

We found the South Pond Trail and followed it to the pond with no trouble, thanks to Al and Roma Pulling who had checked it out the week before. The guidebook, my memory, and Ray's memory all agreed that the LT was located right near the pond. It wasn't. After lunch, we spent over an hour looking for it. We finally followed a gravel road east without much hope. Eventually the road crossed the LT, and although we didn't know it then, we were about one quarter of a mile from Rolston's Rest. This meant we had added almost two miles to the hike!

By the time we got to Logan Shelter, it was starting to rain and the shelter was about full. Luckily we had tents and a tarp to eat under.

While we were eating, Lou Catozzi came up the New Boston Trail with some beer which did not last long! (Thank you, Lou.) He also stayed for the night. We were looking for Steve Pulling and several friends to join us, but they got a late start and only made it to Sunrise Shelter.

By morning the weather had cleared and we had an easy day. The trail mostly followed old woods roads along the mountains and down to Brandon Gap.

COOPER LODGE TO PICO CAMP WORK PARTY

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
July 13, 1980

Our many thanks to all the volunteers who helped us restore the Section's heavily used trail from Pico Camp to Cooper Lodge.

Al Pulling picked up lift tickets at Killington Base Lodge for a gondola ride to the top of Killington Peak.

Trail clearing from Cooper Lodge to Pico Camp was accomplished by Ray Catozzi, Roma and Al Pulling, Joe Dicton, Jr., Anna Nyiri, Krissy Madler and Milly Kramer. Randy Seifert decided to work the Short Route, coming down Killington Peak.

Winnie Shambo and I hiked up to Pico Camp with supplies to do some necessary repairs on the Shelter and outhouse. After we finished our chores and lunch, we started clearing the trail from Pico till we met up with the group working from Cooper Lodge.

Everyone should see the super job done by the above volunteers in putting this trail back where it belongs--as one of the best. As Ray Catozzi said: "This trail should be in great shape for the next four or five years."

MYSTERY HIKE

by Ray Catozzi
July 19, 1980

It was a hot day in July when a party of eight headed south on Route 103. Parking our cars in the lot south of the railroad crossing, we proceeded north on the Long Trail to Clarendon Shelter, where we took a breather.

After the rest stop, we left the LT and continued up the old abandoned town road to the Lottery Road, climbing steadily all the way. Here Mauri Winturri called it quits, said "so long" and headed back down.

Turning north on the Lottery Road the group resumed hiking, bearing left at a fork, in a north westerly direction. Soon we came to a trail leading to the left and going in a westerly, and then southerly direction we soon broke out into an opening on top of the ridge, a place known as Fox Lot! What a wonderful view of the Rutland Airport down in the foreground, Rutland City to the north, and thousands of loaded raspberry bushes right in our midst! Many had berries for dessert that day. One picked a quart in half an hour!

After the return trip to the cars, the leader and Millie Kramer from the Bronx, N.Y. went down to Clarendon Gorge for a swim and weenie roast. This was supposed to be part of the mystery hike, but its

mention got left out of the Herald article so only those who knew about it ahead of time were prepared. Too bad the whole group didn't make it 'cause it was an enjoyable ending to an enjoyable mystery hike. Right, Millie?

CORN ROAST

by Roma Pulling
August 2, 1980

As a means of raising money for the Kirk Fund, this event was not very successful. Only five people turned out -- Rob Carey, Roma and Al Pulling, Ray Catozzi, and Mauri Winturri. Mauri's plan was still a good one, and his contribution of corn greatly appreciated.

Mauri and Al went to Hinchey Shelter early and replaced some broken panes of glass. Rob built a fire, and after learning from experience that burying corn ears in a hot fire is not the best way to roast them, we roasted the rest on the grill -- several people ate corn exclusively -- and pronounced it delicious.

While we were eating, the hot, humid afternoon produced a heavy shower, which we watched from inside the shelter. The rain stopped in time for us to hike back to our cars near Spring Lake Ranch.

ABBEY POND

by Robert Badger
August 9, 1980

A finer day was never found in Camelot for the hike into Abbey Pond in Middlebury. Trip leader Piñon Badger (black Labrador) led a group of five hikers -- Bob & Kathy Jacob, Roma Pulling, and Rob & Carolyn Badger -- along the Forest Service trail into the pond.

The trail climbs moderately over the first mile and a half through hardwood forest following the cascading outlet brook. The final 3/4 mile crosses relatively flat land to the small glacial pond. There are no manmade desecrations to disfigure the landscape, not even a trail around the pond, although numerous beaver trails lead from the woods to the water's edge. There is abundant evidence of re-

cent cutting, but no beaver came out to pay us a visit.

Piñon went for a swim and the rest of us worked our way around the pond traversing from raspberry patch to blueberry patch. After lunch on a sizeable glacial boulder at the SW corner of the pond, Piñon led us back down the trail to some ledges with an overlook of the Champlain Valley. Of note, we encountered no other hikers along the trail or at the pond -- we had it all to ourselves.

The group next drove about two miles north where we climbed to the Cobble Caves. These are two dolomite caves up a steep grade just a few minutes walk from Route 116. Both are easily accessible with wide openings that would not even bother the claustrophobic. One has two openings connected by a crawl space, the other tapers to a crawl space before opening up again to a small room.

Had we the blueprint for the day, we surely would order up another right off.

1980 INTERSECTIONAL

by Rob Carey
August 16-23, 1980

About 100 members and guests including nine K.S.'ers came from as far away as Steubenville, Ohio, and Maryland for this week-long event. Some stayed only a day or two.

There were hikes every day, usually at least one on the Long Trail. Several of these were in our section of the Trail.

Non-hiking activities included trips to Hubbardton Battlefield, Fort Ti, and a nature photography workshop. Canoeing was popular, with several river trips of varying difficulty and on Lakes Sunrise and Sunset right at the camp. The lake was used for swimming a lot, especially on warmer days. Coming from Maryland was not enough distance for John and Andrew Howard, so they swam, with several others and a boat, across the lake and back.

Evening activities included a square dance (lots of fun), slides, an auction, a campfire, movies, and a supper. One of the most popular pastimes seemed to be just visiting with friends not seen since the Annual Meeting or last year's Inter-

sectional.

EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER FROM
RACHAEL CHARLAND DATED JULY 6

The whole trip across country was really like a dream -- no trouble of any sort with my car (wasn't I lucky?). People were so nice when I asked directions. Gasoline is very expensive; paid as high as \$2.38 a gallon.

On the fourth of July I was pleasantly surprised by a trip to Walnut Canyon, a short distance from Flagstaff. Just imagine last 4th of July when you met me - at Silver Lake near Dunmore. Some difference! Here I stood amazed at the sight before me: a national monument to the Sinagua Indians who more than 500 years ago inhabited the place. It is 400 feet deep and along the walls are various indications of the homes of the tribe. Lots of protection from the enemies with those dwelling places. There was a 3/4 mile paved trail around the section shaped like a walnut, from which the canyon gets its name. There were about 242 steps altogether en route, but what scenery! I just stood in awe of its structure, its depth, its flowers, its brilliance of color in the sunlight. We were advised by the rangers to take the walk slowly going down and returning. Good reason - the altitude is hard enough to get used to without pushing it!

The climate has made a change in my mode of living. Everyone seemed to move so slowly; NOW I KNOW WHY! It isn't the heat as we often had temperatures in the 80's in Vermont, but it is the altitude! The doctor told me it takes about three to four months to get used to it here. I had to go to the mergency room the first Sunday morning I was here because I awakened with such a piercing, splitting, penetrating headache. People sleep longer hours here, even the ones who have been here for years. Not only the older people take naps in the afternoon, but young ones do also.

It is such a great change from anything I have ever experienced -- it is so vast -- so lush in colors.

The forest fires have been near Flag, but good fire fighters have kept them from the city. All across the U.S.

from the city. All across the U.S. I saw signs: "Do Not Drive Through Smoke." It seems grass fires are easily started and driving through dense smoke has caused accidents so one is supposed to turn on headlights and proceed with a great deal of caution.

Dust is the main thing here. Never had to wash my hair so much! Cars are dusty, not rusty! All rusty cars are definitely Eastern owned. Lava cinders are used on the icy roads here, not salt. Must have my carburetor adjusted to compensate for the altitude -- doesn't start well and stalls which is symptomatic of Eastern vehicles....

God bless you,
Rae

MARIAN DICTON'S CINNAMON ROLLS

(Ed.s Note: Several of us have enjoyed this delicious sweet bread which Marian shares with us here. They're easy and fun to make.)

2 packages of yeast
1 cup warm water
2 tablespoons sugar
4 cups sifted all purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 lb. margarine or shortening
2 eggs

Sift flour and salt, cut in margarine as for pie dough. Add eggs and blend together. Dissolve yeast and sugar in the warm water and let stand to rise about five minutes. Add the yeast mixture to the flour mixture and mix into a soft ball.

Turn out on floured board and knead for about 5 minutes. Dough tends to be a bit sticky. Use floured hands in kneading. Divide dough into four parts, cover with Saran Wrap, and allow to rise about one hour.

Roll each piece into a 9"x12" rectangle. Brush with melted margarine up to about one inch from edge.

Mix 1/2 cup of sugar and two teaspoons of cinnamon together and sprinkle on the dough. Moisten the 1" edge with water and then roll up pinching ends and the long seam together. Place all rolls in a large shallow roasting pan, ungreased, and again brush all the rolls with melted margarine.

SMOKE AND BLAZES STAFF

Bake in preheated 375 degree oven for about 25 minutes or until nicely browned. Let cool in pan before taking out as they will break up if handled while hot. When cool enough, loosen with spatula and lift out to finish cooling on racks. They also can be wrapped in Saran Wrap and frozen for later use if desired.

Editor: Carol Chapman

Assistant Editor,

Typist: Jake Sherman

Mailing: Ray Catozzi
Roma Pulling
Churchill Scott

G.L. Kirk Fund: 1 Sept. 1980 - \$3,693.71

NEW MEMBERS: 1 SEPT 1980

Badger, Robert & Carolyn	43 Gloria Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
(inadvertently omitted from the June Smoke & Blazes)		
Bemis, Arthur	Stagecoach Farm, Rte.133	Ira, VT 05777
----- Jason (Jr.)	" "	" "
Cunningham, Tom	P.O. Box 593	Rutland, VT 05701
Davis, Beverly	375B West Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Kramer, Mildred	2600 Netherland Ave., 22N	Bronx, N.Y. 10463
O'Hehir, Barbara	16 West Street	Proctor, VT 05765
Vergi, Ilse	78 E. Washington St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Wells, David	5 Sugarwood Hill Rd.	Rutland, VT 05701

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Charland, Rachael	215 W. Cherry Ave.	Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Schmidt, Carl & Nancy	1651 Clayburn Circle	Cincinnati, OH 45240

KILLINGTON SECTION OFFICERS May 1, 1980

President	Robert Carey
Vice President	Roma Pulling
Secretary-Treasurer	W. Churchill Scott
Main Club Director	Robert Carey
Trails Chairman	Joe Dicton Sr.
Outings Chairman	Roma Pulling
Information Officer	Winnie Shambo
Smoke & Blazes	Carol Chapman
LT News Reporter	W. Churchill Scott

Section Directors

Carol Chapman	1981
Roma Pulling	1981
Winnie Shambo	1981
Joe Dicton Sr.	1982
Steve Pulling	1982
Harold Rogers	1982
Robert Carey	1983
Ray Catozzi	1983
W. Churchill Scott	1983

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Fall 1980 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact your hike leader; Robert Carey, President, 7 Milford House Road A9, Milford, NH 03055, 603-673-6395; Roma Pulling, Vice Pres., RFD 2, Woodstock Ave., 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Oct. 12 (Sun.)	9 a.m.	WEST MT., Chippenhook. View of Otter Valley, Killington, Pico and the Adirondacks. A moderate hike of about 4 mi. Lee LaVictoire, 773-6463
Oct. 18 (Sat.)	9 a.m.	WORK PARTY, Sherburne Pass to Pico Camp. Repair water bars. Rain date: Oct. 19 Joe Dicton, Sr., 775-4446
Oct. 25 (Sat.)	9 a.m.	CANOE TRIP on Otter Creek. Some rentals available. Call for reservations in advance. Steve Pulling, 773-6997
Nov. 1-2 (Sat.-Sun.)	9 a.m.	NATIONAL FOREST BACKPACKING TRIP. Follow old farm and logging roads in the Devil's Den area between Wallingford and Danby roads. Rated moderate. Bring your tent. Anne Mausolff, 875-3631
Nov. 9 (Sun.)	1 p.m.	EAST MT. The popular Valiquette Memorial Hike. Easy. Joe Valiquette, 773-8745
Nov. 22 (Sat.)	5 p.m.	COVERED DISH SUPPER at Camp Betsy Cox in Pittsford. Program following supper. For reservations call between 3 and 6 p.m. Winnie Shambo, 773-9330
Dec. 7 (Sun.)	9 a.m.	LITTLE ROCK POND via Homer Stone Brook Trail. A moderate 4 mi. hike. Robert Badger, 773-3777
Dec. 20 (Sat.)	6 p.m.	MOONLIGHT HIKE. Walk, ski or snowshoe to Tucker-Johnson shelter. Easy. 1.6 mi. Rob Carey, 773-7076

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED: WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

Those who ride with others should contribute toward car expense when there is considerable distance to hiking area.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



ALL letters sent to Killington Section must be addressed to the day
of the week. For more information, contact your local Killington Section.
Killington Section, 132 Maple Street, Rutland, VT 05701. Phone 775-5111.
Fax 775-5111. Telex 775-5111. Cable 775-5111.

DATE TIME LOCATION IN EVENT

Oct. 15	9 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Perkins 4812 Lebanon Rd. Charlotte, N.C. 28212
Oct. 16	9 a.m.	
Oct. 17	9 a.m.	
Oct. 18	9 a.m.	
Oct. 19	9 a.m.	
Oct. 20	9 a.m.	
Oct. 21	9 a.m.	
Oct. 22	9 a.m.	
Oct. 23	9 a.m.	
Oct. 24	9 a.m.	
Oct. 25	9 a.m.	
Oct. 26	9 a.m.	
Oct. 27	9 a.m.	
Oct. 28	9 a.m.	
Oct. 29	9 a.m.	
Oct. 30	9 a.m.	
Oct. 31	9 a.m.	

BRING ALONG WITH YOU OTHER USE INFORMATION. WEAR YOUR SEATBELT AND DRIVE RESPONSIBLY.
AND HAVE FUN!

These are the only other people who would be interested in this information.
There is considerable information in this report.



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 33, NUMBER 4 KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 1980

GMC AUTUMN OUTING - MOUNTAIN MEADOWS CAMPGROUND, LINCOLN, VT.

by

Roma Pulling

September 12-14, 1980

This year the fall outing was plagued by bad weather, but at least seven KSers turned out. We set up tents Friday evening under clear skies, but by Saturday the clouds had moved in. Hikers formed into various groups and headed for Mt. Abraham, Bristol Cliffs, the Green Mt. Audubon Center and even a few ambitious ones for the long trek from Appalachian Gap to Lincoln Gap.

That night the rain began. We viewed slides in the recreation hall and then repaired to our camp sites. Some were able to enjoy a camp fire by huddling under Rob Carey's tarp, but few enjoyed a good night's sleep. Two escaped from our tent after being thoroughly drenched and finished the night in our cars. By Sunday morning everybody had had enough. All activities were cancelled, and everyone headed home, some even before breakfast.

BIKE HIKE

by

Cynthia Pulling and Randy Roberts
September 13, 1980

On a cool and windy day in September five bikers met at the College of St. Joseph the Provider in Rutland. Trip leader Ann Mausolff led the group on a 35-mile excursion through Rutland, Clarendon, and Shrewsbury. Included in the group were Ann and Bob Badger, Chuck McDonald, Cynthia Pulling, and Randy Roberts. Chuck, who is 12 years old, biked over from Castleton to join the group.

Starting from Rutland, the group headed south into Clarendon along Dorr Drive, then east into Shrewsbury, where we stopped for a picnic lunch at Pierce's Corner Store. After lunch, we headed down Lincoln Hill Road to Route 103, then back through Clarendon and into Rutland. The route taken was the most challenging of five which Ann had carefully planned to accommodate a wide range of biking skills. The group voted unanimously to take this route, which was distinguished by quite hilly terrain in the Shrewsbury area. No one had mechanical difficulties and the trip went very smoothly. We all enjoyed



*Holiday
Greetings*

the trip and hope that bike hikes can become a regular part of the Killington Section schedule.

ICE CAVE TRIP

By

Jean Davies

September 27, 1980

About 27 people knew that this obviously was a great day for hiking to the Pittsford Ice Cave. With an autumn nip in the air, you could dress warmly enough for the hike and for the inside cave.

Trip Wescott of Pittsford, who leads the rockclimbing trips in the summer for Camp Betsey Cox, was in charge of leading the group down into the Cave. The most energetic and enthusiastic of the hikers set off with Trip to get the rope and candles set up in place. The rest of us sauntered up the trail at a more leisurely pace admiring the views, lichens, ferns, and mosses. About two-thirds of the way there, we realized that the climbing rope Trip needed was accompanying our section, which was no great harm except that it meant waiting around after we got to the Cave entrance so that the route could be set up and lighted. There was no complaining, since sandwiches and other nourishment popped out and talk flourished.

Everyone was eager to know what the cave was like, but they still wanted to go in in spite of the following description:

You first see a round hole about six feet in diameter over which is a six inch log. You shinny over the log holding firmly onto air above and below until the ladder on the far side is gained. Going down it about 20 feet, you keep right around the corkscrew to avoid going over a cliff. Then you continue through the lemon-squeeze and on to a kind of a talus slope going down to the ice on the cave floor.

Slightly-built folk, such as children, could squeeze through a lower opening, and not have to cross the log, and led by Tom Shambo, several took that route.

Comments from those emerging from the cave ranged from exclamations about the state of their clothes, to the fact that it was really neat! It was quite differ-

ent from what most expected, and the consensus seemed to be that the trip was well worth it.

Dave Ferris spent some time trying to figure out how the ice happened to be in the Cave this time of year, but not in the winter. He had some good theories, although none were proved.

The Pittsford Historical Society holds title to the 50+ acres of the Ice Cave land. The Nature Conservancy working with local people and Youth Camps helped secure the property, and it is maintained now by Youth camps in the area, principally Camp Keewaydin, Camp Sangamon, and Camp Betsey Cox. If you have a favorite area of land worth preserving but can't imagine how to even attempt it, the Nature Conservancy might be a logical and helpful way to start.

So after a bit of history, food, exploring, etc., the group headed down to a high meadow to share coffee, courtesy of Roma Pulling.

PICO TRAIL WORK PARTY

by

Joe Dicton Sr.

October 18, 1980

Due to the all night rain, only Al Pulling and I signed up to clean out the water bars on Pico Trail. The rain stopped during our scheduled leaving time and we decided to head for Pico.

After about two hours of work in which we managed to clean out 23 water bars, it started to rain and rain heavy. We headed back down to our vehicle and decided to finish the work another time.

Three days later on Oct. 22 Al and I headed back to the Pico Trail to finish cleaning out the remaining water bars.

I am pleased at the work we accomplished and am sure that the Killington Section is grateful to Al Pulling for his splendid effort in putting our trails and shelters in good order.

KIRK FUND NEARS GOAL

On December 1 the Kirk Fund totaled \$4,363.43. We should soon reach our goal of \$5,000.

LT SOUTH TO GRIFFITH LAKE

by
Rob Carey
November 1 and 2, 1980

I inherited this hike, so the destination was changed from somewhere in the National Forest to a loop hike. Only three individuals, Roma Pulling, Steve Pulling, and I (along with Roma's dog, Wonder) made this enjoyable backpack.

The hike started and ended at the Long Trail at USFS Road 10. We went south on the LT about one mile and then took the Old Job Trail. This is a nice trail, mostly old logging road providing easy going. At the site of the logging camp there was a huge pile of sawdust that we photographed. We rejoined the LT at Griffith Lake.

After checking the Peru Peak Shelter (it was full), we returned to the lake to set up camp. We found an excellent site on the west side of the pond. The evening was a bit cool, but we enjoyed the campfire. Sunday's hike out provided views from Baker Peak.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

by
Winnie Shambo
November 22, 1980

On Saturday, Nov. 22, twenty-three people gathered in the lodge at Camp Betsey Cox in Pittsford for the Section's annual covered dish supper.

We enjoyed a varied menu of delicious foods, including a quiche even Ernie Royal would have been jealous of.

This is one of the few outings some of our older members are able to attend and we were very happy to have these people with us.

We appreciate the hospitality of Jean Davies, who had a huge fire burning in the lodge fireplace from noon on. And we appreciate Barb Tinney's sharing her slides with us.

Jean was also kind enough to show some of the participants of the evening around the immediate grounds by the light of the full moon. Had more of us been prepared with the proper clothing, we would have joined them.

LITTLE ROCK POND

led by Piñon Badger
December 7, 1980

December 7th arrived as a crystal clear 10° gem of a day, ordered up special for the trip into Little Rock Pond via the Homer Stone Brook Trail from South Wallingford. We had an excellent turnout considering the season - Roma and Steve Pulling, Churchill Scott, Rob Carey, Harold Rogers, Barbara Tinney, Bob Jacob, Dave Hadley, Rob Badger and Piñon (black labrador).

A scant half inch of snow over frozen ground provided an excellent hiking surface over the first mile and a half up to the crossing of Homer Stone Brook. The crossing proved amusing as all the rocks were glazed with ice, making very poor stepping stones. A log provided an adequate, somewhat tense, but uneventful crossing, and the hike continued up a fairly steep and icy half mile to the pond.

Such a gorgeous pond, even in its frozen state, sheltered between Green Mountain to the west and Homer Stone Mountain to the east. So different from when most of us have seen the pond in warmer seasons, and we were the only souls present to disturb the tranquility.

A fire was built at the tenting area along the southeast shore of the pond, and water put on to boil. While others warmed themselves by the fire and began lunch, Bob Jacobs and Rob Badger donned ice skates and had a pond-long game of hockey.

After lunch we had another short game of hockey, this time with more participants sans skates. Several hikers crossed the ice to the island and all of us, despite some initial fears as to the strength of the ice and slippery footing, walked the length of the pond to the northern trail head and started down. On the steep downhill, several of us found it more convenient to sit down on the longer stretches of ice and slide -- a great ride, better than the Alpine Slide! I'll let you know how it was on the backside tomorrow.

At the stream crossing, Barbara decided to go for a swim. Despite her insistence that it wasn't really all that bad, the rest of us could not be enticed into joining her.

By the end of the day skies were rapidly clouding with a feel of snow in the air. A perfect day to (perhaps) end the year's hiking.

EXCERPT FROM A LETTER FROM
RACHAEL CHARLAND

Can't seem to make these people understand the fun of hiking -- even two women alone as I try to relate to them our Green Mountain trail. Oh, I'll have to tell you I got quite a negative reaction from Harry Peet when I wrote to him suggesting that the LT be renamed the Green Mountain Trail more in keeping with our guide book and giving more recognition to the state.

Am going to a meeting of the Flagstaff Hiking Club. Finally got the assistant director (of the Adult Center) interested in starting a hiking club for seniors.

No waters near here for canoeing. And no one interested in it enough to do it. People in my age bracket still huddle near the fire and watch the "boob tube" instead of being outside.

Weather has been very warm the residents say for this time of year. Low in the teens in the A.M., but then warms up to 50 or 60 about noon.

RELUCTANT WRITERS

Hike leaders who prefer not to write the report for Smoke and Blazes should ask someone who participated in the hike and is willing, to make the report. Most writers find it much easier to write the report immediately following the hike rather than several months later when one's memory of and enthusiasm for it may have grown dim.

Two outings on the last schedule were cancelled due to inclement weather. They were the Otter Creek canoe trip and the Valiquette Memorial Hike on East Mountain.

No hike report was made for the September 7th hike to Killington Peak. More than 20 people made it to the top where Churchill Scott let everyone who wished view the surrounding countryside

from the fire tower where he was on duty.

NEW MEMBERS

Kraus, Joseph M. 59 East Center Street
Rutland, Vt. 05701

McWilliam, Gail 7 Westview Drive
Granville, NY 12832

SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

Editor: Carol Chapman
Assistant Editor & Typist:
Jake Sherman
Mailing: Ray Catozzi
Roma Pulling
Churchill Scott

SMOKE & BLAZES DEADLINE

Please submit your articles and hike reports by March 1 for the next issue of Smoke and Blazes. Mail to:

Carol Chapman
39 East Street
Rutland, VT 05701

A WINTRY MILE

by Grace Noll Crowell

I know that my work is waiting,
I know how long it will take,
But I shall walk a wintry mile
For my own spirit's sake.

I shall lift my face to the blowing
Of the clean wind down the land,
I shall dig by a tangled tree root
With a quick exploring hand,
To find the new green mosses
Blanketed warm and bright.

I shall break the ice at the stream's edge
To see the emerald light
Of a three-leaved clover lying
Tender and green as spring;
My cheeks shall gather the roses
That wintry winds can bring.

Then I shall go back to my labor,
To the tasks so hard and long,
With my heart as light as a bubble,
And on my lips a song.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Perkins
4812 Lebanon Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28212

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Winter 1980-81 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact your hike leader; Robert Carey, President, 7 Milford House Road A9, Milford, NH 03055, 603-673-6395; Roma Pulling, vice-Pres., RFD #2, Woodstock Ave., 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Jan. 4 (Sun.)	10 A.M.	Brown Bridge, Shrewsbury, to Tamarack Notch along Cold River Road. 3 mi., easy. Hike, ski, or snow shoe. Churchill Scott, 775-5720
Jan. 17 (Sat.)	9 A.M.	Danby quarry to Natural Bridge, Dorset. 4 mi., easy. Walk or snow shoe. Not suitable for skis. Harold Rogers, 775-4471
Jan. 31- Feb. 1 (Sat. & Sun.)	9 A.M.	WINTER WEEK END. Merck Forest, Rupert. Snow shoeing, skiing, hiking. Reservations required. Marian Dicton, 775-4446
Feb. 14 (Sat.)	9 A.M.	Ski or snow shoe in the area of Gov. Clement Shelter and beyond. 3 mi., easy. Rob Carey, 773-7076
Mar. 1 (Sun.)	9 A.M.	North Shrewsbury to Route 100 in West Bridgewater. Suitable for hikers, snow shoers and <u>good</u> skiers. 5 mi, moderate. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
Mar. 14 (Sat.)	2 P.M.	SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY, Pulling home, Upper Woodstock Avenue, corner of Post Road. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Mar. 28 (Sat.)	7 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING. Meeting Room, Vermont Achievement Center, 88 Park Street, Rutland. Refreshments will be served.

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. Wear sturdy waterproof footgear and bring extra clothing.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 34, NUMBER 1

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JANUARY-MARCH, 1981

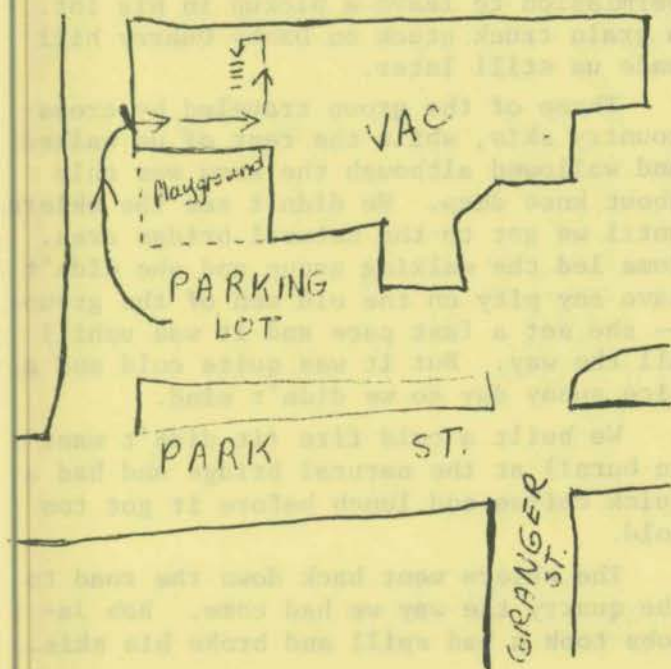
KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING MAR. 28

The Killington Section annual meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 28th, at the Vermont Achievement Center.

VAC is located on Park Street, north of the Rutland Fairground. Park your car in the parking lot in front of the playground and enter the door on the far left (the Pediatric Convalescent Unit.) Signs inside will direct you to the meeting room downstairs.

Make plans to attend this important meeting as the election of Directors must be made and decisions reached on a number of current issues.

Following the meeting refreshments will be served. There will also be a program of slides of the Long Trail presented by Lou Catozzi.



A TRIBUTE TO "DOC" HOWARD

by
Churchill Scott

On December 16, 1980 Dr. James H. Howard died suddenly. He had been a resident of Pleasant Manor Convalescent Home for many years and was confined to his bed for the last few years. Nevertheless, he had many tales to tell about his various trips with the Killington Section.

A couple of his favorites follow. One was about the hiker spending the night at Sucker Brook Lodge who drank a fifth of liquor a day and was carrying a week's supply. Another time while on his End-to-End one-shot trip, he was all set to bet he had the lightest stove (a 7 1/2 oz. Sterno in a #10 can) with a hiker at Taft Lodge. Seems that this hiker had a 5 oz. Sterno in a salted peanut can.

The writer met Dr. Howard during the mid-1960s when Herb Ogden replaced the bunks at Governor Clement Shelter. Since that time, "Doc" was one of the most avid members of our section. He served on the Board of Directors, the Outing and Trails & Shelters Committees, and was best known for his sturdy, well-built outhouses.

After the 1973 flood destroyed the suspension bridge over Clarendon Gorge, Dr. Howard had all plans finalized to replace the structure. But at the last minute the main G.M.C. took over which resulted in a 300 % increase in expenses.

Dr. Howard will be missed by all of us in the Killington Section and by his many friends throughout the Green Mountain Club.

A HIKER'S PRAYER

God give me hills to climb,
And strength for climbing!
--Arthur Guiterman of Arlington, Vt.

MOONLIGHT HIKE: TUCKER-JOHNSON SHELTER

by Joanne Valente and Judith Hall
December 20, 1980

This beautifully clear, crisp night (10 to 15 below) was perfect for our hike. About 10 of us began the hike at the end of the Robinwood Development in Mendon; four skiing and the rest walking.

(Since this was our first hike with the group, and we did not realize we'd be asked to write this article, we are unable to recall the exact names of the participants. However, the group consisted of "locals" and out-of-staters, which made a good blend.)

We sort of "blazed" the trail to the shelter as the skiers followed behind. The snow was over our knees in some areas and not packed down, which made the walking challenging. The star-speckled sky, moonlight shadows through the trees, and good friendly conversation made the walk very enjoyable and memorable.

At the Shelter we were greeted by two fellows who had gone ahead earlier to fetch and cut wood for the warm fire. Hot beverages were distributed as we "hopped" around the fire, sang Christmas carols, exchanged hiking experiences and checked out the stars.

We know a great time was had by all and are looking forward to another Moonlight Hike. (Next time we'll bring the marshmallows!).

UPPER COLD RIVER TO TAMARACK NOTCH

by W. Churchill Scott
January 4, 1981

This was the kind of day that separates the "fair weather hikers" from the dedicated K.S.'ers. However, no person in his right mind would be caught dead outdoors on such a day. The thermometer ranged all the way down to a minus 25 degrees.

After leaving the car at the junction of "Alcohol Spring," Upper and Lower Cold River Roads, Winnie Shambo, Steve Pulling and I walked through Brown Bridge. Turning north following an old town road well

packed by the snowmobilers, we met a lone rider with her dog.

At the old Parker Homestead we had the choice of crossing Cold River, visiting the Tamarack Notch Camp area or following the trail north. At the Kirk Bridge we hated to make the decision of no fire, no coffee and no lunch, but it was just too cold. We followed the Rousseau Road back to the car, visiting the Wilkins Cemetery and passing the Colvin farm on the way.

The cold weather was just the same as that on the aborted trip the K.S. had up Mt. Hanley in the mid-70's. Cold and windy, but beautiful sun and blue sky.

The leader had five inquiries about the hike so a goodly number of people would have gone. It is hoped that they will all come out with us when the weather moderates.

DANBY QUARRY TO EMERALD LAKE

by Harold Rogers
January 17, 1981

Ten of us met at the fire station along with Bob Badger's dog, Pinon. We were late getting started and were further delayed by waiting for the owner of a private garage at Emerald Lake to give us permission to leave a pickup in his lot. A grain truck stuck on Danby Quarry hill made us still later.

Three of the group traveled by cross-country skis, while the rest of us walked and wallowed although the snow was only about knee deep. We didn't see the skiers until we got to the natural bridge area. Roma led the walking group and she didn't have any pity on the old men of the group -- she set a fast pace and it was uphill all the way. But it was quite cold and a nice sunny day so we didn't mind.

We built a cold fire (it didn't want to burn!) at the natural bridge and had a quick coffee and lunch before it got too cold.

The skiers went back down the road to the quarry the way we had come. Bob Jacobs took a bad spill and broke his skis.

Churchill Scott and one group went down to Emerald Lake one way and I led another group down another road. It was an enjoyable hike and would be fun to repeat in the summer.

WINTER WEEKEND AT MERCK FOREST

by Roma Pulling
January 31 - February 1, 1981

The weather for our Merck Forest outing was ideal with bright sunshine and temperatures in the 20's. A strong wind started blowing, causing considerable drifting, about lunchtime of the second day; but we were leaving, anyway.

Saturday morning four people -- Carol Chapman, Churchill Scott, Harold Rogers and myself -- left for Rupert from the fire station to be joined soon after our arrival by Rob Carey and later by Steve Pulling and Lou Catozzi. Carol, Churchill and Harold skied briefly, ate lunch and then returned to Rutland.

The overnigheters skied and hiked out Old Town Road and returned to Spruce Lean-to for supper. This shelter, accommodating up to seven people, was constructed last year and impressed us with its comfort and roominess. We spent a restful night warmed by a wood fire which your reporter, being a light sleeper, kept stoked.

Sunday forenoon the four of us skied and hiked to Clark's Clearing out Mt. Antone Road and returned via Schenk and Old Town Roads. It was another fantastic weekend. Merck Forest, you did it again!

GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER

by Rob Carey
February 14, 1981

Six people (three hikers and three cross-country skiers) came out for this hike. We parked at the "triangle" and followed the road. There was just enough snow for the skiers but not too much for the hikers. Except for one icy spot near the yellow camp the walking was good and the skiing satisfactory, considering there was no snow in Rutland.

We reached the shelter early and got a fire going to heat the water and toast sandwiches. Since it was still early, after lunch we followed a new logging road beyond the shelter. This gave us good views of Mendon, Little Killington and Shrewsbury Peaks as well as a good run for the skiers.

On the way back the skiers went faster, especially as the hikers stopped at the shelter and had another cup of coffee. On the return to Rutland we checked out the starting point for the next hike and also the Wade property at Clarendon Gorge.

NORTH SHREWSBURY TO ROUTE 100

by Steve Pulling
March 1, 1981

If this was the first Green Mountain Club outing that you've ever attended, you probably thought it was sort of disorganized. But as usual everything ended up as planned. The weather forecast didn't scare too many people away as there were eleven hikers and "skinny skiers" who braved the predicted foul weather.

Being the hike leader, I should have met at the fire station to help organize the day's events, but Rod Carey, Lou Catozzi, and I were already in Shrewsbury as we had camped out the night before with Boy Scout troop #105 in that mountain town. As Rob, Lou, and I arrived at the Northam parking lot where the hike was to begin, we found only two people, Roma Pulling and Clay Palmer. Roma and Clay informed us that Churchill Scott had taken most of the skiers over to West Bridgewater to start in from that end.

After hiking approximately three miles our group met up with Churchill's group which included: Bob and Sue Dunn, Ken Stellwagen, and Sue Smyser on skis and Kayleen Gorman hiking. At that point the skiers kept skiing westward to eat lunch at the Stone House while Kayleen and Churchill joined our group as we hiked eastward into Tinker Brook Shelter for lunch. We shared the shelter with six snowmobilers who had also stopped there for lunch. Amazingly, all eleven of us arrived at the cars in West Bridgewater

at the same time. Perfect timing! So ends another successful Green Mountain Club outing. Which way is north? Rob? Lou?

A LETTER FROM NANCY SCHMIDT

Greetings from the Schmidts, who now live in a suburb of Cincinnati. The city is right across the Ohio River from Kentucky, and only about 20 minutes from Indiana.

We've had a cold winter, for Cincinnati, and a good bit of snow, but the snow doesn't stack up high enough to do much in the way of winter sports. Carl takes a ski run in the back yard whenever it snows, and has skied twice at a nearby park (where he impressed everyone with his cross-country skill), but it's not quite the same. We've not been hiking at all yet.

We miss Vermont. But, Carl is very happy with his job, and we're very pleased with the school the children attend. And we've enjoyed being able to spend time with Carl's family in Cincinnati and mine in Tennessee.

It's starting to feel like spring here! We intend to get outdoors and explore the countryside soon. We'll send a report on the Buckeye Trail when we find it; we came upon the southern terminus, which had a sign instructing us to follow the blue blazes, but there were none to be seen.

Keep Smoke & Blazes coming!

DUES ARE DUE

If you have not already sent in your 1981 dues, please do so immediately. You may pay them at the Annual Meeting, or mail them to W. Churchill Scott - Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., Rutland, VT 05701. This is the last issue of Smoke & Blazes that will be sent to the 1980 members. Dues are listed on the membership form.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

Current By-Laws are printed in the April, 1980 Smoke & Blazes. The proposed change is in Section 8, relating to election of Director(s) to the Main Club. It is a housekeeping measure to bring our By-Laws in line with changes made to the Main Club By-Laws several years ago.

The Directors shall elect from their number ~~two Trustees~~ Directors to the G.M.C. as allocated by the G.M.C. By-Laws. In the event that Director candidates for the office of ~~Trustee~~ G.M.C. Director are found lacking, the Directors may seek candidates from the general Section membership.

///// deletions _____ additions

ART WORK

Drawings for this issue are courtesy of Mildred Kramer.

SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

Editor: Carol Chapman
Assistant Editor and Typist:
Jake Sherman
Mailing: Ray Catozzi
Roma Pulling
Churchill Scott



Clarendon River
Gorge



Suspension
bridge

THE GEORGE L. KIRK FUND

Recent Killington Section members sometimes ask "What is the Kirk Fund?" or "Why should I contribute to it?"

Mr. Kirk was a newspaper reporter and editor in Rutland for 57 years. An active hiker, he was a man of wide interests -- among them weather observation, botany and ornithology.

Mrs. Dorothy Kirk, Mr. Kirk's widow, established the George L. Kirk Trails and Shelter Fund in January, 1977. Over the past five years Mrs. Kirk has made several substantial donations which when added to the contributions of club members presently total \$4,973.19.

After reaching our goal of \$5,000, the interest earned will be used for the maintenance of our section's trails and shelters. With constantly increasing expenses, our section is barely achieving a balanced budget. Therefore, the Kirk Fund is vital to enable us to meet our responsibilities.

Your contribution to the Kirk Fund is an investment in the future of both the Long Trail and the Killington Section.

HIKING COMPANION WANTED

Winnie Shambo is seeking a hiking companion for a planned nine day trip on the Long Trail from May 16 to May 24. She is hoping to cover a 96 mile section of the LT. If interested, Winnie may be reached by calling (802) 773-9330 in the A.M. or by writing to her at 142 Dorr Drive, Rutland, VT 05701.

ARIZONA HIKING

by Rachael Charland
(excerpt from a recent letter)

I have been hiking some; mostly these people aren't too hepped on hiking; my AGE GROUP, THAT IS. They'd rather watch TV and EAT! It shows too! Went on a hike with the Sedona Westerners; along the Verde River, which, as you may remember, rises between the towns of Jerome and Winslow and ends up in the Bay of Azar near the Pacific Ocean. It is about 200 miles long and I am sure that today it must have

more water in it than when I first saw it a month ago. We drove about 37 miles south of Sedona; took an ungodly, rough road, full of gulches; up and down for about eight miles of that stuff (was really glad I had not taken my car) only four-wheel driven vehicles would have made it, parked cars; then the Trail Boss (hike leader to us) announced Pit Stop with the men going ahead of the female crowd (there were about 27 of us in all) while we attended to our needs. (That is the only way one can do this here as the trees are not that high or numerous to hide behind.) We caught up with the men; journeyed down a dry river bed and over ground that was dry as a bone, littered with cacti (prickly pear variety as well as mesquite -- how that stuff hurts when a hand or arm hits it) to another river bed and finally along the Verde River. I was amazed to see so little water in it. I inquired as to the extent of the Falls that we had come to view and was told about 10 feet. I think I must have misunderstood but I think I heard the Trail Boss say 10'-- it was really more like six to ten inches instead. We sat on dirty, blackened lava bed rocks to eat lunch; stared at an embankment across the river that only had low vegetation; complete with what we had come through-- more cacti and mesquite with a barbed wire fence running down to the river to help keep the cows in from the river.

Another hike was along the Oak Creek near Sedona; as long as I didn't look up I would think I was in Vt. as the ground was covered with oak and aspen leaves ... there were some interestingly shaped rocks! So many rocks surround that area; and I THOUGHT ALL OF THE ROCKS WERE IN MAINE AND VT. It was a seven mile hike; we did look over the fire-ruined cabin that once was owned by Zane Grey and his partner. That was that.

About two weeks ago we did have 3" to 4" of snow and tried to ski; had to travel about 50 miles and up another 1,000 feet in order to find a Forestry Road that we could attempt to ski upon. If we were careful and watched constantly we wouldn't be tumbled foreward by CINDERS that, of course made up the road bed. We went about four miles on FLAT LAND and returned into the North wind that was something to take.Some place, Flag. Wouldn't trade one inch of Vt. for 1 acre of Az.

REPORT OF THE GEORGE L. KIRK FUND (12-31-80)
by Churchill Scott, Treas.

Jan. 1	\$1,000 - 6 Yr. C.D.....	\$1,162.05	Passbook Account 1-1-80.....	\$1,083.10
	Purch'd 1-31-78		Gifts	1,748.92
	7.75% Interest	95.21	Interest	21.72
		<u>\$1,257.26</u>		<u>\$2,853.74</u>
	\$1,000 - 8 Yr. C.D.....	\$1,062.74	1-22-80 Withdrew to pur-	
	Purch'd 4-2-79		chase two \$1,000 C.D.s ...	\$2,000.00
	8.00% Interest	89.99	1-22-80 Balance	853.74
		<u>\$1,152.73</u>	*4-30-80 Withdrew to pur-	
	\$1,000 - 2 1/2 Yr.C.D..	\$1,000.00	chase \$500.00 C.D.	500.00
	Purch'd 1-22-80		12-31-80 Balance.....	\$353.74
	10.40% Interest	104.73		
		<u>\$1,104.73</u>		
	\$1,000 - 2 1/2 Yr. C.D.	\$1,000.00	*To begin second \$5,000 Fund	
	Purch'd 1-22-80			
	10.40% Interest	104.73		
		<u>\$1,104.73</u>		
			12-31-80 TOTAL	<u>\$4,973.19</u>

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
132 Maple Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Spring 1981 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact your hike leader; Robert Carey, President, 7 Milford House Road A9, Milford, NH 03055, 603-673-6395; Roma Pulling, Vice-Pres., RFD 2, Woodstock Avenue, 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
April 5 (Sunday)	8:00 A.M.	GREEN PEAK area, Dorset. Visit several old quarries, trip includes steep climbs and some bushwhacking. Difficult, 5-6 mi. Robert Badger, 773-3777
April 12 (Sunday)	10:00 A.M.	COX MOUNTAIN, Pittsford. Good views of the Taconics, Adirondacks, Otter Valley and Lake Champlain. 3 mi., easy. Churchill Scott, 775-5720
April 18 (Saturday)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY. Repair Clarendon Shelter. Joe Dicton, Sr., 775-4446
May 2 (Saturday)	1:00 P.M.	PROCTOR HIGH LEDGE. Good view of the village and the Otter Valley. 3 mi., easy. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
May 9 (Saturday)	9:00 A.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION WALK-THROUGH. By team effort, cover as much of the trail as possible, assess major damage and do light maintenance. Joe Dicton, Sr., 775-4446
May 16 (Saturday)	9:00 A.M.	BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN. A moderate 5-mile hike up the Old Canty trail for views of Rutland and the Coolidge Range. Rob Carey, 773-7076
May 22-4 (Fri.-Sun.)		GMC ANNUAL MEETING at Tamarack Notch. See LT NEWS, Feb. 1981 issue for further info and reservation form. Let's give our Section a good representation.
June 7 (Sunday)	9:00 A.M.	LONG-HOLE, Peru. An area noted for its lovely June pinks. Moderate, 4 mi. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
June 13-14 (Sat.-Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	NATIONAL FOREST BACKPACKING TRIP. Postponed from an earlier date. Follow old farm and logging roads in the Devil's Den area between Wallingford and Danby roads. Moderate. Bring your own tent. Anne Mausolff, 875-3631
June 20 (Saturday)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY. Clear trail between Gov. Clement and Tamarack shelters. Joe Dicton, Sr., 775-4446
June 27 (Saturday)	9:30 A.M.	BOILING SPRING, Chittenden. Moderate, 5 mi. Harold Rogers, 775-4471

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOT-GEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701

M/M Robert Perkins
4812 Lebanon RD
Charlotte, NC 28212





Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 34, NUMBER 2

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

APRIL-JUNE, 1981

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING, MAR. 28

by Rob Carey

Over 35 people attended the annual meeting of the Killington Section, Mar. 28, at the Vermont Achievement Center in Rutland. The officers' reports were given. Financially, the most important item was the reaching of the goal of the Kirk Fund. We greatly appreciate the generosity of Mrs. Dorothy Kirk in making this possible. As far as operating expenses were concerned, the club did slightly better than break even. All of the Trail was covered and, with our shelters, is in good shape. A special thanks is in order for the excellent work done by Trails & Shelters Chairman Joe Dicton Sr. Outings attendance held steady with evening events, supper and moonlight hikes proving very popular.

The Club's Wilderness policy was discussed, as well as other political activity by the Club and the Section. No action was taken in any of these areas.

Roma Pulling and Winnie Shambo were reelected as Directors. Rob Badger was elected to a three-year term to replace the retiring Carol Chapman. After a brief Directors' meeting at which all officers were re-elected, there was a fascinating slide program presented by Lou Catozzi featuring mainly shots on the Long Trail. They were organized from South to North as if hiking End-to-End. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments during the show.

NEW CARETAKERS

by W. Churchill Scott

It has been noted in the current Long Trail News that Killington Section members are active in main G.M.C. work.

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Fitzgerald of Middle-

town Springs are caretakers at Little Rock Pond area, one of the more popular and busier spots of the Long Trail system.

Philip Woodbury of Perkinsville is the adopter of Old Job Shelter, located on the alternate trail from U.S.F.S. Road #10 to Griffith Lake.

GMC ANNUAL MEETING

by Ray Catozzi

The annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club was held Saturday, May 23, at the Mendon Methodist Church in Mendon, Vermont. Originally scheduled to be held at the Tamarack Notch Camp in Mendon, with both meetings and camping all in one spot, the Connecticut Section, sponsors of the annual meeting, did some fast and efficient scrambling when both approach roads to Tamarack were dangerously washed out due to recent heavy rains. Campers were transferred to Gifford Woods State Park.

Present from the Killington Section were Rob Carey, Roma Pulling, Winnie Shambo, Carol Chapman, Sue Smyzer, Mauri Winturri, George Reynolds, and Ray Catozzi.

Of interest to the Killington Section is the formation of a committee to plan a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the completion of the original Long Trail. This celebration will, in all probability, take place during the GMC Intersectional at Camp Plymouth the last week in August.

Our own Rob Carey, incidentally, is one of the members of the Intersectional coordinating committee.

Nothing new has developed about the former Wade property at the LT/AT crossing of Route 103 at the head of Clarendon Gorge. The Killington Section announced that it will take over the trail relocation and signing, but more remains to be done about cleaning up the remaining property.

The GMC budget is back down under \$100,000, but it's not due to a sudden savings in the running of the club, but to the cutting back in Forest Service contracts to do trail work in the National Forest.

Jim Wilkinson, retired Vermont Forest & Parks supervisor, is our new GMC President. Preston Bristow, former GMC treasurer, and National Park Service representative on the AT/LT preservation project, is our new Vice President.

At the end of the general membership meeting, and during the afternoon directors' meeting, the Stowe Rescue Squad delivered a talk about their work, displayed their equipment which included mountain climbing gear, and explained its use. 'Twas very interesting.

A sumptuous dinner was put on by the ladies and gents of the Mendon Methodist Church. Of the roughly 125 attending the meeting, over 100 were at the dinner.

In the evening the members and guests were treated to two slide shows. One was presented by the Vermont Audubon Society about Vermont's endangered species, both flora and fauna. The other was a slide presentation of the GMC expedition to Scotland last year. Both were very enjoyable and well received.

Sunday found hikers heading off in several directions for various hikes. One group climbed Pico; some went up the Bucklin Trail to Killington and visited Churchill Scott. A large group motored to Cavendish and walked down, both through and above, the beautiful Cavendish Gorge.

And thus ended another memorable GMC Annual Meeting, with all the greeting of old friends, the camaraderie of fellow hikers and campers, good eating, fine evening entertainment, and enjoyable hikes the next day. It's too bad more KS members didn't attend, especially when it was held so close to Rutland.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY

by Roma Pulling
March 14, 1981

The 23 sweet-tooths who gathered at the chairman's house this year were welcomed by sunshine and seasonable temperatures

in contrast to last year's dismal snow and rain.

Carol Chapman and I drove to Turnpike Road the forenoon of the party and half-filled a 30-gallon plastic bag with clean snow.

We are truly grateful to Janet Martin for working her magic at the stove again, and the product was done to perfection as usual.

With doughnuts, pickles and coffee to complete the menu, we enjoyed a delicious treat while the fireplace added a cheerful note.

MOUNT AEOLUS (GREEN PEAK) AREA, DORSET

by Robert Badger
April 5, 1981

April 5th. Can one not recall the radiant sunshine, sparkling blue skies and warm spring breezes of that glorious April day? The singing of the birds, fragrance of wildflower buds bursting forth and long dormant plants springing to life? Not likely; certainly not in Dorset, Vermont. On April 5th it rained. It rained all day; and, at least in Dorset, it never let up.

Seven amphibious souls and one soggy dog showed up to have a go at searching through the fog for the summit of Mount Aeolus. Robert and Cathy Jacob, David Hadley, Winnie Shambo, Roma Pulling, Robert and Carolyn Badger and Pinon started the trip by hiking a mile north along the east flank of the mountain into the old Freedley Quarry. From here the hike was to continue uphill to a ridge and south along the ridge to the summit of Mount Aeolus, named after the Greek God of the Winds.

Freedley Quarry is cut into the side of Mount Aeolus, providing an extensive underground cavern. It is truly one of the most impressive abandoned quarries in the state, used in summer for swimming and winter for skating. On April 5th, Freedley Quarry was used as shelter for seven soggy hikers and a wet dog.

A roof over our heads, a fine bottle of wine and good company, we had a delightful morning. The quarry penetrates a good 300 feet into the mountain with a ceiling of 50 feet or more. A portion of the area underground was quarried to considerable depth and is now filled with water. When frozen, this makes for magnificent ice

skating, there being a roof overhead to protect the smooth black ice from inclement precipitation. On this day the ice was still strong enough to support daring souls, though it cracked ominously. We were all impressed -- this was terrific, well worth a trip to Dorset. When the wine was gone, and all corners of the quarry explored, the unanimous decision was to forget Mt. Aeolus. We couldn't have found it in the pea soup fog anyway.

We hiked down the old incline railroad bed, where marble blocks were once transported, to the old county road which led back to our cars. Not being wet enough, we decided to hang in there and hike another mile south along the east flank of Mount Aeolus into the old Folsom Quarry, of which I had pictures showing its operation in 1885. We found the quarry by spotting its waste pile, and actually stood right in the middle of the old quarry without knowing it. The fog was so thick, that only by finding the quarry wall and walking around it could we realize we were walled in on three sides.

By now we were thoroughly drenched and getting cold, so we returned to Rutland in search of a warm fire, warm drink and dry clothes. This trip will be attempted again shortly, hoping for better weather. If you like steep climbs and old quarries, be there; you won't regret it.

COX MOUNTAIN, PITTSFORD

by Steve Pulling
April 12, 1981

Twenty-six people showed up on this clear, sunny Sunday to scale Cox Mountain in Pittsford. There were many welcome new faces on this hike thanks to the weather and especially to Bob Badger who fielded many Vermont Marble employees with their families. Many old regulars made it also including one who left Milford, N.H. that morning after, I repeat after, the space shuttle lifted off at 7:30 A.M. to meet at the fire station on time to go hiking. Rob, the speed limit is 55 M.P.H. in case you forgot.

After leaving the cars on the Sugar Hollow Road we proceeded gradually but steadily upward for approximately 1 1/2

miles with some nice views to the north and east. When on top of Cox Mountain it took us a few minutes to find the advertised good views, but thanks to Bob Badger and Steve Pulling we found them just in time for lunch and the Badger wine and cheese that ages well in Bob's pack. In little protected pockets we ate lunch to escape from the cold, strong wind which developed on top of the mountain.

After lunch we found the best lookout of all overlooking the Route 7, Florence, Otter Creek Valley. A leisurely walk back to the cars completed a very enjoyable hike. How is your pet snake that you found on this hike, Tom Shambo?

CLARENDON WORK PARTY

by Joe Dicton Sr.
April 18, 1981

In Spring we always focus on our duties of putting the Long Trail (Killington Section) back in shape for the coming hiking season.

On this cool Saturday morning nine volunteers signed up for the Clarendon Shelter repair and clean-up. Missing boards on the north side of the shelter were replaced by George Reynolds, Ray Catozzi, Joe Dicton Jr. and John Lind.

The clean-up consisted of picking up the trash, broken bottles and raking up the shelter area. This work was done by Roma Pulling, Anna Nyiri, Becky and Steve Pulling and Joe Dicton, Jr.

Special thanks go to the above volunteers for their generous effort in putting Clarendon Shelter back in good order.

The outhouse at this shelter has been completely destroyed. A new metal outhouse will be installed at a later date.

PROCTOR HIGH LEDGE

by Roma Pulling
May 2, 1981

Saturday, May 2, dealt another blow to the credibility of weather forecasts. Partial sunshine had been predicted but was preempted by a light, steady drizzle.

This time we tried an afternoon hike for the benefit of those who think nine o'clock is early. Only one such person showed up; possibly others were discouraged

by the rain.

After parking cars in the lot by the defunct Otter Valley railroad in Proctor, eleven people visited the High Ledge via a gradual climb starting at the end of Cain Street and following an old carriage road. In one place we had to stand aside for a workman who was busy felling trees with a chain saw and dragging them down the road with a large log skidder. We looked for May flowers along the way and found only a few but were able to identify early saxifrage, wild ginger, wild oats and red trillium.

At the height of land by the pole with its weatherbeaten U.S. flag, we sat, had a snack and enjoyed the fine view of Proctor, Otter Valley and the mountains beyond, then returned to our cars by the same route.

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN

by Rob Carey
May 16, 1981

In spite of cloudy skies we had a good turnout of nine hikers. We parked at Tall Timbers Camp and went up the Cauty Trail. Many wildflowers were out, most of which were identified. As we neared the summit, we got into the fog or cloud, depending upon your point of view. During lunch at the top there were a few sprinkles and we had excellent close-up views of the inside of a cloud.

The sun came out on the return trip, warming things up and bringing out the black flies. Apparently they don't know they aren't due until June. Does this mean they'll be gone early?

AT WALK-THROUGH

by Rob Carey
May 9, 1981

Becky, Steve, Alfred Pulling and Winnie Shambo cleared the Trail from Route 140 to Minerva Hinchey Shelter. Everything was in good shape, with just a couple of blowdowns that were taken care of. Roma Pulling and Anna Nyiri checked the trail from Route 103 to Minerva Hinchey. This section of trail was also in good condition. These two

crews took six bags of trash out from the shelter.

George Reynolds and a friend covered the Lower Cold River Road to Route 103. They reported some wet spots just south of the Cold River Road. There had been reports of blowdowns between the Cold River Roads so the Joe Dictons, Jr. and Sr., both attacked that section with a chainsaw.

Rob Carey and Sue Smyser did the section from Route 4 to Pico Camp, including Pico Loop to the summit. This trail was also in good shape, although there was some clipping done on the Loop. The wildflowers, particularly trout lilies, were in full bloom.

FIELD TRIP TO KILLINGTON PEAK

by Carol Chapman
May 6, 1981

On May 6, a balmy spring day, six excited 8-to-12 year old children and four adults from the Vermont Achievement Center headed toward Killington. We were on our way to visit Killington Peak's fire warden, Churchill Scott.

The ride up the chairlift, a new experience for some, took us over small patches of snow where only 12 diehard skiers were coming down that day.

The short hike up the nature trail to the summit proved that the warm jackets, mittens and hats that the teacher had insisted upon were unnecessary.

Soon Churchill came into view with a friendly wave to us all. He welcomed us into his living quarters and told the children briefly about his work there.

Then it was time to visit the fire tower. One of the boys, who later admitted his knees were shaking, was so curious to see what was up there that he didn't need any urging to climb the stairs. Trying to site a fire and locate it on the map, looking through binoculars and going through the trap door were some of the attractions there.

Lunch was eaten at a nearby picnic table. Running around and playing on the rocks was fun for all and the teacher was glad there was no fragile alpine tundra to

protect.

Finally Churchill showed us some of the electrical equipment stationed there by various radio stations, the police and others.

Too soon it was time to head back down the slope. What a delightful day we all had!

KILLINGTON SECTION INFORMATIONAL MEETING AT THE LIBRARY

by Winnie Shambo
May 27, 1981

A year ago the directors of the Killington Section toyed with the idea of a membership drive. Although there was much discussion, not a great deal was accomplished so this writer volunteered herself and Carol Chapman to co-chair this endeavor and we were underway.

Over the course of the ensuing months Carol and I met several times to outline just what should be brought forth at a "drive" and in what order. It occurred to us that we might need to offer something special as a program bonus in order to have any kind of a "turn-out." We discussed where such an event should be held and how it could best be advertised. Various people who could help in presenting the program were contacted, and then winter came upon us.

Both of us were involved with out winter schedules and so the project was left to simmer on a backburner until early spring of this year when we realized time was running out if we wanted to reach those who might enjoy Spring/Summer hiking.

Putting ourselves into second gear, we made arrangements with the Rutland Free Library through a lovely lady by the name of Debbie Ramage, who finalized May 27th as our debut. I arranged to have the Main Club's slide show of New England's Alpine Areas delivered and we arranged to have various GMC articles and pamphlets on hand. The speakers were recontacted to make sure all were still able to help. We met at Carol's to go over the time elements involved and for input from the participants. We passed out posters which were done by Carol and me which several of us placed in shops around the city. Press

releases were sent to both the Mountain Times and the Herald.

Finally, May 27th arrived. Present at the meeting, not counting known Section members, were at least 35 people. None of our speakers were professionals but everyone did a fine job for a first time out. Our slide show was beautiful and if anything could have been improved it would have been a better sound system for the tape.

I'd like to thank Roma Pulling for handling refreshments and our outing book. Our thanks go to the following for their contribution: Steve Pulling (GMC History and Killington Section Programming); Joe Dicton Sr. (Trails & Shelters); Rob Badger (Storyteller and equipment display); Ray Catozzi (day hike equipment needs) and Churchill Scott (membership, dues, Kirk Fund).

All in all, we counted the evening a success and hope to see some of those who attended on our summer hikes.

CLUB ARTICLES AVAILABLE

GMC T-Shirts in gold, beige, blue or white are available. The choice of designs is: "Old hikers never die, they just lose their soles," "Leave nothing but footprints" or the GMC seal. Sizes: small, medium, or large designed by the Burlington Section and a varied selection has been loaned to the Killington Section. For each T-Shirt we sell, our section may keep one dollar.

Bumper stickers reading "Take the High Road - the Green Mountain Club" may be purchased for \$0.75.

If interested in either of the above items, contact Carol Chapman at 775-3545 after 5:00 P.M.

KIRK FUND GOAL REACHED

Through the generosity of Carleton Wilson and Wilbur Weston, the Kirk Fund has gone over the \$5,000 goal.

As of May 1, 1981, the Fund totals \$5,337.33, with the second \$5000 fund reaching \$1,074.21.

At the present time interest accrues at approximately \$50 per month.

GMC
KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER
MAY, 1981

Badger, Robert & Carolyn	43 Gloria Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Barber, David & Audrey	Box 1097	Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Bequaert, Frank	44 Bertwell Road	Lexington, MA 02173
Blaskowich, Mrs. Wm. J.	Box 367	Dearborn, MI 48121
Broderick, Robert	Old Turnpike Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Broderick, Andrew	Old Turnpike Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Bryant, Harriet	Box 131	Dorset, VT 05251
Cahee, Hedrick	179 Union Street	Springfield, VT 05156
Carey, Robert	7 Milford House Rd. A9	Milford, NH 03055
Catozzi, Ray	103 Bellevue Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Chapman, Carol	39 East Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Charland, Rachael	215 W. Cherry Ave., Apt.#8	Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Conlon, George	Sunset Acres	Rutland, VT 05701
Crowther, John	249 Lincoln Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Culvert, Harry	Plains Road	Pittsford, VT 05763
Cunningham, Tom	Box 218	Chestnut Hill, MA 02167
Daly, John	22 Engrem Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Fitzgerald, Brian & Michele	R.D.#2	Poultney, VT 05764
Frink, Helen	10 Elm Street	Randolph, VT 05060
Frink, Jim	60 Litchfield Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Harper, Stephen	P.O. Box 11	Rutland, VT 05701
Howard, John & Pat	10598 Jason Court	Columbia, MD 21044
Howard, Andrew (Jr.)	10598 Jason Court	Columbia, MD 21044
Hughes, John	18 Rinaldo Court	Rutland, VT 05701
Kirk, Mrs. George L.	8 East Washington St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Lepinski, John	63 Pleasant St.	Ludlow, VT 05149
Mausolff, Anne	R.D.#1	Chester, VT 05143
McWilliam, Gail	7 Westview Drive	Granville, N.Y. 12832
Newton, Doris	26 Boutwell Road	Andover, MA 01810
Nuffort, John	543 Victor Way	Wyckoff, NJ 07481
Nyiri, Anna	c/o W.C. Scott, 132 Maple St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Ogden, Herbert G., Jr.	RD#6, Liberty Hill	Laconia, NH 03246
Partridge, Sanborn	62 Ormsbee Avenue	Proctor, VT 05765
Peet, Harry	113 1/2 Barre Street	Montpelier, VT 05602
Perkins, Crague	c/o Woodstock Stage	Rutland, VT 05701
Perkins, Vera	242 South Main Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Perkins, Robert & Thelma	4812 Lebanon Road	Charlotte, N.C. 28212
Perkins, Chris & Ralph	41 Wachusetts Ave.	Shrewsbury, MA 01545
Pulling, Roma	R.D., Woodstock Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Pulling, Steve	Post Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Reynolds, George	8 Hillcrest Road	Springfield, VT 05156
Rogers, Harold	223 Adams Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Roulier, Bettina	11 West Street	Fair Haven, VT 05743
Russell, Ellen	33 Thayer Street	Providence, RI 02906
Schmidt, Carl & Nancy	1651 Clayburn Circle	Cincinnati, OH 45240
Scott, Churchill	132 Maple Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Shambo, Winnie	142 Dorr Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Sherman, Jake	48 Morse Place	Rutland, VT 05701
Smyser, Sue	12 Pine Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Thelma	93 Killington Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Ann, John,	Town Line Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Mary, Thomas (Jr.)		
Weston, Wilbur	104 Ashley Rd.	Apex, N.C. 27502
	Fairview Wooded Acres	
Wilson, Carleton	9 Harvard Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Wintturi, Mauri	179 High Street	Fitchburg, MA 01420

TREASURER'S REPORT
KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

Balance 1/1/80 \$621.54

INCOME -	Gifts to Kirk Fund	\$1,748.92
	Dues	623.50
	Mimeograph Sale	60.00
	Interest	26.94
	Camp Sunrise	20.00
	Merck Forest	18.00
	Sugar On Snow	11.12
		<u>\$2,508.48</u>

Income \$2,508.48

EXPENSES -	Transferred to Kirk Fund	\$1,748.92
	To Main G.M.C. (Dues - 231.00) ...	338.97
	(Fire & Liability - 48.48)	
	(Ins. & Field Program - 59.49)	
	Smoke & Blazes	179.95
	Trails and Shelters	40.60
	Cuting	38.57
	Postage	31.17
	Publicity	15.60
	Mimeo Machine (Ad 5.40 - Cord 7.00)	12.40
	Secretary Expense	23.26
		<u>\$2,429.44</u>

Expenses \$2,429.44

Balance 12/31/80 \$700.58

TREASURER'S REPORT
MILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

Balance 12/31/50 \$2,700.00

INCOME -	Gifts to Club Fund \$1,348.92 Dues 813.10 Micrograph Sale 50.00 Interest 10.74 Camp Income 10.00 Merchandise 18.00 Fund for Snow 11.12 <u>\$2,598.48</u>
----------	---

Income \$2,598.48

EXPENSES -	Expenses to Club Fund \$1,348.92 To Main Club Office - 12/1/50 108.97 Office & Lighting - 12/1/50 Club & Field Program - 50.00 Smoke & Dinner 198.92 Travel and Lodging 40.00 Golfing 38.51 Postage 11.17 Laundry 15.00 Miscellaneous (Ad 2.40 - Cost 7.00) 12.40 Secretary Expense 11.28 <u>\$2,459.44</u>
------------	--

Expenses \$2,459.44

Balance 12/31/50 \$2,700.00

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Summer 1981 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact your hike leader; Robert Carey, President, 7 Milford House Road A9, Milford, NH 03055, 603-673-6395; Roma Pulling, Vice-Pres., RFD 2, Woodstock Avenue, 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
July 9 (Thurs.)	6:00 P.M.	SUPPER HIKE. Bring a picnic lunch and eat with friends near picturesque Falls of Lana on Sucker Brook across the road from Branbury State Park. Easy/mod. 1 mile Churchill Scott, 775-5720
July 19 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE to a destination known only to our leader but guaranteed to be fun. Moderate, 6 mi. Sue Smyser, 773-3269
July 25 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY. Lower Cold River Road to Vt. 103. Re-blaze trail and lay puncheon in swampy area. Joe Dicton Sr. 775-4446
Aug. 9 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	SHREWSBURY PEAK. A moderate climb climaxing in good views from the summit to the east, south and west. 4 mi. Rob Badger, 773-3777
Aug. 15 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	MOUNT EQUINOX. A 3-hr. climb to summit of 3,825-ft. peak, highest in Taconic Range. Great views/ hotel on top. Via Burr and Burton Trail - 5.8 mi. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Aug. 22-30		GMC INTERSECTIONAL. A memorable experience for campers or day hikers. Details in May <u>LT News</u> . Camp Plymouth, Tyson. Rob Carey, 773-7076
Sept. 5-6 (Sat.-Sun.)	8:00 A.M.	END-TO-END Arlington - West Wardsboro Rd. to Route 11/30. 16.4 mi., moderate Winnie Shambo, 773-9330
Sept. 12 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	CANOE TRIP on Otter Creek. Some rentals available by advance reservation. Steve Pulling, 775-3661
Sept. 19-20 (Sat.-Sun.)		GMC AUTUMN OUTING. Mountain Meadows Campground in Lincoln. See <u>LT News</u> .
Sept. 27 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	OKEMO MT., Ludlow, from Healdville. A new route for us; come and experience it too. 6 mi., moderate. Rob Carey, 773-3006

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701

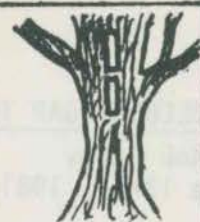


Robert/Thelma Perkins
4812 Lebanon RD.
Charlotte, NC 28212

37



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 34, NUMBER 4

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

OCT.-DEC., 1981

UNSCHEDULED WORK PARTY

by George Reynolds

June 6, 1981

On Saturday morning, June 6, five hikers, Al and Roma Pulling, Winnie Shambo, Joe Ciccarelli and I met at the Long Trail parking lot on Vt. Route 11. Despite threatening skies, the crew drove up to Mad Tom Notch via the ranger's cabin at Hapgood Pond.

We cleared the trail south to Vt. 11 where there were many blow-downs. We cleared out most of them, leaving only some low ones to impede trail bikes and one which was too large to take out. It was a pleasant surprise to find no trash either on the trail or at the shelters. The trash bags will keep for another trip.

We found that Mad Tom Notch Shelter had been moved from its old location north of the Mad Tom Notch Road to a new spot about two miles south of the road. The shelter has been rebuilt using some of the old boards. We found the outhouse to be rather unique. The throne is a new metal one set on a large wooden platform in its own clearing with probably an excellent view of the west when it isn't foggy. I assume that the Forest Service will soon put a building around it. The Spring was a shallow pool with no obvious movement of water, but it tasted good.

Bromley Camp was in good shape with only one cracked pane which had been patched with gray duct tape.

It was a good trip although it would have been nice if the fog had cleared while we were on top of the Bromley tower. The five-state view was limited. This work trip was the result of an appeal from the main club's Trails and Shelters Committee.

LONG HOLE

by Ray Catozzi

June 7, 1981

Long Hole is a section of Lake Brook, not far downstream from the outlet of Griffith Lake. It emerges from the woods and flows placidly in a 300-yard long straight line through a long, open grassy meadow before entering the woods and tumbling downhill again. It was here that we ventured this day to view the June "pinks" or mountain azaleas.

To arrive at this unique stretch of mountain brook, we took a very circuitous route by car to enable us to walk in easily with very little climbing. After traveling south to Manchester, we turned east on Route 30 to Peru, north in Peru, then west on the Mad Tom Notch Road, and finally north on an unnumbered National Forest Road that dead-ended about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the southwest shore of Griffith Lake.

It was well that we chose to go by the lake en route to Long Hole because it was only around this highest body of water on the Long Trail that we found any "pinks." Not a single plant or bloom along Long Hole. It was interesting exploring down along this unusual stretch of wilderness water. We even scared up a few wild ducks.

After viewing Long Hole, we returned to the lake, followed the LT south along the eastern shore of the lake, and then $\frac{1}{2}$ mile beyond to Peru Peak Shelter, where many had a second lunch. (Our first lunch was on the western lake shore on the way in.) Winnie Shambo, diligently working on her LT end-to-end award, talked three others into going out by the LT south to Mad Tom Notch, about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The rest hiked back around Griffith Lake and returned the way they came in. It was an enjoyable outing in spite of threatening rain.

MIDDLEBURY GAP TO LINCOLN GAP

by Rob Carey

June 13-14, 1981

This backpack trip was changed from the Devil's Den Area to the Long Trail between Middlebury Gap and Lincoln Gap. Five hikers used this opportunity to work on their End-to-Ends, covering about 16 miles.

Unfortunately, there are no shelters near the halfway point. Accordingly, we took tents and planned to camp along the trail. The weather cooperated, giving good views at several overlooks.

We enjoyed a long break at Skyline Lodge on Skylight Pond. This is a beautiful spot, but the Lodge is showing its age. In order to reduce Sunday's mileage, we decided not to camp at Emily Proctor Shelter.

We found excellent tent sites on the trail at the junction of the Clark Brook Trail. One of our group had gotten ahead and stayed at Mt. Roosevelt, but the rest of us camped at the Clark Brook site. There was water a short distance down the trail.

Sunday's hike was uneventful until the end. We spread out and not everyone stayed on the trail on the last mile, resulting in some confusion at the road, but we all got back together eventually.

WORK PARTY BETWEEN GOV. CLEMENT AND TAMARACK SHELTERS

by Joe Dicton, Sr.

June 28, 1981

The work party originally scheduled for June 20th to do trail work between Gov. Clement and Tamarack Shelters was rained out and re-scheduled for June 28.

On this beautiful Sunday morning eight volunteers signed up for this task.

It was decided that we would work in two groups. Group A which included Rob Carey, Sue Smyser, and Anne Mausolff worked the lower part of the trail. From the very beginning at the logging road Group A was busy clearing the buffer zones and painting the white blazes.

Group B had five members: Ray Catozzi, Joe Dicton, Jr., Joe Dicton, Sr., Al Pulling, and John Hughes. Group B hiked ahead about one mile and started clearing and painting the white blazes on the buffer zone.

This section of our trail system hasn't been worked on for years and therefore both A & B Groups had to work hard putting this trail back into good shape again.

At the higher elevation evergreen growth was closing in on the trail and had to be cut back.

On hiking back down the trail, one could see all the necessary clearing and blazing done by both groups.

BOILING SPRING

by Harold Rogers

June 27, 1981

Thirty two trustworthy people met at the fire station to venture into the wilds of Chittenden. Thanks to Mr. Lawrence Copeland who led me to the spring and showed me how to find it, we didn't get lost.

We had the usual mix-up in deciding on who was driving and who was riding with whom but everybody got there and back.

We parked the cars at the junction of the Jeep road and the New Boston Trail, signed the book, counted heads and started.

It was a nice day and the start was easy walking. We passed through an area where the gypsy moths had worked extensively. After that, the road got steeper, wetter, and bushier.

We crossed brook number one and then brook number two as we were supposed to do. We started to follow an old logging road and I left the group and went bushwhacking to brook number three which is the run-off from the spring. I followed the brook up to the spring and yelled to the hikers who met me there.

The spring was not boiling as much as the first time I saw it. I have heard that it sometimes dries completely up. It was quite a disappointment to me but

the other hikers seemed to be fascinated watching the shifting sand.

We ate lunch and returned to the parking area.

My feet were quite wet and I believe a few of the others had the same problem. It was an expected hazard and no one complained.

No one got lost and I believe everyone had a good time.

FALLS OF LANA

by Churchill Scott
July 9, 1981

Twenty-one hikers attended our third annual supper hike on July 9.

The evening started off with a down-pour which stopped our caravan near Otter Valley Union High School for a while.

The Shambo family, already back from the hike, soaked to the skin, met everyone at the parking area.

It was a short hike up the penstock to meet the road and then on to a vantage point overlooking the Falls of Lana and nearby Lake Dunmore.

Already plans are being made for next year's supper hike to Rocky Pond, Muddy Pond, and the remains of the Hermit's shack. Please plan to join us then.

MYSTERY HIKE - THE FLUME IN CHITTENDEN

by Sue Smyser
July 19, 1981

Ten people showed up for the mystery hike on this sunny Sunday. We parked our cars at the East Pittsford Power House and Clifford Bassett figured out that we were hiking the pipeline to Chittenden Dam even before the leader could find the trail there.

In season raspberries grew along the first part of the pipeline. We soon arrived at the only steep part of the trail where a handy steel cable was used for pulling ourselves along. At the top of this short but steep pitch the pipe-

line levels off. Now we had the option of either walking beside the three-foot diameter pipe or on top of it. With foot-bridges over the streams the line seemed like it was made for hiking.

As we neared the dam there were sections of wooden pipe. These wooden parts had leaks in many places, but enough water must still reach the power house for electrical generation.

At Chittenden Reservoir we found a sandy beach which made a nice lunch spot. The watermelon that was brought on the hike made a tasty dessert. Roma Pulling showed off her fishing skills by catching a fish in her bare hands. Being less than one inch in length it was under legal size so she put it back. After lunch we returned along the same route.

WORK PARTY - LOWER COLD RIVER ROAD TO VT. 103

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
July 25, 1981

The originally scheduled work party from Lower Cold River Road to Vt. 103 turned out to be a double affair.

First it was decided to move the trail from the Clarendon Gorge bridge to Vt. 103 back to its original location by the railroad tracks.

At this re-location, trail clearing and blazing were done by John and Emma Hughes, Roma Pulling, Joe Dicton, Jr., Winnie Shambo, and Anna Nyiri.

Re-setting the trail and parking signs was done by Al Pulling, John Lepinski, and Joe Dicton, Sr.

After the above trail work was completed in about 90 minutes, it was time to start on the scheduled work party.

The workers were divided into two parties. Group One, which included John and Emma Hughes, Roma Pulling, Anna Nyiri, and Krissy Nadler started their work at Clarendon Shelter going north. Their work consisted of trail clearing and re-blazing which continued until they met up with Group #2 which was heading south from Cold River Road.

Group #2, John Lepinski, Winnie Shambo, Al Pulling, Joe Dicton, Jr. and Sr. drove around to the Lower Cold River trail location. New signs were made and the trail was re-blazed there. Stepping stones and puncheon were installed on wet sections. Good use was made of the chain saw in clearing the many fallen trees.

Both groups worked hard to accomplish the necessary trail work so that other hikers can enjoy our trail system.

SHREWSBURY PEAK

by Bob Badger
August 9, 1981

We had a terrific turnout of 21 people for the hike up Shrewsbury Peak. Two visitors from Kansas City joined us, one newcomer just moved from Virginia, plus three from Ludlow and one from Burlington. If you really believe Rob Carey lives in Milford, N.H., we had quite a nationwide showing. We also had three members, a sizeable percentage, of the pharmacy team from Rutland Hospital. A really delightful group of people.

The hike started from the Northam Picnic Area in North Shrewsbury. We traveled along at a good clip over moderate terrain until we crossed the boundary into Coolidge State Forest, at which point the trail steepens considerably to the south peak of the mountain. The good views, as noted in the Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont, to the southeast of Mt. Ascutney, Mt. Kearsarge and Mt. Monadnock and views to the south of Mt. Okemo, Bromley Mountain, and Stratton Mountain were not to be had as we were fairly socked in by fog. Occasionally Smith Peak, less than a mile to the east, emerged from the clouds, but otherwise we had to use our vivid imaginations to visualize the surrounding peaks and top-notch views. Churchill Scott had promised to signal us with a mirror from his lookout tower on Killington, two miles to the north, but needless to say with no sun and low clouds, there was no signal to send and none to receive.

After lunch on top, we hiked north a few hundred feet to a sag where the trail branches. Straight ahead, a trail

joins the Long Trail in about 1.5 miles and then reaches Killington Peak. We took the trail to the right, dropping down to a lean-to and spring in about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, and then continuing along old logging roads lined with raspberries until we reached the lightly traveled dirt road that led back to the Northam Picnic Area, thus completing the circle.

MOUNT EQUINOX

by Ray Catozzi
August 22, 1981

This mountain climb, originally scheduled for Aug. 15, was rained out and the leader thought he wouldn't have to report it. But thanks to our Veep, Roma Pulling, it was revived during the first weekend of the GMC Intersectional.

Roma, Ray Catozzi, Bernice Grumm and Greg Bostock drove to Camp Plymouth, picked up a fifth member, John Howard from Maryland, and headed for Manchester and the Burr and Burton Trail. After 2.9 miles of trail and 3,000 feet of vertical climb we knew we had been laboring, but after breaking out into the clear at Lookout Rock it was all worth it. It was a perfect day and we had a gorgeous view of the whole Manchester village and valley.

We lunched at the rock and then ambled another 0.4 miles to the hotel on the summit. Did a little slumming and hobnobbing with the motoring tourists and then we headed back down the same trail. We stopped at a beautiful, cold, clear, gushing spring half way down, about 150 feet off the trail, to fill our radiators.

John drove Bernice and Greg back to Rutland in his pickup truck, while Roma and Ray returned to Camp Plymouth for a most enjoyable campfire of songs, stories, awards and refreshments.

A very rewarding and memorable day!

INTERSECTIONAL

by Rob Carey
Aug. 22-30, 1981

About 116 GMCers and guests including 10 KS'ers attended the Intersection-

al at Camp Plymouth and stayed from a few hours to nine days. Other than one big thundershower, the weather was satisfactory, allowing for many Long Trail and outlying hikes. Other day trips included canoeing and caving. Popular evening programs included campfires and the auction run by Frenchy Garfield.

END-TO-END BACKPACKING TRIP

by Winnie Shambo
September 5-6, 1981

Six people took part in the scheduled End-to-End outing on the weekend of Sept. 5-6: Al and Roma Pulling, Ray Cattozzi, Rob Carey, Lily Landerer, a member of the ATC from New York City, and myself.

We might have had a problem with transportation had it not been for Ted Shambo who took all of us in his wagon to the Arlington/West Wardsboro Road after we had spotted both Rob's and Al's cars at Rte. 11/30. We appreciate his help.

It was 10:30 a.m. when we began our hike. The weather was holding nicely and the trail was so gradual a climb it seemed like a pleasant walk in the woods. We arrived at beautiful Stratton Pond at noon where we had lunch and pleasant conversation with the caretakers of the Stratton Pond Area. From the pond to William B. Douglas Shelter, where we spent the night, we hiked the recently completed relocation. This portion of the trail also was in fine shape with easy going.

We shared the shelter with four persons from Massachusetts and a gentleman from Maine. Supper was an occasion we all looked forward to, each of us having something different. Lily had brought a large potato for baking and eating... eventually she was able to do so.

Al had built a large fire which lasted long into the night. Although it was lovely to watch while awake, it was breaking all rules of camping to let it continue to burn. Ray finally got up in the wee hours to extinguish it because the smoke was getting thick within the shelter. We had no animal visitors during the night of any sort, but I did hear

an owl hoot in the distance once camp was quiet.

We began to stir around 7:00 A.M. and finally broke camp at 8:50. Our first destination on this lovely, sunny day was Prospect Rock with lovely, although hazy, views of Dorset Valley and Mount Equinox. From there we hiked on to Spruce Peak for a view of the Taconic Mountains with the town of Manchester in the foreground. Climbing back down to the LT we had lunch before beginning the last leg of our journey to Rte. 11/30. Some of us reached the cars at 1:30 P.M. while the rest of the group showed up an hour later.

Everyone agreed that a stop at Friendly's Ice Cream Shop in Manchester was in order before our car trip back to Rutland.

We hope Lily will have pleasant thoughts of the Green Mountains and the Killington Section after this, her first backpacking trip.

OUT OF THE FRYING PAN AND INTO THE FIRE

by Roma Pulling

When your Board of Directors learned late last year that Tract 214-03, formerly owned by Chuck Wade, had been purchased by the United States Government as part of their Appalachian Trail protection project, we were elated. Hooray! A chance to return the trail to the direct route from the Gorge! Ample space for an off-road parking area! Right?

W-e-l-l-l, yes. These goals were realized soon after confirmation of acquisition, in July, but at the same time certain other realities had begun to sink in. The Green Mountain Club had been designated to decide what to do with "improvements" on the property and to protect them until such a decision was made, and in this area the Green Mountain Club is us.

Word of U.S. Government ownership spread fast, aided by an April 6 article in the Rutland Herald, and those from the "we are the Government" school of thought descended on the place. Not all of these were responsible, boy-next-door types, and every tour of inspection revealed damage done to the building and trash dumped in the Gorge area. When some of the windows were broken, your Vice-Presi-

dent made a frantic call to your Trails and Shelters Chairman, Joe Dicton, Sr., who went to the property, boarded the windows (with boards left behind by Wade!!) and nailed the door shut. Some of the boards have since been pried loose and had to be secured again, and this sort of thing will continue. Joe was assisted in this effort by Al Pulling. I have called the State Police and the Shrewsbury town constable to please help watch the place, but neither seemed concerned or interested. Now we tread water until the main club gives us their recommendations for use or disposal of the structure.

Then there was The Bus. To distinguish it from a better-known vehicle of that name, perhaps we should designate ours The Bus II. TB II is an ancient Reo which in its declining years was parked in the gully south of the Wade house and used as a residence. When Preston Bristow, of the Appalachian Trail Project office in Woodstock, reported acquisition of the property, he advised that we should dispose of TB II. This has not been as easy as it sounds.

Having very limited acquaintance with junk dealers myself, I recruited Al to contact some for me. One wouldn't take it at all; another would take it if we paid to have it towed. We thought we had hit pay dirt when a third offered us \$40 if we hauled it out of the gully to the parking lot, which we have done. At this writing we are still waiting for him to make good.

I must conclude with a word of appreciation to Joe and Al for the many hours spent on this project. These things take time, but eventually our main goal -- that of protecting the scenic Clarendon Gorge from encroachment -- will be realized.

FRONT PAGE STORY

Killington Section's Anne Mausolff, one of our more expert hikers and leader of last year's successful bike trip, is now also the subject of a front page story. An interview by reporter Dick Andrews, complete with picture, appeared on Page A of the July 1 issue of the Green Mountain Tribune, a weekly paper circulating in the Ludlow-Chester area.

In it Anne recounted her experiences on a two-month, 600-mile Appalachian Trail backpacking trip from which she had recently returned.

Anne's goal is to complete the entire 2100-mile length of the trail, and she says that on the whole this journey went well. One exception was the time in Snowden, Virginia, that she stopped to pick up her food package at the post office and found it had closed. By spending her last dollar, she acquired enough food to get her to the next cache. Mice could be a problem too, not only stealing food but also chewing holes in tents and sleeping bags. Anne carried a package of D-Con.

Larger animals seen or heard were deer, bears, snakes and people, who were of the friendly persuasion and not like those who killed two hikers near her starting point in Pearlsburg, Virginia. She remembers with great pleasure meeting three Vermont women, including Marion Holmes, of Middlebury, and Shirley Strong, a former president of the main club.

In spite of the satisfaction of a project completed, Anne recounts little annoyances that are foreign to us here: the trail maps which were of no use; carrying quantities of water because of the lack of fresh water along the trail; sore feet from walking long distances on pavement; and the heat, which eventually became unbearable. Anne is quoted as saying: "I became conscious of how much we have here in Vermont."

GOSHEN GALLOP: KS'ers DON RUNNING SHOES by Winnie Shambo

The Killington Section was well represented at the 3rd Annual Goshen Gallop held on August 8 at Blueberry Hill with five brave souls daring to appear on the starting line among 117 runners for this grueling 6.5 mile race.

I entered this contest with the idea that I'd go as far as I could and no one would think less of me if I were to quit somewhere along the route.

I have no idea of what should be going through the mind of the runner as he/she goes along, but for the first three miles

I swore at myself as I kept gasping for breath and wishing for the pain to ease in my lungs; mentally kicked myself those first miles for getting myself into a situation such as this; debated whether to quit and return to Blueberry Hill each time I saw the slightest incline.

Going past Camp Thorpe I remember thinking, almost in tears, that I couldn't go any further. I tried to comfort myself with the thought that no one would care whether I finished or not. No one, that is, but me. At this point I was passing the half-way mark (Time: 36.6 minutes), mentally thinking, "the point of no return."

As I started down the hill, trying to keep the same pace as going uphill, I resolved to finish this race if it was the last thing I ever did. From that point on I blocked everything from my mind, concentrating on putting one foot in front of the other.

Eons later I arrived at the Monster Hill. I ran as long as I could along the paved portion of the roadway, which was only as far as the first curve, before sheer exhaustion forced me to walk.

When I reached the four corners and realized there were less than two miles left, I also came to the realization that I could actually finish this race. I could see another woman about my age quite a way ahead of me and was determined to overtake her. About 7/10 of a mile was left now and with a final burst I passed the woman and crossed the finish line three minutes ahead of her. I finished 113th with a time of 1:16:33. Ironically, the winner finished at 36.6.

Kind of far back in the pack, you say? Kind of took my time, you say? Believe me, I did much better than even I expected to do for a first-time runner.

The other members of the Killington Section to enter and finish were: Joe Dicton Jr. and Sr., and Carolyn and Rob Badger. Ask them their stories of the Goshen Gallop. Better yet, if you enjoy pain, enter the race yourself next year.

The illustration on the following page was contributed by Millie Kramer of New York City.

NOTES FROM ARIZONA: A HIKE IN THE GRAND CANYON

by Rachael Charland

It was about 10:30 A.M. when a group of five individuals started descending Hermit's Trail. For the first few yards it was brick paved and rather wide for trails in this locale. Then you wouldn't believe it until you actually saw it -- a path, a trail -- not as wide as a cow-path and a good Holstein would be insulted if one should say she made such a narrow pathway. Gingerly, I plodded down this narrow space, hoping I wouldn't slide on the cinders and pitch down the embankment that didn't have one tree to stop my fall -- only mesquite and cacti. We only made 1,000 feet in an hour so you can see even the hikers who are used to this canyon area do not take chances. It leveled off for only a few feet and then upward.

The trail was infested by weeds and begging squirrels -- Ponderosa type with a bushy tail that stood taller than the animal itself as it stood up on its hind legs. Those squirrels seemed to like to eat most anything and packed all they grabbed in each pouchy cheek.

We were en route to Dripping Spring and indeed it did "drip" -- one drop per hour it seemed as we gazed at it. The fact that there was any water was a big miracle as water is not usually found in that part of the Grand Canyon.

The whole hike was only three miles in its entirety but 3,000 feet into the Canyon was felt by all when we started on the return trek. Can you imagine it was over 100° at about 3:30 P.M. when we began our ascent? Needless to say, I had a very difficult time trying to breathe -- my legs were fine, but gasping for breath took its toll on me. Female and male rangers very efficiently monitored my blood pressure every so many feet of elevation. They were finally convinced that my blood pressure elevation was due to the effort I was making to climb upward and out of the canyon. I literally crawled in many places -- my breathing was so labored. Yes, it was frightening, but there was nothing to do but try as quickly as possible to get to the topside. Though wearing a hat and a long-sleeved shirt I still burned the back of my neck (didn't know this at the time as the Ranger kept cold

neckerchiefs around my neck). Rested at last for about 30 minutes when I reached the car. Then we all tried to go to Bright Angel Snack Bar for refreshments, but couldn't get near the area because of tourists! Went to Babbitt's Grocery Store and I purchased a pint of lime-flavored sherbet. Boy, what that did for my parched throat and general disposition!

I took only three hours to make the trip out of the Grand Canyon but you would have thought that was the very "end" -- But, sweet helpful ranger let them know (for once I was too exhausted to fight) that all hike leaders should acquaint their group beforehand concerning the proposed trail for the day's hike so that such pressure would not be brought upon those out-of-state hikers who are not used to the elevation here in Arizona. She really let that hike leader have it, and if I had not been so weary I would have enjoyed a real good bellylaugh.

A NOTE OF THANKS

We are very grateful to F.W. Webb Company, of Randbury Road, Rutland, for their generous donation of three lengths of stovepipe and an elbow to replace the worn pipe at Minerva Hinchey Shelter in Shrewsbury.

Thanks go also to Steve Pulling, who teased the parts into position, inserted the damper and leveled the stove, and to Al Pulling, who assisted him.

Those of us who remember the loss by fire of the old Sunnyside Camp at this location in 1967 are dedicated to taking "a stitch in time."

THE GEORGE L. KIRK FUND

On September 1, 1981 the George L. Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund totaled \$6,702.25.

In January of 1981 the first \$5,000 fund reached its goal and according to the terms of the agreement, interest earned will be used for trails and shelter maintenance. Therefore, our overall financial standing should be much brighter in 1981.

NEW MEMBERS AS OF SEPT. 1, 1981

Caddell, Ralph
R.D. #2
Poultney, VT 05764

Cicarelli, Joe
c/o George Reynolds
8 Hillcrest Road
Springfield, VT 05156

Davies, Jean
Camp Betsey Cox
Pittsford, VT 05763

Dicton, Joseph, Sr.
Dicton, Joseph, Jr.
Sugarwood Hill Road
Rutland, VT 05701

(omitted from June S & B)

Hoaglund, Judith
21 Kendall Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701

McDonald, Missy
10 Easterly Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701

Mullin, Ruth L.
Loretto Home
Meadow Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Simonds, William
18 Terrace Hill
Proctor, VT 05765



view from a shelter at Night

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Fall 1981 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact your hike leader; Robert Carey, President, 7 Milford House Road A9, Milford, NH 03055, 603-673-6395; Roma Pulling, Vice-President, RFD #2, Woodstock Avenue, 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Secretary-Treasurer, 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Oct. 3 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY. Repair Pico Shelter and outhouse, work on water bars. Joe Diction, Sr. 775-4446
Oct. 11 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	GRANDPA'S KNOB, Hubbardton. Easy ascent along a gravel road to the site of the wind turbine experiment of the 1940's and the former ETV station. Good views of autumn foliage. 4 mi. Harold Rogers, 775-4471
Oct. 24 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	STAR LAKE, Belmont. Easy walk on narrow dirt roads. 2 mi. Anna Nyiri, 775-1789
Nov. 1 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	ANNUAL VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE. Climb East Mountain by an easy route. Joe Valiquette, 773-8745
Nov. 7 (Sat.)	1:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M.	WHITE ROCKS CLIFF VIA KEEWAYDIN TRAIL. 2.6 mi. COOKOUT AT WHITE ROCKS PICNIC AREA. Come to each one or both. Bring food for cookout and flashlight. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Nov. 21 (Sat.)	5:00 P.M.	COVERED DISH SUPPER. Watch HERALD for further details. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Dec. 5 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	GLEN LAKE. Follow old woods roads in the Bomoseen area. Moderate, 4 mi. Mark Krebs, 775-0773
Dec. 12 (Sat.)	6:00 P.M.	MOONLIGHT HIKE. Short, easy hike under a full moon to Tucker-Johnson Shelter. 1.6 mi. Churchill Scott, 775-5720
Dec. 20 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	ICE SKATING PARTY, Freedley Quarry, Dorset. Bring lanterns and headlamps. Rob Badger, 773-3777

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.

HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE.

PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR HIKE LEADER.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Robert & Thelma Perkins
4812 Lebanon Road
Charlotte, N.C. 28212



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 34, NUMBER 4

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

OCT.-DEC., 1981

OTTER CREEK CANOE TRIP

by Steve Pulling
September 12, 1981

Have you ever heard the old saying, "If you don't like the weather in Vermont, just wait ten minutes?" Well, this example of Vermont wit and humor surely held true on the second annual Killington Section canoe trip on Otter Creek. With the gracious help of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davies and Camp Betsy Cox our canoe trip was a great success.

Starting at the covered bridge just off the Florence truck route, we proceeded north with four canoes and twelve miles to go. At first, the pace was quite leisurely because we had some inexperienced paddlers with us including one individual who had never before set foot in a canoe. As the day wore on, however, the pace picked up considerably and before we knew it it was time to find a place to dock for lunch.

If you have ever canoed on Otter Creek, you know it's difficult to find a place to dock because of the muddy, steep, slippery river banks. Thanks to Sue Smyser and Rob Carey we found a near perfect place to stop and eat lunch just south of the village of Brandon. While eating lunch we heard a thunderstorm approaching, so we ate fast and quickly started paddling again.

It wasn't quick enough!! The skies opened up and we were caught in a cloud-burst thunderstorm. Luckily, we had just canoed under a covered bridge, so we made a U-Turn, docked the canoes, and stood inside the bridge to wait out the storm. We received lots of funny stares from cars passing through the bridge, but who cares, we were semi-dry.

While boarding the canoes after the storm, Carol Chapman was determined to go swimming, but she changed her mind after she got in up to her waist. Like I said

previously, the river banks were slippery especially after a storm, right, Carol?

Soon after we left the bridge the sun reappeared and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. The remainder of the trip was just perfect in every aspect as we followed the Creek along Route 73 to a fishing access where Charles Davies met us and drove us back to Florence.

Canoe trip participants were: Rob Carey, Rob Badger, Sue Smyser, Sue Tumlin, Roma Pulling, Carol Chapman, Steve Pulling and Audrey ("Dizzy") Whiteside from England. See you all on next year's trip.

AUTUMN OUTING - LINCOLN, VT.

by Winnie Shambo
September 18-20, 1981

Joe Dicton, Sr., Ray Catozzi and I represented the KS at the 1981 Autumn Outing held at Mountain Meadows in Lincoln.

Upon our arrival Friday afternoon there were plenty of sites to choose from. We opted to use the same site and had our tents up and were settled in in short order.

Ray's goal for the weekend was to visit Cantilever Rock. According to the guidebook: "Cantilever Rock is a horizontal obelisk-like rock 60 feet above the ground and wedged into the vertical face of a 100-foot cliff. It is 40 feet in length, 31 feet of which extend beyond the cliff." Ray's last visit to this unusual sight was with a group of Boy Scouts some years ago. Joe was there to enjoy whatever was offered and my major goal was to hike a portion of the LT from Appalachian Gap to Birch Glen Camp in my endeavor to complete my End-to-End.

Some of the scheduled hikes had no established leaders so there ensued discussion regarding which hikes would actually

take place. With some compromising, hikes were arranged and I joined Ray and four others as Keith Edson led us to Cantilever Rock on Saturday. An impressive sight which could have been improved had there not been a half dozen youngsters upon it who refused to descend so that others could explore and had the weather been a bit brighter. At this point we had to don our rain gear and decided to hike to the top of Mansfield which we found a bit windy and chilly. The ranger, when we encountered her, was wearing her winter hat, scarf and mittens as well as her parka. Many other individuals and groups were also visiting Mansfield that day. the fog and drizzle cleared off enough for us to have a blurred view of the surrounding landscape.

Back at the campgrounds, our neighbors, Andy Squires and his wife, Carlene, invited us over for AA (attitude adjustment) hour. It turned into an impromptu potluck supper with someone donating meatballs in sauce, another some bread, and, of course, the wine and cheese and crackers. Good company and conversation passed the time quickly.

Before we knew it, it was time for the evening program. Slides and commentary of the GMC expedition to Yellowstone were presented and very well received. A great bonus before the slide show and during "intermission" were hot mulled cider and a variety of cookies, courtesy of the Burlington Section.

Sunday, Joe and Ray joined a group to Snake Mountain before heading back to Rutland; I enjoyed beautiful sunshine while doing my little section at App Gap.

Although the total number participating in this year's Autumn Outing was small, we shared the fellowship of a common interest.

It is hoped the 1982 Outing can be held in Central Vermont with more club members from both north and south taking the opportunity to participate in one of the few events where everyone shares hiking information and experiences.



OKEMO MOUNTAIN

by Rob Carey

About 10 people turned out for this six mile hike. The air was hazy and the weather threatened showers but held off. Too bad we couldn't have had the clear day that I had when I checked the trail.

We followed the route from Healdville as described in the Day Hiker's Guide. The trail was fairly well marked with orange diamonds most of the way. Although Okemo is not a high mountain, we climbed almost 2,000 feet. As a result, some of the group did not go all the way. At the top the haze restricted the view, but we all climbed the tower anyway. Due to the wind we had lunch on the ground. On the return trip it looked like we were going to get wet, but other than a few sprinkles the rain held off.

GMC DIRECTORS' MEETING

by Rob Carey

October 17, 1981

The major item of interest to the Killington Section was the Clarendon Gorge (Wade) property. The Board approved the same general plan as the Section has recommended, except the Board would like to put a caretaker and information center in the building next summer. The Section has reluctantly recommended removal of the building. Both agree on the need to designate a parking area and restrict vehicles to it, and to keeping the site clean. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

The proposed power line in the Rutland area was discussed. The Board made a general policy recommending use of existing corridors and visual impact softening techniques where practical. In this case it supported the Route 4 corridor.

Your mind and body can take more than you think. Don't cheat yourself by giving up -- in mountaineering, in life.

--Willi Unsoeld

PICO WORK PARTY

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
October 10, 1981

Because of rain the scheduled work party was postponed until Oct. 10, which turned out to be an ideal day. Necessary repairs to Pico Camp as well as work on the trail leading to Pico were accomplished.

Trail crew work consisted of cutting back the growth and cleaning out the many water bars leading up the mountain. The above work was carried out by Roma Pulling, Anna Nyiri, Bernice Grum, Al Pulling, and Rob Carey.

Carrying the repair supplies needed for Pico Camp and the outhouse was done by Mark Krebs and Joe Dicton, Jr. and Sr. We were fortunate in having Mark, a professional woodworker, doing most of the repairs on the Shelter caused by porkies to the door and bunks. A broken window on the north side of the Shelter was temporarily closed with sheet metal.

To our big surprise, we have never seen so many hikers both on the trail and making use of Pico Shelter. It was a pleasant surprise to know that our trails and shelter are being put to good use.

GRANDPA'S KNOB

by Harold Rogers
October 11, 1981

With the best weather possible, 27 hikers set out on this easy and enjoyable fall hike. One of those who completed the hike was a very proud Mauri Winturri.

Thanks to Roma Pulling we had obtained the necessary written permission to hike the mountain. We hiked slowly up the road which passed mostly through woods and was not very steep.

At the top there was some wind but the sun was warm and bright. On our arrival it was a little bit hazy but it cleared off before we left providing fine views of the surrounding countryside. Although we could see Killington and Pico, Churchill didn't flash us any signs.

We had an uneventful walk down to the car. Using a topographical map we estimated that we had walked about one and a

quarter miles with a rise in elevation from about 1100 feet to about 2100 feet.

STAR LAKE, BELMONT

by Anna Nyiri and Krissy Nadler
October 24, 1981

On a crisp Saturday morning thirteen hikers, among them Judith Paul Kypragoras and son Andros, three and a half, on a visit from Cyprus, parked near a field with a view of Star Lake and a backdrop of Mendon, Pico, Killington, and Shrewsbury Peaks and Saltash Mountain to gladden the eye and the soul.

We walked a loop of approximately three miles on a snow-sprinkled country road, to Route 155, and up another country road back to the village and a cottage porch warmed by the sunlight, where we ate lunch.

A memory to store in our brain computers -- the view, the day, the walk, the company.

VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE

by Joe Valiquette
November 1, 1981

On Sunday afternoon, November 1, a group of 25 hikers met on South Main Street by the Fire Station for the annual Harold Valiquette Memorial Hike to the top of East Mountain.

We parked the cars on the Wheelerville Road near the Powers and Gillespie Camps.

It was a fairly nice day. We hiked up the old logging road past Dyers Meadow. When the logging road ended we bushwhacked it from there to the top. From the summit we had a very good view of the city of Rutland, although it was a bit hazy.

The remains of a red flag placed there a year or two ago could be seen in one of the trees.

After a good rest, we started down the mountain. There was a bit of surprise when Harold Rogers stepped in a fox trap. No damage was done except for a scratched boot and we proceeded down the mountain to the cars.

Some stopped on the way back to Rutland to view McLaughlin Falls.

WHITE ROCKS CLIFF AND CANDLELIGHT SUPPER

by Ray Catozzi
November 7, 1981

The comments about this outing at the beginning, as we started slipping and sliding our way up snowy Keewaydin Trail, compared to those spoken around our cozy campfire at supper, were as different as the weather that day compared to the weather we should have had. Now that's a profound statement, but it covers the situation.

What should have been a reasonably seasonably fall day with bare ground and possibly some sunshine turned into the area's first winter storm. Fourteen winter hikers showed up (minus skis or snowshoes) and off we went to Wallingford, and up into the Green Mountain National Forest, for an expected beautiful view of the upper Valley of Vermont. Most of the gang made it all the way to the cliff top, and braved a bitter northwest wind out there in the open, to look out into a near whiteout. Even the tree tops at the bottom of the cliff were nearly invisible. Comments: "Should have stayed home"; "What are we doing out here in this weather?", etc., were heard.

But hiking and climbing is invigorating and we were all well dressed for it. By the time we arrived back at the picnic area, with Churchill's fire burning brightly, we were all in good spirits and looking forward to an evening's winter picnic.

An inch of snow was on our picnic table, but we hardly bothered to brush off the table and benches. Nearly everyone cooked and ate while standing around the cheerful campfire. Only three left without supper. Comments: "This is fun!"; "Why don't we do this more often?," etc., were sprinkled among the busy supper chitchat.

Candle lanterns made from plastic gallon milk jugs, brought by Anna Nyiri, were a big hit. What a nice glow two or three of these give out.

So, what could have been a miserable, cold, wet outing, turned into a warm congenial, neighborly gathering in the dark pine grove at White Rocks.

The Cadells, Jean and Ralph, with us

for their last outing of the year, were leaving for Florida the next day. Even after much joking about their leaving us up here in the cold while they bask in Florida's warmth, they seemed sad in leaving us as they said their goodbyes.

The weather that day reminded me of a mystery hike I led up Nickwackett Mt. on Oct. 8th three years ago. That year we got a heavy early winter snowstorm the night before. So, folks, if you see my name listed as leader of a hike in the fall in the future you can mark that day on your calendar as the first day of winter. But come, anyway, we are going to have fun!

COVERED DISH SUPPER

by Sue Smyser
November 21, 1981

Twenty-seven people attended the covered dish supper which was held in the Rotary Cabin at Tamarack Notch Camp. When we arrived a light snow was falling, but the advance party had warmed the cabin with a blazing fire in the wood stove. I don't think that anybody was uncomfortably cold.

With everybody bringing a different dish we had a great variety of food. There was plenty of good food plus enough for seconds.

To top off supper we had two beautiful slide presentations. John Lepinski showed us slides he had taken on the Long Trail, at Mesa Verde, and at other locations in Colorado. Mark and Nancy Krebs also showed slides taken last summer when they hiked the LT north to the Canadian border.

Rob Carey, Ray Catozzi and I brought sleeping bags. We spent the night in the cabin and cleaned up the next day.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL
OUR READERS!

Smoke & Blazes Staff:

Editor: Carol Chapman
Asst. Editor & Typist: Jake Sherman
Mailing: Ray Catozzi, Roma Pulling, Churchill Scott

THE KIRK FUND

The George L. Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund has reached more than \$5,000.00. Therefore the expenses of the Trails and Shelters Committee will be paid by the interest earned by this fund.

The second \$5,000.00 fund started by Mrs. George Kirk in April, 1980, has now reached \$1,829.16.

--W. Churchill Scott
Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS

Ilse Vergi
78 E. Washington St.
Rutland, VT 05701

Olga Laird
Chasanna Drive, RD #1
Rutland, VT 05701

Change of address:

Rachael Charland
The Jackson, Apt. #30
274 West Second South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

SECTION MEMBERSHIP DECLINING

A review of Killington Section membership figures for the past four years indicates a decline of approximately 25 per cent. The drop in the adult and senior citizen categories has been particularly noteworthy. Let's urge all those interested in our beautiful surroundings to join!

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>
ADULT	42	45	48	61
SPOUSE	7	11	12	10
SR. CITIZEN	17	21	27	28
JUNIOR	2	10	0	3
FAMILY JR.	6	6	15	13
LIFE	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	76	95	104	117

ENJOY A LANTERN

Note: After seeing these lanterns on the White Rocks outing, several people asked Mrs. Nyiri to share directions for making them.)

1. Make a lantern using a plastic milk or cider jug and a candle.

--remove cap and cut a 3" x 4" (or so) flap in the side of the jug

--thru flap attach lighted candle to bottom of jug candle drippings.

2. Make a bottom-up one with a jug, candle, 5" x 5" x 1" (or so) piece of wood and a 2" nail

-- cut a 2" round hole in bottom of jug...hammer jug cap to wood so that nail protrudes on inside of cap i.e. thru wood first - spike candle on nail - light - screw jug to bottle cap - stand or use handle to hold.

--A. Nyiri

THE LOAFER AND THE GOOD CITIZEN

If a man walks in the woods for love of them half of each day, he is in danger of being regarded as a loafer. But if he spends his day as a speculator, shearing off those woods and making the earth bald before her time, he is esteemed an industrious and enterprising citizen.

--Henry David Thoreau



*Shelter in
Merck Forest*

OATMEAL BARS

1/2 c. sugar
 1/2 c. oleo
 1 Tbsp. + 1 tsp. honey
 1 Tbsp. + 1 tsp. syrup
 2 c. + 1/8 c. oatmeal
 1/4 c. peanuts or almonds, chopped
 1/4 c. + 1 Tbsp. soy grits
 1/8 c. dry powdered milk

Mix all ingredients in bowl.
 Pat into greased 9 x 9 pan.
 Bake at 350 F. for 20 min.
 Remove from oven.
 Cut into squares.
 Remove from pan when cooled.

Winnie Shambo contributed this
 recipe for granola bars which
 she adapted from the
New Healthy Trail Foodbook
 by Dorcas S. Miller



PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
 W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
 132 Maple Street
 Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Winter 1982 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact your hike leader: Robert Carey, President, 7 Milford House Road A9, Milford, NH 03055, 603-673-6395; Roma Pulling, Vice-President, RFD #2, Woodstock Avenue, 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Secretary-Treasurer, 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Jan. 2 (Sat.)	8:00 A.M.	CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRIP, Utley Brook Trail, Landgrove and Peru. Expert Skiers, no hikers or snowshoers. Difficult. Rob Badger, 773-3777
Jan. 10 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	PINE HILL, Rutland. Time to visit Rocky Pond again, also Muddy Pond and waterfall. 3 mi., easy. Sue Smyser, 773-3269
Jan. 23 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	BIRD MOUNTAIN, Castleton. Hikers and snowshoers; not recommended for skiers. Great views from summit. 6 mi., difficult. Rob Carey, 773-7076
Feb. 6-7 (Sat., Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	WINTER WEEK-END, Merck Forest, Rupert. Come just for a day or stay overnight in a shelter with stove. Hike, ski, or snowshoe. Reservations required. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Feb. 20 (Sat.)	9:30 A.M.	TAMARACK NOTCH TO BROWN BRIDGE, Shrewsbury. Hike, ski or snowshoe. Easy to moderate, 4 mi. Churchill Scott, 775-5720
Mar. 7 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	NORTHAM TO ROUND TOP, Plymouth. Hike, ski, or snowshoe. 5 mi., moderate. Harold Rogers, 775-4471
Mar. 13 (Sat.)	2:00 P.M.	SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY, Pulling Manor. Forget your diet and join us for our annual binge on Jan Martin's unbeatable maple delight accompanied by pickles, donuts and coffee. Phone for details. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Mar. 20 (Sat.)	9:30 A.M.	JUGGERNAUT TRAIL. East side of Killington. Hike, ski or snowshoe along old logging road. Moderate, 5 mi. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006

Coming on the spring schedule!!

Apr. 3 (Sat.)	7:30 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING. Meeting Room at VAC. Refreshments and program. Mark your calendar now!
------------------	-----------	---

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO THE HIKING AREA.

HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE AND REPRESENT ROUND TRIPS. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR LEADER.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Craigie Perkins
c/o Woodstock Stage
Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 35, NUMBER 1

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JAN.-MAR., 1982

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

This year's Killington Section Annual Meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Saturday, April 3rd, at the Vermont Achievement Center.

VAC is located on Park Street, north of the Rutland Fairground. Park your car in the parking lot in front of the playground and enter the door on the far left (the Pediatric Convalescent Unit). Signs inside will direct you to the meeting room downstairs.

Make plans to attend this important meeting at which three Directors will be elected and current issues discussed.

Following the meeting refreshments will be served and a program to be announced in the Rutland Herald will be presented.

GLEN LAKE WALK

by Mark Krebs
December 5, 1981

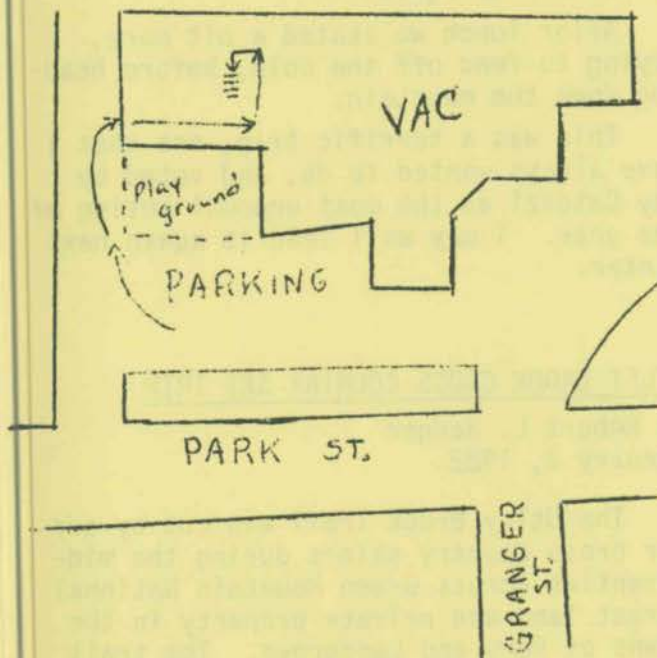
This report is a little late, and I don't know how much I can remember, but as I recall it was a rather cool morning as 19 eager fellow hikers gathered together for a quick jaunt around Glen Lake.

The first 3/4 mile was on a gravel road and made quick footing. Then the trail split off to the left into the woods toward the lake, mostly on old logging roads. Just beyond the Moscow Pond cutoff we all paused for a break and soon were joined by Churchill Scott and two other fellows, making our group a total of 22.

Shortly after noon, and after losing the trail only twice, we found a decent spot for lunch and we all scurried around looking for a place to sit. Several of the group took off up the hill in the woods to eat their lunch by a frozen water flow. A fire was soon started, and a kettle of water was put on to boil for some hot drinks, which was a nice treat!

After lunch we headed on through the woods at a pretty good clip, taking time to eat some wintergreen berries that Winnie Shambo brought to our attention. The rest of the trail around the lake was easy and everyone seemed to enjoy the pleasant four mile walk.

On the way back to the cars, Churchill Scott pointed out an interesting old slate mill just off the road in the woods. Nice to have so many observant people on a hike!



MOONLIGHT HIKE

by W. Churchill Scott
December 12, 1981

On a bright moonlit night in December the Killington Section had its annual "moonlight hike" with over 35 people participating.

A quick trip by some to cut firewood followed cross-country ski tracks from Willard Gap to our destination, the Tucker-Johnson Shelter. Around 6:45 P.M. everyone arrived to find a group of skiers bedded down for the night. Soon a good fire was going, hot beverages served all around and our differences regarding the use of the shelter resolved to most everyone's satisfaction.

As we raised our voices in Christmas caroling, the clouds parted and the full moon peeked through for a minute or two.

It was enjoyable to see folks of all ages get together for a few hours to enjoy each other's company, talk over old times, and, despite the cold hands and feet that had to be endured for a short time, carry on this annual KS tradition.

FREEDLEY QUARRY ICE SKATING PARTY

by Robert L. Badger
December 20, 1981

Freedley Quarry is an old marble quarry cut into the side of Dorset Mountain, creating an underground cavern sheltered from the elements. During winter, the rooms that are flooded--two adjoining rooms to the left of the main entrance and one large room on the right--become covered with a crystal clear glassy layer of ice unperturbed by wind, and free of snow. By late winter the ice becomes cluttered with small rocks dropping from the ceiling and chunks of ice from broken icicles; but in the early winter the ice is perfect for skating.

On December 20, ten of us skied, snowshoed or walked the 0.9 mile from Dorset Hill Road to the abandoned quarry. A new snowfall and clear day made for a perfect trip in. Once inside the quarry entrance, most of us inspected the ice surface by foot testing for ice thickness and marvel-

ing at its clarity. A lantern, brought by Steve Pulling, was placed in the darkest room within a clump of ice stalagmites, formed by water dripping from the ceiling. This created an intriguing pattern of light and shadows reflected off the ice. After assuring ourselves the ice was plenty thick, the skaters in the party--Sue Tumlin, Steve Pulling, Sue Smyser, Rob Carey, Carol Chapman, Chris Salinder, Carolyn Badger and Rob Badger, donned skates and tendered our versions of Dorothy Hamill, Bobby Orr and Bonzo, the chimp.

Several times as we glided around our natural underground skating rink, the ice gave out great vibrating quakes as water, expanding during its transformation to ice a few inches below our feet, caused the ice to crack. While we skated, our two non-skaters, Roma Pulling and Ray Catozzi, built a fire so when lunch time rolled around we had a place to cluster, roast our hot dogs, and try to stay warm.

During our lunch, 25-30 members of the Manchester-Dorset Snowmobile Club motored in, set up camp outside the quarry entrance north of our own encampment, built a huge fire with charcoal and gasoline, ate a quick lunch and roared off into the afternoon, hopefully never to be heard from again.

After lunch we skated a bit more, trying to fend off the cold, before heading down the mountain.

This was a terrific trip, one that I have always wanted to do, and voted by Ray Catozzi as the most unusual outing of the year. I may well lead it again next winter.

UTLEY BROOK CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRIP

by Robert L. Badger
January 2, 1982

The Utley Brook Trail was cut by and for cross country skiers during the mid-seventies across Green Mountain National Forest land and private property in the towns of Peru and Landgrove. The trail begins in Landgrove on the east side of Utley Brook, follows the brook for a while, then climbs very steeply to skirt

along the west flank of a ridge, drops steeply to cross a small stream, then rises moderately to a ridge cleared during a lumbering operation about 10 years ago. From here there are good views to the west of Peru Peak and Styles Peak. After the clearing, the trail returns to follow Utley Brook until it encounters an old road, maintained for fire access, that crosses Utley Brook and joins Forest Road 10. Here the trail enters the woods and goes through several long uphill with accompanying long winding downhill. The trail ends on the west side of Utley Brook about two hundred yards away from its beginning, after covering a distance of approximately nine miles.

Four of us - Joan Tomasi, John Lepinski, my wife, Carolyn, and myself set out on a perfect cross country day of green wax and sunshine. Six inches of new snow the night before resulted in perfect conditions, and conveniently one skier had preceded us, breaking trail.

Skiing along at a brisk pace to keep warm, we finished the trail in a little under four hours. We then set off on a short tour at the other end of Landgrove on a trail that passes the lone outpost of the Landgrove & Northern Railroad. Along this trail we found a beech tree with bear claw marks climbing at least 20 feet up the tree. But the bear was gone, and shortly so were we after a fantastic day of skiing.

PINE HILL PARK

by Sue Smyser
January 10, 1982

On this beautiful sunny day, seven people (five hikers and two skiers) showed up for the hike in spite of below zero temperatures. We started at the Evergreen Road entrance. Because the trail had been hardpacked by snowmobilers, the hikers could easily keep up with the skiers. The route crossed frozen Rocky Pond and overlooked Muddy Pond. The outlet stream from Muddy Pond wasn't frozen so we made a detour over Muddy Pond to get to the other side. We stopped beside the waterfall to build a fire and eat lunch.

During the entire trip we saw no other skiers, hikers, or snowmobiles. Ray Catozzi was in the area during the day, but we didn't see him during our outing.

Conditions were very good for skiing with little or no wax and the snow was hard enough for good walking. We had to keep moving to keep from getting cold so we arrived back in Rutland before 1:00 P.M.

BIRD MOUNTAIN (ALMOST)

by Sue Smyser
January 23, 1982

This proved to be not a very good day for climbing Bird Mountain. Even with blizzard conditions Churchill Scott, Rob Carey, Steve, Becky, and Roma Pulling and I decided to attempt the hike. It was when Rob's Rabbit got stuck in a snow-drift that we decided to turn around. We spent the rest of the morning eating cookies and drinking hot chocolate in front of a blazing fire at the Pulling homestead.

NEW BOSTON AREA

by Steve Pulling
February 7, 1982

Due to technical difficulties, the original schedule had to be changed from a weekend of skiing and hiking at Merck Forest in Rupert to skiing and hiking in and around the New Boston area of Chittenden. The hike leader did his homework and found that there was no loop trail negotiable in New Boston with the exception of a trail around Chittenden Dam.

If you can remember, Feb. 7 was a bright, clear, sunny, COLD day. After some slight confusion in spotting cars, we started our hike at the Mountain Top Inn and headed down the road toward New Boston. Thanks to the snow machines packing down the snow, we didn't need skis or snowshoes to make the going easier.

Lacking four of our original group of 14, who went on their own little hike (Churchill, Harold, Olga, and Virginia), we proceeded around the Chittenden Dam at an unusually fast pace in an attempt to combat the cold breeze. At noontime we stopped, built a fire, and had the usual Green Mountain Club winter lunch huddled around the fire.

Soon after lunch we came upon the dam at Lefferts Pond and then we followed the fishing access road out to the cars that we had spotted on the Chittenden Road.

So ends another chapter of the Killington Section's Winter of '82.

TAMARACK NOTCH TO BROWN BRIDGE

by Steve Pulling
February 20, 1982

Before I start describing this hike, I would like to recognize one of the participants. Mrs. Dorothy Kirk, an old-time Killington Section member, a friend of us all, and founder of the Kirk Fund which supports the maintenance of the section's trails and shelters, was present today. Mrs. Kirk hiked with us until lunch and showed great courage and determination to attempt this feat. Thanks for joining us and showing your support to our section. It was nice seeing you again, Mrs. Kirk.

We parked our cars at the Tamarack Notch Church Camp and leisurely walked down the road toward Shrewsbury's Brown Bridge as Churchill Scott showed us points of interest along the way. With his atlas and topo map Churchill showed us where old buildings, farms, and school houses had been scattered around the countryside. All but deserted now, the area was once a small community.

Passing by many old hunting camps and receiving occasional lessons in tracking from Jim Griffin, we found our way to Brown Bridge. By following the North Branch of the Cold River we made it back to the Quirk Bridge which completed our loop. From there it was only a short walk back to the cars. Thank

you again, Churchill, for your interesting commentary.

POSTPONEMENT

Due to scheduling complications, the Merck Forest weekend originally planned for February 6 and 7 will now be held March 27 and 28. The same conditions apply. Participants will meet at the Main Street park at 9:00 A.M. on the 27th and those spending the night should be prepared for backpacking. Day hikers are welcome either Saturday or Sunday. Reservations must be made in advance by over-nighters by calling Roma Pulling, 773-6997.

PUFFING, STRAINING, AND BIGHORN SHEEP

Several hikers have been overheard discussing the best pace to set when backpacking, and a member of the staff of Smoke and Blazes decided to do some research. Following are three quotations which may help to shed some light on this subject:

The Sierra Club's guide to backpacking called Walking Softly in the Wilderness (1977) has this to say:

"Usually the members of a group hike at different rates-- some go faster, some slower. Should the slower hikers puff and strain, or should the faster ones slow down? It's important to have some agreement, not necessarily explicit, among companions. It can be miserable to be the one slow member of a group that is moving at racing speed; the only one who can't take time to look around and enjoy. So sort things out in advance."

From the lovely Joy of Nature (1977) published by the Reader's Digest Association:

"At the start of your hike, set a moderate pace that will allow the slowest (youngest, oldest or least experienced) member of your group to keep up without undue exertion. About two miles an hour is a good pace for the average hiker. A moderate pace also means you will have to make fewer rest stops."

Finally, Colin Fletcher, author of The New Complete Walker (1978), which has been referred to as "The Hiker's Bible," says:

"Even on trails, two miles an hour is good going. Over really rough country the average can fall below half a mile."

So, in summary, the experts seem to advise a pace comfortable for everyone in your group, not more than two miles an hour, and time for appreciation of the "joy of nature" or, as Fletcher says, "conversations withbighorn sheep," if that is where your interest lies.

CONGRATULATIONS

You are blinded by a sudden brilliant flash of light. You fumble in your pack for your colored glasses. But no, it wasn't the sun. And you are sure it wasn't lightning. What....? Ah yes, there--on Sue Smyser's left hand. A sparkler that wasn't there on the last hike!!

All best wishes to our President Rob and Sue at this very important point in your lives. And when you desert us for that foreign country east of the river, in 1983, don't forget us. Come back and visit us often.

MAURI WINTTURI

It was with sadness that members of the Killington Section learned of the death of Mauri Wintturi on January 18th. An article about Mauri will be included in the next issue of Smoke and Blazes. A donation to the Heart Fund was made in his memory by the section.

DUES ARE DUE

If you have not already sent in your 1982 dues, please do so immediately. You may pay them at the Annual Meeting or mail them to W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701. This is the last issue of Smoke and Blazes

that will be sent to the 1981 members.

NEW MEMBERS

Krebs, Mark 10 E. Center St. Rutland, Vt. 05701
 McCarthy, William Box 26 Florence, Vt. 05744
 Nader, Krissy Pleasant Hgts. West Rutland, Vt. 05777
 Young, Virginia Chasanna Dr. Rutland, Vt. 05701

KIRK FUND REPORT

The George L. Kirk Trails and Shelter Fund has grown to \$5,126.42 enabling the Trails and Shelters expense of \$130.82 to be paid by the Fund.

Also Mrs. Dorothy Kirk purchased a \$500.00 certificate of deposit at 12% enabling the second \$5,000 fund to reach \$1,669.95.

The next Smoke and Blazes will contain a complete financial report.

LOVELIEST OF TREES, THE CHERRY NOW

One of the loveliest of the spring poems, written by A.E. Housman about Shropshire in his native England but just as apt for Rutland County:

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
 Is hung with bloom along the bough,
 And stands about the woodland ride
 Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,
 Twenty will not come again,
 And take from seventy springs a score,
 It leaves me only fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom
 Fifty springs are little room,
 About the woodlands I will go
 To see the cherry hung with snow.

SMOKE AND BLAZES STAFF

Editor: Carol Chapman
 Asst. Editor and Typist: Jake Sherman
 Mailing: Ray Catozzi, Roma Pulling,
 Churchill Scott

FINANCIAL REPORT -- 1981Income

Balance - 1/1/81.....	700.58
Dues	482.50
Kirk Fund	307.35
Sugar on Snow	70.70
Interest	27.82
Sale of Guidebooks	24.75
Merck Forest Receipts	9.00
Sale of Patches & Rockers	6.00
TOTAL	928.12

Expenses

Kirk Fund	307.35
G.M.C.	237.60
Dues	198.00
Books	39.60
Smoke and Blazes	201.22
Sugar on Snow	42.05
Postage	35.27
Secretary Expense	32.80
Publicity	27.42
V.A.C. Donation	20.00
Outings	10.37
Typing Expense	10.00
Annual Meeting	7.48
Dues Rebate	4.00
TOTAL	935.56

Balance - 12/31/81.....\$693.14

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the **LONG TRAIL NEWS** (Main Club publication), and **SMOKE AND BLAZES** (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
 W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
 132 Maple Street
 Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

 Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Spring 1982 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact your hike leader; Robert Carey, President, 7 Milford House Road A9, Milford NH 03055, 603-673-6395; Roma Pulling, Vice-President, RFD #2, Woodstock Avenue, 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Secretary-Treasurer, 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Apr. 3 (Sat.)	9:30 A.M.	QUIRK BRIDGE TO McLAUGHLIN FALLS, Mendon. Follow old town road past hermit's residence. 5 mi., easy. Churchill Scott, 775-5720
Apr. 3 (Sat.)	7:30 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING. VAC meeting room, Park St. Refreshments and program.
Apr. 17 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY, Rte. 140 to Minerva Hinchey Shelter. Clear and blaze trail, clean shelter. Joe Dicton Sr., 775-4446
Apr. 24 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY, Clarendon Lodge to Minerva Hinchey Shelter. Clear and blaze trail, clean shelter. Joe Dicton Sr., 775-4446
May 8 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION. Tamarack Notch and Bald Mountain area, Mendon. Bring flower guide if available. Easy, 3 mi. Janet Martin, 773-8621
May 15 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION WALK-THROUGH. Cover as much of our trail as possible in teams, do light maintenance and assess major damage. Joe Dicton Sr., 775-4446
May 23 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	McGINN BROOK FLUME, Mt. Tabor. Cascade over a high rock ledge. Easy, 2 mi. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
May 29-30 (Sat.-Sun.)		GMC ANNUAL MEETING. Norwich University. Further details and registration blank in <u>Long Trail News</u> .
June 5 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	BRIDGEWATER CHATEAUGAY. Moderate hike to delightful pond, good views. Swimming optional. 4 mi. Rob Carey, 773-7076 Sue Smyser, 773-3269
June 11-13 (Fri.-Sun.)	4:00 P.M.	Rte. 9 to Williamstown Station. Bring tent. 17.7 mi., moderate. Al Pulling, 773-6997
June 19 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	BIKE TRIP. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bike!). Through the Clarendon area. Approx. 18 mi. Leave from the parking lot of College of St. Joseph the Provider. Rob and Carolyn Badger, 773-3777
June 26 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	MT. INDEPENDENCE, Orwell. A flashback to Revolutionary War days in Vermont, 4 mi., easy. Roma Pulling, 773-6997

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO THE HIKING AREA.

HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE AND REPRESENT ROUND TRIPS. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR LEADER.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Mr/ M Robert Ierkins
4812 Lebanon Rd
Charlotte, N.C. 28212



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 35, NUMBER 2

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

APR.-JUN., 1982

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING & STATE OF THE SECTION REPORT

by Ray Catozzi, President

Rather than repeat, or compete with, a very fine article written by Churchill Scott on our annual meeting, which appeared in the May issue of the Long Trail News, I am going to attempt to add highlights, reflections and analyses of that meeting, blending these with how we are doing and where we are headed.

This is the third year that this annual affair has been held in the spring, as a result of a change in the Killington Section by-laws. This was brought about by very low attendance at our last two January annual meetings, caused by snowstorms. In spite of the change to spring our attendance at these meetings remains low, running in the mid to low 20's.

But when one compares our membership of 140 in 1972 to less than half that number this year, the attendance is probably good, percentagewise.

Some good news was reported by Outing Chairman Roma Pulling, though, and that was that in spite of much lower membership, the attendance on our 1981 outings was up 40% over the previous year.

This is due, I feel, to several reasons. First, we now have greater variety of outings than we ever have had. The committee has been working very hard to get balance in length, interest, and degree of difficulty. Second, our publicity has been interesting, very inviting, and very widespread due to the untiring efforts of Winnie Shambo, our publicity chairman. Winnie has gotten news releases published simultaneously in the Rutland Herald, the Mountain Times, the Rutland Shopper, and the now defunct Rutland Calendar, as well as getting announcements of our outings on both local radio

stations.

Thirdly, and this may not be nearly as much a deciding factor as the first two, is the stabilization of inflation and therefore gas prices. For quite a long time now we have scheduled our outings close to home to save gas, but we are now traveling further more often. This also makes for increased interest.

It is felt that this increase in attendance can't help but improve our membership, as many of these persons attending are not members, but could easily be if we all do our part in talking up the benefits of membership in the Killington Section. At this time I would, as your president for the coming year, ask each and every member to try to sign up a new member. Invite your friends on our hikes, get them to see the pleasures of the great outdoors that we enjoy, and remember that, even though we advertise that membership is not required to attend, we shouldn't be bashful in asking them to join.

Thanks to a most wonderful job done by Joe Dicton, Sr., our Trails and Shelters Chairman for the past three years, plus all the many hours of trailwork done by our relatively low membership, the 21 miles of Long Trail assigned to us is in good condition. Some work is yet to be done on the trail this year and some shelter work remains, but, all in all, the chairman's job inherited by Mark Krebs for the current year shouldn't prove to be a burdensome one.

The Kirk Fund for Trail and Shelter maintenance has matured and is now providing the necessary funds for the job to be done each year.

Interest and a sense of duty is running high in the active membership of our section aside from taking on hike leadership. The GMC Intersectional, in August, and

the GMC Autumn Outing Weekend, both club-wide activities, are to be chaired this year by KS members. Rob Carey is heading up the Intersectional and Winnie Shambo is making the plans for the Autumn Outing, to be held at Otter Creek Campgrounds in Danby. Incidentally, the Intersectional is also being held near Rutland, at Camp Thorpe in Goshen.

All in all, I feel we, as a section of the GMC, are in good shape with prospects for the future even better. You will note, in looking over our summer schedule of outings (last page of this newsletter) that we have planned more outings than ever. In the past the average number of outings per month was 2+. This summer, due to the high interest in the hard core of our membership for wanting to lead hikes to new, unusual, and distant places, we have left very few weekends untouched.

Finally, I want to thank Rob Carey for his excellent leadership as president of the section for the last two years, along with all the other hard working section members. You have made my job for the coming year much much easier. Onward and upward we'll go!

MAURI WINTTURI REMEMBERED

The thing I remember best about Mauri is the very strong feeling he had about the correct way to blaze a trail.

"It should always be possible to see two blazes in front of you and two behind you. Each blaze shall be as high as possible and exactly two inches wide by six inches high and never, I repeat, never on both sides of the same tree for this tree may die, blow down, get hit by lightning or otherwise disappear."

And that is good advice from a professional.

--Churchill Scott

To some people Mauri was the paunchy, red-faced man with a cigarette in one hand and a bottle of beer in the other; but he was more than that. Mauri was sensitive, astonishingly well-read, and

appreciative of flowers and everything he found in the outdoors that he loved.

Mauri would stop in for a chat whenever he was in the area; and as I was usually busy in the kitchen, he was content to perch on the kitchen stool while we talked. Often he passed on reports of repairs needed at one of the shelters, either from personal observation or from conversations with other hikers. The last time I saw him, in October, he had pored through a collection of old VERMONT-ER magazines in a used book store and found three with articles on the Long Trail and Green Mountain Club. He was as pleased as a child at Christmastime and wanted to share his find with me. This is a pleasant memory to file away.

--Roma Pulling

One of the many things I remember about Mauri is paint blazing. He did it with great attention to detail. Of course this means he couldn't do it very fast, but when criticized about speed, or lack of it, he'd say: "It's better to paint one good blaze than ten lousy ones. I don't do lousy ones." And he didn't.

He'd go out with a two-inch brush, paint scraper, brush clippers and paint. It would take about five minutes per blaze. Mauri picked his trees very carefully, making sure it could be seen easily from the direction he was painting for. This might require clipping several branches. Then he would scrape the bark smooth where the blaze would go. Next he'd take his two-inch brush and measure off a 2" x 6" rectangular blaze, making sure to get the corners neat and square as he painted. Most housepainters aren't as careful drawing around trim as Mauri was painting a blaze on a tree! Any unnecessary blazes were scraped off, while ALL blazes to be kept were repainted, not just the ones wearing out.

It took a lot of patience to go blazing with Mauri, but no one can say the work wasn't top quality. He really gave the trail his all.

--Rob Carey

DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW

by Roma Pulling

March 6, 1982

Actually our dash was nearer a crawl with frequent rest stops, there were two horses instead of one, and the vehicle was what, in former days, we called a sledge. So much for romanticism, but would you believe the seven people who went on this unscheduled outing had a great time? Krissy Nadler, the only representative of the junior set, even got to drive Jim and Judy, the Belgian horses. Some people held that the best part of the ride was the hot chocolate and homemade cookie session in the cozy kitchen at the Bruce farm just before we left for home. A perfect way to end a winter outing!

We tried to organize a sleigh ride last year and found only a man who could take three people at a time and another who wanted \$100 and could take 20. The difficulties of getting 20 people together via phone calls sank that plan. A short while ago a wistful comment by Sue Smyser and an ad in the Rutland Herald set things in motion again. Ginny Young helped with the calling, and we were on our way.

Incidentally, before these spur-of-the-moment activities we try to call everyone we think might be interested. If we missed you, just call your chairman (773-6997) or any of the numbers at the top of your hike schedule and ask to be included. Please excuse the oversight.

NORTHAM TO ROUND TOP

by Harold C. Rogers

March 7, 1982

In spite of rain and wind, eleven hikers turned up at the park. Things started to go wrong on the drive to Shrewsbury as I drove into a water hole and my pickup stalled. We had quite a few mechanics with us. Bernie Donahue did the dirty work. Rob Carey was the one who found the trouble which was soon fixed and we were on our way.

When we got to Shrewsbury the roads

were slippery and we couldn't drive as far as we had planned.

After we had walked about a half hour we came to a fork in the road. The left road was our intended route to the ski area and Route 100. The right hand road was a dead end road that headed toward Saltash Mountain. There was a wood pulp and logging operation down this road about one quarter of a mile which we wanted to check out. We intended to bush-whack back to the left to the other road which was possible because two weeks earlier Churchill Scott and I had walked it. But this time we walked in a circle and got lost in a way, because in about 10 minutes we were back at the pulpwood pile. At this time the hike leader felt very foolish because anyone who can't go two hundred yards in a straight line isn't very smart. Then we decided to backtrack to the original road.

After we arrived at a lunch spot, we decided to build our fire under softwood for protection from the rain. The trees were heavily covered with snow and we built a real hot fire. The coffee water heated quickly but the heat melted the snow on the trees which, combined with the rain, got us very wet. We found after lunch that it wasn't raining very hard out in the open.

Our original destination was Magic Mountain Ski Area on Route 100 but as we were drenched we decided to quit and come home.

The trip back was fast and uneventful.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY

by Roma Pulling

March 13, 1982

We met again at the VP's house--
The third year in a row--
To feast on coffee, doughnuts, pickles,
and
Of course, sugar-on-snow.

In number we were twenty-one.
Ray was late again!
Outings Committee, what shall we do
To make the schedule plain?

(continued)

Now we owe a vote of thanks
To two Martins, Jan and Jack.
Your syrup was unbeatable!
We hope you will come back.

Thanks also goes to Dexter Shoes
For granting us the right
To park our cars across the way
In a convenient site.

Outside it rained; we didn't care.
The fireplace spread its glow.
The food was good, friends gathered
'round;
So let it storm and blow.

There were a few who never yet
Had partaken of this treat.
I'm sure they will agree with us:
This party can't be beat.

JUGGERNAUT TRAIL

by Ray Catozzi
March 20, 1982

A perfect sunny winter day greeted nine hikers this March day as we met in Main Street Park. Then off we went to the trail head on the Hadley Hill Road in Bridgewater, two of us skiing, one snowshoeing, and six just walking. Snow conditions proved ideal for all as we climbed higher and higher up the eastern approach to Killington Peak.

By lunch time the Juggernaut Trail had disappeared, or rather was swallowed up by a new downhill ski trail on Sherburne Corp.'s new Bear Mountain Area. So we backtracked to a little clearing beside the trail and got a woodfire going for hot water. Soon all were engrossed in an enjoyable lunch hour with the usual friendly and humorous flow of conversation.

On the way back down the trail the two skiers had numerous good runs scattering the foot hikers with shouts of "Track." A great day, a grand outing!

QUIRK BRIDGE TO MCLAUGHLIN FALLS

by Churchill Scott
April 3, 1982

On Saturday, April 3, we again drove to the Tamarack Notch Aitken Forest area. This time after hiking past the old swimming hole in Cold River North Branch and over the Quirk Bridge we turned north toward McLaughlin Falls. Under darkening clouds we passed the barway to the Quirk Farm and Fritz Gould's last residence on the mountain.

The walking conditions were not too bad for snowmobiles had packed the snow, but, sure enough, as we stopped for lunch a bit short of the falls the rain began. A good hot fire soon had our hot drinks ready and this time we knew enough to build our fire in the open. The old coffee pot is always welcome especially at this time of the year.

After a last look at the falls, a spectacular sight, winter or summer, we headed back on the Wheelerville Road. We passed by an old lumber road leading to the tarpaper shack of a Polish immigrant who watched over the many summer camps in the area and who relied on the writer's father, Dr. Scott, to doctor him in return for a nice catch of trout or field strawberries, blueberries or raspberries in season.

At the end everyone felt that this hike was not quite as wet as the recent Northam one.

WORK PARTY

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
April 17, 1982

On this cool spring morning 12 volunteers signed up for the first work party of 1982. Harold Rogers, Churchill Scott, and Mark Krebs blazed and cleared the trail from Route 103 to Minerva Hinchey Shelter. The going was very difficult as there was still plenty of snow on the ground.

Winnie Shambo, John Lepinski, and Joe Dicton, Sr. drove to the trail head on Route 140 to start their task of clearing

and blazing to Minerva Hinchey Shelter. With all the snow on the trail a snowshoe hike would have been more appropriate.

Marie Roby, Roma, Al, and Steve Pulling, Bernie Donahue, and Ray Catozzi took over the big task of cleaning up the Minerva Hinchey Shelter and surrounding area. Repair work on the shelter was also done by the above volunteers.

WILDFLOWER WALK

by Jan Martin
May 8, 1982

Nineteen people gathered for the Wildflower walk in Aitken State Forest led by Jan Martin. Due to a mix-up on starting times with the Physical Fitness Group, Roma Pulling volunteered to wait at the park for anyone who might arrive at 10 o'clock. Unfortunately no one showed up and Roma ended up hiking home instead of having a pleasant walk in the woods...for which the leader is very apologetic! Dedicated individuals like Roma are what keep the Section going.

Because of this starting time mix-up, the group spent the first hour walking around Tamarack Notch Camp where we saw painted and red trillium, windflowers, wild oats, and blue cohosh among other flowers.

After waiting for Roma and deciding something went wrong and leaving her a note, we proceeded up the Bald Mountain Trail. The side of the mountain was literally carpeted with spring beauties with occasional adder's tongue, four or five different kinds of violets, and Dutchmen's britches and squirrel-corn (growing together so we got a good look at the differences in their blossoms). There were plenty of flower guides on hand to verify our findings and to keep the leader on her toes. Most of the group made it to the first ledge where lunch was eaten and some with afternoon commitments returned home. About seven continued on up the mountain, over the first summit, made a brief stop at the bog, and went on over the second summit to the Rutland lookout and back down to the camp. On the second summit a clump of arbutus was finally located that was still in bloom.

It was a beautiful day and apparently much enjoyed by the participants. We had picked the right weekend for a wildflower walk which can be a tricky business as the arrival of spring can vary two to three weeks from year to year.

WALK THROUGH

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
May 15, 1982

We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day for this annual event. Six volunteers signed up for this task and were assigned to their sections.

Ray Catozzi and Mark Krebs took over the big job of repairing Governor Clement Shelter. The center support beams were damaged due to the heavy snow this past winter. After about five hours of hard work the Shelter was made usable again.

Emma and John Hughes cleared the trail from Route 103 to the Cold River Road. Winnie Shambo and John Lepinski took over the task of cleaning up the Clarendon Shelter and vicinity. Every spring this area requires a thorough cleaning.

Yours truly started trail clearing from Cold River Road to Governor Clement Shelter. Work on this section of the trail was light as there weren't any blowdowns.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH MULLIN

by Churchill Scott

It is with a great deal of sadness that we learned of the death of Mrs. Ruth LaBrake Mullin. A long-time member of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club, she was especially noted for her bountiful vegetable gardens and beautiful flower gardens she managed to cultivate each year.

She was born in Florence on March 14, 1897 and graduated from the Elliot Community Hospital in Keene, N.H. For many years she practiced at the Proctor Hospital, then private duty and finally as a receptionist for Dr. J.J. Tomasi, Sr.

Many members will remember her as a gracious hostess at the family's camp on the Fire Hill Road and the many enjoyable outings we had there.

A donation has been made in her memory to the Vermont Heart Association.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nancy and Mark Krebs on the birth of Joshua, born May 6.

NEW HOSTEL FOR HIKERS

On May 23rd the Sherburne Pass Hostel was opened. Owned and operated by Mark Krebs, this resting place for the weary hiker will accommodate 18 people. It is located 100 yards off the Long Trail in the yellow building directly across from the Inn at Long Trail. Kitchen facilities and two showers are available.

Fees are: \$4 per night, \$3 per night without use of kitchen facilities, \$1 use of shower only.

On June 19th there will be an Open House with day hikes in the surrounding area. Bring a dish and come to enjoy a pot luck supper.

We wish Mark every success in this new venture.

LETTER FROM SALT LAKE CITY

by Rachael Charland

Our hike to the East Rim of Deer Creek Canyon got underway about 8:30 a.m. at the parking lot of the Shriners Hospital. I met two people who knew of the state of Vermont and had actually been in the state. The first one had gone to visit the Joseph Smith Monument in Sharon and the other one had lived in Brattleboro and Newfane.

Cars were finally moved from the Shriners parking lot to a very steep down-grade, where we parked with wheels turned inward to sidewalk....Access to the trail (actually a deer track) was through the backyards of some very ex-

pansive and expensive newly built homes--very odd shapes and sizes and many of them empty.

A dry creek loomed up before us which turned into a mad running Wet Creek! It was either scramble to the left and right of it through thickets of stunted scrub-oak or walk in the water. After we reached the 5,000 foot level, a short, short rest period was taken. Only two of us were in the "60's" group, the leader, Carl Bauer, and myself. He admitted to me that it had been years since he had made this particular climb -- sound familiar???

Most of the group made a wrong turn and as we reached the rim we could see them sunning themselves near Little Black Mountain whereas they should have been with us on the rim of Deer Creek. It didn't take them long to get to us; they had had their lunch so waited for us to have ours. The scenery was a mixture of more scrub-oak lined mountain area and snow! A German girl was quick to point out that the scenery wasn't much as she remembered around Sharon, Vt. Sitting and eating on the rim was very enjoyable because the wind ceased for a while -- actually received my first wind-sunburn (today it smarts - last night it burned!). About 15 in the group -- they seemed concerned for my welfare as I was new to the group. The altitude again mastered me on the climb -- the actual rim was a little over 6,000 feet (two thousand more than where I live in SLC).

Five yearling deer carcasses were spotted as we stomped along in the stream that finally gave out at the rim. My inquiry as to the reason for the carcasses brought the reply "the winter was fiercer than usual" (the worst in 30 years the papers proclaimed) "making forage for the deer, mature or young, impossible to find because of the deep snow." If you could see the area we hiked in, you'd agree and still wonder just how the deer manage to feed during the summer months.

Tufts of grass helped us climb the mountain; no leaves on the scrub oak yet; spring beauties very, very small, mostly pink; mustard varieties just visible and some type of lily that resembles Vermont's trout lily. Most of the hikers were only interested in climbing up and getting down,

not interested in nature. We trekked through a small patch of snow toward the jeep road that we were to use going down the mountain (you never saw a jeep road like it) and the leader and a couple ahead of me disappeared from view (probably when I took a tumble down the graveled, lop-sided road) so I continued by myself toward the sidewalk I could see as I went sliding down the road. Managed to reach my car ahead of everyone although the paths they took were supposed to have been shorter. The whole trip was a little over six miles. Returned home, after giving the leader a ride home, about 2:30 P.M., somewhat smarting from the sunburn and the scratches from the thickets (through my long-sleeved flannel shirt!) but mighty happy I had made the effort. Before the next hike, however, I'm going to question the leaders as to the altitude jumps and terrain.

SOUTH AFRICAN TRAILS

by Roma Pulling

From a pen pal in South Africa, I received several booklets and mimeographed sheets describing hiking trails in that country's national parks. The booklets are well-illustrated and all language is English and Afrikaans, the country's two official tongues.

Trails bear such interesting names as "Springbok, Otter, Klipspringer*, Rhebok*, Mountain Zebra, Wolhuter, and Nyalaland. (*According to INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE ENCYCLOPEDIA, species of small antelope.) Day hikers are shown on grasslands ob-

serving elephants, white rhinos and a hippo but on these trips are accompanied by a guide with a rifle. Trails for backpacking seem to be in hilly terrain or along the seashore.

Overnight accommodations are called "huts" and in one picture resemble a Long Trail camp like Bromley. Another group is pictured cooking a meal outside an open shelter with a thatched roof.

Distances of some typical hikes run up to 17 km (10.2 mi.) a day and seem quite structured, with the route, overnight stops, and number of hikers specified. Fees are charged. Hikers are warned to boil water and are cautioned that a trail is exhausting at one point "because of its undulating character."

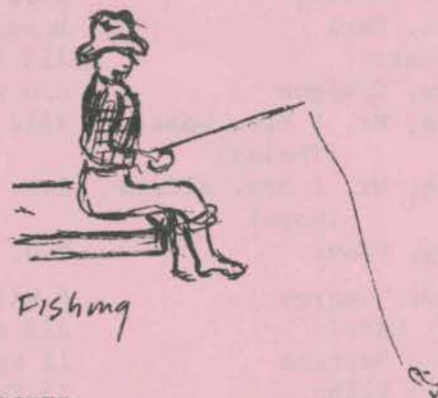
Sound like a lot of fun? Excursion Committee of the GMC, take note!

SMOKE AND BLAZES STAFF

Editor: Carol Chapman

Assistant Editor and Typist: Jake Sherman

Mailing: Ray Catozzi, Roma Pulling, Churchill Scott



GMC

KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER MAY, 1982

Badger, Robert & Carolyn	43 Gloria Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Barber, David & Audrey	Box 1097	Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Bequaert, Frank	44 Bertwell Road	Lexington, MA 02173
Blaskowich, Mrs. Wm. J.	Box 367	Dearborn, MI 48121
Bryant, Harriot	Box 131	Dorset, VT 05251
Cadell, Ralph	R.D.#2	Poultney, VT 05764
Cahee, Hedrick	179 Union Street	Springfield, VT 05156
Carey, Robert	Apt. #9, 7 Milford House Rd.	Milford, N.H. 03055
Catozzi, Raymond	103 Bellevue Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701

KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER (continued)

Chapman, Carol	39 East Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Charland, Rachael	Apt. 307, 120 South- 200 West	Salt Lake City, UT 84101
Ciccarelli, Joseph	73 Fairgrounds Road	Springfield, VT 05156
Conlon, George	Sunset Acres	Rutland, VT 05701
Crowther, John	249 Lincoln Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Culvert, Harry	Plains Road	Pittsford, VT 05763
Daly, John	22 Engrem Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Dicton, Joseph, Sr. & Jr.	Sugarwood Hill Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Frink, Helen	10 Elm Street	Randolph, VT 05060
Griffin, James	81 Lincoln Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Hoaglund, Judith	21 Kendall Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Hughes, Mr. & Mrs. John (Emma)	18 Ronaldo Court	Rutland, VT 05701
Krebs, Mark	c/o Woodstock Stage	Rutland, VT 05701
Kirk, Dorothy (Mrs. Geo. L.)	8 East Washington Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Laird, Olga	Chasanna Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Lepinski, John	63 Pleasant Street	Ludlow, VT 05149
Maier, Elsie	280 Fort Washington Avenue	New York, NY 10032
Martin, Mr. & Mrs. John (Janet)	7 Curtis Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
McCarthy, William	Box 26	Florence, VT 05744
McDonald, Missy	10 Easterly Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Nadler, Krissy, Jr.	1 Pleasant Heights	West Rutland, VT 05777
Newton, Doris	26 Boutwell Road	Andover, MA 01810
Nuffort, John	453 Victor Way	Wyckoff, NJ 07481
Nyiri, Anna	167 Stratton Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Ogden, Herbert G., Jr.	R.D.#6, Liberty Hill	Laconia, N.H. 03246
Parker, Shirley	Post Office Box	Rutland, VT 05701
Parsons, Carl	Beverly Manor Nursing Home	Rutland, VT 05701
Peet, Harry	113 1/2 Barre Street	Montpelier, VT 05602
Perkins, Craigue	c/o Woodstock Stage	Rutland, VT 05701
Perkins, Mr. & Mrs. Robt. (Thelma)	4812 Lebanon Road	Charlotte, NC 28212
Pulling, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred (Roma)	R.D. Woodstock Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Pulling, Steve	R.D. Post Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Reynolds, George	8 Hillcrest Road	Springfield, VT 05156
Rogers, Harold	223 Adams Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Roulier, Bettina	11 West Street	Fair Haven, VT 05743
Russell, Ellen	33 Thayer Street	Providence, RI 02906
Schmidt, Mr. & Mrs. Carl (Nancy)	1651 Claybourn Circle	Cincinnati, OH 45240
Scott, W. Churchill	132 Maple Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Sherman, Jake	48 Morse Place	Rutland, VT 05701
Simmonds, William	18 Terrace Hill	Proctor, VT 05765
Smyser, Sue	12 Pine Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Stiles, Irene	R.D.#2, Woodstock Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Thomas, Sue	35 Burnham Avenue, Apt. B	Rutland, VT 05701
Weston, Wilbur	104 Ashley Rd., Fairview Acres	Apex, N.C. 27502
Wilson, Carleton	9 Harvard Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Vergi, Ilse	78 East Washington Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Young, Virginia	Chasanna Drive	Rutland, VT 05701

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Summer 1982 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader; Raymond Catozzi, President, 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; Roma Pulling, Vice-President, RFD 2, Woodstock Ave., 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
July 6 (Tues.)	5:30 P.M.	DEER LEAP, Sherburne. Bring your supper and meet at <u>Sherburne Pass</u> . Watch the sun set. Very steep, 3 mi. Rob Badger, 773-3777
July 10 (Sat.)	7:00 A.M.	BIRDING WALK jointly with Rutland County Audubon Society. Meet at <u>West Rutland Grand Union</u> . Variable mileage, easy. Bring binoculars. Roy Pilcher, 459-2851
July 17 (Sat.)	1:00 P.M.	Raspberry picking at FOX LOT, swimming at Clarendon Gorge. Bring your supper. 1 mi., moderate. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
July 21 (Weds.)	6:00 P.M.	PINE HILL PARK. Bring your supper and eat on the site of former hermit's cabin. Easy, 3 mi. Churchill Scott, 775-5720
Aug. 1 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	STOVE PIPE CITY. Abandoned lumber camp in Mendon. Moderately difficult, 6 mi. Sue Smyser, 773-3269
Aug. 6-8 (Fri.-Sun.)	6:00 P.M.	WHITE MOUNTAINS, N.H. Franconia Ridge Trail. Difficult, 9 1/2 mi. Additional mileage optional. Mark Krebs, 773-4116
Aug. 15 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	ORIENTEERING, Tamarack Notch. Bring map of the area and compass, if possible. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
Aug. 21-29		GMC INTERSECTIONAL, Camp Thorpe, Goshen. Join us for a day or a week. See LT NEWS for details. Rob Carey, 773-7076
Sept. 10-12 (Fri.-Sun.)	4:00 P.M.	END-TO-END, Arlington-West Wardsboro Road to Rte. 9. Bring tent. Difficult, 19.1 mi. Rob Carey, 773-7076
Sept. 18 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	KILLINGTON PEAK to visit Churchill in the fire tower. Ascend the east side, 9 mi. Moderate to difficult. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Sept. 24-6 (Fri.-Sun.)		GMC AUTUMN OUTING, hosted by the Killington Section this year!! Details in LT NEWS, or call or offer your services. Winnie Shambo, 773-9330

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE AND REPRESENT ROUND TRIPS. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR HIKE LEADER.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMCI
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Perkins
4812 Lebanon Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28212



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 35, NUMBER 3

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JULY-SEPT., 1982

McGINN BROOK FLUME

by Ray Catozzi

May 23, 1982

It was a cloudy, cool, and rain-threatening day when 20 hikers showed up at Main Street Park. Soon after we parked our cars at the trail head for the Griffith Lake Trail, and walked back down the road apiece to enter the woods on a short stretch of logging road, it started to rain. (What else! with this ill-weather-fated leader in charge!). But hikers don't readily give up when it rains; they just keep plodding along towards their goal, hoping it will make up for the discomfort.

Our goal, this day in late spring, was a 100-foot high cascade on McGinn Brook in Mt. Tabor, as pretty a cascade as you will find anywhere in Vermont. It's a small brook, one most hikers can easily step or jump over in the summer-time, but in the spring run-off, going over this high rocky ledge, it is quite a sight! A few scaled the ledge to view the cascade from the top while the rest tried to find shelter from the light rain while eating lunch. Some left for the return trip without bothering to eat.

The hike into the cascade was short, as hikes usually go, probably about three quarters of a mile with very little climbing, so the hike was listed as EASY. However, a few found the footing difficult, as we had no established trail to follow over the leaf-covered, rock strewn ground. To these few, I apologize for the EASY labeling, with a promise to be more accurate on future hike descriptions (I shall not guarantee the weather, however).



CHATEAUGUAY

by Sue Smyser

June 5, 1982

Even with the cool, damp, wet weather, seven people showed up for the hike. We wound our way through the back roads of Chateauguay until we reached the Appalachian Trail. It was a short hike up the trail to a small man-made pond. Since last year beavers had taken over the pond. The water level was up about a foot and a half. This made the walk around the pond very soggy. We didn't see any beaver, and because of the cold nobody swam around hunting for them.

We hiked up the mountain where on a clear day there are good views of Pico, Killington and Chateauguay. We only saw the inside of a cloud.

Back down from the mountain, we ate lunch at a lean-to shelter near the pond. We returned to Rutland slightly damp.

ROUTE 9 (WOODFORD) TO WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS.

by Al Pulling

June 11-13, 1982

Our party consisting of Roma Pulling, Sue Smyser, Steve Pulling, Ray Catozzi and myself left Rutland Friday about 4:00 P.M. Rob Carey met us at Woodford. We spotted two cars in Williamstown and started down the trail from Rte. 9 about 6:20.

When we arrived at Harmon Hill, we decided it was too late to make it to the primitive camping area mentioned in the guide book as planned; so we set up camp on Harmon Hill. There was a very good view of Bennington, and we watched the stars and the lights in Bennington until about 9:30 P.M. The porcupines must have known we were going to be there.

They hung around our tents -- at least this writer's tent -- all night. Needless to say, I got very little sleep.

Anyway, next morning (Saturday) we were up and on our way at 7:30 a.m. With a nice, warm day and a good trail, we made it to Seth Warner Shelter at about 2:45 p.m. We decided to stay there for the night. Some people were tired, had sore feet, and so forth. It was a nice shelter with a good water supply nearby. We had an early meal, then some of the group played cards. Steve had some popcorn, and that was a good after-supper treat.

Sunday morning we were up about seven and started our day -- breakfast, repacking backpacks, and so forth. Actually, we were on our way by 8:15. After a few "knobs" to go over, we arrived at the state line at 10 a.m. After a little break and some picture taking, we continued on to our destination, soon arriving at the Pine Cobble Trail and down, down, down to our cars.

We all enjoyed the hike and are looking forward to the next end-to-end hike in September.

BICYCLE TOUR -- CLARENDON AREA

by Rob & Carolyn Badger
June 19, 1982

If anyone remembers June, they will remember that it rained almost the entire month. But the leaders prearranged for the rain to hold off on June 19, and we had a delightful ride. Seven of us -- Rob & Carolyn Badger, Randy & Cynthia Roberts, Patty Stanley, Paula Stanley, and Barb Linnehan -- met at the parking lot of the College of St. Joseph the Provider. From there we peddled to West Rutland, down Route 133, then followed Walker Mountain Road to Clarendon Springs where we stopped for a respite and drink from the old spring house.

Resuming our ride, we made the long gradual ascent over Walker Mountain, then the very steep descent to Creek Road. Here we made a unanimous decision to skip out to Clarendon Gorge at its intersection with Route 7B where we stopped for lunch. Not a good day for swimming

so we had the gorge to ourselves. We didn't swim either.

After lunch we peddled back through Clarendon to Creek Road and followed it back to our point of origin.

MT. INDEPENDENCE

by Roma Pulling
June 26, 1982

Rain was almost a sure thing the day of my hike. Ray wasn't there (!), but it had rained every other day that week; so why not? Even so, seven other people showed up; and one lady was even heard to remark that she liked walking in the rain. This has been her year!

I was happy to see Bob West, editor of Rutland in Retrospect, who went as the sole male member of our group. All historic questions were relayed to him.

In Mill Village we were detoured around the tragic double auto fatality, which had occurred just minutes before, but reached our destination without further incident.

At the Mount we were met by Tony Soper, this season's guide, who seemed to be just arriving even though it was already 11 o'clock. He passed out brochures, and then we were on our own. Of the three trails, I chose to start with the orange-blazed one (2 1/2 miles) as the most interesting with a large marker at the site of Horseshoe Battery, possibly erected (the battery, not the marker) by Kosciuszko, the famous Polish patriot, and with a tall obelisk near the Lake Champlain shore erected by the D.A.R. There is a lovely view across the lake to Fort Ticonderoga from the battery. We ate our lunch, in the rain, on a rock outcropping at the foot of the obelisk.

When we returned to our starting point, some people had had enough walking without attempting the Red and White trails (see Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont) so we stopped for a brief look at the S.A.R. marker erected in 1976 near the entrance and returned home.

As luck would have it, on the way home the sun came out!

DEER LEAP

by Rob & Carolyn Badger
July 6, 1982

July 6 was hot. Very hot in Rutland. Hot and humid. A good excuse to climb a mountain in search of cool air. This evening hike was led by Pinon Badger with fourteen homo sapiens trailing behind: Rob & Carolyn Badger, Roma Pulling, Ray Catozzi, Dave Hadley, John Blittersdorf, Olga Laird, Jim Griffin, Sue Thomas, Mike & Martha & Bernard Donahue, Mary Jane O'Horn and John Gillespie (all the way from Ontario just for this hike!). We were delighted to meet the elusive John Blittersdorf, attending his first hike after three years as a GMC member.

We hiked north from Sherburne Pass along the Long Trail for 1.3 miles to where the Deer Leap Trail branches off to the southwest. This trail ascends to pass near the summit of Big Deer Leap, then down into a small valley, then over Little Deer Leap summit before descending to the ledges overlooking Sherburne Pass. Here we had dinner and watched the setting sun, a great glowing red sphere through the hazy atmosphere, augmented by volcanic dust from Mexico's El Chichon volcano.

Contrary to the Rutland Herald's editorial of that morning, we did not encounter any oil exploration drill rigs, nor did we find a seismic exploration station on top of Deer Leap. All we found was a good trail through beautiful hardwood forest, refreshingly cool air, and a brilliant sunset.

As soon as the last sliver of our closest star disappeared behind the western horizon, we headed down the steep trail that descends below Deer Leap's rocky face to Sherburne Pass. Several of us stopped along the way to look at some small caves, but did not hesitate long as darkness was rapidly approaching.

At the pass, we all paid a visit to Mark Krebs' new hostel for hikers and bicyclers. Great to have a hostel in Vermont, especially on our section of the trail.

BIRDING WALK -- WEST RUTLAND MARSH

by Roy Pilcher
July 10, 1982

By the second week in July the expectant days of spring have yielded to the lazy contentment of summer, the frenzied pace of bird breeding activity has slackened, and the territorial ring of bird song has given way to intermittent fledgling feeding calls. Nevertheless, sixteen members of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club gathered at 7:00 a.m. to explore the West Rutland Marsh area for any signs of avian activity.

Even before leaving the Grand Union parking lot a family of killdeer had been identified and an American robin and a starling were seen gathering food for their young while a pesky English sparrow hopped around taking advantage of whatever edibles parking lots yield.

A brief ramble down an old road presented the opportunity of listening to several American goldfinch flying overhead and giving their courtship song. The bushes and trees nearby yielded a pair of concerned common yellow-throat, a blue jay, a pair of song sparrows, a flicker, and a house wren, while a pair of Eastern phoebe were seen nesting in an old pump house.

After viewing an abandoned black-billed cuckoo nest we were lucky enough to both see the bird and hear its peculiar call. We also viewed a yellow warbler nest and a northern oriole nest, seeing both male and female of the former species. Other birds identified included the warbling vireo, gray catbird, red-winged blackbird, and several cedar waxwings busily hawking insects over the marsh, a pair of nesting kingbirds, swamp sparrow, long-billed marsh wren, least flycatcher and two or three glimpses of a least bittern as it flapped from one feeding area in the reeds to the next. A Virginia rail responded to a recording of its call but not sufficiently close for us to see. A red-tailed hawk, however, gave us an excellent object lesson

aerodynamics as it gracefully and garrulously spun spirals in the thermal overhead. On another occasion a platoon of chimney swifts put on a fine display of formation flying, and while at the Route 4 rest stop, a family of blue-winged warblers was identified along with a rufous-sided towhee and a field sparrow.

A wood thrush, a veery, a black-and-white warbler, and a chestnut-sided warbler were heard only and not seen, while a waterthrush (northern) was seen and heard but only briefly. Several barn swallows were seen contentedly sitting on a sagging telephone line, reminding us that it would not be long before they would be gathering up their recently fledged offspring and heading south for a rewarding respite.

FOX LOT/ CLARENDON GORGE

by Ray Catozzi
July 17, 1982

Two years ago on the 15th of July a Killington Section mystery hike ended up on Fox Lot in Shrewsbury. This open field, straddling a low ridge top near Clarendon Shelter and overlooking the Rutland Airport, is a delightful spot with views all the way from the south around to the west and north to Rutland City. Another delight that day was the discovery of large patches of raspberry bushes, with ripe red berries there for the taking. Thus was born the idea of a berry-picking hike there this July.

To allow more time for picking, I led the drivers to the extreme north end of the Lottery Road and parked in the yard of an abandoned tumbled-down farmhouse, only about half a mile from Fox Lot. Most of the eight who came to pick (and eat) berries got about one quart apiece before we left for Clarendon Gorge for Part II of the day's activities.

Back down to the Long Trail crossing on Route 103 the group, with the late addition of Rob Carey and Sue Smyser, making 10 in all, parked at the Wade property, hiked west along the top of the gorge's wall, then descended into the river bed. There we all had a refreshing swim in the Mill River and ate supper to

the merry tune of the rippling river, while basking in the late afternoon sun. It was a 90 degree plus day -- a little warm for berry picking, but perfect for the supper-swim.

Two footnotes to this outing: (1) On our Pine Hill Supper Hike four days later, a number of hikers agreed to a second berry-picking expedition the following Sunday. But we did our picking around some old cellar holes just 200 yards from our parking spot. Everyone picked in excess of a quart of berries each. (2) Your writer subsequently made six or seven trips back to the same berry patch and ended up with about 20 quarts in all, half of which have been frozen to enjoy next winter.

PINE HILL

by W. Churchill Scott
July 21, 1982

About 14 hikers began our third annual mid-week supper outing the destination of which was decided at the 1981 meeting. Leaving our cars at Evergreen Avenue, we proceeded on an easy road walk to Rocky Pond where Mr. & Mrs. Donahue gave a very interesting history of the short-lived swimming area. Passing Muddy Pond we continued on a trail which led to the end of McKinley Lane where at one time Mr. and Mrs. Fostman frequently hosted Killington Section outings.

There was a bit of confusion as we went toward McKinley Lane, but then the correct wood road was located and soon we arrived at our eating spot, a nice ledge with large pine trees, plenty of rocks to sit on, and no bugs.

A vote was taken that decided no fire and no coffee. Even before our lunch bags were opened, John Hughes and Sue Smyser had found the remains of the hermit's home built in the 1930's.

A cistern with water pipe, much cement work, and a fireplace were still standing after all these years.

The group broke up at Muddy Pond. The drivers went for their cars to pick up the hikers at the country club so they could return by a different route.

P.S. - The writer learned that this hermit is still alive in California, studying at Hanover for the summer. His local friends said that if he visited Rutland he would contact me but as yet I have not heard a thing.....well, what can you expect from a hermit?

STOVE PIPE CITY

by Sue Smyser
August 1, 1982

During the early 1950's there was an extensive lumbering operation to the west of Killington. The logging camp was called Stove Pipe City because of the many stove pipes in the lumbermen's shacks.

We talked with a landowner in that area who remembered when Stove Pipe City was in operation. He told us about Reggie Birmingham from Bridgewater and his Maine lumbermen who lived in tarpaper shacks in Stove Pipe City. Reggie and his men were rather rough characters. The landowner's camp was burned down by drunken lumberjacks returning from a night off in Rutland. The logging operation lasted for three years and landowner waited until the lumbermen left before rebuilding his camp.

On August 1, 1982, ten hikers from the section went looking for Stove Pipe City's remains. Starting at the Wheelerville Road at Brewer's Corners, we followed an old logging road, noticing several log loading areas along the way. We came upon a pile of "coal logs," logs that weren't good enough to use. The logs had a diameter of two to two and a half feet. If lumbering operations were going on today, they would have value. Right after the "coal logs" we found our first and only stove pipe. Also in the area were parts of a shack, truck parts, refrigerator parts, beer cans, pipe, chains, a mug and a peanut butter jar still containing moldy peanut butter.

One half mile further we found the remains of a large building. This was probably the mess hall. Beside the mess hall was the dump. They must have subsisted on coffee, Dinty Moore stew, and beer.

Further on, there were several one or two room shacks still standing. We even found linoleum and window screening in some of them.

Of the ten who started, six intrepid explorers decided to try to find the log slide which can be seen from Killington and try to signal Churchill. After some bushwhacking through heavy spruce we found the slide and started up. Before we reached the top of the slide we saw the firetower. This is the most primitive view of Killington. The only man-made structures visible were the firetower and some radio antennas. We signalled with a mirror and an electric camera flash. Churchill signalled back with a mirror. Three continued to the top of the slide where we found sundew, an insectivorous plant. Coming back down we avoided the spruce, then returned the way we came.

FRANCONIA RIDGE BACKPACKING TRIP (WHITE MTS.)

by Mark Krebs
August 6-8, 1982

First of all we encountered fantastic weather during the whole trip, so eat your heart out Ray! We had a total of three people show up for the hike including Rob & Carolyn Badger and myself, small but full of energy! Leaving Rutland at 5:00 P.M. we drove to Kinsman Notch, N.H. where the A.T. crosses Rte. 112, and hiked 0.2 miles to Beaver Brook Shelter where we spent the night.

In the morning we drove another 20 minutes to Franconia Notch and again picked up the A.T. and headed up to Liberty Springs Campsite. After setting up camp we headed out to climb Mt. Liberty where we sat for a couple of hours eating, resting and soaking up the bountiful sunshine. While looking at maps we then decided to hike over to the Flume, another 1.2 miles away. On the summit we again just laid around taking in the view and talking to other hikers before heading back to camp. After supper we gathered on a huge rock with about 20 other hikers from the camp and exchanged various stories

as the sun set silently behind the Kinsman Range. Just beautiful!

The next day we rose fairly early, ate breakfast, packed up, and walked along the Franconia Ridge to the summit of Mt. Haystack where we broke above timber line. The skies were clear with only a small layer of clouds over the summit of Mt. Lafayette, which cleared by the time we arrived there. Crossing the open ridge we walked on the trail which was bordered on both sides by a curb of rocks, similar to those in a groomed rock garden. The trail above timber line in the Whites is marked by stacks of rocks, usually about three to four feet high, called cairns. These cairns are spaced close enough together so one could find his way over the ridges in dense fog and snow. There were also many varieties of alpine plants that only grow in altitudes above 4800 feet. We ascended Mt. Lincoln (5089 ft.), then crossed a bit more ridge before the final ascent of Mt. Lafayette (5,281 ft.), the high point of the Franconia Ridge. A spectacular view surrounded us: the Kinsman Range to the west, Cannon Mountain with its 1000-foot vertical wall, Mt. Washington and the other Presidentials to the east, Mt. Moosilauke and hundreds of other peaks in the wilderness of the White Mountains.

From the summit of Lafayette we descended to the A.M.C. Greenleaf Hut where we managed to consume a few leftover pancakes and sip on hot coffee.

From the hut we followed the Old Bridle Path down to Agony Ridge (a very steep ride indeed!), then continued down the trail back to Franconia Notch where we had Rob's car spotted at the state park. The view from the Notch looking at Cannon Cliff was awesome! Cannon Cliff is climbed by hundreds of expert rock climbers from all over the U.S. and is considered to be one of the toughest climbs in the East. High on one side of the cliff is a rock projection that resembles an old man's head, which gave the rock its name "Old Man of the Mountain," New Hampshire's well-known symbol. New Hampshire, don't take it for Granite!

ORIENTEERING

by Steve Pulling

August 15, 1982

"I don't see that on my map!"

"How do you read my compass?"

"What arrow on this compass did you say I should follow?"

"I can't follow that bearing, there is a tree in the way!"

Now, how would you like to be lost in the woods with thirteen people asking you questions and making statements like the above. Actually it wasn't all that bad, and if you were going orienteering with a group of first-timers, August 15th was the perfect day weatherwise to do so.

The Killington Section fielded a great bunch of interested outdoorsmen to try their hand at orienteering. This event took place at Tamarack Notch which ended up being a perfect place for such an activity. The morning was spent getting familiar with topographical map symbols and compass needles, etc.

Directly after lunch we started out bushwhacking with compass in hand. We never did arrive at our destination which was Bald Mountain outlook, although everyone was on the right track when John and Emma Hughes found a summit labeled Bald Mountain. However, after some discussion we decided it wasn't actually the summit we wanted.

At this point everyone was kind of tired so we called it a day.

"Miller Time!"

MERCK FOREST

by Carol Chapman

March 27-28, 1982

Icy arctic winds, white birches against a deep blue sky, the comforting warmth of the wood stove, the slap, slap of cards being discarded, a bright starry sky, and the laughter of friends are some memories of this year's weekend at Merck Forest.

Bitter March winds swirling and drifting the snow made it seem that this must be the originally scheduled Winter

Weekend (postponed because the shelter wasn't available in February).

After leaving the parking area we hiked or skied the 1 1/2 miles uphill to Spruce Shelter where we found that someone had kindly built a fire in the wood stove. Four came just for the day: Jim Griffin, Olga Laird, and Jack and Greg Crowther who left soon after lunch. Five others came prepared to spend the night: Roma Pulling, Ray Catozzi, Rob Carey, Sue Smyser, and I.

That afternoon we made several trips out for firewood and hiked a short distance up a road beyond the Lodge until snow, which broke through to our knees at every other step, forced us to turn back. With the wind chill factor undoubtedly around 0° we decided to retreat indoors where we spent some pleasant hours playing Crazy 8, Casino, and Canasta while snacking on shared goodies.

Before bedtime Ray did such a good job of stoking the fire that when Rob got up to refuel it at 1 a.m. it was roaring and there was no room for more wood. By morning there were still hot coals, but the cabin had cooled off enough so that Ray's milk had frozen and there were little paths of snow that had blown through the few cracks that weren't stuffed with newspaper.

On Sunday morning Rob, Sue and Roma set out in 11° temperature to climb Mt. Antone. It was a fine, sunny, clear day which allowed for excellent viewing of the Taconic and Adirondack ranges. Ray and I stayed at the cabin where we relaxed in the warmth of the stove and were entertained by the chickadees feeding on a stump outside the cabin window. Besides a group of friendly black caps there was one boreal chickadee (brown head, reddish breast), rare in the area. When the hikers returned at 11:30, we had lunch and headed back down the hill.

Though a novice at backpacking and winter camping, I found this to be a most enjoyable outing and recommend that you sign up early if you'd like to share in the fun of next year's Winter Weekend at Merck Forest.

(Ed. Note: My apologies to those of you who looked for this report in the June

issue. After a reminder from Roma, I found it buried deep in my Smoke and Blazes drawer where I put it last March.)

1982 GMC INTERSECTIONAL

by Carol Chapman

August 21-29, 1982

Thirteen Killington Section members attended a day or more of this year's Intersectional, very conveniently located at Camp Thorpe in Goshen. The excellent facilities at the camp -- cabins, a field for tenting, a dining hall, available kitchen, showers and a swimming pool -- and its mountain location made it an ideal site for this event.

KS members participated in hikes to Silver Lake, Middlebury Gap to Brandon Gap, Chittenden Brook Campground to Brandon Gap, Sucker Brook to Brandon Gap, and exploring the caves in Bristol and Weybridge.

The latter hike was an adventure for those of us unfamiliar with spelunking. At the Bristol Flat Rooms Cave in order to enter a deeper cave with a high dome it was necessary to squeeze through a 20 foot long tunnel on your belly. Spooky! No bats were disturbed, but a couple of mice scurried to find safety from the giant invaders.

One highlight of the week was the annual auction with entertaining auctioneer French Garfield. Hotly contested items were homemade jams and jellies and Pat Howard's dried flower arrangements.

Other popular events of the week were the square dance and the excellent dinner of ham, corn on the cob, salad and watermelon prepared by the Meade brothers.

Our thanks to Rob Carey and all the others whose efforts made possible this grand finale to summer vacation.

SMOKE AND BLAZES STAFF

Editor: Carol Chapman

Assistant Editor and Typist: Jake Sherman

Mailing: Ray Catozzi, Roma Pulling, Churchill Scott

NEW MEMBERS TO SEPT. 7, 1982

Howard, John 10598 Jason Court
Columbia, MD 21044
Johnson, David 3922 Elmwood Ave.
Erie, PA 16509
Kraus, Joseph Robinwood Estates
Killington, VT 05751
Perkins, Vera 242 S. Main St.
Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Thelma 95 Killington Av.
Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Ann, John, Mary, Thomas
Town Line Road, RD#2 Rutland, VT
05701
Unsworth, Karen 100 S. Main St.
Rutland, VT 05701

THE KIRK FUND (9/13/82)

On July 22, 1982, two \$1,000 C.D.s
at 10.40% matured and the money was rein-
vested at 14.00% for 30 months.

Donations of \$105.50 have been re-
ceived this year.

\$5,000 Fund #1 totals.....\$5,428.07

\$1,000 Fund #2 totals.....\$1,805.41

Passbook Account.....\$ 87.57

Total.....\$7,321.05

SECTION MEMBERS ARE HIKE LEADERS

The Killington Section is recog-
nized--justifiably so--as the authority
on hiking and the Long Trail in this
area. We have received two requests re-
cently to recommend Long Trail hikes for
groups of non-hikers and to act as guide.

On July 12 Al and Roma Pulling led
a group of 23 Italian students who were
visiting and studying in the area plus
their hostesses and adviser to Deer Leap
via the circle route. Amid the babble of
Italian, one fellow was heard to say in
English that he was enjoying it very
much; and a subsequent thank you note
from the adviser said it was spectacular,
a "worth suffering for" experience.

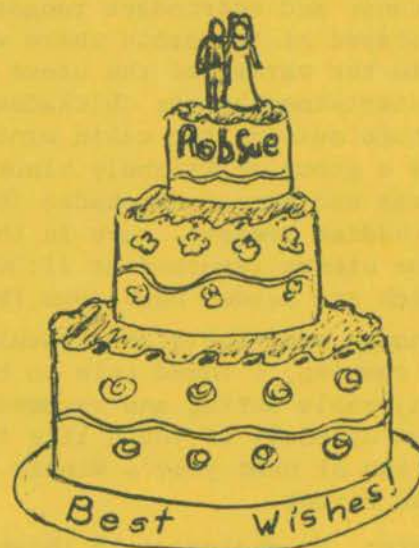
On August 9 Carolyn Badger led a
group of about 16 Girl Scouts and their
two leaders, all inexperienced hikers, up

Killington Peak via the Bucklin Trail.
Their leaders' instructions to wear sun
hats and not too short shorts were not
applicable on this rainy day; however,
one girl dutifully showed up with sun-
hat. At Cooper Lodge the group lunched
and listened to trail pointers given by
a man passing through on the Appalachian
Trail. Pinon, the Badgers' dog, found it
a worthwhile hike as he flushed at least
a dozen partridge during the day. The
girls descended by way of the Long Trail,
a rather long hike for first time hikers,
but they arrived back at the cars tired
but undaunted.

MR. PRESIDENT?????

Has a KS member ever entered public
service? We have had a pol or two who
have joined the club, but now Rob Badger
(KS board member and hike leader) is a
candidate for public office for the
first time. Rob will be unopposed on the
September 14 Republican primary ballot
for the Vermont House of Representatives
from Rutland Town and will oppose the
Democratic candidate in the November
general election.

Good luck, Rob! We need a person
with your concern for the environment in
Montpelier.



KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Fall 1982 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Raymond Catozzi, President, 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; Roma Pulling, Vice-President, RFD #2, Woodstock Ave., 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple Street, 775-5720

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Oct. 2 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	FALL FOLIAGE HIKE up Mt. Moosalamoo, Salisbury, moderate, 7 mi. Rob Carey, 773-7076
Oct. 9 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	CANOE TRIP, destination to be announced. Some rentals available. Reservations required. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
Oct. 16 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY, clearing trail - Tamarack Shelter to Gov. Clement Shelter. Mark Krebs, 773-4116
Oct. 23 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE, an easy 2-3 mi. Churchill Scott, 775-5720
Oct. 31 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	HALLOWEEN HIKE in the Devil's Den (shudder) area of Mt. Tabor. Bushwhacking over steep terrain, difficult. We dare you!! Rob Badger, 773-3777
Nov. 7 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	ANNUAL VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE up East Mt., Mendon. Easy to moderate, about 3 mi. Joe Valiquette, 773-8745
Nov. 20 (Sat.)	5:00 P.M.	COVERED DISH SUPPER at Tamarack Notch camp. Members and invited guests only. Bring hot dish, salad or dessert and your own place setting. Program follows. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Dec. 5 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	FIFIELD POND in Wallingford, 4 mi., easy. Ski or snowshoe if conditions permit. John & Emma Hughes, 775-4078
Dec. 11-12 (Sat.-Sun.)	7:00 A.M.	MT. MANSFIELD on snowshoes. Follow Long Trail from Rte. 108, overnight at Taft Lodge. 7 mi., difficult. Mark Krebs, 773-4116
Dec. 19 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	ICE SKATING PARTY. A repeat of last year's popular outing in Freedley Quarry, Dorset. Ski or snowshoe 1 mile to quarry, bring skates and lantern. Rob Badger, 773-3777
Dec. 30 (Thurs.)	6:00 P.M.	MOONLIGHT HIKE, Minerva Hinchey Shelter, Cuttingsville. Members and invited guests only. 1 mi., hike, ski, or snowshoe under the full moon. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE AND REPRESENT ROUND TRIPS. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR HIKE LEADER.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Perkins
4812 Lebanon Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28212

A



Smoke & Blazes

VOLUME 35, NUMBER 4

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

OCT.-DEC., 1982

ARLINGTON-WEST WARDSBORO ROAD TO ROUTE 9 BACKPACK

by Rob Carey
September 10-12, 1982

Six Section backpackers, Sue Smyser, Roma, Al, and Steve Pulling, Ray Catozzi, and I made this trip. We spotted cars Friday night and hiked into Story Spring Shelter. The faster hikers made it just before dark, planning to pick tent sites, expecting the shelter to be full. We were surprised to have it all to ourselves, saving us from setting up tents in the dark!

Thanks to Roma's wake-up call we got off to an early start. We had nice hiking, with mostly moderate uphill. We reached Glastonbury Tower about 3:00 p.m. and enjoyed the view for an hour before heading to Glastonbury Shelter. Here some stayed in the shelter, while others tented.

Sunday's hiking had several good views, including one at a powerline crossing, and a lunch stop at a stream. We also descended the extensive footway improvements put in when this section of trail was relocated.

KILLINGTON PEAK BY WAY OF THE CARRIAGE ROAD

by Ray Catozzi
September 18, 1982

This mountain climb was originally scheduled to follow the Juggernaut Trail up the eastern flank of Killington, starting in West Bridgewater. On a winter outing up the Juggernaut a winter or two ago, we only got as far as the new Bear Mountain Ski Area and ran out of hiking trail by merging with a new ski trail. This fall our intent was to see if more or all of the Juggernaut was obliterated by a still newer ski area put in by the

Sherburne Corporation.

John and Emma Hughes came up with an that sounded better and so we abandoned the Juggernaut (in more ways than one -- it's now officially abandoned by the GMC). The Hughes have done a tremendous amount of hiking all over Vermont on their own time, and on two separate trips they pinpointed the old carriage road going to Killington from Wheelerville, a road that serviced the mountain hotel on Killington before World War I.

So we switched routes from the east to the west. After going out of Brewers Corners to the south on a well-traveled camp road, we swung around to the east, following a brook and going past a camp or two.

Soon we left the brook and started climbing up on to the ridge. The road got rougher and fainter in places, and we lost our way a couple of times, but John scouted on ahead and found it again. Further up on the ridge, the trail swung around over onto the north slope, and for a stretch of probably a mile or more the road was in almost perfect condition, covered with evergreen needles and grass. A delight to walk on.

The last mile or so before the road joined the Bucklin Trail was washed badly and many, many fallen trees blocked the route, causing us to detour constantly around or over or under them.

At Cooper Lodge we met Bob and Carolyn Badger who started later, came up the Bucklin Trail and arrived ahead of us. As a matter of fact, they had already been to the top, visited with Churchill in the fire tower, and had come back down to Cooper. Some ate lunch at Cooper; some waited until they were at the top.

After a very pleasant, but crowded visit with our secretary-treasurer in his

summer hut atop Killington Peak, we moved back down to Cooper where a decision was made to return by the Bucklin Trail, which ends (or starts) right where our cars were parked. By contrast the Badgers went down the Carriage Road.

The lunch and visit in Churchill's cabin turned into a birthday party as Sue Smyser pulled a cake and candles out of her pack. It just happened to be your leader's 39th birthday that day. But we also saluted two other Virgos whose birthdays had just recently passed -- Rob & Sue -- and two to come in the next few days-- Olga Laird and Churchill. We all thank you, Sue, for the pleasant surprise.

WEDDING SHOWER FOR ROB CAREY AND SUE SMYSER

by Carolyn Badger
September 19, 1982

On the lovely fall day of Sept. 19th, we gathered to celebrate the up-and-coming wedding of Rob Carey and Sue Smyser.

Sue arrived expecting to help staple together the Smoke and Blazes, and was surprised to find herself instead at a shower in her honor. Rob, on the other hand, knew of our plans for a shower for Sue but was not expecting to be included in the festivities. Surprise to you both!

The buffet was a delicious affair and we ate with relish as hikers will. We certainly thank Ilse Vergi for hosting the event at her home. It was a delightful afternoon shared with good company--truly a celebration.

Following is the recipe for the carrot cake served at this shower. Recipe is originally from the Hardy House Restaurant in Reno, Nevada.

Sift together: 2 cups sugar
3 cups flour
1 tbsp cinnamon
1 tbsp baking soda
1 tsp nutmeg
1 tsp salt

Add & mix well: 1 cup oil
1 1/3 cup crushed pineapple
1/3 cup chopped walnuts

1 large grated carrot
6 beaten eggs

Bake at 300-350° for about 1 hour

Frosting: Let soften to room temp., then beat together 1 stick of butter and 6 oz. cream cheese. Add 1 tsp. vanilla and 1 tsp. lemon juice. Add powdered sugar a little at a time to taste, being careful that it does not get too sweet and lose the cream cheese flavor.

AUTUMN OUTING -- OTTER CREEK CAMPGROUND

by Ann Reynolds
September 24-26, 1982

For the less than 20 people who turned out for the annual fall outing at the Otter Creek Campground near Danby on Sept. 24-26, the weekend was a total success. For all of you who stayed home, eat your hearts out!

The weather was absolutely superb, despite Ray Catozzi's dire warnings that any event he was connected with was bound to be accompanied by rain. Thanks go to Ray for stepping in at the last minute to coordinate the event, when the original coordinator had to bow out.

Not only did he make sure everyone got the accommodations they wanted, etc., he led a hike Saturday up Dorset Peak, for the four people who were feeling especially ambitious. For the rest of us, a much easier, but no less satisfying, hike to Little Rocky Pond was led by George Reynolds. We especially enjoyed meeting the caretakers, who had only recently arrived after hiking on the AT all the way from Georgia. They seemed mighty glad to take time out from their journey to enjoy autumn in Vermont.

When the hikes were over Saturday afternoon, one polar bear in the party insisted on going in the campground's new in-ground swimming pool, with its lovely view of mountains to the west. Everyone else sat around the pool soaking up the sun, while the swimmer shivered! That night Sanborn "Sandy" Partridge came down from Proctor with his slides of rafting on the Colorado River, accompanied by fresh cider and lots of homemade cookies provided by Killington Section

members.

Sunday morning found two of the fairer sex out paddling a canoe on the Otter Creek while the mist still hung over the water. Later on, six of us rode in the Pooles' van to a road south of Danby, parking the vehicles at the entrance to the trail leading to Baker Peak. Ray again was our guide, directing us to an unmarked lookout which afforded a spectacular view in nearly every direction. (We did not climb Baker Peak.)

None of those still around by early afternoon wanted to leave, knowing that another weekend such as this was not likely until next summer, if then.

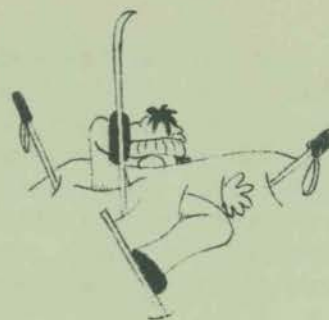
MOUNT MOOSALAMOO

by Rob Carey

October 2, 1982

Driving to this hike pointed out the importance of staying with the leader, even before the hiking starts. One car took a different route to the start of the hike, without telling the leader. This resulted in the leader driving to Mt. Moosalamoo Campground to look for the other car. Finally both cars were at the parking lot for Silver Lake and Mt. Moosalamoo, across from Branbury Beach. We all got together near the Falls of Lana. Then we were ready for the real climbing.

At the first, and for some only, lunch stop at Rattlesnake Ledges, we realized that fall had arrived. It was cool, bordering on cold! There were good views from there, especially to the south, including Silver Lake. We continued on toward the summit, and found a good view to the east just before the top. By that time the sun had come out, warming us up and improving the view.



On our way back, we detoured to Silver Lake. Here we met several others, hikers and fishermen, but not swimmers. For the return to the cars we took the short, steep route by following the pipeline, and all eight returned safely.

KILLINGTON SECTION'S MARVELOUS ALL-GIRL CANOE EXCURSION

by Roma Pulling

October 9, 1982

Robert Burns said "the best-laid schemes....gang aft a-gley," and ours started going that-away two days earlier when our leader, Steve Pulling, came home with all the symptoms in an Alka-Seltzer commercial: fever, chills and that ache-all-over feeling. He took two Extra-Strength Tylenol, or something, and went to bed but two days later was still in no condition to go canoeing in the rain.

And it did rain, but not soon enough. A pre-investigation showed that the water in Tinmouth Channel, our hoped-for destination, was too low to chance launching our canoes there. We headed for Chittenden Reservoir instead, and Jean and Charlie Davies, who are good enough to let us use their canoes, met us there.

This was the first outing I remember where all the participants were women. The one fellow who registered failed to show up, but all seven of the girls put in an appearance: Sue Tumlin, Johnna Jackson, Kim Faulkner, Carol Chapman, Peppin and Ilse Vergi and myself. Our plan was to circle the reservoir, but for some reason Kim and Peppin headed for the boat landing in more of a semi-circle. Were you tired, girls, or just wet? By that time we had made a stop on the island and explored it and beached our canoes near Lefferts Pond, walked around and had our lunch.

As we were out of the water earlier than expected, several of us walked over the dam and went for a short distance on the opposite side of the reservoir, admiring the cottages, which were mostly closed for the winter. In spite of our somewhat dampened condition, it was declared a good day as we hurried home to dry out.

WORK PARTY

by Mark Krebs
October 16, 1982

This party consisted of Al Pulling, Joe Dicton Sr., Joe Dicton Jr., and myself. We drove up to Gov. Clement Shelter, and noticed that one of the three posts that holds up the roof in the front of the shelter was gone. We had to cut down a small tree for the new post and used a smaller limb as a lever to raise the roof while putting the new support post in place. I thought I had forgotten the nails, so we managed to pull a few out of the roof to nail the post into place. However, I did find them in my Scout after we finished. After that repair we packed up and worked on removing several blowdowns on the way to Tamarack Shelter. The weather was cool and drizzling and turned to snow as we approached Tamarack Shelter. When we arrived at the shelter area there was about an inch of snow on the ground.

We all gazed at the new ski trails put in by the Sherburne Corp. in the vicinity of the shelter. Not a pleasant sight, but what can you expect nowadays?

We ate our lunch at the shelter, then packed up and headed back down to our car. On the trip down we met three backpackers on their way to Cooper Lodge. Good to see people using the trail as it was intended to be used!

SMOKE AND BLAZES STAFF

Editor: Carol Chapman
Asst. Editor and Typist: Jake Sherman
Mailing: Ray Catozzi, Roma Pulling,
Churchill Scott
Illustrations and the new masthead for this issue are done by Sue Thomas. Thank you, Sue, and welcome to the staff.

MYSTERY HIKE

by W. Churchill Scott
October 23, 1982

This mystery hike was a mystery even to the leader for about 15 years ago the route was easy (as I remembered), but they say time dims all memories.

Well, anyway, on a beautiful fall day more than 25 of us drove to the Silver Bridge in Mt. Tabor, picking up Barbara Tinney on the way. A number of handicapped persons from area group homes also went with us.

We all started up the original road to the Town of Griffith. Soon it became apparent that due to high water and erosion the route was too difficult for many.

Thanks to Barbara's suggestion, a number of hikers decided to return and hike an old road north of the Silver Bridge. This was an easy walk, slabbing up the grade and coming out near the Big Branch Picnic Area.

The rest of us went upstream, crossing the stream a number of times, struggling all the time. At every crossing were remains of the cement bridges spanning the river before the 1927 flood.

Time ran out so we built a fire, had a bite to eat, and retraced our steps, but not before Sue tried to go swimming.

Upon our return the other group told all about the enjoyable trip they had on a road that this writer never knew existed.

The next time a hike listed as easy will truly be an easy one even if it means going over it alone beforehand. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this hike a success.

HALLOWEEN HIKE -- DEVIL'S DEN

by Rob and Carolyn Badger
October 31, 1982

Having spent the entire week bushwacking, I was tired of having branches in my face so had an alternate plan for hiking an old road from Weston to the Devil's Den. This idea was agreeable to hikers Roma Pulling, Rob Carey, Sue Smyser, Winnie and Ted Shambo, Jerry Meiskey and Jean Lloyd. We left two cars at Devil's

Den and drove around to Weston to the end of Trout Club Road. From here we began our hike.

Several farms and a small mill were once located along this road; a school house was not far away. Largely abandoned by the early part of this century, as sheep farmers moved west to flatter, more tillable land, the area is now mature hardwood forest. One old farmhouse not far from here had been bought by my grandfather in 1910 to be used as a hunting camp. During the late 1920s and early 1930s the government purchased all of the land in this area for the Green Mountain National Forest.

A good walk on moderate terrain, we found ourselves too soon on Forest Road 10, and not at the Devil's Den. Winnie and Ted had noticed what looked like an old road branching off to the north about a mile back, so we retraced our steps and found the road we sought. This road was quite overgrown so we got our promised bushwacking, perhaps two miles worth, coming out at the Devil's Den.

In pairs of two we climbed into the Den, a small cave that leads back to a stream which is the origin of Utley Brook. The rock is dolomite (magnesium carbonate), a frequent host for caves, with quartz veins and crystals which have been the pursuit of many mineral collectors.

Next we climbed down the steep west bank of Forest Route 10 to an overhanging glacial cirque known as the Devil's Horsesheds. I will not recount the ghastly story that took place at this site 191 years ago on Halloween night that led to the naming of the mysterious cave and precipitous rock cliffs after its onetime-rumored occupant, the Devil.

VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE--EAST MOUNTAIN

by Ray Catozzi
November 7, 1982

A pleasant fall day, and once again a large crowd turned out for this annual easy, but enjoyable outing. And once again the leader lost the route (temporarily). Joe Valiquette himself did it last year -- I did it this year. But, of

of course, the roads we are supposed to follow on the east side of East Mountain, as we approach the ridge line south of the peak, are faint and hard to follow.

Our party had stretched out in a long line half way up and, because we were out of sight from each other, three different routes were eventually used that day by three different segments of our group.

But we all made it to the top where we found the spotting flag still flying in its treetop. Many had brought along snacks, or even lunch, in spite of the fact that it was an afternoon outing, so there was much munching going on with the viewing of Rutland, and talking with fellow hikers.

All in all, a very pleasant hike with a very congenial group.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

by Roma Pulling
November 20, 1982

If there hadn't been any other reason to gather at Tamarack Notch that evening, viewing Mauri Winturri's slides would have been enough. They were stupendous. Mauri may have been an amateur in the sense that he didn't get paid for what he did, but his slides are of professional quality. He had the skill of an artist, the ability to recognize the most picturesque subjects and to position his camera and tripod at the right angle to portray the subject at its best. When Mauri willed his slide collection to the GMC, we acquired a valuable asset.

I may have relegated the supper to second place, but it was definitely not second rate. The 13 members and four guests who showed up brought a variety of delicious foods topped off by Jim Griffin's popular contribution of ice cream. We even gained a new member -- Nancy Sugarman. Welcome to the gang, Nancy!

With a warm fire started early by Churchill Scott and plenty of wood donated by Al Pulling, there was only one complaint: lack of room. After squeezing between tables all evening and ducking to avoid being doused with cups of hot coffee, one dreamer longed for money enough to

build our own place. Long Trail Lodge II??

FIFIELD POND

by John & Emma Hughes
December 5, 1982

It was cloudy when we left Main Street Park and it started raining lightly as we parked our cars on the jeep road to the pond. The sixteen hikers didn't take long to get to the pond. The ground was bare when we had expected to have snow by this date. You could see an old beaver dam and an old boat which had fallen apart by the shore.

On the next part of the hike we ran into a swampy area so we turned around to take a different route. A little later we found out that Steve Pulling, Rob & Carolyn Badger and Harold Rogers had decided to keep on going and were not with us. At this time we didn't think that we would see them for lunch. Just as we were coming to the place for lunch Pinon came running up and we knew that they would soon be with us. Churchill Scott had made some trail markers to show the others which turns we had taken. We had lunch on a hill with a clearing, but the clouds cut the view.

Then we hiked a short distance to Wallingford Pond. You can see only part of the pond because it has different sections hidden by the peninsulas along the shoreline. As we returned to our cars it seemed good finally to see the sun peek through the clouds.

SIX WEEKS AT STRATTON POND

by Winnie Shambo

My stay at Stratton Pond, Sept. 3rd to Oct. 17th, was of too short duration, six weeks plus a few days, and I'm sure my arrangements of time spent away from the pond were quite different from those of other caretakers. My first day off I got as far as Bondville, collected my mail, which was being sent General Delivery, and picked up what few supplies I needed from the small grocery store located across the street from the post office. Then I called Rutland to see how "things" were, called a friend who was

able to come for a visit and was back at the pond by mid-afternoon the same day. My next day off and most others were spent in Rutland, catching up on laundry, supplies and much-enjoyed showers. My supervisor, Ray Auger, filled in during the Autumn Outing, which worked out fine, as I didn't feel well that weekend and spent it in Rutland, rather than camping and hiking.

Having been used to taking baths in small amounts of water during the "lean years" of childhood, I found it not a problem to do so at the end of most days, especially so after checking out a length of trail or cutting blow-downs (I only had to do two during my stay). Hair care was not a problem either. I used pond water -- well away from the pond -- and it was cold going and hard to work up a lather, but if one is determined, anything is possible.

My duties were curtailed due to the time of the year. I did not have to clean water bars or ditches which were continually filling in with falling leaves. My assigned trails were: the Stratton Mt. Trail to Webster Shelter, the LT to Story Spring, the LT to Winhall River Bridge, and the Lye Brook Trail to the Wilderness boundary. I made loop hikes out of these assignments with mileage ranging from 10.8 to 12.5 miles. I found I was able to hike these distances in three to four hours, not including stops for lunch, views, or a swim at Bourne Pond. Of course, the only steep portion I had to cover was the last mile up Stratton Mountain to the tower. I did what little maintenance was required along these trails; mostly "brushing" about a half mile of trail to Story Spring. The dedicated work of the two young men, whom I replaced, made my time at the pond so much easier and more enjoyable. I thank them. I cleaned out shelters and privies after each heavy weekend use, and continually checked the tenting area for "bootleg" firepits. Few were found.

The most important aspect of being at Stratton was personal contact with hikers. I feel that, on the whole, I had fantastic people to deal with, whether they were passing through or staying overnight. The first week of my stay, there were

eight people who either forgot their money or refused to pay. Of that number, half eventually did send payment. Other hikers more than made up for any unpleasantness by giving more than they needed to, which meant I must have been doing something right or they appreciated the work GMC does to maintain the trails. I never felt people were asking questions "for the sake of asking questions." They really wanted to know about the trail, the area, and my reason for being at Stratton Pond. It was surprising how many knew little or nothing of the Caretaker Program. I never tired of talking with day-hikers, new backpackers, "old hands" and the AT/LT thru' hikers. So many personalities! So many walks of life! The encounters were all special and interesting.

(to be continued in next issue)

A TRIP TO MOUNT KATAHDIN

by Jake Sherman

August 5-7, 1982

(held over from last issue)

The summer of 1982 was the time I was finally able to fulfill a desire to hike Mt. Katahdin. It involved over two full days of driving through the wilds of Maine to climb one mountain, but there's no question it was worth it.

Via the Maine Turnpike you can get to Katahdin, which is located about 90 miles northwest of Bangor, in about eight to nine hours. This, however, is a fairly dull ride, and my companions, Peter Osterhoudt and Dick Adams of Shrewsbury, who have started up a logging operation, preferred the north woods route.

We reached Roaring Brook Camp at the eastern base of Katahdin at 5 p.m. on Aug. 6 and settled into a lean-to for the night. Reservations are essential, by the way, and you must pay in advance by mail for your bunkspace. Before reaching the campground, we spotted charging off into the woods what at first appeared to be a rather clumsy horse but proved to be the first and only moose we would see on the trip.

Next morning at 6:30 under a clear blue sky we were off to the summit. The

Helon Taylor Trail brought us in two hours to tree-line at the 3200-foot level. Continuing up a rocky ridge over reddish granite boulders, we reached in another hour and a half the top of Pamola Peak, the mountain's easternmost point.

From this summit, which according to legend was the abode of the Penobscot Indian god Pamola, the view is exceptional. To the north stretch the mountains of Baxter State Park while to the south is a seemingly endless expanse of forest and lakes. What takes the breath away, however, is the mighty rock wall to the west. This face, about a mile distant, makes a sheer plunge of about 2,000 feet to the floor of South Basin. This wall is the eastern side of Baxter Peak, to get to which it is necessary to traverse the famous Knife Edge. No wonder legend had it that Pamola was jealous of his home!

Being a bit afraid of heights, it was with some anxiety that I ventured out onto the Knife Edge. This narrow, up-and-down trail is 1500 feet above South Basin on one side and the valley of the Penobscot West Branch on the other. Good footing is the key, and as long as good weather prevails there should be no problem. Trail signs sternly warn hikers not to attempt the trail in bad weather.

Gray skies, breezes, and some rain did in fact sweep in as we approached the summit. Here, congregated about the sign marking the northern end of the AT, were dozens of hikers, lunching, snapping photos, or donning raingear. From this vantage point, the Knife Edge appeared a succession of jagged teeth, while to the west was the gently sloping "Tableland," across which Thoreau came in 1847 and AT hikers, on their last mile, do today.

It was down the Cathedral Trail, which drops 2300 feet in 1.7 miles, that we made our descent, often inching on our backsides over rain-slicked boulders. It was distressing to find at this hour of the afternoon a lot of young people, clad only in sneakers and light clothing, heading up to the top through the rain, obviously unaware of the steep going ahead. No wonder accidents happen!

At Chimney Pond, which is set in the heart of South Basin, we stopped awhile to appreciate the semi-circular mountain before us, then returned to Roaring Brook Camp.

 *
 * CONGRATULATIONS *
 *
 * Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Carey *
 *
 * November 27, 1982 *
 *

To the Killington Section: 11/6/82

We would like to thank everybody for the shower and gift. Both of us were very surprised that it turned out to be a shower for the two of us. After all, who would expect Carol Chapman to fib about a "Smoke & Blazes" collating session.

We are planning a spending spree at EMS with the gift certificate. We'll

check to see if they have any "Jesus' boots."

Carolyn Badger's carrot cake was delicious. Those cookie feet hiking together were cute.

Thanks for a great party.

Rob & Sue

NEW MEMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 6, 1982

O'Hara, Mary Jane, Box 184, Ludlow, Vt. 05149

Shambo, Winnie, 142 Dorr Dr., Rutland
 Sugarman, Nancy, 22 E. Center St., Apt. 4
 Rutland

Tumlin, Susan, 21 Park St., Rutland

Walter, Elizabeth, Box 238, Chittenden, Vt. 05737

Change of address

Carey, Robert and Sue, 43 Evergreen Avenue, Rutland

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte. 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
 W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
 c/o V. Young -- R.D.#1
 Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$12.00	Spouse	\$10.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Junior (to 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	6.00		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Winter 1983 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Raymond Catozzi, President, 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; Roma Pulling, Vice-President, RFD #2, Woodstock Ave., 7736997; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., RFD 1, Chasanna Drive, 775-1494

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Jan. 9 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	PATCH HOLLOW loop; start on unplowed roads near Minerva Hinchey Shelter, return by Long Trail. Hike, ski, or snowshoe. 4 mi., moderate. Harold Rogers, 775-4471
Jan. 15 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	ICE SKATING. If our Freedley Quarry trip had to be postponed due to lack of ice, we will go today. Same specs: ski or snowshoe one mi. to quarry, bring skates and lantern. Robert Badger, 773-3777
Jan. 22 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	PINE HILL PARK to Proctor on snowshoes, skis <u>not recommended</u> . Coffee afterward at Carey's. 5 mi., moderate. Rob & Sue Carey, 773-3269
Feb. 6 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	NORTHAM TO ROUND TOP, ski or snowshoe. 6 mi., moderate. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
Feb. 12 (Sat.)	9:30 A.M.	HALF MOON STATE PARK, suitable for snowshoes, skis or sleds. Variable mileage, moderate. Robert Badger, 773-3777
Feb. 26,27 (Sat., Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	WINTER WEEKEND at Merck Forest, Rupert. Hike, ski or snowshoe; day hikers welcome. Weekenders must make reservations. Fee charged. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Mar. 6 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	BELLEVUE AVENUE EXT. to Post Road via unplowed roads and power lines. Hike, ski or snowshoe. Coffee at Pulling's. 4 mi., easy. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Mar. 12 (Sat.)	2:00 P.M.	SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY at Pulling's. <u>Members and guests only</u> . Fee will be charged. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Mar. 20 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	CHASANNA DRIVE along penstock to Glen Dam. Easy, 3 mi. Churchill Scott Virginia Young, 775-1494

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY WATER-PROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO THE HIKING AREA.

HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE AND REPRESENT ROUND TRIPS. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR LEADER.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Perkins
4812 Lebanon Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28212



Smoke & Blazes

VOLUME 36, NUMBER 1

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JAN.-MAR., 1983

FROM THE PRESIDENT: THE STATE OF THE SECTION

As we near the vernal equinox and the reawakening of mother earth in these northern parts, it is a perfect time to look back on the past year, to reflect on our accomplishments, our problems and goals, and to consider our approach in the future.

All in all, 1982 was a good year for our Section. Not a vintage year, but a good one. There was an increase in scheduled outings, the activity designed to carry out our club's purpose -- to make the mountains and the outdoors play a larger part in the lives of the people. In many months outings were scheduled every weekend, and even though the average attendance dropped a little per outing, the overall attendance was up.

Many new mountains were climbed and new locations visited. Canoe and bicycle trips are increasing in popularity. We are doing more backpacking -- mostly on end-to-end quests on the Long Trail. A bird watch outing was a first last year. All this is to the good, and to the credit of those many members who work to keep the schedule so varied.

Our shelters have been getting our attention where needed most and most of our assigned 21 miles of the Long Trail is in good hiking condition. Many member

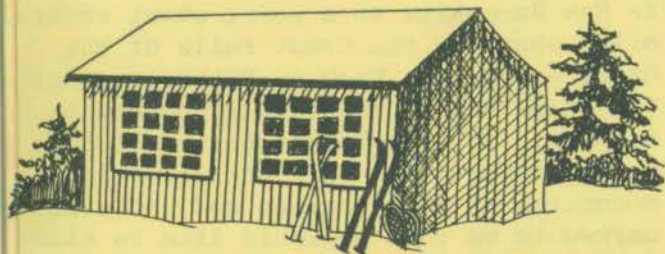
and non-member hours were spent last year in these endeavors, for which we are all grateful.

Our outings, and our "innings," as I like to call our indoor activities, have been getting good timely displays in the Rutland Herald. We know that many folks, especially non-members (new people) look forward to seeing these notices, and getting people out is the name of the game.

Our financial picture, which is detailed elsewhere in this issue and will be presented at the annual meeting, is not the rosiest, but neither does it present real thorns. We would be just about breaking even between our normal income and expenses, but the presence of the two Kirk Funds for Trails & Shelters maintenance takes the pressure off an area where we have been known to spend several hundred dollars in a year. Fortunately, the last two Trails & Shelters chairmen were men who hated to spend a nickel when they could use scrap and make-do.

Therefore, at a time when we have a special fund to amply take care of these costly needs, we have ended up spending mere pennies. Shelter insurance is an item that is now included in Kirk Fund disbursements, and because of that, and because maintenance costs now are separate from our normal section expenses, our unrestricted cash balance is now on a healthy upswing.

In conclusion I wish to extend my thanks to all the directors for the various jobs they are doing so well, and for all those others who have worked so hard at their assigned tasks. Many have contributed their time over the years, and for this we are grateful. It has all gone towards making a friendly and successful year for the Killington



Section in 1982.

May we all continue on this course for 1983, changing and improving our image and impact on the outdoor and hiking community.

Ray Catozzi

DIRECTORS' MEETING

by W. Churchill Scott
March 2, 1983

Present at a Board of Directors meeting at the Pulling home at the beginning of March were Rob Badger, Rob Carey, Ray, Steve, Winnie, Mark, Roma and myself. Guests were Carolyn Badger and Sue Carey.

Outings Chairman Roma Pulling reported members have responded well to her request for more hike leaders which in turn allows more outings to be scheduled.

Landowners in our Section were recently polled about continuing on the Smoke & Blazes mailing list. We have felt that this helps with public relations and are pleased to report that 21 out of 27 said "yes" and a number added favorable comments.

The new Killington Section "End-to-End" certificate was on display and will be available at the annual meeting, March 26, for those who have earned it.

A chain saw purchase was turned down. The stove has been removed from Minerva Hinchey Shelter again and the possibility of an open shelter was discussed. Mark Krebs reported on Trails & Shelters. Pico and Tamarack Shelters are in good condition, while Cooper has some skier trash. The main club has recommended that the Wade property building be removed. A number of offers to remove it for lumber have been made but cleanup is questioned.

The Kirk Fund was discussed. A caretaker at Cooper was suggested at a minimum cost of \$300. Rob Carey is to

contact the main club office for information and possible financial help.

Pres. Catozzi offered a number of possible by-law changes but no action was taken. A membership drive brochure, library informational meeting, and slide collection were discussed. Members should be reminded of \$1.00 rebate for signing up new members.

The tarpaper building astride the trail relocation near Gov. Clement Shelter is to be removed and the Pullings will explore this later.

It is with regret that we learned that John Lepinski, a director, is resigning. Also director and Trails & Shelters chairman Mark Krebs has an employment offer out of state and we are sorry that he too will leave us soon. We will miss both of these individuals and appreciate the help they have given us. Olga Laird was elected by the directors to fulfill the remaining two years of John Lepinski's term.

Winnie Shambo was appointed to head the nominating committee. At the Annual Meeting positions for three directors need to be filled and Olga's election approved.

IN QUEST OF LIEUTENANT SMALL: A CLIMB OF SALT ASH MOUNTAIN

by Jim Frink
December 9, 1982

I just had an interesting experience that I thought might be of interest to the Killington Section.

Mr. Sanborn Partridge has a copy of a letter written by Lieutenant John Small to General (Lord) Jeffrey Amherst in 1790 regarding his journey with troops from Fort #4 on the Connecticut River in New Hampshire to a point about several miles short of the Great Falls of the Otter -- what we know as Sutherland Falls, the falls behind the marble company in Proctor. In this letter he is not too explicit about his path through the mountains on this journey and Sandy remarked to me that he would like to climb Salt Ash Mountain and search out the

possible routes through the mountains and take pictures from the summit. I said I'd like to go with him, so we did it on Tuesday, Dec. 9 -- a beautiful sunny day.

We drove to the Pierce Country Store in North Shrewsbury and discussed what route we ought to follow to the summit. (Neither of us had been on this mountain before.) With the knowledge of Mr. Pierce we plotted a route up to the abandoned Sugar Bush Venture, and then bush-whacked to the summit.

If your car is in front of Pierce's Store and facing toward the north (past the gas tank), take the first left turn, follow the road past the Herb Farm - down the hill to the bridge where a sign says "Road Closed."



We parked on the road at the short branch which goes up to the abandoned and torn down buildings of the Sugar Bush Venture.

We could see the summit so we bush-whacked straight up through some pretty rough territory. We passed through many long lengths of sap tubing which had been left on the trees. The summit is 3200 or 3600 feet (I can't remember which), and the top is so covered with spruce and balsam that no decent photograph of the surrounding country can be made. We traveled all around the summit looking for view points but found none good enough to the north where the passes lay - one of which the lieutenant had taken his troops through.

Sandy did not want to give up so he climbed a tall spruce tree on the north side and took several pictures, all of which were too much obscured by the branches of other trees.

On the way down, while we were still close to the top, we found some fine viewpoints to the north and Sandy got the pictures he wanted.

He brought along two fine special compasses, one for each of us, and two very accurate altimeters, measuring every foot of our climb.

On the way down we found the remains of a faint trail which we followed until it petered out. Then we got to the sap tubing once again and came out on a road (a lot higher than the one on which we had parked the car). We figured that the road would take us to the car eventually if we went to the right, but decided that if we went to the left, the distance might be shorter. We came out on the road we had come in on, about 200 yards from the car!

It was a tough climb for me since I had not done any climbing for a long time, and I developed some very painful leg cramps on the way home, and again after I got home, but a hot bath and rest soon cured me.

Maybe some of your young ambitious climbers might want to try it!

MOONLIGHT OVER MINERVA

by Ray Catozzi

December 30, 1982

The weather bode well for this next to last night of 1982, with a 50-50 chance that we would see a nearly full moon on our annual holiday trip to either Tucker-Johnson Shelter or Minerva Hinchey Shelter. This year Minerva's camp was our choice, and 17 of the faithful walked in the short half mile from the parking lot above Spring Lake Ranch.

Your leader went in early, alone, in the daylight hours of mid-afternoon, to clean camp, gather firewood, and to build fires, one in the outside fireplace and one in the boot-leg stove inside. The Killington Section has opted to remove all stoves from their camps, and after Steve Pulling removed what we all thought was the old, worn-out regular stove from the camp last fall he discovered, on clo-

ser examination, that he had removed a newer replica of the old one. Someone didn't like this idea of no stove, so they brought in a second one, made from a 55-gallon drum. A lot of good work went into this second boot-leg stove, but it nevertheless had to come out....after we used it for that night, of course.

Clouds moved in during the darkening evening, but a slight breeze kept clearing the sky. I was fortunate enough to be tending to the outside fire when the moon popped up over the hill to the northeast of camp. A wonderful, never-ending thrill.....

As the darkness deepened and the time approached when the gang would be arriving, I stoked up the outside fire and put lighted candles in the window to make a warmer welcome. I know I hate to approach a dark, cold and empty shelter on the trail at night.

It wasn't long after their arrival before they all settled down, either around the outside campfire, or around the table and on the bunks inside. A party atmosphere soon prevailed as cheese, crackers, cookies, cakes, dips, candy, breads, and home-made and store-bought wine were spread over the entire camp table and on the large bunk platform.

Sue Carey had brought copies of Christmas carols and winter songs, and while many were still smorgasbording a few girls started singing. Others continued to join in as they paused between snacks, or as soon as they got their courage up. The fact that it was five days past Christmas didn't seem to dampen their enthusiasm one bit.

All that is, except Steve Pulling and Rob Badger. I don't know which it was, their dislike of singing Christmas carols after Christmas, or the fact that neither one of them can carry a single note (my guess), but the two of them disappeared from the area, not coming back to the shelter until long after the festivities were over and many had left for home. It was revealed that they had hiked in the full moonlight north to Spring Lake Clearing and back, about a 1 3/4 mile walk. Can't really blame the lads, though, with mild weather and a

bright moon. I envied them, in a way...

But even after they returned, the remaining six or eight of us stood outside the camp in the moonlight, and talked, and talked, and talked. Like an hour, it seemed. It was so pleasant and peaceful, with congenial folks, we all hated to go home. All good things must come to an end, they say, and so they did, as we slowly walked back down to our cars, and then home.

....AND THE EXTRACURRICULAR OVERNIGHT TRIP

by Sue Thomas

After the more intelligent club members had finished their hot chocolate and gone home to their nice warm beds, six of us, Rob & Sue Carey, Rob & Carolyn Badger, Piñon and I settled in to spend the night. We opted not to use the bootleg stove due to the smoke, so we retreated to our sleeping bags fairly early.

Room service arrived early the next morning (Steve & Becky Pulling with donuts and coffee!) and found us still in our bags (shame, shame) but we redeemed ourselves by hiking out via the Long Trail instead of the road, after first enjoying the donuts and dismantling the stove.

On the way out Rob Badger spotted an ermine, all white except for the end of his tail, so he stood out with no snow on the ground. He seemed as interested in watching us as we were in watching him, so we observed each other for quite a while, (and I hope he wrote up a more interesting report than this on the incident!). All in all, it was well worth the colder moments.



PATCH HOLLOW

by Harold Rogers
January 9, 1983

As usual it was a good hike after we got organized. I called Roma on Saturday, the day before the hike, for the coffee pot but she said she didn't have it. I thought whoever had it would probably bring it with him on the hike. No

such luck. We decided we needed one so I took Roma home and she donated a cooking pot to heat water.

In spite of clear and warm weather, we only had thirteen hikers. After our late start, we left the cars above Spring Lake Ranch near the barns and the road that goes to Spring Lake. We had a slow, enjoyable walk to Patch Hollow.

While the group was looking over the sights of an ice-covered swamp in the woods, Churchill and Virginia started collecting wood for a fire. I looked for water, but couldn't find any so we decided so we decided to backtrack down the road about one half mile to a small open stream. We heated a small amount of dirty water and had hot drinks with our lunch. We ate by an old log road on the side of a hill in open hard woods with a small frozen stream down below us.

The ground was bare in Rutland but snow-covered where we had lunch. The weather was crisply cold but pleasant with no wind.

After lunch seven of the group went back to the cars, while the others returned to Patch Hollow and headed west up an old steep log road for about a quarter of a mile. We then bushwhacked north until we came to a logging operation and followed log roads back to the Long Trail. We guessed we had walked about five miles on this part of the hike. The others were still at the cars, having taken some short side hikes and watched the sheep and pigs for a while.

It was a short hike but an enjoyable one.

FREEDLEY QUARRY, DORSET

by Rob and Carolyn Badger
January 15, 1983

Repeated by request after last year's successful skating party, we again had a great day skating at Freedley. The original outing had been scheduled for December, but warm weather resulted in thin ice, so we rescheduled and am glad we did. Ten days before our trip I

visited the quarry, driving in on the still bare ground, and found quite a few rocks on the ice from kids throwing them on to "test the ice." I left a sign requesting that no objects be thrown on to the ice since some of us skate on it, but upon returning for our party, we not only found more rocks, but also my sign on the ice. But no problem, as there is a back room to the quarry that is not accessible except across another section of ice, and this was smooth and clear.

We placed a lantern in the center of the ice and skated around, dodging a few ice stalagmites. Without the lantern, the room is almost totally black, but with the weak light emanating from a Coleman, an eerie light is reflected around the room and through the ice that enhances the atmosphere considerably. We had a great time that hopefully will encourage the three newcomers who joined us to come with us again. Skaters were Sue Tumlin, Richard Van Marten, Anne Kohler with her daughter Karin, Sue Thomas, Nancy Sugarman, Sue Carey, Carol Chapman, Dave Hadley and Rob and Carolyn Badger. Roma Pulling built the fire with help from late arrivals John and Emma Hughes.

After lunch, we skated a bit longer, then headed out from the quarry to find the winter's first major snowstorm in progress.

PINE HILL PARK: RUTLAND TO PROCTOR

by Rob Carey
January 22, 1983

This trip was planned as a snowshoe hike exclusively. Since we weren't going to follow snowmobile trails or old roads it wasn't planned for walkers or skiers. However there wasn't enough snow for snowshoes, so all 10 of us walked.

We followed the road up to Rocky Pond. As we crossed the ice of Muddy Pond there were ominous cracking sounds and wet spots, but no one fell through. Then we followed a compass heading of 320° Magnetic.

Just before reaching the ridgeline we stopped for lunch. There wasn't any

water or much snow to melt, but we found some ice and melted that. After lunch we came onto an old road and followed that down to Proctor, where cars awaited to return us to Rutland and coffee at the Careys.

NORTHAM TO ROUND TOP

by Steve Pulling
February 6, 1983

This trip was a second attempt by the Killington Section to climb Round Top Mountain in less than a year. The first attempt, led by Harold Rogers, was "mysteriously" rained out while the group was eating lunch. I don't think anyone on that hike will admit he knew where the rain came from!!

The morning of the second attempt saw no rain, but it was a cold and crisp day. To speed things up a bit, ten people packed into the back of a pickup truck and experienced a cramped, bumpy drive up the Great Roaring Brook Road to the intersection of the Saltash Road, where shouts of joy were heard as all unplied out of the truck to stretch and rub their sore rear ends. Not so for the twofortunates who were up in the front, right, Steve and Anna!

The hike started out to be uneventful as we walked up an old logging road among beautiful large spruce trees and plentiful animal tracks. Then we came to the treacherous ice-covered river crossing. After the leader made the maiden crossing and declared it semi-safe, everyone else made the slippery crossing, one at a time. Luckily no casualties were suffered and we gave ourselves a cheer.

As we progressed up the logging road we surprisingly came upon a little village of ski chalets and condos, not on any map, mind you! After walking through this village we found the ski trail and hiked to the summit.

After lunch and some great views to the north of Killington Peak and the Route 100 valley, we returned to Northam in the reverse fashion of that just described.

HALF MOON POND STATE PARK

by Carolyn and Rob Badger
February 12, 1983

At Half Moon Pond we were blessed with one of the few weekends of this winter that had really good snow conditions. The sun was shining and all were ready to enjoy some of the season's best. An advantage of Half Moon State Park is that it has something for everyone at this time of year. Some skied, some snowshoed, and others hiked. (And, I suppose, if there had been no snow, we would have had the entire pond to skate on). The unplowed road around the park is fun for all levels of skiing ability and great for snowshoes. One long downhill is a favorite of many, especially since it has a long runway at the end if out of control. We climbed this several times to make another run.

After playing on the roads and pond, we ate lunch at a lean-to site complete with a dry picnic table and warm fire thanks to Jim Griffin whom we were glad to welcome back after his recent heart attack. Joining us also were Roma Pulling, Olga Laird, Anna Nyiri, Rob and Sue Carey, Carol Chapman, Nancy Sugarman, George Reynolds and Sue Thomas.

Afterwards, the adventuresome went on a trek to High Pond. It was a bit more technical, but well worth the climb.

WINTER WEEKEND AT MERCK FOREST

by Ann Reynolds
February 26-27, 1983

"It beats staying home and mopping the kitchen floor," declared Roma Pulling, as the group mushed in (or slid in) to Spruce Shelter on a cold, blustery Saturday morning.

By afternoon the wind had abated, the sun was shining brightly, and a weekend at Merck Forest and Farmland Center in Rupert beat not only mopping the floor, but most anything else one could think of.

Veterans of former winter weekends, including three at Merck Forest, declared this to be the best of all, with the largest participation by far. The stalwart crew included Roma and her son, Steve,

Carol Chapman, Sue Thomas, Ray Catozzi, Rob and Sue Carey, Rob and Caroline Badger and George and Ann Reynolds, plus Churchill Scott, who came for Saturday daytime only. And there was also our mascot, the Badgers' dog, Piñon, who carried her own food supply in miniature saddlebags.

The weather was not conducive to either skiing or snowshoeing, as the snow had melted, then frozen over, making the going somewhat rough in spots. The Careys, however, were on skis most of the time -- that is, when they weren't sliding downhill on them. Everyone else relied on hiking, and hike we did -- at different times, in different combinations of people, and on many different trails of the miles that Merck has to offer.

Although we met several groups, mostly skiers, on our way to the shelter, we saw very few of these people later, because the forest and shelters are so spread out there is little chance of meeting anyone. We were glad, however, to be occupying a cozy shelter with a glass front, rather than one of the open lean-tos, where we saw bright orange tarps hung across the front as windbreaks.

Shortly after our noontime arrival at the shelter, we had a good fire going in the stove, and everyone had more or less staked out their territory" for sleeping and stowing gear. With seven bunks for 11 people, there was a bit of jockeying for position. Roma and Carol quickly claimed the two upper bunks, knowing that heat rises. Rob and Sue, the newlyweds, shared one of the wider bunks, while Steve and the Badgers ended up sleeping on the floor. Several threw logs on the fire during the night, but we all admitted it was COLD in the morning when people began to stir around 7:30. Someone confirmed that it was 12° outside.

A hike to the sugar house occupied most of Saturday afternoon, and on Sunday morning quite a few made the climb to the summit of Mt. Antone. But the best hike of all, some thought, was Saturday night, in full moonlight. What started out as a "little walk" took us to Clark's Clearing and back. On the way we spotted distant lights and tried to guess where they were. Some said Granville, some Whitehall and

others Glens Falls. A talk with the caretaker, Beth Tucker, next day confirmed that we were indeed seeing the lights of Glens Falls.

In between hikes, several brave souls tried out George's toboggan on the slope in front of the shelter.

One of the best parts of any outing, of course, is the EATING, and club members once again proved that individual tastes vary greatly. When we started to prepare supper, out came everything from Roma's can of spaghetti to the Badgers' tempting concoction of rice, mushrooms, etc. -- or was that the Careys'? Ray shared with us a bottle of his homemade elderberry wine, vintage 1979 (a very good year, Ray), and the Badgers provided popcorn before we turned in.

On Sunday morning, which dawned very bright and clear, everyone packed up after eating, then took off in various directions, as mentioned before, for one final hike. By noon, we were all headed back to our cars and our scattered destinations.

All agreed we should make reservations at once for next year, and hope that our positive experience will encourage even more people to come out another year -- though we might have to make more room on the floor!

SIX WEEKS AT STRATTON POND

by Winnie Shambo

(continued from last issue)

...I also enjoyed the time spent alone, for then I could really listen to nature. Even the rainstorms were exciting! I listened to the rain pounding on the tent while the wind, like a bellows, moved the tent walls in and out, sometimes with great force. When the wind abated I listened to the slap of the water against the shore. I had one very spectacular thunder and lightning storm! When there wasn't rain -- when the night was still -- I'd listen to the spring as the water flowed from the pipe or I'd hear the Barred Owls calling to one another or hear other creatures as they walked through the forest near the tent.

Unfortunately, from early morning to late afternoon, I could also hear heavy equipment and chain-saws of the two logging operations in the area.

Known and sighted animal life in the Stratton Pond area were: a magnificent moose (who appeared the evening of Labor Day and was sighted at various locales throughout September and October); two baby coons; two pairs of beaver who lived in the pond; numerous chipmunks, red squirrels and chickadees, a hermit thrush, woodpeckers, one grouse, kingfishers, hummingbirds, great blue herons (along Deerfield Brook), flocks of geese taking a rest on the pond from their flight south for the winter, and one male loon whose cry was exceptionally touching, especially when combined with one of Stratton's beautiful sunsets. And although I never saw him or her, there were bear tracks about 20 feet from my tent. One hiker from Bourne Pond reported seeing a snowshoe rabbit being chased by what he believes was a fisher.

I hope I represented the GMC and Killington Section well while at Stratton Pond. This was my first experience at such an endeavor and I thoroughly enjoyed my stay.

Morning temperatures ranged from 42 to 58 degrees. Toward the end of my stay, they were dropping down into the low 30's. Pretty chilly and I sure could have used some handwarmers (and feet warmers!). To cap this adventure, my last weekend was cold, wet and blowy. During the night of Oct. 16, the rain turned to snow and by morning we had a good covering, making it difficult to dismantle the tent. My last action, before packing out, was to walk to the west end of the pond for a final view of Stratton Mountain swathed in snow and clouds.

A person can become very possessive after spending so much time at one place and I'm no different. I refer to Stratton as my pond. It's such a lovely area and I hope to return as Fall Caretaker again in 1983, God willing.



KILLINGTON SECTION 1982 FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 1982.....\$693.14

INCOME

Dues.....	\$590.50
Kirk Fund.....	142.00
Sugar on Snow.....	63.00
Interest.....	39.85
Guide Books.....	10.50
Autumn Outing.....	8.00
Patches.....	2.00

Total \$855.85

EXPENSES

G.M.C.	\$288.94
Dues 226.50	
T&S Ins.62.44	
Smoke & Blazes....	223.49
Kirk Fund.....	142.00
Publicity.....	34.78
Sugar on Snow.....	33.73
Donations.....	30.00
Trails & Shelters.	26.69
Secretary.....	20.34
Postage.....	20.10
Phone.....	17.68
Autumn Outing.....	10.00
Outing.....	8.97

Total \$856.72

EXPENSES paid by Kirk Fund

T & S Insurance.....	62.44
T & S Expense.....	26.69

Total \$ 89.13

1982 Income.....	\$855.85
1982 Expense.....	767.59
	88.26

Balance Jan. 1, 1982.....693.14

Balance Dec. 31, 1982..... \$781.40

DUES ARE DUE

This is the last issue of Smoke & Blazes to be mailed to 1982 members. Send your 1983 dues to Churchill Scott, RFD #1, Chasanna Drive, Rutland, VT 05701.

KIRK FUND

1st George L. Kirk Trails & Shelters
Fund as of 12/31/82

.....\$5,650.65

2nd George L. Kirk Trails & Shelters
Fund as of 12/31/82

.....\$1,872.79

Pass Book Account as of
1/1/83

.....\$ 107.86

SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

Editor: Carol Chapman

Asst. Editor and Typist: Jake
Sherman

Illustrations: Sue Thomas

Mailing: Ray Catozzi, Roma Pul-
ling, Churchill Scott

A MORE FITTING TRIBUTE TO MAURI

Many of you out there in Killington Section land knew Mauri Wintturi quite well; some of you not so well, and some are wondering just whom I'm talking about. From Fitchburg, Mass., where he worked, Mauri came to Vermont nearly every week-end for years on end, even spending much of his vacation time up here in Vermont, his adopted state. After his heart attack, he restricted himself to just the good weather, staying home during most of the bad winter weather. But his heart was here, as always, even if his body wasn't.

Mauri has been gone up in the greener hills of heaven for a year now but he is not forgotten, not by a Long Trail mile he isn't. Many a Killington Section outing saw his smiling face and his paw wrapped around a can of cool liquid lunch. I'm sure that members of the Worcester, Pioneer Valley and the Ottauquechee Sections saw him often also. Mauri, believe it or not, was a member of four sections, the GMC itself, as a member-at-large, as well as belonging to the Appalachian Mountain Club.

It was at Mauri's suggestion that our former Sunnyside Shelter was renamed in honor of long-time GMC secretary Minerva Hinchey. This shelter was one of Mauri's favorites. Also a favorite of his was the Gulf Shelter on the Appalachian Trail north of Woodstock. That was in his last year or two when he couldn't hike very far, and the Gulf Shelter was within sight of his parked Volkswagen.

As Mauri more or less adopted the Gulf Shelter as his own, a movement is now afoot to have this Gulf Shelter renamed in his honor. In a letter from a member of the Pioneer Valley Section to Preston Bristow of the Ottauquechee Section, which Preston passed on to me recently, this suggestion came forth. Preston answered her letter by saying that since Mauri was a member of four sections, we all should be consulted about this renaming. Many folks in the Green Mountain Club have voiced this idea and now it seems that it will come to pass.

At a recent Killington Section board meeting this idea met with favorable reaction. I shall also bring it up at our annual meeting. This is a good idea, this renaming in honor of Mauri, one that should be done expeditiously by whoever is empowered to carry it out.

But what this story is really about is that Mauri was more to us in the Green Mountain Club than just placing his name on a wooden structure in the forest. Much has been written about him since his death, and much of that was because he became such a pleasant surprise to so many after he was gone, leaving a tremendous and completely unique legacy for the club to enjoy.

Oh, he was irascible to many who came in contact with him; an irritant at the annual meeting and board meetings. He seemed to be the devil's advocate to many. But Mauri really had a heart of gold, would do most anything for anybody (well, almost). His lack of tact in dealing with people was really just that he couldn't or wouldn't find the words to hide the painful truth of a matter, as he saw it.

And because Mauri meant more to all of us who knew and liked him, more should be done. As Preston Bristow said in his

letter there has been talk of a more fitting memorial other than the naming of a shelter.

One of Mauri's bequests to the club was hundreds of excellent, professional quality slides. I'm sure much has been thought of along these lines; to make several slide shows to be available for GMC publicity, and indelibly stamped with Mauri Wintturi's name.

Another idea that has come to my mind, which must be somewhat kept secret, due to the nature of my idea (not to gain notoriety or dubious publishing rights -- heaven forbid!), involves a request for me to carry out. Some will probably guess what I'm up to, but if they do, I hope they have the good sense to keep it to themselves.

What I am requesting is a good copy of a color print or color slide of Mauri arguing a point at a meeting, or wherever, or one of Mauri drinking his favorite drink, or both. The results of this request I would like to present to the club members and officers at the GMC annual meeting in Northfield this May. The nature of the finished product is what I hope to keep secret.

These are still somewhat inconsequential ideas to be carried out in Mauri's honor. I'm sure others have thought of some, and it is hoped that they will come forth with them. Someone, I can't remember who, suggested that we erect a full size statue of Mauri on the top of Mansfield, holding his permanent can of beer and greeting all the future climbers to reach that summit. Maybe it's not such a bad idea at that.

--Ray Catozzi

MINI END-TO-END CERTIFICATE

For those of us who set our sights on something less ambitious than hiking the whole Long Trail from end to end, an alternate goal could be to hike the 21 miles of trail for which our section is responsible (between Routes 4 and 140). To reward those who accomplish this goal, Winne Shambo has designed a certificate. If you are eligible and would like to receive one of these cer-

tificates let Churchill Scott or Ray Catozzi know before the annual meeting on March 26.

HIKING COMPANION WANTED

Wanted one or more hiking companions with car to hike on Long Trail south of Arlington-West Wardsboro Road or north of Middlebury Gap after black fly season. Have two man tent, stove and car which I will share. Interested in day or overnight trips. Hiking speed about 5 to 7 miles per day with full pack. If interested, please contact George Reynolds in the evening at 885-5416 or write to 8 Hillcrest Road, Springfield, Vt. 05156.

ACHIEVER

Why has one of Killington Section's quieter members and not one of our more outspoken types been in the news again? I think that question can be answered in one word--ACHIEVEMENT.

In July, 1981, Anne Mausolff, of Andover, was the subject of a story in the Black River Tribune after completing 600 miles in two months on the Appalachian Trail.

More recently she was honored in the Rutland Herald of December 28, 1982, as the owner of Ski Tours of Vermont. The article describes a typical cross-country trip led by Anne lasting a total of four days with five nights spent in country inns.

Good luck, Anne!

ANNUAL MEETING

Don't miss Killington Section's Annual Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 26. Notice the new location at the Methodist Church on Williams Street. This is your chance to learn more about our section's activities and to share in its decisions.

Rob Badger will show slides of a week-long trip to Mt. Katahdin. Refreshments will be served.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Spring 1983 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Raymond Catozzi, President, 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; Roma Pulling, Vice-President, RFD #2, Woodstock Ave., 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., RFD 1, Chasanna Dr., 775-1494.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Mar. 26 (Sat.)	7:00 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING followed by slide show and refreshments. Methodist Church, Williams Street. Don't miss it!
Apr. 9 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	Mystery CAVE TRIP, suitable for beginners. Bring flash-lights and old clothes. 2 mi. Rob & Sue Carey, 773-3269
Apr. 16 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY at Minerva Hinchey Shelter, Cuttingsville. Mark Krebs, 773-4116
Apr. 24 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	MAURI WINTTURI MEMORIAL HIKE at one of his favorite spots. Gulf Shelter to Luce's Lookout on the Appalachian Trail, North Bridgewater. 3 mi., moderate. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
May 7 (Sat.)	8:00 A.M.	NORTH POND, Chittenden. Extremely difficult, 6 mi. For info, call 775-3361 Mike Shortsleeves
May 15 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	HISTORICAL HIKE at Mt. Independence, 3 mi., easy. Jim Griffin, 773-3463
May 21 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION WALK-THROUGH. In teams cover as much of our section as possible, assess winter damage and do minor maintenance. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
May 28 (Sat.) May 27-30 (Fri.-Mon.)		GMC ANNUAL MEETING, Norwich University, Northfield. We need more people representing our section. Camping, hiking, entertainment, dinner by reservation for all members. See Feb. <u>LT News</u> for details and registration blank.
June 4 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	MT. ASCUTNEY, Windsor, via Weathersfield Trail past Crystal Cascade. 5 mi., moderate. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
June 5 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	BIKE TRIP, Proctor, Pittsford area. <u>Meet at parking lot at College of St. Joseph the Provider.</u> 36 mi. Rob Badger, 773-3777
June 10-12 (Fri.-Sun.)		END-TO-END backpacking trip, Appalachian Gap to Rte. 2. Phone leader for details. Rob Carey, 773-3269
June 18 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	MYSTERY NATURE HIKE, easy, low mileage Sue Carey, 773-3269/Carol Chapman, 775-3545
June 26 (Sun.)	8:30 A.M.	TACONIC CREST TRAIL, Pownal to Mass. Rte. 2, moderate, 7.8 miles. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING. THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSES WHEN THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO THE HIKING AREA.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Perkins
4812 Lebanon Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28212



VOLUME 36, NUMBER 2 KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB APR.-JUN. '83

EAST MT. VIA TENNEY BROOK AND
THE DUG WAY

by Ray Catozzi
March 6, 1983

If you were looking for an article on skiing or snowshoeing from Bellevue Ave. Ext. to the Post Road, you will have to wait a year or so. The mild winter we've all enjoyed has melted what snow we needed for such a venture, so the scene was shifted to another area close by, but one that your leader knew would be more picturesque.

As it turned out we were walking in crusty snow, and following some other previous hiker's frozen footsteps most of the trip up til lunch time. It was a morning of brilliant sunshine (can't figure my luck on this one) and warming temperatures.

Starting from a point on Rt. 4 east of Rutland, and opposite Santa Land, up a road leading to the so-called Mead Castle, we all enjoyed easy bare road walking. A short side trip brought us in sight of the castle built by Janet and Brad Mead in the late thirties, just before they started the Pico Ski Area, and gave birth to their daughter Andrea Mead (Lawrence), as many of you will remember, became the first American girl skier to win 2 gold medals in Olympic Skiing in 1952.

Continuing along a flat below the castle, through which flows Tenney Brook, we picked up the Dugway Road which wound its way steeply uphill, above a sharp steep cut in the mountain

slope. Below, in the cut, Tenney Brook takes a spectacular splashy tumble in the summertime. But even though the valley below was bare and warming, up there winter ice blanketed and muted the falls.

Above the cut, the brook and road leveled off and wandered slowly uphill, in a now southerly direction, on the east side of the ridge. The walking in about 4 inches of snow became very easy and most enjoyable.

At the point where Tenney Brook and its adjoining wood road started bearing south-east, we turned right onto another wood road that soon led to the crest of the ridge, with a limited but nice overlook of the northern half of Rutland. Here we built a fire and had a very enjoyable lunch, sitting on bare logs and rocks in the warming sun.

Soon a few started back, while your leader led the rest further up the road, and up the ridge looking for a certain large boulder he had spotted up on a knob on a lone trip last November. We never found it so we returned and soon caught up with the first bunch. Along the way out we picked hobble-bush to force the bloom at home, a first for a few of the group.

Going on a different road from the flad below the castle, we soon came out on the Town Line Road. Coffee, donuts, and pleasant conversation awaited us at the Pulling's house. A great day with a good group of people.

* * * * *

Because Jake Sherman was unable to type this issue of Smoke and Blazes, Roma Pulling, Nancy Sugarman and Cynthia Roberts graciously

agreed to do the typing. A hearty thank you to you ladies for making this issue possible for our readers! (The typists reported, "This experience makes us realize how much we appreciate Jake.")

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY - A DIARY
by Roma Pulling - Coordinator/
Hostess

Tues., March 8, 1983 - It rained yesterday and is forecast to rain off and on for the next few days. I got uneasy about gathering snow for our sugar-on-snow party set for Saturday, the 12th, as the ground is bare here. What will several days of rain do to the snow cover even on the mountain? Alfred and I drove to the end of Robinwood, filled three plastic bags with snow and stored them in our freezer. The snow was crusty but still quite deep.

Friday, March 11 - It has rained some every day, but the forecast for tomorrow is for a cold blustery day with snow flurries. Shouldn't be too bad either for getting here for the party or for parking.

Sat., March 12 - What a shock when I got up to see the ground blanketed with snow and heavy snow still falling! Churchill hiked over from Chasanna Drive to deliver the two gallons of syrup. The driving on the road past our house was pretty bad for a while in the morning with a bus and several cars temporarily unable to make the grade. Probably city slickers with summer tires! Janet got here at 11:30 and started boiling syrup. A little past 1 p.m. Rob and Sue arrived to help set up chairs and tables and fold napkins. With all the fresh snow outside, we decided not to use the stuff from the freezer, and the Careys filled the plastic boxes with the new snow.

I was pleased that 17 people (counting ourselves) actually got

here. By afternoon driving had improved, but we were disappointed that Carol got stranded in Rutland. Ray was late again but had an excuse this time. He skied up over the track he would have used for the March 6 hike - if we had had the foot of snow a week earlier.

The food was delicious. Lao Vang, a guest of the Martins, had his first sugar-on-snow and seemed to like it. Rob Badger showed us slides of Mt. Katahdin and a few added attractions - an unexpected treat.

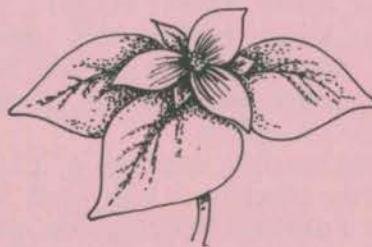
Sun., March 13 - In retrospect, I think the party was a success. We really appreciated the help, especially Janet's with the boiling and Rob's entertainment. That added a new dimension to the program. I'm already looking forward to next year's party.

NEW BRIDGE OVER COLD RIVER

During the "Walk-through" those who hiked the section between Governor Clement Shelter and Lower Cold River Road found that to cross the stream it was necessary to get at least one foot wet. Consequently the recommendation for a bridge was made.

Anxious to resolve the problem and not finding any other volunteers for the job, Trails and Shelters Chairman, Steve Pulling, and Al Pulling did the work themselves on Sunday, June 5.

Three cheers for you, Steve and Al! When we cross the bridge we'll think of you and thank you for our dry feet.



GLEN DAM

by Virginia Young
March 20, 1983

On a nice bright Sunday morning about a dozen members of the Killington Section and friends walked up the penstock to Glen Dam. Next we came to one of the early reservoirs used for the city water supply.

Nearby was a larger body of water used as a reserve while the main water supply dam was being cleaned. Finally we came to the present reservoir which was a beautiful sight in a beautiful spot.

A side trip took us up Mendon Brook to the chlorine house and to where we could see the bridge on Meadow Lake Drive.

From here Pres. Raymond Catozzi, having spent many years camping, hiking, picnicking, and fishing in this area, led the group.

Following one of the pipe lines we continued cross country to a lunch spot. From there we passed the town dump and the ball field and soon returned to Chasanna Drive.

Again it was good to see a number of new faces.

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

by Ray Catozzi
March 26, 1983

This once a year gathering of the membership was held in the Methodist Church, with one of the largest turnouts we have had in years, 33. All were members with the exception of five guests.

Guests included Preston Bristow of the big "O" section in Woodstock, along with his wife and child, Ann Reynolds of Springfield, who wrote

such a nice Rutland Herald article of our winter campout in Merck Forest, and Harry Peet, GMC's executive director from Montpelier. Harry is a member of the Killington Section, but we treat him like a guest. It's no big deal -- he's a member of all the GMC sections!

The usual reports of Treasurer, Churchill Scott, 23 years at the post, our director Rob Carey, and all the other committees were presented. Committee chairmen had been doing great work in their particular areas: Roma Pulling for Outings, Winnie Shambo for Publicity, Carol Chapman for Smoke & Blazes, and Steve Pulling for Mark Krebs on the Trails & Shelter Committee.

Of particular interest was Roma's report of increased overall attendance on our outings, due partly to the larger number of outings scheduled now; one nearly every weekend. We think this also is reflected in our increased membership, which now stands just short of 100. It's been many years since the KS has numbered more than 100.

The KS Slide Collection was mentioned, its whereabouts pinpointed. This collection has had many personal additions by Janet and Jack Martin, the most recent collection caretakers. A committee will be formed in the near future to update and round out the collection, making it suitable for public showing.

Some recent changes in KS directors were announced and confirmed by the membership. According to KS by-laws, vacancies in directors are filled by the remaining directors subject to approval by the membership. John Lepinski's and Mark Kreb's resignations left two openings which were filled by Olga Laird and John Hughes.

Sue Carey is our new Long Trail

News reporter.

Harry Peet brought us up to date on the negotiations between the GMC, the Sherburne Corp., and the National Park Service concerning an easement for a relocated Long Trail section between Gov. Clement Shelter and Cooper Lodge. Preston Bristow also added his comments on the same theme as well as other developments in his job as Park Service Coordinator in the Appalachian Trail Preservation Project.

Three directors were re-elected to 3-year terms, Churchill Scott, Ray Catozzi, and Rob Carey, and during a recess of the regular meeting the directors elected Ray Catozzi President, Rob Badger Vice President, Olga Laird Secretary, Churchill Scott Treasurer, and Rob Carey GMC Director.

During the refreshments which followed the meeting's adjournment, some people renewed acquaintance with each other after a year's absence.

MYSTERY CAVE TRIP

by Rob & Sue Carey
April 9, 1983

We went to Nickwacket (Old Bat) Cave, located on the northwest slope of Chaffee Mountain in Chittenden. Despite no advertising in the newspaper, fifteen people came on the trip including several new people. We hiked about a mile to the cave along an old dirt road. This cave is unusual for a small cave because it has three entrances. Inside we split into 2 groups to make exploring easier. Everyone (including Piñon

Badger) went at least partway into the cave. Those who continued on their bellies through a moderately tight crawlway were rewarded by seeing some excellent flowstone (water-deposited limestone). There were several other interesting tight squeezes and hands and knees crawlways. Besides the occasional human and canine visitors there are some real cave dwellers. We saw several bats hanging upside down from the ceiling and daddy-long-legs crawling on the walls.

It was still early after we had explored the cave and eaten lunch so most of us climbed Chaffee Mountain. It was a steep bushwhack to the top and seemed steeper on the way down. From the top there were good views of Killington and Pico Peaks.

If there is continued interest in spelunking in the club perhaps we could schedule a fall trip to one of the larger caves in our area.

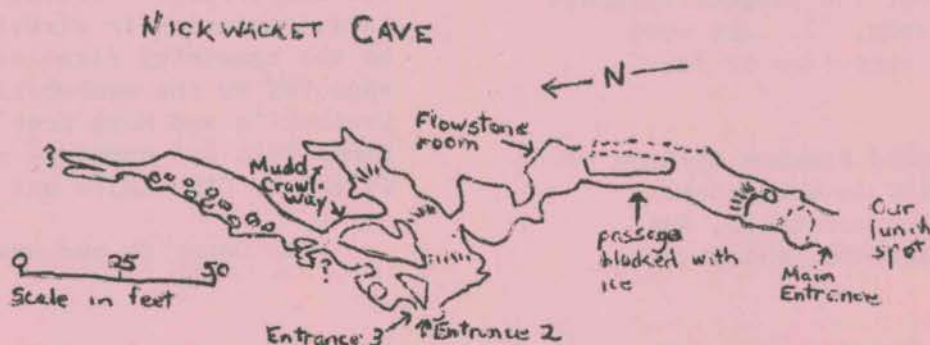
WORK PARTY

by Becky Pulling
April 16, 1983

"Here goes!" eleven GMC members exclaimed as they set out on the foot path to Minerva Hinchey Shelter.

Armed with rakes, saws, hammers, and chisels, garbage bags, and shovels, all were intent on cleaning up unwanted debris around the shelter.

It had already been determined that having woodstoves in the shelter carried a danger of fire burning the wooden structure itself. The first decision was to merely remove the stove out of the shelter. Well, folks, three stoves later, it was decided that the best way



to stop the mysterious person from putting the stoves there was to dismantle the cinderblock chimney. The chimney had many cracks which made it hazardous. Various calls could be heard by Rob Badger and Steve Pulling, such as, "Cinder block, anyone?" "Going once, going twice." "Look out below...!" "Timber!" "Crash!"

The leaves and dead wood were raked into a pile and burned. A human chain was formed to load up the cinder blocks onto a four-wheel drive truck to be hauled away. Saws could be heard cutting the bigger logs into smaller sizes to be taken to the fire. The doors of the shelter were removed to discourage vandalism.

After all the hustle and bustle was through, someone hollered, "Lunch time, you guys, anyone hungry?" Upon surveying the site, one could conclude that the shelter and its grounds were as close to being "squeaky clean" as dirt and grass could be. All eleven sat down to what I'd say was a well-deserved lunch.

MAURI WINTTURI MEMORIAL HIKE

by Stephen Pulling
April 24, 1983

We all know how much time Mauri spent in the Gulf Shelter - Luce's Lookout area of North Bridgewater, but I think even Mauri would have stayed in his yellow Volkswagen on the day of this hike. However, the cold temperatures, heavy rain, fog, and knee-deep wet snow didn't stop seven brave (?) hikers from trying to wallow up to Luce's Lookout.

Because of the weather, I was very surprised to meet four other people at the fire station ready to hike. Rob and Sue Carey, Winnie Shambo, Anna Nyiri, and I piled into Rob's car and rode to Woodstock where we met Bob Cochran and Janet Farley from the Ottaquechee Section. The ride from Woodstock to the A.T. was the last we saw of any dry clothes.

The short walk to Gulf Shelter wasn't

bad although we were all pretty damp. After scaling Cobb Hill we encountered knee-deep wet snow which only devoted hikers would push themselves through. After sloshing down the back side of Cobb Hill we came upon a plowed dirt road which we followed for about 200 yards until the trail turned off to the left. We stopped to make a decision about climbing Luce's Lookout and not seeing any view because of the fog and rain, or returning to Gulf Shelter for lunch. Of course we made the latter choice and returned to the shelter for lunch and fellowship.

So ends a wet, soggy saga. Let's schedule this hike later in the season next year.

NORTH POND

by Roma Pulling
May 7, 1983

From the time I saw North Pond in Chittenden on the topo map, it held a kind of mystique for me, as though North and South ponds were a set and my exploration wasn't complete until I had seen both of them.

I had first seen South Pond twenty years ago. Then on May 7 I was able to satisfy my curiosity when I hiked to North Pond with seven other people. The day was a real rarity in this season of gloom -- a warm, sunny interlude.

On a brief stop at South Pond after climbing the trail from Lefferts Pond, someone asked if we wanted to see a "\$150,000 house". This had to be a joke, right? WRONG! They led us to a place just up the hill from the pond that must have been really lovely once but has been abandoned by the owner and trashed by squatters. It was really sad to see such senseless destruction.

North Pond is slightly smaller than South Pond but picturesque and quiet. Ice lingered on one side the day we were there. Our leader, Mick Shortsleeves, and Steve Pulling tried fishing, without success. In spite of its location, seemingly remote from established trails, the usual

litter showed that the world had beaten a path to its shore.

After lunch at the pond, we took a different route on the way back which seemed a little easier than the "extremely difficult" approach, although with my terrible sense of direction I wouldn't be able to find either one again. With a little luck, I can join another guided tour to this spot, because it really does warrant repeating.

MOUNT INDEPENDENCE HIKE

by J. E. Griffin
May 15, 1983

Despite the early morning rains, a small group of enthusiastic hikers turned out: Rob and Sue Carey, Sue Thomas, Anna Nyiri, and myself departed from the Fire Station and picked up Ruth Gibbud and her neighbor's son, Steve, in Fair Haven.

We began our hike along the western ledge of Mount Independence and made one or two stops at locations where Indians had quarried the quartzitic and flint-resistant rock for the forming of projectile implements. A lot of chips were observed and young Steve did find one good projectile point.

We continued our hike along the northern ridge and came down to a small bay. Along the way the ladies found many varieties of wild flowers and we also observed a dead cow and one other animal which none of us could identify.

At the northern-most tip of Mt. Independence we looked across the lake to Fort Ticonderoga and then hiked along the eastern perimeter of the mountain looking at some of the historic markers, trails, and encampment foundations.

SMOKE AND BLAZES STAFF

Editor: Carol Chapman
Assistant Editor and Typist: Jake Sherman
Mailing: Ray Catozzi, Roma Pulling,
Churchill Scott
Illustrations: Sue Thomas

KILLINGTON SECTION WALKTHROUGH

by Stephen Pulling
May 21, 1983

If I had to sum up the 1983 Killington Section walkthrough in one word, it would be "fantastic". The weatherman predicted rain for the weekend (what else is new?), but he was wrong for once, thank goodness. You people of the Killington Section pulled through and did a great job cleaning up our section for the onslaught of hikers to come.

Most hikers don't appreciate the hard work it takes to maintain a section of trail such as ours. I know you people that made the effort to go out and saw limbs, prune branches, toss brush, tug on heavy logs, and haul garbage from our five shelters are the people who cherish our lovely section of trail. From deep down in my heart I want to thank the 17 people who gave up a little of their time on this one nice weekend to help accomplish this important task.

Here is a list of the people and the section of trail they cleared: George Reynolds and John Daily, Route 140 to Minerva Hinchey; Sue Thomas, Becky and Steve Pulling, Minerva Hinchey to Route 103; Carol Chapman, John and Emma Hughes, lower Cold River Road to Gov. Clement; Al and Roma Pulling, Gov. Clement to Cooper; Rob and Carolyn Badger, Cooper to Route 4; Rob and Sue Carey, Pico Camp to Route 4.

My very special thanks go to brand new members Ira, Irene, and Lorraine Hawley who cleared from Route 103 to the lower Cold River Road earlier in the week. Ira even made a special trip to clean out our neglected garbage can near the Lottery Road.

We also should recognize the Sherburne Corporation for free passes up their chairlift. Roma, Al, Carolyn and Rob Badger rode the chairlift to the summit on Sunday, May 22nd. This saved many hours of hiking time that we used as trail clearing time. It is really nice being the Trails & Shelters Chairman for a super bunch of people. You are the ones who made this walkthrough so successful.

BEST SUPPORTING ROLE

by Jack Crowther

Trivia Question: Who won the academy awards for best supporting roles in 1972?

Answer: Cloris Leachman for "The Last Picture Show" and Joel Gray for "Cabaret".

Question: Who should have won?

Answer: In my opinion, the award for best supporting role in a dramatic production should have gone not to a person but to a tent -- our tent.

On a night in early June 1972, our blue and yellow umbrella tent withstood the storm that flooded Rapid City, South Dakota, the worst flood in the U.S. in over 30 years in terms of lives lost.

Frankly, our intrepid tent didn't keep my wife and me dry. Rain swirled in around the flap like attacking hornets and doused us. But blown and battered by everything mother nature had to offer, our tent held its ground and gave us a measure of protection.

We had been stranded in Custer, S.D., about 30 miles southwest of Rapid City near the Wyoming border. We were headed leisurely back to Vermont after a camping vacation as far west as Colorado when the timing gear on our car broke. Until then, I didn't know such a part existed. And it's not the sort of item stocked by your local mechanic in a place like Custer, which had a population then of around 1600.

My recollection of the place is of a short main street with a few businesses and an Indian who would ride his horse up and down the road listening to a transistor radio.

I considered us lucky to find a mechanic who was able to diagnose the problem. But sending away for a part and having the work done involved a wait of a few days.

We were staying in a place called Flintstones Bedrock City & Campground, inspired, if you could call it that, by the Stone Age characters of Fred Flintstone and family. You might describe it as mock primitive camping. Despite the prehistoric theme, the place had showers, flush toilets, a playground and hookups for trailers. But when the storm broke, there wasn't much civilization between us and the elements. Thunder, lightning, wind, rain battered us in an elemental outrage.

I think we would have been more comfortable in the campground showers, even with the showers turned on. But our car was gone and I think we wanted to stay with our

gear and keep it from blowing into the next county.

We survived the night and so did our tent, and I'll always be impressed that it held up under the stresses of the night. Since then, we haven't done much camping -- one night at Half Moon State Park with the kids. We erected the tent once in the back yard and loaned it once to friends.

You might say the old tent made its last tough stand in Custer -- and won.

GMC ANNUAL MEETINGBOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

by Rob Carey

May 28, 1983

At least five section members attended part of the annual meeting in Northfield. Members enjoyed the opportunity to purchase books from Mauri Wintturi's collection at very reasonable prices.

The club's financial position is stable. Last year ended with a \$132 surplus. The budget for this year is over \$112,000.

The Sherburne Corporation negotiations were discussed for about an hour. No action was taken. No one is satisfied with the Park Service agreement that the GMC helped negotiate, but Harry Peet, Jim Wilkison (then GMC president) and the Executive Advisory Council all feel it was the best that could be arrived at. No other organizations volunteered to help with legal costs for an appeal of the Act 250 permit for the ski trail at Tamarack Shelter. The agreement allows eight ski trails 35 feet wide to cross the Long Trail in 1.2 miles. A lift crossing 200 feet wide as well as other development are also permitted. Some members of the Board of Directors incorrectly interpreted the action taken in September as requiring final approval of any agreement by the Board.

A draft of the Long Trail management plan was presented. Input can be made until August 1st. It will be acted on by the GMC Board in September.

Preston Bristow was elected President and Neil Giroux was elected Vice President. An auditor has not yet been hired.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Summer 1983 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader; Raymond Catozzi, President, 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; Rob Badger, Vice President, 43 Gloria Avenue, 773-3777; Olga Laird, Secretary, Chasanna Drive, 773-7448; or W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer, RFD 1, Chasanna Drive, 775-1494.

DATE	HOOR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
June 29 (Weds.)	5:30 PM	DEER LEAP, Sherburne. <u>Meet at Sherburne Pass</u> , eat supper and watch the sun go down. 3 mi., steep. Rob & Carolyn Badger, 773-3777
July 6 (Weds.)	6 PM	SUPPER HIKE, White Rocks picnic area, Wallingford. Churchill Scott, 775-1494
July 9 (Sat.)	9 AM	WORK PARTY, Pico Camp. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
July 10 (Sun.)	10 AM	BELMONT area, 3 mi., easy. Anna Nyiri, 775-1789
July 15-17 (Fri.-Sun.)		END-TO-END for experienced backpackers, Rt. 108 to Rt. 2. Difficult, 22.5 mi. Phone for details. Rob & Sue Carey, 773-3269
July 23 (Sat.)	9:30 AM	CHIPMAN POND, Tinmouth, following old roads. 3 mi., easy. Harold Rogers, 775-4471
July 31 (Sun.)	9:30 AM	MYSTERY HIKE, 3 mi., moderate. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Aug. 6 (Sat.)	9 AM	PLYMOUTH CAVES, suitable for all ages. Bring old clothes and flashlights. Rob & Sue Carey, 773-3269
Aug. 14 (Sun.)	9:00 AM	KILLINGTON PEAK following old carriage road, visit Churchill Scott in the tower. Mod., 7 mi. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
Aug. 20-28		GMC INTERSECTIONAL, Camp Thorpe, Goshen. Come for a day or a week. See LT NEWS for details.
Sept. 10 (Sat.)	9:00 AM	MYSTERY CANOE TRIP. Reservations required. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
Sept. 17-18 (Sat.-Sun.)	8:00 AM	STRATTON MT. and GROUT POND. Climb Mt. with day packs, visit Winnie at her caretaker station. 5 mi., moderate. Overnighters will backpack two miles to the pond. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Sept. 25 (Sun.)	9:00 AM	ABBEY POND and COBBLE CAVES, 5 mi., moderate. Wear old clothes and bring flashlights. Rob & Sue Carey, 773-3269

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE AND REPRESENT ROUND TRIPS. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR HIKE LEADER.

GMC
KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER
MAY, 1983

Badger, Robert & Carolyn	43 Gloria Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Barber, David & Audrey	P.O. Box 1097	Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Bates, Rebecca	Spring Lake Ranch	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Bequaert, Frank	44 Bertwell Road	Lexington, MA 02173
Blaskovich, Mrs. Wm.	P.O. Box 367	Dearborn, MI 48121
Blittersdorf, John	North Main St.	Pittsford, VT 05763
Bryant, Harriot	P.O. Box 131	Dorset, VT 05251
Cahee, Hedrick	179 Union St.	Springfield, VT 05156
Carey, Robert & Sue	43 Evergreen Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Catozzi, Raymond	103 Bellevue Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Chapman, Carol	39 East St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Charland, Rachael	120 South 200 West, #307	Salt Lake City, UT 84101
Conlon, George	RD#2, Sunset Acres	Rutland, VT 05701
Crowther, John	249 Lincoln Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Culvert, Harry	RD#2, Plains Road	Pittsford, VT 05763
Dagg, Thomas R. Jr.	1 Eastview Court	Rutland, VT 05701
Daly, John	22 Engrem Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Dicton, Joseph, Sr. & Jr.	RD#1, Sugarwood Hill Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Donahue, Bernard	50 Edgerton St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Dube, Ray & Janet	Post Road Ext.	Rutland, VT 05701
Dube, Nancy & Patricia	Post Road Ext.	Rutland, VT 05701
Frink, Helen	10 Elm St.	Randolph, VT 05060
Frink, James	60 Litchfield Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Griffin, James	81 Lincoln Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Hawley, Ira & Irene	RD#2, Woodstock Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Howard, John	10598 Jason Court	Columbia, MD 21044
Hughes, John & Emma	18 Ronaldo Court	Rutland, VT 05701
Johnson, David	3922 Elmwood Ave.	Erie, PA 16509
Kasprzak, Patricia	110 Park Ave., Apt. #5	Rutland, VT 05701
Kirk, Dorothy (Mrs. Geo. L.)	8 East Washington St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Kraus, Joseph	Robinwood Development	Killington, VT 05751
Laird, Olga	RD#1, Chasanna Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Lepinski, John	63 Pleasant St.	Ludlow, VT 05149
Maier, Elsie	280 Fort Washington Ave.	New York, NY 10032
Martin, John & Janet	Curtis Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Mausolff, Anne	RD#1	Chester, VT 05143
Murphy, Patricia	45 Deer Run Road	Wilton, CT 06897
Nadler, Krissy	1 Pleasant Heights	West Rutland, VT 05777
Newton, Doris	26 Boutwell Road	Andover, MA 01810
Noyes, Patricia	49 Terrill St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Nuffort, John	453 Victor Way	Wyckoff, NJ 07481
Nyiri, Anna	167 Stratton Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Ogden, Herbert	77 Norwood Ave.	Newton Ctr., MA 02159
O'Hara, Mary Jane	68 Main St.	Ludlow, VT 05149
Partridge, Charles	49 Warner Ave.	Proctor, VT 05765
Partridge, Sanborn	62 Ormsbee Ave.	Proctor, VT 05765
Perkins, Craigue	c/o Woodstock Stage	Rutland, VT 05701
Perkins, Robert & Thelma	4812 Lebanon Road	Charlotte, NC 28212
Perkins, Vera	242 South Main St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Pulling, Alfred & Roma	RD#2, Woodstock Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Pulling, Steve	Post Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Reynolds, George	8 Hillcrest Road	Springfield, VT 05156
Rogers, Harold	223 Adams St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Russell, Ellen	33 Thayer St.	Providence, RI 02906
Schmidt, Carl & Nancy	1651 Claybourn Circle	Cincinnati, OH 45240
Scott, W. Churchill	RD#1, Chasanna Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Shambo, Winnie	142 Dorr Drive	Rutland, VT 05701

Charland, Rachael	120 South 200 West, #307	Salt Lake City, UT 84101
Conlon, George	RD#2, Sunset Acres	Rutland, VT 05701
Crowther, John	249 Lincoln Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Culvert, Harry	RD#2, Plains Road	Pittsford, VT 05763
Dagg, Thomas R. Jr.	1 Eastview Court	Rutland, VT 05701
Daly, John	22 Engrem Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Dicton, Joseph, Sr. & Jr.	RD#1, Sugarwood Hill Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Donahue, Bernard	50 Edgerton St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Dube, Ray & Janet	Post Road Ext.	Rutland, VT 05701
Dube, Nancy & Patricia	Post Road Ext.	Rutland, VT 05701
Frink, Helen	10 Elm St.	Randolph, VT 05060
Frink, James	60 Litchfield Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Griffin, James	81 Lincoln Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Hawley, Ira & Irene	RD#2, Woodstock Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Howard, John	10598 Jason Court	Columbia, MD 21044
Hughes, John & Emma	18 Ronaldo Court	Rutland, VT 05701
Johnson, David	3922 Elmwood Ave.	Erie, PA 16509
Kasprzak, Patricia	110 Park Ave., Apt. #5	Rutland, VT 05701
Kirk, Dorothy (Mrs. Geo. L.)	8 East Washington St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Kraus, Joseph	Robinwood Development	Killington, VT 05751
Laird, Olga	RD#1, Chasanna Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Lepinski, John	63 Pleasant St.	Ludlow, VT 05149
Maier, Elsie	280 Fort Washington Ave.	New York, NY 10032
Martin, John & Janet	Curtis Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Mausolff, Anne	RD#1	Chester, VT 05143
Murphy, Patricia	45 Deer Run Road	Wilton, CT 06897
Nadler, Krissy	1 Pleasant Heights	West Rutland, VT 05777
Newton, Doris	26 Boutwell Road	Andover, MA 01810
Noyes, Patricia	49 Terrill St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Nuffort, John	453 Victor Way	Wyckoff, NJ 07481
Nyiri, Anna	167 Stratton Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Ogden, Herbert	77 Norwood Ave.	Newton Ctr., MA 02159
O'Hara, Mary Jane	68 Main St.	Ludlow, VT 05149
Partridge, Charles	49 Warner Ave.	Proctor, VT 05765
Partridge, Sanborn	62 Ormsbee Ave.	Proctor, VT 05765
Perkins, Craigue	c/o Woodstock Stage	Rutland, VT 05701
Perkins, Robert & Thelma	4812 Lebanon Road	Charlotte, NC 28212
Perkins, Vera	242 South Main St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Pulling, Alfred & Roma	RD#2, Woodstock Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Pulling, Steve	Post Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Reynolds, George	8 Hillcrest Road	Springfield, VT 05156
Rogers, Harold	223 Adams St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Russell, Ellen	33 Thayer St.	Providence, RI 02906
Schmidt, Carl & Nancy	1651 Claybourn Circle	Cincinnati, OH 45240
Scott, W. Churchill	RD#1, Chasanna Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Shambo, Winnie	142 Dorr Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Sherman, Jake	48 Morse Place	Rutland, VT 05701
Simmonds, William Jr.	18 Terrace Hill	Proctor, VT 05765
Sugarman, Nancy	22 East Center St. #4	Rutland, VT 05701
Thomas, Sue	35 Burnham Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Unsworth, Karen	100 South Main St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Vergi, Ilse	78 East Washington St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Thelma	95 Killington Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Ann, John, Mary, Thomas	RD#2	Rutland, VT 05701
Walter, Elizabeth	P.O. Box 236	Chittenden, VT 05737
Weston, Wilbur	104 Ashley Rd., Fairview Acres	Apex, NC 27502
Wilson, Carleton	9 Harvard St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Young, Virginia	RD#1, Chasanna Drive	Rutland, VT 05701



VOLUME 36, NUMBER 3

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JUL.-SEPT., 1983

MT. ASCUTNEY VIA THE WEATHERSFIELD TRAIL

by Ray Catozzi
June 4, 1983

Six stalwarts showed up on a rainy Saturday morning, June 4th, ready to hear of a cancellation of the day's outing. Your leader was determined to go, however, rain or no rain 'cause he wanted to see the Cascade Falls on this trail.

Off we went, Steve Pulling, Rob and Carolyn Badger with their dog Piñon in the younger group, and Anna Nyiri, Bev Davis and your leader in the older group, hereafter referred to as the junior and the senior groups.

The rain had almost stopped as we started out of the parking area at the trail head, just off Vt. Rte. 131. The junior group soon left the senior one far behind, as they bolted for the top of the mountain. The seniors like to think they enjoyed the climb much more than the juniors, because they went real slow to observe all of Mother Nature's reawakening on the forest slopes. Admit it, kids, you didn't really stop along the way and smell the flowers, did you?

Crystal Cascade on Ascutney Brook was one of the reasons for taking the Weathersfield Trail, and we weren't disappointed. Billed as an 84 foot high waterfall, I conceded it, indeed, was a wonderful sight coming over the lip of a sheer cliff, even if the water free fell only about 50 of those 84 feet. The rest was cascading over rock breakdown to the pool at the bottom. Well worth visiting and photographing, which we did.

Before the senior group was three fourths of the way up, the junior group

had reached the top, eaten lunch and were on their hurried way back down. See you next trip, kids!

We three seniors finally found the top of Mt. Ascutney blanketed with clouds, with its small clearing almost completely filled in with TV towers and metal buildings. Beyond the installations should have been views of the Connecticut River Valley to the east and the Green Mountain Range to the west, but nothing could be seen -- a whiteout. Even the tallest TV tower's top disappeared into the soup above.

After a quick lunch and look around, we started back down.

Many, many wildflowers in bloom made the misty day a great success. Starflowers, purple and painted trilliums in abundance, violets, and hobblebush in lush profusion near the top of the mountain were all admired and enjoyed. Bad weather, or good, early June is a pleasant time of the year to be in the woods. It was particularly nice in that there were very few bugs out to bother us on this climb of Mt. Ascutney.

PROCTOR-PITTSFORD BICYCLE TRIP

by Rob & Carolyn Badger
June 5, 1983

Rain in the early morning cleared by our 10 A.M. departure time, but not soon enough to cause potential bikers to make other plans for the day. Who wants to bicycle in the rain? So we were joined by only one other bicyclist, Mary Jane O'Hara, who drove up from Ludlow to be part of our Pedal Power contingent.

Our meeting place was the parking lot

of St. Joseph the Provider, which allowed us to start our trip avoiding Rutland City traffic. From St. Joe the Pro, we headed along Clement Ave., crossed Route 4, then had a leisurely ride along West Proctor Road. In Proctor we stopped at the Vermont Marble Exhibit where my connections got us in free.

After a nice respite we left Proctor along North Street taking a route to Pittsford that crosses two covered bridges, Gorham Bridge and Cooley Bridge. From Pittsford we turned left at Keith's Store and down Depot Hill. The covered bridge at the bottom of Depot Hill is closed to vehicular traffic due to structural problems, but the weight of our bicycles did not make a sway as we pedalled through our third covered bridge of the trip.

We passed through Florence and down Creek Road to Hadley Farms where we stopped for lunch. Dining in the back yard, we were joined not only by Dave Hadley, occasional attendee at GMC outings, and his girlfriend Iben Steinsvik, but also by Edgar the lamb and Cita the baby goat.

A long lunch in the sun made us reluctant to leave; it also caused us to stiffen up a bit. But we climbed back on our bicycles, returned to Florence along Creek Road, then took the Florence-Proctor Road. A long uphill along this stretch reminded us that "Vermont ain't flat," but it was also along this uphill that we saw several Baltimore orioles.

From Proctor we had planned to travel Route 3 back to Rutland, but this was the day of the Frank Crowley Memorial Road Race which takes place along Route 3, so we returned via West Proctor Road, the more scenic and less traveled route.

Pedal Power forever!

NATURE HIKE

by Carol Chapman
June 11, 1983

"Would you say the stem is hairy or hairless?"

"Will I get sick from eating all these wood sorrel leaves?"

"It doesn't seem like any plant should be called false something else. It should have a name of its own."

"If this cherry branch gives off cyanide, then why are we smelling it?"

"What would people say if you told them 'This is skunk currant jelly'?"

These were some of the questions raised on our nature hike on Shrewsbury Peak.

The shared knowledge of all the participants and an assortment of field guides helped us in our quest to identify the plants and animals we observed. Several unseen birds were recognized by their songs: the white-throated sparrow, the oven bird ("Teacher, teacher!") and the black-throated blue warbler ("I am lazee!").

Sue Carey, hike co-leader, passed around a hand lens so everyone could examine a variety of insects and a tiny brilliant red spider. Sue has a broad fund of information about insects and other living things which made our hike a learning experience for us all.

Some insects, however, were not so welcome. The black flies, as you know if you hiked this spring, hatched out in swarms. We couldn't decide whether Off, Old Woodsman's Jungle Formula, or Citronella was their favorite. Anna Nyiri with her bug net seemed to be the only one left in peace.

More than 20 flowering plants were identified. Gold thread, sarsaparilla, rose twisted stalk, dwarf ginseng and jacks-in-the-pulpit were a few. At that elevation spring beauties and other flowers usually seen at an earlier date were in bloom.

The hike, listed as an easy one, proved not quite so easy for the six who decided to continue on to the summit. Clusters of painted trillium and views of Killington and Mt. Ascutney made the climb well worth the effort.

The nature hike brought satisfaction to all -- both those who like to inspect things along the way and those who were out for the exercise.

CAMEL'S HUMP BACKPACK

by Rob Carey

June 17-19, 1983

There were six members on this hike. Roma, Al and Steve Pulling, Sue Thomas, and Rob and Sue Carey. Difficult but fun was the universal assessment of this 20 mile section of trail, especially with the heat and blackflies. I also discovered the curative powers of chicken soup.

We got an early start Friday evening and stayed at Birch Glen Camp which we had to ourselves. On Saturday we hiked about eight miles to Montclair Glen Lodge. We shared the shelter with the caretaker, the caretaker's friend, and a strong smell of creosote put on a month earlier by the Annual Meeting work party. After the heat and humidity of the day, the evening thunderstorm promised clearer views on Sunday.

We had ten miles to hike on Sunday including going over Camel's Hump and Robbins Mountain. We had excellent views from the Hump, but didn't linger with a long day ahead.

I didn't feel just right when I woke up, and got sicker as we hiked from Camel's Hump. Roma was similarly affected. I don't know if we drank contaminated water. Fortunately, Thomas' Pharmacy was well stocked. I took two Pepto Bismal tablets at Honey Hollow and started to feel better. We took an hour's rest at Wiley Lodge. The combination of rest and chicken soup from Thomas' Pharmacy really cured me. By Robbins Mountain I could even enjoy the view! From now on, we'll always carry chicken soup!

DEER LEAP

by Rob & Carolyn Badger

June 29, 1983

The second annual (?) Deer Leap hike left from Sherburne Pass on a very pleasant Wednesday evening, after one of those perfect summer days that we all long for and enjoy. In attendance were hikers Winnie & Ted Shambo, Rob & Sue Carey, Sue Thomas, leaders Rob, Carolyn & Piñon Badger, and Kay Story, who drove all the way from Warren just to join us.

Steve Pulling, Churchill Scott and Virginia Young joined us in the parking lot, but only for a visit. Steve was still working, the dedicated traveling salesman always with just one more client to see, and Virginia was bringing Churchill down from the mountain for the evening.

Leaving the parking lot, we headed up the Long Trail, passed the Appalachian Trail junction, and hiked on to the junction with Deer Leap Trail. This trail led us over the south peak of Deer Leap Mountain, around the west side of Big Deer Leap, and finally down to the ledges overlooking Sherburne Pass. Here we had dinner, tried to identify the surrounding ridges, and watched the sun set behind the Adirondacks.



A warm day turned chilly quickly, so as soon as the sun was down, we climbed the steep descent to the pass. Along the way several of us went into the small cave at the base of Deer Leap ledges. Sue Carey, alias Cavewoman, followed the cave through a narrow constriction, emerging from further down the base of the ledges in the woods below the trail.

This is the last trip Carolyn and I (and Piñon) will be leading for the GMC, at least for a few years, as we head off to Virginia. I like mid-week evening trips; a nice way to end a summer day. So the question is, will there be a 3rd annual Deer Leap trip?

WHITE ROCKS SUPPER HIKE

by Churchill Scott

July 6, 1983

On Wednesday, July 6, our annual summer supper outing almost turned into a bust. First of all the threatening weather and possible thundershower held the attendance down to about a dozen.

Next when we arrived at the White Rocks picnic area Winnie and Ted informed us the whole area had been closed that day for the protection of the young falcons being raised again on the cliff area.

However, Winnie and Ted led the group upstream to a series of falls and cascades just a short distance off the Kee-waydin Trail.

Returning to the picnic area we enjoyed a good hot supper over a fire already kindled by our guides.

Next we took a walk up the Cliffside Trail overlooking the White Rocks and tumbled talus slopes. A short distance beyond the overlook our guides again explained the process of raising the falcons and pointed out their homes and even some movements. To tell the truth this writer could not see any, but I will take the others' word for it.

Thanks, Ted and Winnie, from all of us for making this outing so enjoyable and informative.

WORK PARTY

by Rob and Sue Carey
July 9, 1983

On Saturday, July 9, seven Killington Section members gathered for a work party. The work party was originally scheduled for Pico Camp, but we forsook the Pico Camp outhouse for the Bucklin Trail. With tools freshly purchased not more than an hour before, we started at the Wheelerville Road and worked our way up the trail. The trail was cleared and reblazed up to Cooper Lodge. Several people went to the top to visit Churchill. The view from the summit was spectacular with Mt. Washington visible in the distance.

The work party participants included Joe Dicton, Joe Dicton, Jr., John and Emma Hughes, Jake Sherman, and Rob and Sue Carey.

BELMONT AREA

by Krissy Nadler
July 10, 1983

The day couldn't have been better. Twelve enthusiastic hikers under the leadership of Anna Nyiri set out under a clear blue sky with a cool breeze blowing and warm sunshine.

First we went up a shady dirt road. The continuous trees lining it were most welcome as a shield against the blazing sun. About three-fourths of a mile up this road, we came face to face with a herd of curious cattle. There were about 15 of these cows, and most of them came right up to the fence to be petted and fed. It was also here that we discovered



that this was the end of the road.

So we all turned around and met back at the Nyiris' summer cottage. Outdoors we relaxed and ate lunch, enjoying the beautiful view of Mendon, Little Killington, Killington, and Shrewsbury Peaks to the north of Star Lake as well as Salt Ash Mountain which can be seen to the northeast.

After a leisurely lunch, all 12 of us started out on a second hike. This time we went in the opposite direction. We walked about a mile on a paved road, then, taking a turn to the left, continued on a dirt road. Someone said we walked about two miles, but I don't think it was that much. After a few feet on the dirt road, it became obvious that a couple of the little ones wanted to turn back. So Jake Sherman, his two young daughters, Deborah, 7, and Rebecca, 4, and Peter Nadler, 4, and I turned back. We spent the remaining time catching toads, frogs, and pollywogs.

All in all, this proved to be an excellent hike. The weather was superb and so were the people. Others who partici-

pated were John and Emma Hughes, Shirley Parker, Sue Thomas, Mary Jane O'Hara, and Bernard Donahue.

MOUNT MANSFIELD BACKPACK

by Rob Carey
July 16-17, 1983

Three hikers, Sue Thomas and Rob and Sue Carey, took this hike. This was originally planned as a 20 mile trip leaving on Friday night. We found out that it really would have been a 23 mile trip (there is a misprint in the guide-book) and we were unable to leave until Saturday morning. Accordingly we shortened the trip to twelve miles making it a very relaxing, enjoyable hike.

On Saturday by the time we climbed to the Chin, the morning clouds had dissipated giving us excellent views. With the ranger's binoculars and a little imagination we could see Montreal. We saw Killington easily with just our eyes, but could not see Churchill.

We were disappointed to find the summit station closed having looked forward to ice cream during the climb. After some interesting trail including several ladders on the Forehead, we reached Butler Lodge by supertime. The Careys made shepherd's pie for the main course and Sue Thomas supplied dessert in the form of strawberry shortcake. From the lodge we had good views of the sunset and the lights of Burlington. We enjoyed talking with the caretaker and were her only guests that night.

Sunday's hike was pleasant and uneventful. We passed several beaver dams but did not see any beaver. The backpack ended at the Lake Mansfield Trout Club. We stopped for ice cream at a restaurant with a view of the profile of Mansfield. Afterwards I had time for a nap while Sue and Sue walked the road through Smuggler's Notch for their End-to-End.

There were two other groups of section members on the Trail this weekend. George Reynolds and Roma and Al Pulling

finished a week of hiking. Also, Rob and Carolyn Badger took a long weekend hike.

CHIPMAN POND

by Harold Rogers
July 23, 1983

I was surprised that so many were interested in this hike. The weather was good, clear and cool with a light breeze. Maybe that was why 20 people showed up.

About a week beforehand I had gone up and checked out the area. I got permission to park the cars near the old Rogers' farm. My request to walk up a lane to a high hill in back of Tinmouth Pond for a view of the Tinmouth area was denied because of horses in the pasture. I had expected about three cars for our transportation, but there were seven.

After we arrived at the parking area, we proceeded down a very steep stony road for about one quarter of a mile to Chipman Lake (Tinmouth Pond). The roads don't continue completely around the lake so I had asked a couple of residents if we could walk around the lake on private property and they said we wouldn't have any trouble.

Most of the hike was in woods and everyone seemed very impressed by the number of camps on the lake as well as by the quietness and solitude of the area. We also noticed that very few of the camps were for sale so everyone was satisfied with the area and human population, mostly Vermonters.

After we got around the lake about half the group decided to return to the cars for lunch. For extra mileage, the rest of us walked out the access road to the west which joins the Danby Four Corners-Tinmouth Road. We arrived back at the cars about 12:30 P.M. and had our lunch. We were in back and above the lake but we couldn't see it, however we did have a good view of the mountains to the west. It was a very nice area for a picnic.

The experts (GMC members) guessed that we walked about four-and-one-half

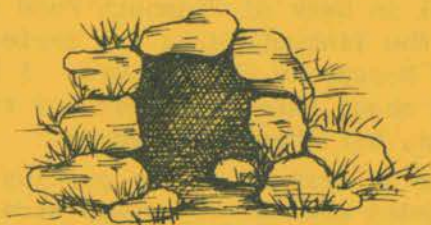
miles.

In spite of my pessimistic thoughts before the hike, it turned out to be a very enjoyable hike.

PLYMOUTH CAVES

by Sue Carey
August 6, 1983

Sixteen people showed up for this outing including several new faces and three children. It was a short hike from the cars to the caves. The first cave was very small--about 100 yards long. It contained several rooms and



some crawlways. The second cave was even smaller. The most challenging part of the second cave was getting in and out of it. The kids really seemed to have a good time and anybody else who liked to crawl around in dark places enjoyed it too.

We got out of the caves around 11:30 and decided to visit Plymouth Five Corners. I had heard that there was an abandoned asbestos mine in the area. Supposedly the mine could be reached by following a path along a stream. We checked several maps and found no indication of any quarries in the area, but tried following some paths anyway. We had no luck finding it so we walked to the old cemetery. Along the way we passed through a field of blueberries. They were delicious. While driving out of Plymouth Five Corners we saw a blue-blazed trail that may lead to the asbestos mine. We'll have to return there and explore some more.

KILLINGTON PEAK

by Stephen Pulling
August 14, 1983

For the second year in a row the Killington Peak Hike, the Carriage Road Hike, the Go-See-Churchill Hike, or whatever you want to call it, was a great success. Some old familiar faces along with a few new ones walked up the surprisingly easy Carriage Road from Brewers Corners to the summit of Killington Peak.

The second annual Carriage Road hike required a scouting mission by John Hughes and Steve Pulling a few weeks in advance to mark the beginning of the road which is quite difficult to find. After finding the road it is easy to follow although it was overgrown with brush. For this reason a few of us carried saws and pruning shears to open the old road up a bit.

Led by Sue Carey, alias "Clippers," Rob Carey, John Hughes and Steve Pulling cleared a path so everyone else could follow at a leisurely pace. Before you could believe it we had cleared a path right to Cooper Lodge where we found some hooting partiers having a grand ole time. At the summit we found an onslaught of flatlanders carried up by the gondola wearing high heels and their Sunday best.

After soaking up some of Churchill's hospitality, a few of us ventured up the fire tower while others were satisfied to stay on the ground and enjoy the great views. As the day was relatively clear, we could enjoy a panoramic 360 degree view of southern Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, and Massachusetts including Mounts Washington, Monadnock, Ascutey and others.

As soon as a short photographic session was completed we broke up into three groups to descend the mountain. One group took the Bucklin Trail, others went back via the Carriage Road, while another group took a ski trail to Tamarack Shelter, the Long Trail to Cooper Lodge and the Carriage Road to the cars.

I hope everyone who went on the hike enjoyed it as much as I did.

MAURI WINTTURI SHELTER DEDICATION

by Jake Sherman

August 21, 1983

About 50 GMCers turned out on a sunny afternoon a few weeks ago to mark the dedication of the Mauri Wintturi Shelter. This will be the official new name of the former Gulf Shelter, which is located on the Appalachian Trail about two miles west of Route 12 north of Woodstock.

Two contingents joined forces to make up the party attending the ceremony. The first consisted of people who drove in from Vt. 12, lugging the refreshments the half mile or so up from the cars. The second group consisted of about 18 GMCers --mostly individuals attending the Inter-sectional at Camp Goshen-- who hiked over the AT from Stony Brook Shelter.

Rob & Sue Carey and this writer, representing the Killington Section, were part of the hiking group. We had perfect weather for the 8-mile eastward trek which began in a now-defunct settlement known as No Town. Highlights en route included the warm juicy blackberries, the wildflowers (identified by the encyclopedic Henry Budgen) and the views from Luce's Lookout. Here from north-facing rocks below an abandoned fire tower our eyes could follow vast sweeps of both the Green and White Mountains.

At the shelter, following some reviving lemonade and cookies, thoughts turned to Mauri. Incoming GMC president Preston Bristow introduced Doug Teschner who offered a moving recollection of this long-time GMCer who died in January of 1982. Mauri's first loves, said Teschner, evoking smiles, were hiking, hikers, the state of Vermont, and beer, not necessarily in that order.

As to Gulf Shelter, it had become one of Mauri's favorites particularly after his heart attack forced him "to learn every shelter in Vermont one mile from the highway." In his legendary yellow bug with the missing passenger seat he would often drive up from Fitchburg to spend the weekend. For although, said Teschner, Mauri had scaled all the major mountains (often spending hours waiting for just the right light for a photo-

graph), he was also at home in "this more subtle terrain" and liked to keep a six-pack chilling in the nearby brook.

A swig of beer in a paper cup provided an appropriate toast to Mauri. More fitting, however, is that his name will now be permanently part of the AT system and of the state he affirmed was "God's country."

A FOND FAREWELL

by Rob Badger

With fear and trepidation, Carolyn and I embark upon a new chapter of our lives. In August, we will be moving to Blacksburg, Virginia so that I can pursue a PhD in geochemistry at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

The past 4 1/2 years in Vermont have been terrific, enhanced considerably by hikes with the Green Mountain Club. Our first GMC hike was just two weeks after moving east, when we accompanied Carl Schmidt and crew on the moonlight hike to Minerva Hinchey Shelter (still Sunny-side at that time) in December, 1978. Since then we have hiked into and around ponds, up and down mountains, crawled through a few caves, backpacked in sub-zero weather, and generally experienced the outdoors in places and at times we would not normally have ventured on our own.

The essence of an outing club is for its members to share in the enjoyment of its outings, to learn of new places and to try new endeavors (winter backpacking!). In each category the Killington Section of the GMC excels. It has indeed been a pleasure to be associated with this group of people, and we eagerly hope to be associated with a similar outing club in Virginia. Blacksburg is only 25 miles from the Appalachian Trail, so if any of you are down in southwestern Virginia or hiking through on the AT, give us a call and pay us a visit. We'll be in the phone book.

Our farewells are not final. I am

leaving the door open to return to Vermont Marble/OMYA upon completion of the PhD in four years. Even if we do not return full time, we will always have family ties that will bring us back and give us chance to once again join you on a hike.

Happy Trails.

HELPING HANDS

by Al Pulling

About a month ago, plans were made to relocate the outhouse at Gov. Clement Shelter. My son Steve and I went down with all the necessary tools. We did not need jackets, for sure, that day!

We encountered several good-sized rocks while digging. They had to come out, or at least we thought so. While we were tugging on two good-sized ones, two hikers came along and very graciously helped us. With the four of us, we got them out. These hikers' names were Joe Pugana, from Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and Tony Parise, from Attleboro, Massachusetts.

Thanks again for your help, Joe and Tony!

NEW MEMBERS

Davis, W. Beverly 375B West Street Rutland, VT 05701	Melosh, Penny, Nick & Greg Box 236 E. Wallingford, VT 05742
Lewis, Bill 47 Pleasant St. Rutland, VT 05701	Parker, Shirley N. P.O. Box 1627 Rutland, VT 05701
Massey, Jim RD#2 Ludlow, VT 05149	Peet, Harry 113 1/2 Barre St. Montpelier, VT 05602



PADDLING AND PORTAGING

by Carol Chapman

I had often thought I'd enjoy an Outward Bound experience. This summer's GMC excursion, a canoe trip in Ontario's Quetico Provincial Park, was a close second. The prospect of eleven days of canoeing through this wilderness of big lakes and spruce woods was more than I could resist.

Early in the morning of July 30th 24 excited GMC'ers set forth from the Essex Junction Amtrak station for the first leg of our journey. We ranged in age from 31 to 65 and represented a variety of occupations, among them secretaries, a plumber, teachers, a doctor and nurses -- people brought together by a mutual love of the outdoors and canoe camping.

The train ride gave us the opportunity to get acquainted and to view the scenery from the Vista Dome car. Our anticipation grew as we passed lakes Ontario and Superior and vast expanses of forests and lakes with ducks and loons the only visible inhabitants.

Two days after leaving Vermont as we paddled across French Lake, our put-in site, we were greeted by a bald eagle who swooped low overhead and a pair of loons who swam nearby before disappearing into the water.

Two days of canoeing and portaging convinced us we needed to separate the "men from the boys." Eight of the more ambitious and stalwart members of the group chose a longer, more difficult route.

I was relieved that we wouldn't have to keep pace with them. The remaining 16 of us traveled a loop of about 60 miles and made 15 portages.

Even though I had spent the month of July trying to get into condition with push ups, aerobic exercise and several canoe outings, I found the portaging very difficult. In studying the map before the trip, those little "P's" (portages) dotted along our route looked so insignificant, but in reality they were a challenge. My portaging practice on a

smooth, dirt road on Burton Island was a far cry from the rocky, slippery, muddy, uneven ground of the portage trails.

When one of the men offered to carry my canoe at the first portage I gratefully said "yes." Even so, the job of carrying our packs was a formidable one. The food packs, which gradually lightened, started out at 60 to 70 pounds.

Once, because I couldn't see the corduroy road beneath the mud, I sank in up to my knee. My canoe partner had to take off my pack before I could extract my leg from the mire.

One weary man, carrying a heavy load, commented "How much are we paying to do all this work?"

But the rewards were there to compensate....The families of loons swimming close enough to photograph, the tasty pickerel caught just before supper, lake water pure enough to drink, blueberries ripe and ready for picking, the colorful carpet of a variety of mosses and lichens, day after day of sunny blue skies, frequent swims to cool off, evening song-fests with readings of Robert Service's poems, a spectacular display of northern lights, and the camaraderie with others who share a love of nature.

By the tracks and droppings we knew that moose and bear were present. One determined man who arose at five and paddled to a clearing was rewarded by seeing a cow moose, the only one sighted on our trip.

Mosquitoes, however, were not so elusive. You could set your watch every evening by the arrival of the 8:30 battalion.

The cooperation of everyone in the group was vital in portaging, cooking, and clean-up and in selecting campsites -- the last causing the most controversy. It wasn't always easy to find the required number of tenting spaces and we learned to be less fussy about the slope and rockiness of the ground.

On August 11th, the final day of our canoeing, there were mixed feelings as we paddled back across French Lake. We were eager for a glass of ice water, a cold beer, ice cream, a hot shower and a

comfortable bed, but sad and reluctant to give up the beauty and peace of the lake country, the joys of simple living close to the earth, and the warm fellowship we had shared.

TACONIC CREST TRAIL IN VERMONT, N.Y. & MASS.

by Ray Catozzi
June 26, 1983

This is the first time in all the many years of leading hikes that I have started out from Koltonski Fire Station all alone. That's what I said -- all alone! I was the sole entry this day for the Killington Section.

So what options does a hike leader have when there are no hikers to lead? Well, he could cancel out, or he could go it alone, or he could be lucky as I was. I had invited members of the Bennington Section to join us on this hike as we would be right in their territory, and on the night before I called one of them to find that two of them were eager and ready to go.

So off I drove to Bennington and then to North Pownal, where Donna Kirk of Hoosic Falls, N.Y. and Holly Wilson of No. Bennington pulled in by the country store just as I did. Leaving one car at the Hoosic River, we proceeded to Petersburg Pass, doing most of our climbing this day by car.

The Taconic Crest Trail runs about 30 miles from No. Pownal, Vt. to Berry Pond, Mass. We were doing the northern 7.8 mile segment, with the northernmost 1 1/2 miles in Vermont.

The trail had very few ups or downs as it followed the ridge north, and many views were to be had along the way. One to the west overlooked Petersburg, N.Y. on N.Y. Rte. 22. To the east views of Mount Greylock, Massachusetts' highest mountain, and the greyhound racetrack in southwest Vermont were enjoyed.

A short side trail led down the east slope to a sink hole at the base of a ledge. Called Snow Hole, it really did have snow still, way down at the bottom.

But the biggest and most delightful surprise of the whole trip was coming down off the ridge into Vermont, where we hiked through 3/4 of a mile of head-high mountain laurel in full bloom. A most beautiful sight, one not to be easily forgotten.

So folks, you missed a real good one, all that is except one from the Killington Section and twice that from the Bennington Section.



MYSTERY HIKE

by Ray Catozzi
July 31, 1983

About 20 hikers showed up for this one, which was 19 more than on my Taconic Crest trip. I guess a lot of folks still like a little mystery in their life. Even two visitors to Vermont that week joined us for the day. Florence and Phil Weiss said they belonged to a hiking club in New York City but not the G.M.C.

Where did we go? Over to Sherburne on Route 100, then up the Doubleday Mt. Road, rather steeply for one half mile or so. Then onto an abandoned development road that led, at rather easy grades in most places, to just under the summit of Wolf Hill, an outlying mountain of modest height of about 2500 feet.

At a couple of switchbacks near the top of the road, we had nice views of Killington and Pico Peaks, just as we crossed over the town-county line into Stockbridge of Windsor County. This line goes right over the top of Wolf Hill.

Berry picking, mostly raspberries, was an extra treat, both going up and coming down after lunch. Some even picked enough to take home, for pies no doubt.

An afterthought to this one is that we should have more mystery hikes to get the folks out!

SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

Editor - Carol Chapman; Assistant
Editor & Typist - Jake Sherman; Illustrations - Sue Thomas

POEMS ON FIREWOOD

by Jack Crowther

Some of you have probably seen this poem by Celia Congreve, but it's a nice one to reread every now and then. Informative too.

FIREWOODS

Beachwood fires are bright and clear
If the logs are kept a year.
Oakens burn steadily
If the wood is old and dry.
Chestnut's only good they say
If for long it's laid away.
But ash new or ash old
Is fit for a queen with a crown of gold.

Birch and fir logs burn too fast --
Blaze up bright but do not last.
It is by the Irish said,
Hawthorne breaks the sweetest bread.
But ash green or ash brown
Is fit for a queen with a golden crown.

Elm wood burns like churchyard mould,
E'en the very flames are cold.
Poplar gives a bitter smoke,
Fills your eyes and makes you choke.
Apple wood will scent your room
With an incense-like perfume.
But ash wet or ash dry
For a queen to warm her slippers by.

When this was posted on the bulletin board at work, a few of the poetically inclined added their own wooden verses (pun intended) as follows:

Wood wet or wood dry
Does it matter to I?
Just as long as it is wood,
You bet your booties, it burn good.

This one was titled "Paeon to Trees," but it has a grudging note to it:

Oak, pine, fir, beech, birch, poplar,
elder, alder/ Maple, elm, apple, cherry,
dogwood, redwood, peach/ Plum pear,
cedar, hemlock, hornbeam, linden, hickory
You can burn every (expletive deleted)
one of them.

I'd like to give credit to the authors of these lines, but for some reason none signed his name.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Fall 1983 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Raymond Catozzi, Pres., 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; Olga Laird, Sec., Chasanna Drive, 773-7448; or W. Churchill Scott, Treas., RFD 1, Chasanna Drive, 775-1494.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Oct. 1 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	GREEN MT., Mt. Tabor, via Long Trail from Black Branch. 5 mi., moderate. John & Emma Hughes, 775-4078
Oct. 9 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	FALL FOLIAGE hike on Dorset Peak. 6 mi., some steep ascents. Harold Rogers, 775-4471
Oct. 15-16 (Sat.-Sun.)	7:30 A.M.	END-TO-END, Lake Mansfield Trail to Rt. 2, 17 mi. Bring tent. Rob & Sue Carey,
Oct. 22 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	SLACK HILL, Plymouth, 3 mi., easy. For information, call 773-6997.
Oct. 30 (Sun.)	8:30 A.M.	CHATEAUGAY TO RIVER ROAD on the Appalachian Trail, 7 mi., moderate. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
Nov. 5 (Sat.)		DORSET CAVE, for experienced spelunkers. <u>MEMBERS ONLY</u> . Call for specific instructions. Rob & Sue Carey,
Nov. 6 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	ANNUAL VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE, East Mt., Mendon. Moderate, 3 mi. Joe Valiquette, 773-8745
Nov. 19 (Sat.)	5:00 P.M.	COVERED DISH SUPPER, Tamarack Notch. <u>MEMBERS ONLY</u> . Bring hot dish, salad, or dessert and your own place setting. Program. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Dec. 4 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	INMAN POND, Fair Haven. 4 mi., easy. Churchill Scott, 775-1494
Dec. 10 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	YOUNG'S CAMP, Blue Ridge. 3 mi., moderate. Snow shoes, not appropriate for skis. Virginia Young, 775-1494
Dec. 17 (Sat.)	6:00 P.M.	MOONLIGHT HIKE, Clarendon Shelter, 2 mi., easy. <u>MEMBERS ONLY</u> . Skis or snowshoes. Sue Thomas, 773-2185
Dec. 31 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	FREEDLEY QUARRY, Dorset. Third annual ice skating party. Ski or snowshoe one mi. to quarry, bring skates and lantern. Rob & Sue Carey,

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO THE HIKING AREA.. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR HIKE LEADER.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 0570.



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Perkins
4812 Lebanon Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28212



Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 36, NUMBER 4

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

OCT.-DEC., 1983

MYSTERY CANOE TRIP

by Steve Pulling
September 10, 1983

For those of you who don't know me, I am a sales representative for a local concern. Last week we had a sales meeting which was comprised of many different subjects, one being a poorly disguised pep talk. During this talk our area manager told us, "You have to enjoy your job to be good at it, but you must love your job in order to succeed."

I've related that statement to our canoe trip: you'd have to love canoeing before you could enjoy the trip we took!

Actually the canoe trip wasn't all that bad, but the weather forecast scared some people away.

Sept. 10th was a chilly day, but nine of us braved it out and drove to Wallingford where we launched our canoes in Otter Creek and headed for Rutland.

I had figured that the heavy rain the night before the trip would raise the water level for some good canoeing. WRONG! The water was shallow! We did almost as much pushing and poling as we did canoeing.

The shallow water did a number on our time schedule. We had to pull the canoes out of the water at 4:30 P.M. only half way to our destination.

For the nine of us that went (six Killington Section, two Breadloaf Section, and one member-at-large), we had a good time laughing about the real shallow parts and the log jams we had to work through.

The panorama included waterfowl, good views of Pico and Killington Peaks, large schools of fish, and two crows which were noted to be pestering a poor old owl.

All in all it was a fun trip despite the obstacles and chilly weather.

This year, although 14 people had signed up to go, only nine showed up in the end. It took a lot of unnecessary time, planning and arrangements to transport the extra canoes. For next year's canoe trip it'll be required to pay in advance to reserve the canoes so that we may spare any one person an inconvenience.



ABBOT POND AND COBBLE CAVES

by Rob Carey
Sept. 25, 1983

Six hikers came out for this double attraction trip. We hiked up to the pond at a fairly steady pace, but stopped at a bridge with a view of a cascade for a while. The first part of the trail was all uphill, while the last part was mostly level. During our leisurely lunch at the pond we heard other hikers. When they arrived I recognized them as Burlington Section members. They too were on a section outing. After hiking back to the cars we were ready for the caves.

Cobble Caves are a short steep climb up from the road. The Flatroom caves were almost high enough to stand up in. Bristol Cave had several small crawlways to work through. Only one person got stuck and we were able to get him out. We could go far enough in to be completely in the dark when all lights were turned off. On the hike down we had excellent views of the surrounding area. Caves are a lot of fun to visit, but I would not like to live in one.



GREEN MOUNTAIN

by John and Emma Hughes
October 1, 1983

The weather was cloudy and misty when the group of nine hikers met at Main Street Park. We drove to the Long Trail parking lot on U.S.F.R. #10 in Mount Tabor.

The trail to Little Rock Pond is much used and we saw other hikers and fishermen along the way. We went along the east side of the pond to the outlet on the north end. A small foot bridge crosses the outlet and the trail is marked by blue blazes for the rest of the way.

The climb to Green Mountain starts here and becomes steep. In some places there are open ledges which give views to the north and east. We had lunch at one of these areas. Cloudy weather dimmed the usually bright colors of the autumn leaves. After lunch we continued the climb to the top. The views were to the east where the ledges are. The trail then gradually descends down the other side through thick softwood trees.

I think this part of the trail was not very old and was very well cleared. The blazes seemed far apart when we reached the hardwoods and I had to look for them even though Rascal seemed to know the way. There was one more clearing near the end of the hike which offered a good view of Mt. Tabor.

The hike turned out longer than estimated and Ira Hawley had a pedometer which recorded a few extra miles which I hope were enjoyed by all.

DORSET PEAK

by Harold Rogers
October 9, 1983

The weather looked discouraging on the morning of the hike. We would probably have had a much larger turnout if the sun had been shining. Seven of us left the fire station soon after nine in the morning. I picked up two teenagers in Clarendon, one of whom was my grandson. Bob and Sue Carey joined us in Wallingford making a total of eleven for the hike.

We drove to Dorset Hollow which is south of Dorset Peak. We left our cars near the end of the road.

The first part of the hike was easy walking on a log road with very little incline for about three-quarters of a mile. We were in a wooded area, but the leaves hadn't turned at all.

The road got rougher and steeper. The loggers had bulldozed a road nearly to the saddle from which we could look north and see Danby Four Corners. This was very steep walking. The cool, cloudy weather was good for walking but poor for visibility. At the saddle there is a road down to Danby Four Corners and another leading east to Dorset Peak. We followed the steep Dorset Peak road from which we had some good views of Danby Four Corners.

When we came to a small board with an arrow burned into it, we turned to the path to the peak. It was well traveled so we had no trouble following it. We were in an area of stunted evergreen trees with no view.

When we reached the top the sky was still cloudy. We had hoped to be able to signal Churchill Scott on Killington, but the weather did not cooperate. The sun did break through for a minute, but Sue Thomas got to it first and used it all. The top of the peak has trees on it, but there are some good views of other mountains on a good day.

While we were on our way down the sun finally did come out to stay and we enjoyed some good foliage views. About half way down we had a good look at the

rock or mud slide which lies to the west of the road. The slide is still bare near the top but has some growth near the bottom.

After seven hours we arrived back in Rutland at 4:00 P.M., having walked about five and one half miles and climbed to a 3700-foot elevation.

A nice hike and lots of fun.

LAKE MANSFIELD TO JONESVILLE BACKPACK

by Rob Carey
October 15-16

Seven members enjoyed this moderate two day hike. They were Roma, Al, Steve and Becky Pulling, Sue Thomas, and Rob and Sue Carey. We planned it as a last trip of the fall and the weather confirmed those plans. Saturday started out cool, almost downright cold with the wind at Lake Mansfield. Fortunately we had a steady uphill to start to warmup. By the time we reached the Long Trail at Taylor Lodge it was time for a snack.

During the afternoon's hike we passed several areas of beaver activity, but didn't see any beaver. We did get some good views, including one excellent view of our starting point at Lake Mansfield. By our afternoon stop at Puffer Shelter it had turned colder. So much so that it was starting to snow and stay on the trees! We pushed on over the top of Bolton Mountain and then reached the recent relocation. Good tent sites are non-existent due to the rough ground at that elevation, but we found a usable area at about 5:00 P.M. Maybe we got less fussy? Although Al got a fire going, it was too cold and smoky to sit around it long, so we all went to bed by 7:30 P.M.

Sunday morning was cool but comfortable for hiking. At Harrington's view it was warm enough for some to take off their long johns. We made good time all morning as the trail was almost all downhill. We stopped for lunch in a field at the Bolton Notch Road. With the sun out it was warm and pleasant. Sue

Thomas brought out the bottle of champagne that she had carried to celebrate Steve and Becky's anniversary. Steve was amazed that she had carried it all that time. It was too cold to have it Saturday night.

Later Sunday afternoon we had spectacular views of Camel's Hump and Robbins Mountain. There was still some foliage at the lower elevations. We stopped at one viewpoint for about 3/4 of an hour to fully enjoy it.

Fall is definitely a good time for backpacking, just take along an extra sweater.



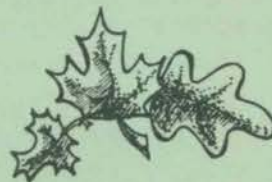
SLACK HILL--PLYMOUTH

by Ira and Irene Hawley
October 22, 1983

It was a clear crisp 25 degrees when 17 enthusiastic hikers met at the park. Forty-five minutes later all were fitted with packs to start a walk which was not billed as having spectacular views. At a clear stream Churchill Scott filled two gallon jugs which he toted for future hot chocolate and coffee.

At midday we reached a picnic area complete with tables and grilles. Soon a small but hot fire was burning. A near casualty occurred as the wood handle on the teapot caught fire. It appeared the walk had sharpened appetites and good conversation followed.

It was all downgrade from here. As we arrived back at our cars all agreed it had been an enjoyable and interesting day. Not too long and not too short.



CHATEAUGUAY TO RIVER ROAD

by Churchill Scott

October 30, 1983

It was a good day to hike on the A.T. and almost 20 folks took advantage of the typical fall weather.

The road above Briggs looks much different after a lapse of many years, so it took us a bit to find the A.T. parking area. A good early start enabled us to reach Stony Brook Shelter shortly after 11:00 P.M. At this point we had come just less than two miles and 4.1 to go.

After negotiating a log crossing of a small ravine and after several of the party nearly got themselves lost, we reached the top of the last ridge where we found a good spot to lunch. During the final downhill stretch of the hike we enjoyed good views of Kent Pond and later of Pico and Killington Peaks, the latter already snow covered on the upper trails.

At the end of our trip on the River Road, while waiting for our cars to be picked up at Chateaugay, was perhaps the only uncomfortable part of the day, for with the sun going down and the north wind increasing it had grown rather cool.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

by Roma Pulling

November 19, 1983

Finding something different to write about the recurring events on our schedule, or perhaps a different way of writing it, is always a challenge for the reporter. But that's what inspires us to return year after year, isn't it? The familiarity of it all.

We returned to Rotary Cabin at Tamarack Notch for our annual supper. We need a larger place but have none in mind and are grateful to the Congregational Church for making it available.

The first step on arriving at the cabin is to get a fire built in the

stove. We're indebted to Steve Pulling for going up early to attend to this chore and for furnishing some of the wood.

The food, contributed pot luck style, was delicious as always. After eating we recognized some people celebrating November birthdays and an anniversary and got comfortable for the slide show. Ted and Winnie Shambo showed pictures of their trip to Katahdin and some of their hikes in Vermont, a most excellent presentation. Thanks, Ted and Winnie.

See you all at next year's supper.

EXCERPTS OF A LETTER FROM RACHELCHARLAND

I went on my second and last hike in Utah this month on August 16th. A young Mormon couple and their fifteen month old daughter, Ember, accompanied me for 1.5 miles on the steep side of Timpanogos, a 12,000 foot snow-capped mountain. It's name means "rock river."

Any hiking beyond the 6,000 foot level is at one's own risk and hikers must have special equipment because of the numerous small glaciers that look lovely but are treacherous. Two hikers had to be rescued from the top last Saturday. Many legends are told regarding various parts of the mountain.

There are three caves connected by man-made tunnels. The first cave was discovered by Martin Hansen in 1887. Believe it or not, he followed a cougar into this cave. The other two caves were not found until 1921. Three hours are needed by the best of hikers on a PAVED route. The caves are 1,000 feet above the canyon floor. So people are really standing and "ahing" at 7,000 feet as they wind their way assisted by a volunteer guide throughout the caves.

You'll have to ask Rob Carey about those ice-like shapes that hang from the roof of a cave and also come up from the floor. There were clusters of ice-like

formations also. As we started early, by noontime we were down at the base where we enjoyed a lovely picnic lunch.

Editor's Note: Rachael wrote a longer, detailed description of the geology of the cave. If you would like to read it, please call Carol Chapman.

In her latest letter Rachael tells us that she has moved to Duluth. Guess you were homesick for Vermont's cold and snowy winters, huh, Rae?

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING

by Roma Pulling, Chairman

Several people have expressed ignorance of our method of planning hikes; so perhaps a report of a typical meeting will clear this up.

The Outings Committee of the Killington section of the Green Mountain Club held their regular quarterly meeting at the home of the chairman at 7:30 in the evening on November 29, 1983. Thirteen people were present.

Rob and Sue Carey offered to lead a mystery hike with four to five miles of moderate hiking. This was set for Saturday, January 14, 1984, at 9:00 A.M. at their request.

Steve Pulling arrived late, but volunteered to lead a hike on Clark Hill in West Rutland on Saturday, Jan. 21. This trip was estimated at seven miles; so it was decided to rate it as difficult because of the high mileage and to start at 8:00 A.M.

Churchill Scott's contribution will be a hike in the Pinney Hollow area of Plymouth, ending at Crooked Shelter. This was deemed to be four miles of easy hiking and scheduled for January 29 at 9:30 A.M. When it is convenient for the leaders, we try to alternate Saturday and Sunday hikes to accommodate as many hikers as possible.

Next, the chairman announced two outings that were arranged before the meeting. Our winter week-end is an annual event and has been held at Merck

Forest in Rupert for several years. This was arranged by letter and phone for the weekend of Feb. 4 and 5. On February 11 we welcome a new hike leader, Krissy Nadler, whose grandmother, Anna Nyiri, has led several hikes for us. Krissy will start near her home in West Rutland and follow a power line to the West Proctor Road. Snowshoes are recommended for this easy three-mile hike.

John and Emma Hughes volunteered to lead a six mile hike up Wilder Mountain in Wallingford on February 18, starting at 9:00 A.M. This is a moderate hike for snowshoers only.

On February 26 Ray Catozzi will attempt the easy, two-mile hike from Bellevue Avenue Extension to the chairman's house that had to be abandoned last year because of wet conditions. He will start at 1:00 P.M. and will climax with refreshments at the chairman's in front of the fireplace.

Harold Rogers' offering is a moderate, 6 mile hike, starting at Rte. 103, passing Clarendon Shelter and on to Fox Lot in Shrewsbury, returning the same way. This was set for March 10 at 9:00 A.M.

March 17 was set as the date for another of our annual events, the popular sugar-on-snow party. This will be held at the chairman's house with Janet Martin boiling the syrup again. Sorry--Members Only!

The last date on the winter schedule will be for the Killington Section annual meeting, being held at 7:00 P.M., March 31 at the Methodist Church on Williams Street.

All the hikes will be for hiking, skiing or snowshoeing unless otherwise indicated and as conditions permit.

Their work completed, the members enjoyed hot beverages and freshly baked brownies before dispersing.

We welcome new hike leaders at any time, also suggestions for activities may be made by calling 773-6997. The next meeting will be held February 28, 1984, same time, same place.

A BELATED THANK YOU

Oops, I goofed. When I wrote the article in the last issue of Smoke & Blazes about relocating the outhouse at Governor Clement Shelter, some names were omitted.

Rob and Sue Carey came down Sunday morning and very graciously helped us with the "refreshing" part of the job. Thanks to you, Rob and Sue, for your help also.

--Al Pulling

THE HIKES THAT WEREN'T

If anyone is looking for reports on Stratton Mountain, Dorset Cave or the Valiquette Memorial Hike, you will not find them. This is not because of negligent writers but rather the bad weather which caused all three to be cancelled.

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Ruth Gibbud, Drake Road, Bomoseen, VT 05732

Robert Gunn, 48 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, VT 05701

Linda Krasner, R.R. 194, Wallingford, VT 05773

New address:

Rachael Charland, c/o YWCA Room 204,
202 W. Second St., Duluth, MN 55806.

SEEN AND HEARD

Good luck to longtime KS member and past president Janet Martin, who has been nominated for Vermont Mother of the Year. No one deserves the title more.

And did everyone recognize the two girls on the front page of the Dec. 1 HERALD as Smoke & Blazes Asst. Editor Jake Sherman's charming daughters?

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte. 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
c/o V. Young -- R.D.#1
Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$12.00	Spouse	\$10.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Junior (to 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	6.00		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Winter 1984 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Raymond Catozzi, Pres., 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; Olga Laird, Sec., Chasanna Drive, 773-7448; or W. Churchill Scott, Treas., RFD #1, Chasanna Drive, 775-1494.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Jan. 14 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE, 4-5 mi., moderate. Rob & Sue Carey, 446-2830
Jan. 21 (Sat.)	8:00 A.M.	CLARK HILL, West Rutland, 7 mi., difficult. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
Jan. 29	9:30 A.M.	PINNEY HOLLOW area, Plymouth, hike to Crooked Shelter, 4 mi., easy. Churchill Scott, 775-1494
Feb. 4-5 (Sat.-Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	WINTER WEEKEND, Merck Forest, Rupert. Day hikers welcome. Those staying overnight must register in advance and will be charged a fee. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Feb. 11 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WEST RUTLAND to West Proctor Road, Rutland, following power line right of way. Snowshoes recommended. 3 mi., easy. Krissy Nadler, 438-5298
Feb. 18 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WILDER MT., Wallingford, 6 mi., moderate. Snowshoes only. John & Emma Hughes, 775-4078
Feb. 26 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	BELLEVUE AVENUE EXTENSION to Post Road, 2 mi., easy. Coffee at Pullings. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Mar. 10 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	ROUTE 103 to FOX LOT, Shrewsbury, past Clarendon Shelter, 6 mi., moderate. Harold Rogers, 775-4471
Mar. 17 (Sat.)	2:00 P.M.	SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY, Pulling home, <u>Members only</u> . Fee will be charged.
Mar. 31 (Sat.)	7:00 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING, Methodist Church on Williams Street. Don't miss your one chance each year to participate actively in your club's organization. Program and refreshments.

NOTE: All the hikes will be for hiking, skiing or snowshoeing unless otherwise indicated and as conditions permit.

PLEASE BRING LUNCH ON THE DAY HIKES. WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO THE HIKING AREA. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE AND REPRESENT ROUND TRIPS. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR LEADER.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMD
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



MR AND MRS ROBERT PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28212

PERKROB :Sf

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Binder #1	1948 - 1954
Binder #2	1955 - 1962
Binder #3	1963 - 1975
Binder #4	1976 - 1983
Binder #5	1984 - 1991
Binder #6	1992 - 2001
Binder #7	2002 - Date

A Note About Numbers

Smoke and Blazes started in 1948 as a monthly publication and continued so until about 1959 when it became a bimonthly. In about 1967 it switched to quarterly publication. Occasionally issues were skipped, especially in 1970 and 1971.

In general each calendar year was assigned a new "Volume" and "Numbers" were assigned consecutively from "1" through each year.

There is some lack of consistency in the months of publication, and there are some out-and-out errors in the numbering.

The following Table of Contents lists the issues in this binder showing the Volume, Number, and Date as printed, and, where different, what the Volume, Number, and Date probably should have been.

Dedication

This set of copies of Smoke and Blazes is donated to the Rutland Historical Society in memory of my parents, Mary and Craigie Perkins and my aunt, Vera Perkins. They conceived the idea for a Killington Section newsletter in 1948 and served as editors and publishers for the first several years of its existence, cutting stencils, and running mimeograph copies in our living room. They continued as frequent contributors to the publication and as active members of the Club for over a half century. Fortunately, Dad had a pack rat proclivity which I seem to have inherited. By combining his collection of Smoke and Blazes with mine, I have been able to put together this complete run of the publication.

Bob Perkins
Rutland, VT
April, 1999

Table of Contents

Smoke and Blazes

Binder #5

Vol.	As printed		Year	Probably should be			
	No.	Issue		Vol.	No.	Issue	Year
37	1	Jan-Mar	84				
37	2	Apr-Jun	84				
37	3	Jul-Sep	84				
37	4	Oct-Dec	84				
38	1	Jan-Mar	85				
38	2	Apr-Jun	85				
38	3	Jul-Sep	85				
38	4	Oct-Dec	85				
39	1	Jan-Mar	86				
39	2	Apr-Jun	86				
39	3	Jul-Sep	86				
39	4	Oct-Dec	86				
40	1	Jan-Mar	87				
40	2	Apr-Jun	87				
40	3	Jul-Sep	87				
40	4	Oct-Dec	87				
41	1	Mar	88				
41	2	Jul	88				
41	3	Oct	88				
41	4	Jan	89	42	1	Jan	89
42	1	Apr	89	42	2	Apr	89
42	2	Jul	89	42	3	Jul	89
42	3	Oct	89	42	4	Oct	89
42	4	Jan	90	43	1	Jan	90
43	1	Apr	90	43	2	Apr	90
43	2	Jul	90	43	3	Jul	90
43	3	Oct	90	43	4	Oct	90
43	4	Jan	91	44	1	Jan	91
44	1	Apr	91	44	2	Apr	91
44	2	Jul	91	44	3	Jul	91
44	3	Oct	91	44	4	Oct	91



VOLUME 37, NUMBER 1

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JAN.-MAR., 1984

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: STATE OF THE
SECTION

Killington Section Annual Meeting time is upon us, and once again it is time to take stock of ourselves as a public hiking, recreational and service organization.

There are many areas of operation to touch upon and a few that require a bit more reviewing and commenting.

Things are going great in the outing scheduling, the availability of many leaders, and a very busy and varied schedule. Our publicity is getting almost legendary, it has been so consistently there, good, and on time.

Financing the section's many activities is still progressing smoothly, due largely to the Kirk Fund which pays all our trails & shelter expenses. Because of this fund, our other income is more than matching our remaining expenses, a fact that could keep our dues rates from rising for a long period of time.

It is in the area of trails and shelters of the Killington Section that the greatest amount of activity is taking place. Aside from our responsibility for 21 miles of Long Trail between Vt. 140 and U.S. 4 with its shelters, and the connecting side trails, (which we feel we respond to adequately with our limited person power) there are all the recent past changes and the near future changes going on. Massive relocations of many miles of our section's trails as well as one shelter have given some cause for concern among our membership, especially the projected relocation over Little Killington, and across possible new ski areas of the Sherburne Corp.

Negotiations for easement through this new area were conducted by both the Green Mountain Club and the National Park Service, and we understand it was a long

tough process to arrive at the easement contract. However, many individuals, and wilderness and environmental organizations, have expressed their dissatisfaction over this settlement.

Even the Killington Section, through its board of directors, has discussed at length and finally come to a stated position regarding this controversial issue. (See Killington Section Position Statement elsewhere in this issue.) While many of us in the section regret having to disagree with our parent organization on this issue, we feel it is our duty as protectors and maintainers of this, our section of the Long Trail, to take this stand.

GMC officialdom, as well as other sections of the club not directly affected by this settlement, may find it difficult to understand why we have taken this position, but this has taken place in our section, and on the mountain that is our section's namesake. We are directly involved.

We want to see it stay as wild and unchanged as humanly possible and we as a section are going to work together toward that goal.

Other trail relocations that are less controversial and in keeping with the Scenic Trail Act mandates are also listed in the Killington Section Position Statement. Most are good improvements.

Also the former Wade property at the Route 103 Long Trail crossing is going to be further cleaned up and dressed out more like an organized parking lot.

So, all in all, things look good for the Killington Section for the near future, in spite of our jumping onto a controversial bandwagon, so to speak.

Once again I want to express my thanks to the board, the committee chairmen,

the hike leaders, and all those who worked so unselfishly on all the various activities that have made 1983 such a successful year

Ray Catozzi
--Ray Catozzi

CRAIGUE PERKINS

One of Killington Section's longest standing members, Craig Perkins, has partially come out of political retirement. In the town of Mendon where he now lives, he assisted a group of concerned town citizens to inform the electorate of the facts concerning Sherburne Corp.'s request to build more ski areas in the Parker's Gore East area of Mendon. (It is through the Parker's Gore West area that the controversial relocation of the Killington Long Trail is supposed to take place.) Although only an advisory vote, it went decisively against the Corp. by a margin of 239 to 163.

We have also discovered, by perusing Killington Section's oldest record book, that Craig and his wife, Mary, joined the section as members 50 years ago in January, 1934. Congratulations, you two! May you continue to enjoy your faithful membership in the Green Mountain Club and to hang tough for our fragile wilderness.

INMAN POND

by Rob Carey
December 4, 1983



This hike was different because it was led by a Committee of the Whole, the whole being the 11 people and one dog who were not deterred by the forecast of sleet and freezing rain. Churchill had thoroughly scouted the trip and gave us written directions and a map.

We found the start of the hike at the Fair Haven chlorinator station with little difficulty. Soon we reached the first of several junctions that were not on the map or in the directions. We took the right fork, and soon decided it wasn't right. After some discussion and 12 opinions we followed Rascal's advice. He had started off down an earlier fork that proved to be correct.

Reaching our destination before 11:00 a.m. resulted in another problem. Start a fire for lunch or hike around some more? By this time it was snowing steadily and the wind was blowing harder, resulting in the early lunch faction winning. Once we got the fire going, it burned like a blowtorch because of the wind. After lunch the hike back was uneventful. By then there was enough snow for some to consider skiing after they got home, and at least one person did.



YOUNG'S CAMP

by Virginia Young
December 10, 1983

There was a bit of snow, just enough to make a hike in the woods enjoyable, when about a dozen of us took a walk to Virginia Young's camp on Blue Ridge, "Camp Kno-Deer."

Parking off Meadow Lake Drive we climbed easily for a short distance on one more big wide development road. Next we were on a more typical abandoned town road with a pretty brook on one side and a ledge on the other.

About a mile of gentle hiking got us to our destination. At that time a big decision was settled and the ambitious ones hiked on to Sam Young Jr.'s where a westerly view took in the Taconics and Adirondacks, while the older folks stayed behind, built a fire and warmed up the water.

The return trip was made along another lumber road past "Sheet Iron Flats," and over a narrow 4"x4" beam. Fortunately everyone was able to navigate this with ease.

We were glad to see everyone and only wish that more had come out with us.



MOONLIGHT IN VERMONT

by Sue Thomas

December 17, 1983



The weather was somewhat windy and cold on Dec. 17, but a good-sized crowd turned out anyway for the annual moonlight hike, this year to Clarendon Shelter. This was my first attempt at leading a hike, and I did a truly inspiring job of it, missing the shelter completely. Those stupid enough to follow their leader might have turned ugly about the time we reached Killington had not Steve Pulling reeled us in as we passed.

Despite a lack of firewood in the area, we soon had a comforting fire and water a-boil for hot drinks, and goodies donated by several hikers. After Christmas caroling around the fire, most returned to their nice warm beds, leaving the usual nuts (the Fanatical Four??) to brave the cold overnight. All survived, however, and it was well worth it for the roasted pineapple provided by the Careys in the morning. On the way out, we stopped to admire the view at a hunting camp, then went to inspect the camp the club recently acquired.

All in all it was a great weekend, the campfire, Christmas carols and cocoa all hit the spot and made it a very warm evening, no matter what the thermometer said! (I may even lead another hike... someday.)

MYSTERY HIKE

by Rob Carey

January 14, 1984



About seven hikers met the leaders in Wallingford for this moderate hike. We were about evenly divided between snowshoers and walkers. We parked just off Rte. 140, about 1 1/2 miles west of the light in Wallingford. After passing several houses we started bushwhacking south. At this point several people said they had guesses of where we were going, but they didn't say where. The light snow falling blocked out most of the views of White Rocks, but made the woods beautiful. We had several chances to practice the graceful art of crossing old fences while wearing snowshoes. Af-

ter we crossed a nice stream, we turned east and downhill. By then several hikers were sure of the destination. It was our house, where we had coffee, lunch, homemade cookies, and fondant.

CLARK HILL

by Stephen Pulling

January 21, 1984



COLD! was the word of the day. When we started hiking Churchill's thermometer read 0°F and his wind gauge read 7 m.p.h. Figure it out for yourself, I don't want to know what the wind chill factor was. I'll just say cold!

After spotting a vehicle on what I call East Bird Mountain Road we drove up the Clark Hill Road in West Rutland to where the town stops plowing and only log trucks could pass. I'm sure everyone had second thoughts about getting out of their cars but nine hearty (crazy) souls accomplished this feat and met the frigid air head on.

Rob Carey made a suggestion to leave our snowshoes in the cars because the road was hard-packed by snow machines and it was a unanimous decision. Thanks, Rob, good idea. At this point we started walking along the edge of a field, past an active log landing and finally into the woods where the trees cut the wind. We walked around Clark Hill, around Herrick Mountain, and up over a pass on the logging road to a hunting camp I knew about. I didn't plan on getting to the camp until noon, but because of the cold weather we hiked much faster than expected and it was only 10:30 a.m.

I didn't hear any complaints about getting inside and starting a warm fire in the stove. A very leisurely two hour lunch was consumed because we didn't want to face the cold air again. I knew we had to leave eventually so we put on our heavy coats and packs and hiked down the pass to the East Bird Mountain Road. Thank you nine Eskimos for making this hike a memorable one.



PINNEY HOLLOW

by Churchill Scott
January 29, 1984



On Sunday, Jan. 29, about 20 of us hiked in the Pinney Hollow of Plymouth. The weather was very enjoyable and the walking easy while we were on the snow-mobile paths. Voting to take a short side trip to an open-face granite quarry, we soon ran into unbroken snow. Luckily it was only a short distance to where we had a bit of a view. Retracing our steps we were soon back to the main road and continued up toward Crooked Shelter. Passing the Ayers brothers' hunting camp, the fellows gathered some water and once again we broke trail.

At the shelter thanks to Harold's ever-present saw we had a beautiful fire and hot water for lunch. A number of G.M.C. subjects were discussed along with possible new hikes for our next schedule.

Being downhill all the way, we enjoyed the return walk even though no one visited Whetstone Brook Shelter which we caught glimpses of through the trees.

Back at the cars there were pros and cons about whether it was an easy or moderate hike. Of course all of us old-timers voted for easy, but some of the new hikers, all of whom we were glad to see, said "No way."

WINTER WEEKEND

by Roma Pulling
February 4-5, 1984



"Don't tell anyone you were too warm down here because they won't believe you." This was typical of remarks heard at our annual Merck Forest week end, and for the most part we were too warm inside. The stove with dampers that we used in Spruce leanto last year had been replaced with one with no controls. We either had no heat at all (when we wanted to boil water) or more than we needed. Sleeping bags went unzipped, and the foil blanket carried along for extra warmth remained folded on the side of the bunk.

Nancy Sugarman and Sue Thomas left Rutland Saturday morning and met Rob and Sue Carey at the forest entrance. After backpacking approximately a mile to our

leanto, they had lunch and went for a long hike between Clark's Clearing and the pond.

Meanwhile, Steve, Becky and Roma Pulling and Rascal left Rutland in mid-afternoon on Saturday and arrived at the leanto at suppertime. Following our meal we played Scrabble, read or just relaxed with a snack until time to turn in.

Sunday morning after breakfast we headed for the northeast corner of the forest, an area not previously explored by our group, and visited Stone Lot leanto. It is situated on a bank above a stream in a very pleasant location and seemed like a good destination for a future overnight trip.

On returning to Spruce, all had a quick lunch before backpacking out to the cars and starting home.

The more heavily traveled trails were very icy and were traversed only with extreme care. The early arrivals tried skis and a plastic toboggan but because of poor snow quality eventually abandoned both in favor of walking. There was some rain Saturday morning but generally good weather until Sunday afternoon, when we found we had not started home too soon. Snow had begun to fall, and driving conditions deteriorated during the afternoon. Nevertheless, all campers arrived home safely and ready to do it again next year.

WEST RUTLAND TO WEST PROCTOR ROAD

by Krissy Nadler
February 11, 1984

On Feb. 11 at 9:00 A.M., ten ambitious hikers set out for West Rutland to climb a mountain. We started on Pleasant Heights, crossed a field, and started going up, up, up. We were following a snowmobile trail and the walking was quite easy since the snow was packed down. But when we got a little farther, it became slippery and even I had trouble getting up. But we managed. Once we reached the open space a beautiful view was visible. But we continued on up 'till we reached another field. Then we crossed that and came to a barbed wire fence.

After finding an opening we crossed another field where we met two German shepherds. The kids started throwing
snowballs

up and the dogs would catch them in their mouths. But someone threw one snowball up and both dogs jumped for it. They both missed it but that snowball set off a fight between the dogs. They tore and ripped at each other's throat and soon drops of blood began spotting the snow. We were all wondering what would make them stop, when something must have attracted their attention because they ran off.

We then walked down to the road to satisfy Churchill Scott who wanted to go to the very end.

Then we walked back to the Nadlers' house and ate our lunches there. Coffee, tea, cookies, and popcorn were provided.

WILDER MOUNTAIN, WALLINGFORD

by John and Emma Hughes
February 18, 1984

It was cloudy and raining when four hikers left Main Street Park. We met two more hikers in East Wallingford. We parked the cars and walked on a road for two miles.

The rain turned to snow which stopped later. We started on the snowmobile trails which had become soft and a little slushy.

John pointed out several trails which led to ponds and other roads. When we passed a large swamp area leaders John and Emma got wet feet. We had to make a little detour to get away from the water.

As we started to climb up Wilder we had a hard time stepping into deep snow and also a lot of sliding in the slushy snow.

We reached the top and had lunch just as the fog started to come down. It was getting damp. We returned on the same trails, because the snow for side trips was too deep.

BALD MOUNTAIN

by Ray Catozzi
February 26, 1984



Twice planned, twice flooded out! The ski-snow-shoe hike tour planned for Bellevue Avenue Ext. to Pullings' house on the corner of Post Road and Woodstock Avenue has fallen victim to Mother Nature again. The first time it was scheduled for March 1983. A thaw wiped out our trail which runs through a frozen marshy area. So we put it back into February for '84, thinking it couldn't possibly thaw enough to stop us this time. You all know, and enjoyed, no doubt, the beautiful two weeks of spring weather we just had!

But nobody was complaining! - We climbed Bald Mt. instead, on a crisp, clear 20° day, all 18 of us. Going up the short way from the top of the Notch road, we followed a wide open tote road for half a mile, mostly on the level, and then hit a lesser road that started climbing. Soon we intersected the west loop of the Bald Mt. Loop Trail and proceeded to the top, gathering there just 50 minutes later.

We then moved on down a tenth of a mile to a lookout facing south and southwest. Bare and dry, the lookout afforded beautiful views of Round Mt. and Salt Ash to the south, Dorset Peak to the southwest, and a closer view of the Rutland Airport. It was so warm and windless at the lookout that everyone hated to leave even though it was past time to head back to the cars. Then nearly all proceeded over to the Pullings' house for coffee and cookies.

The plan, calling for an afternoon outing starting at 1:00 P.M., met with considerable favor with some hikers that we haven't seen very often, so we are scheduling another afternoon hike on Saturday, June 30, to White Rock Ice Beds, with a box (or day pack) supper up on the little White Rocks Lookout.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

On Tuesday, January 17 the Board of Directors of the Killington Section met at the home of Rob Carey.

On Rob Badger's written recommendation Sue Carey was unanimously elected to complete his unexpired term.

A statement prepared by Rob Carey on Killington Section's position regarding our section of the Long Trail was presented for discussion. Amendments were proposed and discussed. After much discussion it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendations as amended. The position statement follows. Amendments suggested at the 1/17/84 meeting are enclosed in parentheses.

Killington Section Management

The Section is concerned by past and future reductions to Trail quality by development, especially at higher elevations. The Long/Appalachian Trail was relocated to the west side of Snowdon Peak to avoid ski trails. The Jugger-naut Trail was abandoned as a result of extensive ski trail and work road construction. The planned Little Killington Relocation will take the LT/AT away from Tamarack Shelter and its spring. The development permitted in the easement will result in degradation of Trail quality. The Shrewsbury Peak Trail is crossed by ski trails and more development is planned in that area, further threatening trail quality.

Our Section of LT/AT consists of two parts with distinct characteristics. The part from Rt. 140 to the Upper Cold River Road is low to medium elevation. It is primarily hardwood forest. Traditionally this area has been used for multiple uses including rural housing, farming and selective cut logging. There are frequent road crossings which limit the wilderness quality of the Trail but also provide through hikers with access to supplies.

The Section of Trail from the Upper Cold River Road to Rt. 4 has no road crossings and traditionally was not developed. As a result it had a high wilderness quality as a high elevation spruce-fir forest. This remoteness has

been reduced by ski development.

Trail protection takes two forms, continuity and quality. Continuity requires a marked path that does not cross land closed to hikers. Quality is somewhat subjective, but generally requires infrequent encroachment by development, such as roads, houses, ski trails and lifts, and logging.

Specific Recommendations

RT. 140 TO MINERVA HINCHEY SHELTER. The Section approves of the proposed relocation to the west of the existing LT/AT. We do not want the Trail to follow Rt. 140 for more than one quarter mile. Sufficient parking should be provided to avoid traffic and landowner problems.

MINERVA HINCHEY SHELTER TO RT. 103. The Section supports the current acquisition of the existing route.

RT. 103 TO BEACON HILL. The Section supports the proposed relocation to the north of the present route to Clarendon Shelter. (Section sees no reason to move the Shelter).

BEACON HILL TO GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER. This rural section passes through many private landowners. Final route selection will be difficult and must be done with concern for individual landowners. Either proposed route appears acceptable. (Any move would be good.)

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER TO LITTLE KILLINGTON PEAK. The Section prefers the relocation as surveyed over the relocation proposed by Harry Peet passing over Mendon Peak. Although Mendon Peak is a scenic attraction this route would add several miles of waterless trail. Also the ridge from Mendon Peak to Little Killington borders Sherburne Corp. land, bringing the probability of development close to the Trail even with protection on state land. There should be no ski development on the Trail in this section of State Forest. A shelter and/or camping site is needed on the Trail in this section of State Forest. (Support route as surveyed.)

EASEMENT ACROSS SHERBURNE CORP. LAND (TRACT 212-01). This easement will result in degradation of Trail quality due to numerous wide ski trail crossings. (And other impediments such as ski making equipment, warming huts, glading trails, picnic tables, etc.)

COOLIDGE STATE FOREST BOUNDARY (COOPER LODGE) TO RT. 4. The existing Trail quality must be preserved. No new development should be allowed in the Trail Corridor. Although there is extensive development a short distance from the Trail, there are no crossings and only one section (about 150 feet) of LT/AT following a ski trail. Let's keep it that way. The Section will support the proposed reroute near Ramshead to put the Trail on state land if there are permanent written assurances from the state that there will be no development within 200 feet of the Trail. This permanent protection is also sought for all hiking trails maintained by the Killington Section on state land. We feel that no further expansion by the Sherburne Corporation onto state land in the area of hiking trails is warranted due to the existing and proposed extensive development on state land and land owned by Sherburne Corp. crossed by the AT easement.

Side Trails

BUCKLIN TRAIL. This Trail is primarily on State Forest Land. It must be fully protected. Minimum protection is written assurance from the State that there will be no ski trail crossings or ski trails within 200 feet. A wider buffer is preferred.

SHREWSBURY PEAK TRAIL. Trail continuity must be preserved between the LT/AT and Northam Picnic Area.

LAMB - ROGERS

Happiness is just three months away for a longtime KS member and hike leader and former member of the Board of Directors.

Harold Rogers will be married June 23. His bride will be Mrs. Alberta Lamb, proprietor of Lamb's Yarn Shop on Kendall Avenue, where they will be making their

home.

We all wish this couple the very best for their life together.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer congratulations to our friends who completed their End-to-End during 1983: Section members, Winnie Shambo, Audrey and David Barber and At-Large member, Ben Florczak.

HIKING PARTICIPATION STUDY

President Ray Catozzi has made an in-depth study of the 1983 hiking habits of KS members and friends and compiled a chart which will be available for examination. It shows that 140 individuals took part in 44 different KS activities.

Each participant is listed on the chart individually with the number of activities in which each took part. No one was able to turn out for every event -- some of us tried! -- but Sue Carey takes the honors for most with 35 followed by Rob Carey with 34 and Sue Thomas with 33.

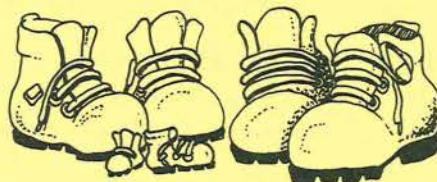
This type of analysis should help us to improve our program and appeal to more people.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Rob & Carolyn Badger
on the arrival of their new
hiking partner,

Daniel Brewster
on Jan. 19

at 7 lb. he should easily fit in the pack, right between the extra socks and the gorp!



KILLINGTON SECTION
1983 FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 1983.....\$781.40

INCOME

Dues.....\$799.00
Interest..... 61.86
Sugar on Snow..... 51.00
Donations..... 20.00
Guide Books..... 12.60
Patches..... 2.00

Total \$946.46

EXPENSES

G.M.C.....\$337.20
Dues...312.00
Guide Bks. 25.20
Smoke & Blazes..... 234.82
Donations..... 70.00
Wade Property..... 50.00
Sugar on Snow..... 37.01
Publicity 35.90
Treasurer Expense... 34.88
Postage..... 31.45
Outing..... 9.25
Dues Rebate..... 3.00

Total 843.51

1983 Income..... \$946.46
1983 Expense..... 843.51
102.95

Balance Jan. 1, 1983..... 781.40

Balance Dec. 31, 1983..... \$884.35

KIRK FUND

1st George L. Kirk Trails & Shelters
Fund as of 12/31/83
..... \$6,368.68

2nd George L. Kirk Trails & Shelters
Fund as of 12/31/83
..... \$2,069.72

Pass Book Account as of
12/31/83
..... \$ 28.18

DUES ARE DUE

This is the last issue of Smoke & Blazes to be mailed to 1983 members. Please send your 1984 dues to Churchill Scott, RFD#1, Chasanna Drive, Rutland, Vt. 05701.

OUR HIKING DAYS

"Our Creator would never have made such lovely days, and have given us the deep hearts to enjoy them, above and beyond all thought, unless we were meant to be immortal."

--Hawthorne

(contributed by Anna Nyiri)

SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

Editor: Carol Chapman
Assistant Editor and Typist: Jake Sherman
Illustrations: Sue Thomas
Mailing: Ray Catozzi, Roma Pulling, Churchill Scott

HIKING COMPANION(S) WANTED

For a week-long 70-mile backpack on the AT from Vt. 12 to Kinsman Notch, N.H. Last week in June preferable but other time between mid-June and mid-July acceptable. Plan to stay at D.O.C. cabins and lean-tos. Please contact: Jake Sherman, 48 Morse Place, Rutland, Vt. 05701; (802) 775-2784.



KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Spring 1984 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Raymond Catozzi, Pres., 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; Olga Laird, Sec., Chasanna Drive, 773-7448; or W. Churchill Scott, Treas., RFD #1, Chasanna Drive, 775-1494

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Apr. 1 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	MT. HANLEY, West Rutland, 5 mi., moderate. Churchill Scott 775-1494
Apr. 7 (Sat.)	9:30 A.M.	NEW BOSTON TRAIL, Chittenden, to David Logan Shelter and return, 4 mi., moderate. Ted & Winnie Shambo 773-9330
Apr. 15 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	SPRUCE PEAK, near Manchester, and a visit to the new shelter. Bring a can of tomato-base soup to add to the pot! 6 mi., moderate. Steve Pulling 775-3361
Apr. 21 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	BEAVER MEADOWS, Mt. Tabor, 6-7 mi., moderate Anne Mausolff 875-3631
Apr. 29 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	OWL'S HEAD, Dorset, 4 mi., moderate. Ray Catozzi 773-3006
May 6 (Sun.)	8:30 A.M.	END-TO-END, Mad Tom Notch to Rt. 11 over Bromley Peak, 5 1/2 mi., difficult. Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
May 12 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	KS WALK-THROUGH. We need a large turn-out to cover our 21 miles of trail, do minor clearing and report major damage. Steve Pulling 775-3361
May 19 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY, restore Pico outhouse. Steve Pulling 775-3361
May 20 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE, 3 mi., easy. Ira & Irene Hawley 775-4149
MAY 26-28 (Sat.-Mon.)		GMC ANNUAL MEETING. Details will appear in your LT NEWS.
MAY 30 (Wed.)	7:00 P.M.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. If you can lead a hike or suggest new activities, this is for you. MEMBERS ONLY.
JUNE 2 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	PINE COBBLE HILL, Williamstown Sta., Mass., 4 mi., moderate. Ray Catozzi 773-3006
JUNE 6 (Wed.)	5:30 P.M.	SUPPER HIKE to Proctor High Ledge, bring your own meal. Churchill Scott 775-1494
JUNE 9 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	HOMER STONE MT., Mt. Tabor, 7 1/2 mi., moderate but some bushwhacking. John & Emma Hughes 775-4078
JUNE 16-17 (Sat., Sun.)	7:30 A.M.	END-TO-END, Barrows Camp to Rt. 118, 17.3 mi., diffi- cult. Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
JUNE 24 (Sun.)	8:30 A.M.	APPALACHIAN TRAIL, Bridgewater Chateaugay to Rt. 12, 5 mi., moderate. Ray Catozzi 773-3006
JUNE 30 (Sat.)	1:00 P.M.	ICE BEDS, Wallingford, 3 mi., easy. Bring a picnic supper. Ray Catozzi 773-3006

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.

HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE AND REPRESENT ROUND TRIPS. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR HIKE LEADER.

KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



MR AND MRS ROBERT PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28212

PERKROB :sf



VOLUME 37, NUMBER 2

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

APRIL-JUNE, 1984

GMC ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

by Ray Catozzi
May 26, 1984

Attendance was noticeably down this year, for whatever reason one could come up with, and with only two camping out on the Norwich Ski Slope compared to a dozen or more last year. It was agreed that we all need a change in location next year, following three successive years at Northfield, Vermont.

The meeting itself was interesting, fruitful, and finished on time, with President Preston Bristow keeping things moving nicely.

The Green Mountain Club is sponsoring and hosting the 25th biennial meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference, to be held at Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vermont, August 3 to 10, 1985. Attendance at these get-togethers runs between 750 and 1000 outdoor enthusiasts from all over the eastern half of the nation. A week long affair, it consists of workshops, lectures, symposia, slide shows, eating, and many many outdoor activities taking place all over our area here in Rutland County and elsewhere. The Killington Section, being the closest to Poultney, has been asked to help in any way it can in the many indoor activities, providing person power, if nothing else, but most of all the ATC committee is looking to us for outdoor activity leadership, i.e., hikes, overnights, museum trips, etc. Let's rally to the cause early, while we have the year to do so with ease, and make the GMC proud of the Killington Section once again....

The Long Trail News needs bolstering, and its staff is looking for more articles from the sections, or anyone for that matter, to beef up its pages.

The GMC may take on the responsibility for running the state-owned Ski Dorm in Stowe, Vermont, as an inexpensive lodging and eating place for hikers in the summer and skiers in the winter.

Next year is also GMC's 75th birthday and that is coinciding with the 25th ATC Conference. More committee work is envisioned here. Also there is talk of the week-long ATC conference also being used, and called, as our 1985 Intersectional. So you can see much committee help is needed, and it will be easy to sign up for it now with the committee work preference form which was enclosed with the May issue of the Long Trail News.

A book of Long Trail topo maps, called "End to End," has been published with the cooperation of the publisher and the GMC. Also a history of the GMC under the authorship of Jane Curtis of the "O" section in Woodstock is due to be completed, and out, by the 75th anniversary.

GMC DIRECTORS' MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

by Ray Catozzi
May 26, 1984

President Bristow got this meeting started right on time at 3:00 P.M. and immediately announced many good things that have been accomplished, or completed in the last few months.

Three thousand acres have been purchased to protect the Appalachian Trail from the Massachusetts border to Norwich, Vermont, with about 2,000 left to be obtained.

The squatters' area north and south of the Clarendon Gorge bridge may possibly

be patrolled by Fish & Game personnel to keep out the summer-long campers and keep down the trash and vandalism. The Vt. Fish & Game Department is owner of most of this land adjacent to Mill River where it enters the upper gorge.

The GMC is opposing a proposed LT foot race from Route 108 to Sherburne Pass, stating it is against its trail management plan.

Heated discussion (and otherwise) surrounded the forming of a real hard-working ATC conference committee with a dedicated chairperson, ready to put in a lot of work in the next year. He was voted \$10,000 for all reasonable expenses incurred in organizing the conference.

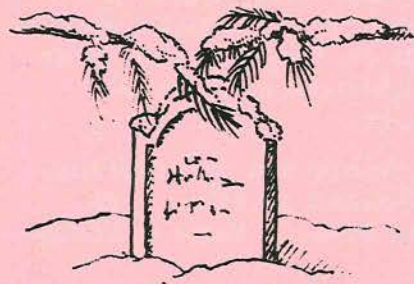
Once again, it was asked of the Killington Section to provide expertise and leadership for the conference, for GMC annual meeting (also to be possibly held at Green Mountain College), the 75th GMC birthday, and the 1985 GMC Intersectional.

Three of our group decided to bush-whack down the front of the mountain directly to the cars. They beat us back.

The rest of us returned by the original route except that we detoured west from the road to see an interesting burial plot with two headstones near the location of the old Adams farm foundation.

On our way back down we saw where a deer had followed us up the road. His tracks were in ours for about a quarter of a mile, but we didn't see him. There were quite a lot of deer tracks all along the area.

Thanks to all the hikers for helping to make it a very enjoyable hike.



ROUTE 103 TO FOX LOT, SHREWSBURY

by Harold C. Rogers
March 10, 1984

The weather was supposed to be very cold that day and quite a few people said we were crazy to go out on a day like that, so I was surprised when fifteen hikers showed up and completed the hike.

The weather was clear, but not too cold for walking, as there was very little wind. The snow was frozen enough to make easy walking.

We left the Wade parking lot about 9:30 A.M. and arrived at Fox Lot around noon. I did not know where the open viewpoint was but Ray Catozzi found it for us. The weather was clear so we had a good view of the valley south of Rutland. We could look down on the western part of Rutland, but trees obstructed our view of the eastern part of the city.

There was a light wind blowing and with the temperature a little above zero we decided to build a fire and eat our lunch back in the shelter of the trees. We were quite comfortable there. After eating we went back out on the brow of the hill to enjoy the view again.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY

by Roma Pulling
March 17, 1984



While its timeliness may not have been appreciated by some, the late winter storm of March 13 brought snow for the party right to my doorstep. And it was free. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the syrup were delivered free, too?

Well, it was!!! Ira Hawley, our good neighbor and one of the newer members of the KS, donated a gallon of freshly-boiled (1984) syrup for the party, and Irene and Lorraine delivered it. This gift enabled us to thumb our nose at inflation and serve sugar-on-snow, doughnuts, pickles and beverage at the same price we charged in 1980. Your generosity was deeply appreciated, Ira.

The weather was ideal in contrast to last year, when the storm and the party collided. Sixteen people signed in. Following the feast, which was prepared in her usual expert manner by Janet Martin, there was a sing-a-long in front of the fire with music provided by Sue Thomas and her guitar.

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

by W. Churchill Scott

March 31, 1984

On Saturday, March 31, the annual meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held at the Methodist Church in Rutland with about 30 persons in attendance.

Among the guests were Harry Peet, executive director of the GMC; Preston Bristow, GMC president, and Roger Sternberg, a representative of the Appalachian Mountain Club.

Due to President Ray Catozzi's auto accident, Steve Pulling presided. Reports were heard from the secretary and treasurer as well as committee chairmen. All were thanked for carrying on the work of the section. This year's committee heads included Winnie Shambo, publicity; Carol Chapman, Smoke & Blazes; Roma Pulling, outings, and Steve Pulling, trails & shelters. It was noted that the section is sponsoring more outings than ever before even though average attendance has declined slightly.

There was a note from Ray reminding us that members can lower the amount of their dues by enlisting new members. A deduction of \$1.00 will be allowed for each new member obtained.

Rob Carey reviewed the main club board of directors' meeting. Leading items of discussion at that meeting included the controversial LT/AT easement agreement recently negotiated between the Sherburne Corporation and the National Park Service together with the GMC and the upcoming 1985 Appalachian Trail Conference to be held at Green Mountain College in Poultney.

Janet Martin presented a proposal pertaining to the Kirk Fund which had been worked on by Bob Badger. This proposal involves a declaration of Trust to make the legality of the fund more binding. Janet also explained the proposed Girl Scout End-to-End one day walk on the LT. She asked for help from K.S. members with regard to various aspects of the project.

Debate then ensued on the question of whether a Killington Section life membership should be set at a cost of \$150 or a higher amount.

President Bristow spoke about new directions of the main club: the possibility of the AMC taking over the running of the Ski Dorm in Stowe, the GMC 75th anniversary in 1985, the Catamount Trail Association (a cross-country ski trail system similar to the Long Trail), Killington Section relocations, the difficulty of trying to protect the trail from ski developers, and finally, the relocation of Tamarack Shelter.

Roger Sternberg urged section members to become active in a trail monitoring program sponsored by the ATC. He asked individuals to volunteer to cover short sections of the trail on a regular basis, checking out conditions, picking up trash, and reporting any vandalism, illegal logging, or other misuse.

The new members of the section's board of directors are Roma Pulling, Rob Carey and Winnie Shambo. The meeting recessed during the election of officers. The following were elected: Rob Carey - President; Steve Pulling - Vice-President; Olga Laird - Secretary; and W. Churchill Scott - Treasurer.

Back at the main meeting the life membership issue was settled with a majority voting for \$150. Dues for an organizational member of the section such as a Boy Scout troupe was set at \$25.00.

Again, as always, the meeting ended with the ladies furnishing the most enjoyable refreshments. Each year it seems that they can get no better, but yet they always do. Thank you, ladies. A brief slide program of recent section hikes presented by Sue Thomas also proved enjoyable.

SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

Editor: Carol Chapman

Assistant Editor and Typist: Jake Sherman

Illustrations: Sue Thomas

Mailing: Ray Catozzi, Roma Pulling, Churchill Scott

BUG DOPE

Backpacker recommends a solution of Skin-so-Soft shower gel from Avon that is 50 per cent diluted with water. It'll keep away all of the pests, the magazine promises.

MT. HANLEY, WEST RUTLAND

by W. Churchill Scott

April 1, 1984

On Sunday, April 1, about a dozen members of the Killington Section visited Mount Hanley again. The weather was just perfect. Our walk started on bare ground, but as we went higher a bit of snow was encountered. Soon the ridge appeared and after hiking south a short ways we came to the hang glider take-off point.

As lunch began the "no hot water" crowd" won the argument. The rest wished that Harold Rogers had been there.

Perhaps the leader misunderstood, but he believed Steve was going to show us a road the hang gliders used so we could return by a different route.

With apologies to Mrs. Nyiri, we again descended a rather steep long side hill returning to the old wood road and our cars.

NEW BOSTON TRAIL, CHITTENDEN

by Winnie Shambo

April 7, 1984

Few of us assembled at Main Street Park on a chilly, liquid sunshine April 7th morn, but as the "mist" did not increase, we decided to head out for Chittenden and the New Boston Trail with Ray Catozzi, Carol Chapman, Sue Thomas, John Hughes and our puppy, Toby.

We left John's and Ray's cars on the wayside as the road beyond Mountain Top Inn became rougher and muddier; and so piled into Ted's 4 X 4 pickup. By the time we reached the old trailhead, the rain had stopped (by the way, the beginning of the trail has been relocated up the Forest Road a bit with a new sign designating it as the New Boston Trail).

We hiked through snow most of the way with Toby running exuberantly ahead, then dashing back to be sure Ted and I were following. Lunch at David Logan Shelter was a welcomed treat topped off by a sip of wine supplied by Ray. (Watch it Ray! You're going to gain a reputation!)

The trip back to the truck included

a stop to pick an armful of hobble bush to be forced into bloom once put into water back at our homes. Sue and I examined a couple of old cellarholes, remnants from the New Boston settlement of a bygone era.

Packed into the truck with a wet puppy who seems intent upon climbing over or laying on everyone is not a comfortable way to travel. Ted took care of that very shortly when he found a soft spot on this superhighway and plunged the truck in mud up to the door on the passenger side. Once he stopped "revving" the engine and we all climbed out, he backed out with no trouble whatsoever. Three of our group opted to walk the remaining distance to the cars, no longer confident in Ted's driving abilities; but then, we are a hiking club, aren't we?

(Ed. Note: During lunch Winnie entertained us with readings from the diary of an old inhabitant of New Boston that she had obtained from the Chittenden Historical Society.)

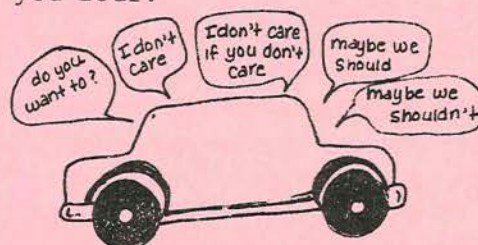
SPRUCE PEAK

by Steve Pulling

April 15, 1984

Who can remember what the weather was like on April 15th? I personally know of five people who could probably remember if they tried hard enough. The thing I can not understand is why four of those five even showed up at the park to go hiking. They must be real diehards or something! I was the fifth person and I had to put in an appearance because I was the leader.

The weather was cold, rainy, windy, foggy, and definitely unsuitable for hiking. I talked Roma Pulling, Sue Thomas, and Winnie and Ted Shambo into not going hiking which didn't take much talking I might add. Thanks for showing up anyway, you four.



BEAVER MEADOWS TRIP

by Anne Mausolff

April 21, 1984

On April 21, thirteen hikers drove up into the Green Mountain National Forest to trek by the Beaver Meadows. We left the cars part way up the Forest Service road because the rest of the way was still snow-covered.

We started at 2100 feet and followed the old road up to a height of 2400 before descending slightly to the Meadows. On the way up, we passed three old cellar holes and the remnants of old apple orchards. Although the snow was a foot or more deep, it had been so well packed by snowmobiles that the walking was quite easy. Also, the day was cold and clear.

At the large beaver dam, the water was surprisingly low, so we crossed without trouble. Then we stopped for lunch among the hemlocks for a strong, cold north wind was blowing. Several of the men managed to get a fire going so everyone could enjoy a hot drink.

Along the Meadows we saw many signs of beaver activity and the fresh tracks of a fisher. The day before, Anne and Phil Woodbury had checked out the trail and found at one point that a bridge of logs was floating and uncrossable because the water was so high. Therefore Anne had come prepared with rope and saw to build another bridge. It turned out, however, that all this was unnecessary. The water had gone down considerably overnight, so everyone just jumped across -- more or less "dry shod."

After a three-mile descent at 4:00 o'clock, we reached the cars we had spotted.

OWL'S HEAD

by Ray Catozzi

April 29, 1984

Beautiful 75° summer weather greeted our hiking group this day, two months ahead of schedule. Nobody was complaining though, except for the early appearance, also, of those infamous, pesky black flies. Our destination was Gilbert's

Lookout, a small rock ledge on the steep southwest slope of Owl's Head in Dorset.

This trail is the southwesterly end of a lengthy loop connecting Owl's Head, Green Peak, Dorset Peak, and a few other peaks in between. About 12½ miles long, its northwesterly terminus comes down into Dorset Hollow. George Gilbert cut this trail, many parts of which are now overgrown, about 50 years ago.

We followed town roads over half of the distance, and then soon after getting onto the trail proper we came upon an abandoned marble quarry. This made a nice rest stop especially for the photographers with us. The trail then swung around the south slope of Maple Hill, climbing steadily, and soon we were in a saddle between Maple Hill and Owl's Head.

At a huge boulder, towering over our heads, the trail suddenly shot up a short but steep and rocky slope for a vertical climb of 500 feet, coming out on the rock lookout. Here most of the group had lunch. Beautiful views of Mt. Equinox, Mother Myrick Mt., and a panorama of peaceful Dorset Village was spread out before us, as we munched our lunch. All of us, that is, except a few who decided the steep climb was too much, and had their lunch down below near the saddle.

A discussion of the lengthy Dorset Loop Trail was held during lunch, and your leader is going to check it out for a possible future LONG day hike, or an overnighter of a sort. Watch for it!

LONG TRAIL FROM MAD TOM NOTCH TO RTE. 11

by Rob Carey

May 6, 1984

This was a very enjoyable spring hike attended by four hikers. We left one car at Route 11 and drove up the Notch Road to start hiking by 10:00 A.M. Since the leaves were not yet out, we had several views not enjoyed by the summer hikers. The relocated Mad Tom Shelter has excellent views of the Taconics which we enjoyed until we got chilled.

As we continued we reached some patches of snow and were glad not to be backpacking. It was still clear when we

we got to the summit, but the wind did not encourage lunch on the tower.

On the way down to Route 11 we saw trout lilies and dug a few wild onions.

KILLINGTON SECTION WALK THROUGH

by Stephen Pulling

May 12, 1984

Ole Mother Nature didn't cooperate with us too well on May 12th. Heavy rains again dampened things along with our spirits. Lucky for us again this year Ira, Irene, and Lorraine Hawley plus Al and Roma Pulling did some early mid week hiking and covered from Route 140 to the Upper Cold River Road. No major work to be done was encountered by either party. Winnie and Ted Shambo covered from Upper Cold River Road to Governor Clement Shelter finding nothing major either.

Thanks to the Sherburne Corporation's free passes up to the summit, Ray Catozzi and Carol Chapman hiked from Cooper Lodge to Clement Shelter finding 51 large blowdowns and two feet of snow (as well as rain, hail, lightning and thunder...Ed.). Meanwhile, LT thru-hikers reported an additional 16 blowdowns between Cooper and Pico Camp.

My gold star goes to Ira Hawley who did another section by himself from Route 4 to Pico Junction where the snow got too deep. Thanks a million, Ira!

My thanks also go to Sue Thomas and Nancy Sugarman who covered the trail into Tucker-Johnson for us.

Thanks again to everyone who supported me during the 1984 Killington Section Walk Through.

WORK PARTY

by Stephen Pulling

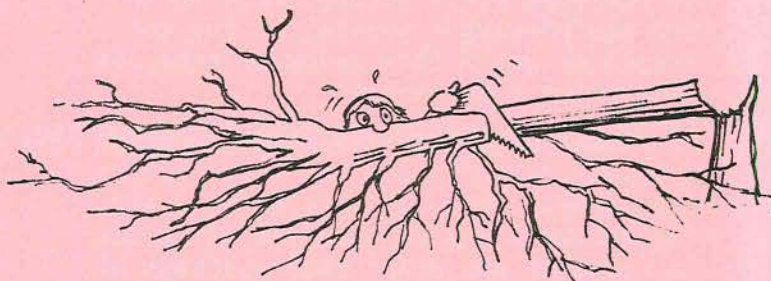
May 19, 1984

The scheduled work party to restore the Pico outhouse was changed by your Trails & Shelters chairman because more important projects were brought to my attention after the walk-through.

Winnie and Ted Shambo were issued the task of replacing boards that were missing from Clarendon Shelter because vandals needed that little extra firewood. With a chainsaw, nails, and a hammer they were off to Clarendon Lodge.

Sue and Rob Carey were issued a grass whip and pruning shears to clear reported heavy brush from the Upper Cold River Road, south to the Cold River.

Ray Catozzi, John Hughes, and I climbed Killington Mountain from Gov. Clement Shelter to start clearing our 66 blowdowns. We planned on clearing the first 15 blowdowns from Gov. Clement to Tamarack Shelter before we had to quit and hike back to our cars to meet other appointments. Just as we cut away the 15th blowdown at Tamarack Shelter, the heavens opened up and we got soaked. That was a nice thanks for all of the work we just did!! Fifteen down, fifty-one to go.



MYSTERY HIKE

by Ira and Irene Hawley

May 20, 1984

A mystery hike? This one was so named because your leader was not prepared to name a location when asked to lead. However, it turned out to be more of a mystery to the 15 hikers than anticipated. After leaving the park on a pleasant spring morning we next met at the Castleton Elementary School. While the group waited, Steve Pulling and your leader proceeded to Grady Bridge on Lake Bomoseen to spot a car at the destination. When we returned to join the group at the school, the hikers were thoroughly confused. We proceeded along Route 4 west to the West Castleton exit and then north to Glen Lake, and turned north again onto the Moscow Road, soon arriving at a turnout to park the cars.

Our hike first took us into a State Forest preserve. Next we came upon abandoned slate quarries and dumps. An abandoned and collapsing house was the area where we stopped for lunch. We often wonder about the families who inhabited a quiet location like this. A camera at this point recorded the group for future memories.

We proceeded on and reached a stream which drains from Half Moon Lake and flows to Lily Pond. Here there was a series of beaver dams and stumps of saplings and larger trees the beaver had used. By now our party was confused, but a sudden crossing of the beaver dam further downstream brought us again onto an old woods road. A half mile of gradual descent brought us into a clearing.

At an old cellar hole, Ray Catozzi discovered some asparagus plants, probably planted many years ago. From here it was a short distance to where we could look upon Lake Bomoseen on the west side to our waiting "spot car." When the group was finally reassembled for the return home all agreed it had been a pleasant day. Sorry more of you couldn't have joined us.

P.S.: We even signed up a new member, Richard Schmidt. Welcome!

PINE COBBLE HILL FLOWER HIKE, WILLIAMS-TOWN, MASS.

by Ray Catozzi
June 2, 1984

Eight of the faithful, Sue Thomas, Carol Chapman, Bernie Donahue, Nina La Penna, Leah Kapitan, John and Emma Hughes, and your leader, traveled out of beautiful springtime Vermont to see what summertime Massachusetts had to offer in the way of woodland flowers.

Climbing steadily up the Pine Cobble Trail we soon encountered numerous mountain azaleas (June Pinks) in full bloom. Flowering dogwood trees were also in evidence along the way as well as multitudinous pink lady slippers.

Coming out onto the rocky open summit of Pine Cobble Hill, views of Mt. Greylock to the south, Massachusetts'

highest mountain, and the Taconic Range to the west, were spread out before us, as we braved a cool wind to eat lunch. Green Mountain Racetrack was in full aerial view to the northwest, and the town of Williamstown lay at the far foot of the hill.

After lunch, we headed down off the hill on the Appalachian Trail, heading for Blackinton, Mass. These two trails join on Pine Cobble Hill and go on to the Vermont border as one trail, the AT, where the Long Trail commences....

A high alpine bog was enjoyed just off the top of the high hill, and then we climbed down a short, steep, rocky stretch of trail, coming out into the gentle sloped hardwood forest again. Here again the mountain azaleas were profuse, although many of the blooms hadn't opened up yet on this high side of the hill. Further down there were many open to be seen and to smell, as well as the lady slippers, and then further down in the wet areas, a mass of blue violets colored the forest floor.

The last mile of our 4.4 mile trip followed a beautiful mountain stream, rushing noisily downhill with its extra load of rainwater. Down here, wild geraniums, cinquefoils, and starflowers were in abundance. Many of the gang stumbled off the end of the trail with armloads of June pinks and dogwood blooms to brighten their homes with. I believe it was unanimous that it was a very successful flower outing, one to repeat next year, same time, same station.



KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Summer 1984 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Rob Carey, Pres., RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, 446-2830; Steve Pulling, Vice-Pres., RD 1, Post Road, 775-3361; Olga Laird, Sec., Chasanna Drive, 773-7448; or W. Churchill Scott, Treas., RFD #1, Chasanna Drive, 775-1494.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
July 1 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY, restore Pico outhouse. Project postponed until this date because of heavy snow. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
July 6-8 (Fri.-Sun.)	4:00 P.M.	END-TO-END, Rte. 15 to SMUGGLERS' NOTCH, 9.6 mi., difficult. Al Pulling 773-6997
July 15 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE, 2½ mi., moderate. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
July 21 (Sat.)	6:30 A.M.	PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Big Branch picnic area, Mt. Tabor. Bring dishes and cutlery, small fee will be charged. Hike afterward to Little Rock Pond or Big Branch Shelter. Rain date: July 22. Ted & Winnie Shambo 773-9330
July 28 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	BIRD MT., Castleton, 6 mi., moderate to difficult, excellent views. John & Emma Hughes 775-4078
Aug. 5 (Sun.)	8:30 A.M.	DORSET PEAK from Danby Four Corners, out by Dorset Hollow. Moderate with some steep ascents, 5½ mi. Ray Catozzi 773-3006
Aug. 7 (Tues.)	5:30 P.M.	DEER LEAP sunset hike (3rd annual). Bring supper and flashlight. Sue Thomas/Linda Krasner 773-2185
Aug. 10-12 (Fri.-Sun.)	4:30 P.M.	WOMEN'S WILDERNESS WEEKEND at Merck Forest, Rupert. Reservation only, fee charged. W. Shambo 773-9330
Aug. 15 (Weds.)	7:00 P.M.	SLIDE EVENING, Trinity Episcopal Church, Rutland. View other members' slides; loan us yours; refreshments served. Churchill Scott 775-1494
Aug. 19 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	HALE HOLLOW, Plymouth. 5 mi., moderate. Ira and Irene Hawley 775-4149
Aug. 26-Sept. 3		GMC INTERSECTIONAL, Mount Norris Scout Reservation, Eden Mills. Come for a day, several days or a week. No reservations required. Details in <u>LT News</u> .
Sept. 5 (Weds.)	7:00 P.M.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. If you are a KS member, we need your input. Refreshments.
Sept. 9	1:00 P.M.	MYSTERY HIKE, 4 mi., easy. S. Pulling 775-3361
Sept. 16	9:00 A.M.	WEST RUTLAND STATE FOREST, 4 mi., moderate. Ray Catozzi 773-3006
Sept. 22	9:00 A.M.	CANOE TRIP, location to be announced; <u>not</u> Otter Creek! Reservations & advance payment required. Steve Pulling 775-3361
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	KILLINGTON PEAK by a new route. Visit Churchill in the fire tower. Moderate, 7 mi. Harold Rogers 775-4471

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING. THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN APPROPRIATE. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE. PLEASE STAY WITH HIKE LEADER.

GMC
KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER
JUNE, 1984

Badger, Robert & Carolyn
Barber, David & Audrey
Bequaert, Frank
Blaskovich, Mrs. William
Bowry, Peter H.
Brigham, Grace
Bryant, Harriot
Cahee, Hedrick
Carey, Rob & Sue
Catozzi, Raymond
Chapman, Carol
Charland, Rachael
Conlon, George & Diana
Crowther, John
Culverf, Harry
Dagg, Thomas R., Jr.
Daly, John
Dicton, Joseph
Dicton, Joseph Jr.
Donahue, Bernard
Dube, Ray & Janet
Dube, Nancy & Patricia
Fraher, Helen M.
Frink, Helen
Frink, James
Gibbud, Ruth
Griffin, James
Hawley, Ira & Irene
Hawley, Lorraine
Howard, John & Pat
Hughes, John & Emma
Johnson, David
Kirk, Dorothy (Mrs. Geo.)
Kraus, Joseph
Krasner, Linda
Laird, Olga
Maier, Elsie
Martin, John & Janet
Massey, Jim
Mausolff, Anne
Melosh, Patricia
Melosh, Greg & Nick
Nadler, Krissy & Maria
Newton, Doris
Nuffort, John
Nyiri, Anna
Ogden, Herbert
Partridge, Sanborn
Peet, Harry
Perkins, Craigue
Perkins, Robert & Thelma
Perkins, Vera
Pulling, Alfred & Roma
Pulling, Steve
Reynolds, George
Rogers, Harold
Russell Ellen
Schmidt, Carl & Nancy

111 Southampton Court
P.O. Box 1097
44 Bertwell Road
P.O. Box 367
Powerhouse Road
RD
P.O. Box 131
179 Union Street
RR 1, Box 340
103 Bellevue Avenue
39 East Street
YWCA, 202 W. 2nd St., Rm. 204
RD#2, Sunset Acres
249 Lincoln Avenue
RD#2, Plains Road
1 Eastview Court
22 Engrem Avenue
RD#1, Sugarwood Hill Road
RD#1, Sugarwood Hill Road
50 Edgerton Street
Post Road Extension
Post Road Extension
15 Deer Street
10 Elm Street
60 Litchfield Avenue
Drake Road
81 Lincoln Avenue
RD#2, Woodstock Avenue
RD#2, Woodstock Avenue
10598 Jason Court
18 Ronaldo Court
3922 Elmwood Avenue
8 E. Washington St.
Robinwood Development
Drake Road
RD#1, Chasanna Drive
280 Fort Washington Avenue
7 Curtis Avenue
RD#2, Box 40
RD#1
Box 236
Box 236
1 Pleasant Heights
26 Boutwell Road
453 Victor Way
167 Stratton Road
173 Lincoln St.
62 Ormsbee Avenue
115 Barre Street
Woodstock Stage Road
4812 Lebanon Road
242 South Main Street
RD#2, Woodstock Avenue
Post Road
36 Rivercrest
223 Adams Street
33 Thayer Street
1651 Clayburn Circle

Blacksburg, VA 24060
Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Lexington, MA 02173
Dearborn, MI 48121
Chittenden, VT 05737
Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Dorset, VT 05251
Springfield, VT 05156
Wallingford, VT 05773
Rutland, VT 05701
Rutland, VT 05701
Duluth, MN 55806
Rutland, VT 05701
Rutland, VT 05701
Pittsford, VT 05763
Rutland, VT 05701
Rutland, VT 05701
Rutland, VT 05701
Rutland, VT 05701
Rutland, VT 05701
Rutland, VT 05701
Rutland, VT 05701
Randolph, VT 05060
Rutland, VT 05701
Bomoseen, VT 05732
Rutland, VT 05701
Rutland, VT 05701
Rutland, VT 05701
Columbia, MD 21044
Rutland, VT 05701
Erie, PA 16509
Rutland, VT 05701
Killington, VT 05751
Bomoseen, VT 05732
Rutland, VT 05701
New York, NY 10032
Rutland, VT 05701
Ludlow, VT 05149
Chester, VT 05143
E. Wallingford, VT 05742
E. Wallingford, VT 05742
West Rutland, VT 05777
Andover, MA 01810
Wyckoff, NJ 07481
Rutland, VT 05701
Newton Highlands, MA 02161
Proctor, VT 05765
Montpelier, VT 05602
Rutland, VT 05701
Charlotte, NC 28212
Rutland, VT 05701
Rutland, VT 05701
Rutland, VT 05701
Hanover, NH 03755
Rutland, VT 05701
Providence, RI 02906
Cincinnati, OH 45240

Crowther, John	249 Lincoln Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Culver, Harry	RD#2, Plains Road	Pittsford, VT 05763
Dagg, Thomas R., Jr.	1 Eastview Court	Rutland, VT 05701
Daly, John	22 Engrem Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Dicton, Joseph	RD#1, Sugarwood Hill Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Dicton, Joseph Jr.	RD#1, Sugarwood Hill Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Donahue, Bernard	50 Edgerton Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Dube, Ray & Janet	Post Road Extension	Rutland, VT 05701
Dube, Nancy & Patricia	Post Road Extension	Rutland, VT 05701
Fraher, Helen M.	15 Deer Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Frink, Helen	10 Elm Street	Randolph, VT 05060
Frink, James	60 Litchfield Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Gibbud, Ruth	Drake Road	Bomoseen, VT 05732
Griffin, James	81 Lincoln Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Hawley, Ira & Irene	RD#2, Woodstock Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Hawley, Lorraine	RD#2, Woodstock Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Howard, John & Pat	10598 Jason Court	Columbia, MD 21044
Hughes, John & Emma	18 Ronaldo Court	Rutland, VT 05701
Johnson, David	3922 Elmwood Avenue	Erie, PA 16509
Kirk, Dorothy (Mrs. Geo.)	8 E. Washington St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Kraus, Joseph	Robinwood Development	Killington, VT 05751
Krasner, Linda	Drake Road	Bomoseen, VT 05732
Laird, Olga	RD#1, Chasanna Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Maier, Elsie	280 Fort Washington Avenue	New York, NY 10032
Martin, John & Janet	7 Curtis Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Massey, Jim	RD#2, Box 40	Ludlow, VT 05149
Mausolff, Anne	RD#1	Chester, VT 05143
Melosh, Patricia	Box 236	E. Wallingford, VT 05742
Melosh, Greg & Nick	Box 236	E. Wallingford, VT 05742
Nadler, Krissy & Maria	1 Pleasant Heights	West Rutland, VT 05777
Newton, Doris	26 Boutwell Road	Andover, MA 01810
Nuffort, John	453 Victor Way	Wyckoff, NJ 07481
Nyiri, Anna	167 Stratton Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Ogden, Herbert	173 Lincoln St.	Newton Highlands, MA 02161
Partridge, Sanborn	62 Ormsbee Avenue	Proctor, VT 05765
Peet, Harry	115 Barre Street	Montpelier, VT 05602
Perkins, Craigue	Woodstock Stage Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Perkins, Robert & Thelma	4812 Lebanon Road	Charlotte, NC 28212
Perkins, Vera	242 South Main Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Pulling, Alfred & Roma	RD#2, Woodstock Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Pulling, Steve	Post Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Reynolds, George	36 Rivercrest	Hanover, NH 03755
Rogers, Harold	223 Adams Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Russell Ellen	33 Thayer Street	Providence, RI 02906
Schmidt, Carl & Nancy	1651 Clayburn Circle	Cincinnati, OH 45240
Scott, W. Churchill	RD#1, Chasanna Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Shambo, Winnie	142 Dorr Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Sherman, Jake	48 Morse Place	Rutland, VT 05701
Simmonds, William Jr.	18 Terrace Hill	Proctor, VT 05765
Thomas, Sue	35 Burnham Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Tumlin, Sue	21½ Park Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Unsworth, Karen	100 South Main Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Vang, Lao	7 Curtis Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Thelma	95 Killington Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Ann, John, Mary & Thomas	RD#2	Rutland, VT 05701
Wardwell, Arthur	Star Route, Box 160	Chittenden, VT 05737
Weston, Wilbur	104 Ashley Rd., Fairview Acres	Apex, NC 27502
Xiong, Van Lee	7 Curtis Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Young, Virginia	RD#1, Chasanna Drive	Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes

VOLUME 37, NUMBER 3

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JULY-SEPTEMBER, 1984

PROCTOR HIGH LEDGES

by Churchill Scott

It was a good thing that a couple of Proctor natives were along on this hike for the leader was talked into a hike to a spot where he had never been. However, in spite of a hot, humid, buggy afternoon, we found our goal and enjoyed an evening snack and visit.

In spite of poor visibility it was an enjoyable hike, and the whole group of around 20 people felt that these half-day hikes should be scheduled each quarter.

HOMER STONE MOUNTAIN

by John & Emma Hughes
June 9, 1984

On Saturday, June 9, we parked our cars at Big Branch River parking lot. From there seven hikers started bushwhacking for about two miles until we came to a forest road.

We went along this road for a short distance and followed an old logging road and a path that came to an end. From there we started to bushwhack again, this time following the flags marking the trail up to the top of Homer Stone Mountain. We had lunch on the summit with all the bugs which were thick all the way.

As we started down the other side we lost the flag trail. We kept going and came onto the Long Trail. We walked the trail back to our parked cars.



ROUTE 118 TO BARROWS CAMP

by Rob Carey
June 16-17, 1984

This turned out to be the "Road Closed" or "You can't get there from here" hike. The northern part of the state had experienced severe flooding several weeks before this hike. As a result, although we tried a half dozen different roads to get to Barrows Camp we were not able to reach it. After discussing the matter and rejecting the idea of trying a section further north, we decided to add four miles to the trip and end the hike at Vt. 15.

We had lunch just two miles into the hike at an excellent view of Ritterbush Pond. On our way in we saw the first deer I have seen on the Long Trail. We got to Parker Camp about suppertime. This shelter is in very good condition, and is located on a road that seems driveable with 4WD.

Laraway Lookout provided excellent views on Sunday morning as well as a place to eat the leftover chocolate eclairs Sue Thomas made. Crossing Coddington required getting slightly wet feet but no one minded. Barrows Camp made a good lunch spot. Prospect Rock's views were also very good, and there were several day hikers there also. It felt good to get back to the car. We did notice those extra four miles, but are glad we did them.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL, BRIDGEWATER

by Roma Pulling
June 24, 1984

One of the lesser-known duties of the Outings chairman is replacing a hike leader who can't fulfill the role or failing that, leading the hike himself/

herself. So when Ray told me he would be unable to lead this hike due to a death in the family, I hoped to choose a new leader.

Came Sunday morning, and guess what? Of the 12 people who came to the park, I was the only one who had the remotest idea where to go. One thing we all did agree on was that we didn't want all the driving required by starting in Chateaugay; so we would hike as far in from Route 12 as possible and return to our cars the same way.

I got everyone headed toward Woodstock and after playing a game of leap-frog occasioned by a misunderstanding as to where we would stop for food, we arrived at our parking place, which is actually some distance off Rte. 12. We came very soon to the spur trail leading to Mauri Wintturi (formerly Gulf) Shelter but by-passed it, planning to stop there on the way back. At noon we had reached the Lookout (known as Luce's Lookout when I lived in that area) and ate lunch there. The tower is mostly disassembled and useless. It was, surprisingly, too cold to linger and enjoy the view, and no one was inspired to go further on the trail; so we started back.

I was dismayed to find how far Wintturi Shelter was relocated off the trail, definitely further than the 0.3 of a mile mentioned in the guidebook which Jake Sherman loaned me. Half of our people thought it not worth the effort and waited by the trail while the rest of us puffed and plodded uphill to the new location. I have been told eventually the AT will be relocated nearer the shelter and certainly hope this is true. There is a nice tribute to Mauri in the form of laminated copies of the LONG TRAIL NEWS story about his death and the speech delivered at the dedication.

With our group rejoined, we returned the short distance to our cars, and Killington Section luck was with us this time. We got only sprinkles until we were on our way to Rutland, when I had to run the wipers.

ICE BEDS -- WHITE ROCKS

by Ray Catozzi

June 30, 1984

A fair-sized group of twelve showed for this walk into the Ice Beds in Wallingford. Of course, we didn't see any ice in there that day. (I've never seen ice there in all the years I've visited that location!) The temperature of the air and water coming out from under the bottom boulders of the White Rocks talus slope stays at 40 degrees during the summer, and is very refreshing.

After a few of us scrambled up the boulders for a better view of the rock slope, we returned a short distance on the Ice Bed Trail but soon turned off onto a somewhat makeshift trail. This led to the rocky promontory close by and above the White Rocks picnic area. There are several open rock outlooks on this hill, and on the largest and most open of them, down a ways from the official lookout on top, we stopped for our picnic supper. Great views were to be had of the White Rocks Cliff and slope across the way and above us, as well as to the west and south up the Otter Valley. While eating, relaxing, and viewing, we spotted three or four peregrine falcons wheeling high about the cliff top. These were several of the young birds that are being raised by Cornell University and released and observed most of the summer in high cliff areas of the northeast. Their numbers had been declining over recent years, but due to man's help are now making a comeback.

With us that day were a pair of sisters, Jean Santamassino of Kearny, N.J., and Mary Hendricks of Houston, Texas, formerly of Rutland, back home visiting their mother. It was a pleasure to have them join us in our summer afternoon outing. Quite often tourists in the Rutland area see our Herald notices and join us, which is great. This hike was the second one starting at 1:00 P.M. this year and many folks like that length of outing. We will have more.

END-TO-END, RTE. 15 TO SMUGGLER'S NOTCH

by Al Pulling

July 6-8, 1984

On a beautiful Friday, July 6, we (Roma Pulling, Steve Pulling, Little Jimmy Davis -- not Little Jimmy Dickens -- and myself) left Rutland around 1:20 P.M. We had an enjoyable ride to Stowe and over to Smuggler's Notch. We did the Route 108 "road walk." Then we left Steve's car at Smuggler's Notch and all loaded into my car and went over to Route 15 and over to Johnson, where we spotted my car at a dirt road intersection.

At about 4:00 P.M. we headed for French Camp. There appeared to be a new logging road in the area which we followed for quite a spell. Noticed it was getting dark in the western sky. We continued on to French Camp, and it sure was a welcome sight. Lots of hard rains in the preceding weeks had left several washouts on the trail.

By the time we reached French Camp it looked more and more like rain. (We did have a light shower on the way in.) About half an hour after we got there, it started to come down, and I mean it came down. All night long it poured



hard, accompanied by lightning and thunder. On the left side of the camp there was a leaky roof. Steve and Jim's sleeping bags got a little wet. They eventually wound up sleeping on the floor. Another hiker there also had a leaky roof where he bunked down forcing him to move to the table to keep dry.

Anyway, Saturday morning it appeared to be a fair day. We left French Camp about 8:20 A.M. Within an hour it had completely clouded over and stayed that

way all day, with a few very light showers. A wide brook about 3/4 of a mile from French Camp, raised to flood stage by the heavy rains, caused us some delay, but we managed to get across. After a few rest stops we continued on our way. It was cloudy and foggy on Whiteface Mountain, so, needless to say, there were no views. We arrived on the top at about 12:15 P.M. After a cool, windy break we proceeded on to Whiteface Shelter. There were three other hikers. They did not appear to want us to stay there. It was then about 1:25 P.M. After a lunch break, we pushed on for Sterling Pond Shelter, arriving about 6:00 P.M. Steve and Jim had reached there about an hour earlier and had our supper all ready. We were tired by then.

We retired early, and at 8:05 A.M., Sunday, July 8, we were on our way to Rte. 108. Steve's car was a welcome sight when we arrived at 9:10 A.M. We all hopped into Steve's car and went to Johnson to get my car. Steve and Jim headed home, but Roma and I stopped in Morrisville to visit my cousin. We had dinner at my cousin's house -- real food!

The trail on that section needs work badly, with lots of water running down the trail. The blazing needs improving as well.

MYSTERY HIKE UP SPRUCE KNOB

by Ray Catozzi

July 15, 1984

A hazy warm day was in the offing as 13 of the faithful headed for Middletown Springs and then north up the Spruce Knob Farm road, right into the yard of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Kenney at the very dead end of the road. "Park your cars right up there on that back lawn," said Larry, "and the trail starts right up there beyond that upper meadow near the white birch tree."

Well, we found the trail, but lost it one third of the way up the mountain. Larry said it hadn't been maintained like it should be. So my moderate climb turned into a somewhat difficult one as we bushwhacked up what looked like the easiest route. Bushwhacking is bad enough on the

level, but it's hard going for some while climbing.

However, we stumbled on to the trail again near the top and continued to our destination with relative ease. The remains of a fire tower and the fire watcher's shanty were looked over after which we moved out to the top of a bluff looking to the west where we settled down and lunched. The views were limited, both by the mostly wooded top and by the thick haze. To the south from the trail near the top we could look down on the Kenneys' home and property and see our five cars parked in a neat row on their lawn. The Kenneys own most, if not all, of the land this trail is on, and their gracious hospitality in allowing us to invade their domain was greatly appreciated. They even greeted us at the back door of their nearly 200 year old home with pitchers of ice water and pleasant conversation, after we had come back down the mountain. What a wonderful way to start and end an outing. Thank you very much, Mr. and Mrs. Kenney.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

by Ted and Winnie Shambo
July 21, 1984



Right until the morning of our scheduled pancake breakfast we honestly thought it might have to be cancelled due to lack of participation. Eleven persons, however, actually took part in this early morning outing, including Ray Auger, Southern Field Assistant, who met us at Big Branch Picnic Area.

Ted got a wood fire going over which he fried the sausages. We used a two-burner camp stove with camp grill for the pancakes. It took four charred pancakes before the proper temperature was obtained. We had brought a gallon thermos of boiling water so no one had to wait for that all important first cup of coffee or cocoa.

After everyone had had their fill and we had cleaned up, we parked our cars in the parking lot at Black Branch and hiked an easy two miles into Little

Rock Pond via the Long Trail where we visited with the caretaker, Chip.

Ray Auger and I went swimming and the water was really nice after we got used to it. Soon after, Ray Catozzi joined us. Some of our group returned to their cars by the same inward route while the remainder of us hiked the Green Mountain Trail. Along the way I collected at least a dozen different and beautiful mushrooms, but unfortunately, once home could not identify even one from my book.

Of the 11 persons at the breakfast, only two called our home. I believe the confusion was due to the fact that the summer schedule did not mention reservations required although the news release did. I feel that this confusion can be eliminated in the future with a simple telephone call to the leader whenever there is a fee involved with participation.

We just about broke even on expenditures for food. We hope the people who turned out for this outing enjoyed themselves and that our breakfast can become an annual event with even more participation.

BIRD MOUNTAIN

by John and Emma Hughes
July 28, 1984

It was a real nice day, but only two hikers showed up to go on this hike.

We started near the last house where an old jeep road begins and goes along the eastern base of the mountain. Then we turned and climbed up another old logging road which goes to a marked trail leading to the top.

After we had lunch we returned by a different route back to the jeep road.

SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

Editor: Carol Chapman
Assistant Editor and Typist: Jake Sherman
Illustrations: Sue Thomas
Mailing: Ray Catozzi, Roma Pulling, Churchill Scott

DORSET PEAK

by Ray Catozzi
August 5, 1984

When you climb a mountain like Dorset, which is a steady pull all the way to its 3700 foot level, you need, or want, a nice clear, mild day with a breeze, for it is a workout. But that's not what we had this day. Temperatures were in the upper 80's to lower 90's with high humidity to smother us. Just a trace of a breeze now and then.

But the eight stalwarts, who showed for this climb, persevered, even after losing the trail for a while near the bottom of the climb. We made it to the lower peak of Dorset Mountain where there are the remains of another of the previously numerous firetowers on Vermont's mountaintops. Only two remain in use today for fire watching, and our own Churchill Scott mans one of these on Killington Peak.

At this site there are limited views to the north past Danby Four Corners, but none at all from the highest peak of Dorset, about one half mile to the east, which three of us investigated after lunch.

Originally we planned to climb Dorset from the north and go out to the southwest through Dorset Hollow, but we neither wanted to take the extra long drive to spot cars nor had enough hikers familiar with the routes to split up into two groups, each coming in a different way and going out the other. We'll save that plan for another time. We all made it back to our cars without melting, but just barely.

SUPPER HIKE

by Sue Thomas
August 7, 1984



In the absence of the Badgers, Linda Krasner and I took on the Annual Deer Leap Supper Hike this year. In spite of an impending thunderstorm, three hardy hikers turned up at the park: the leaders and Ray Catozzi. Undaunted by thunder, lightning and torrential sprinkles, we three intrepid hikers proceeded to scale

the stairs of the Back Home Cafe, reaching the summit in record time. We picnicked on quiche while awaiting the spectacular sunset over K-Mart-- one of those awe-inspiring sights which make climbing worthwhile. However, since the sun steadfastly refused to set at 6:30, we decided to really rough it and hike to the parking lot to enjoy blackberries provided by Ray, before limping home to recover from our ordeal. (In other words: rained out, see you next year!)



MERCK FOREST

by Winnie Shambo
Aug. 10-12, 1984

The only nice thing about this weekend is that it rained. I say that because the trip was cancelled due to lack of participation and I would have felt badly indeed if the weekend had been one of our rare and beautiful crispy, clear, sun-shining days.

Perhaps there was too much going on this weekend. And so, let's try again.

Ed. Note: The weekend has been rescheduled to Oct. 20-21 (see schedule).

SLIDE EVENING

by Churchill Scott
August 15, 1984

It was very good to see Fred and Helen Field at the recent slide show presentation and enjoy their movie film. There were shots of winter and summer activities of the section way back in the 1940's and 50's.

Also there were slides of the winter weekends at Tall Timbers, outings of the 1950s and 1960s and a recent trip to Mt.

Katahdin by the Shambo family.

Our meeting ended with a tasty selection of goodies that hit the spot.

Let's try to have more of this type of activity. Don't you have some interesting slides you'd like to share with our section members?

HALE HOLLOW, PLYMOUTH

by Ira Hawley
August 19, 1984

A good group of 24 hikers met at the park on a cloudy morning to proceed to Hale Hollow in Plymouth. The sun came out as we arrived at our parking area.

As we started our hike along a country road we passed a fellow comfortably seated in his folding chair in the river bed of the Broad Brook panning for gold. A group photo was taken just before we left the road to start a climb on a well-marked trail. Large boulders along the way were a topic of conversation as we climbed. Nearing the top, Steve Pulling discovered a bird's nest with three eggs on the ground near the trail, which we determined to be of the thrush family.

At midday a discussion of location of the lunch break resulted in our continuing on until 1:00 P.M. for a late rest period at the picnic area with several available tables. On our return along a little-used town road, we took a side trip to Plymouth Five Corners Cemetery where many of the grave markers were dated in the early 1800s. Plots of the Hale family (Hale Hollow) and Slack family (Slack Hill) were located. A 1½ mile walk (all downhill) brought us back to Plymouth Five Corners to our cars. Much interesting history of this area could be learned from local historians, I'm sure.

As we were saying our farewells to this congenial group, a few sprinkles fell, which developed into a heavy rain on our return trip home.

*Congratulations
Roma & Al!!!*

MYSTERY HIKE

by Ira and Irene Hawley
September 9, 1984

It was a pleasure to substitute for Steve Pulling on this hike. A "Mystery Hike" arouses the imagination. On a beautiful afternoon 32 people assembled at the park. We went to Brandon and left Route 7 on the McConnell Road to Forestdale. Then up Birch Hill past Goodnew Orchard to Sugar Hollow where we parked the cars. We went into the woods on an old woods road parallel to Sugar Hollow Brook. It was shady with a few easy ups and downs.

As there was no "Real Destination," after two miles of walking we had a discussion whether to continue further or retrace our steps. It was decided not to overdo it for some of the newcomers and we returned to our cars via the same route.

When the last of the slower walkers arrived at our cars, we discovered that John Hughes had thoughtfully procured a supply of fresh apples from the nearby sales stand. Everyone had a pleasant afternoon.

THE LAST MILE: LAKE MANSFIELD TO SMUGGLERS' NOTCH

by Roma Pulling, E.T.E.

It seemed like an occasion for fireworks, frivolity, and champagne toasts instead of the quiet conclusion of this backpack, much like any other. It wasn't like any other because my husband, Al Pulling, and I had been laboring toward this end, this moment, for six years, four months, and two days. We are now End-to-Enders!!!

At the start and for the first 130 miles or so, completing the trail seemed like an impossible dream for people in their middle years. From 130 to 200 miles I began to take it seriously, and after last summer's eight-day trek I knew I could do it. Even so, this last effort had to be postponed while Alfred recuperated from major surgery performed July 16; but on September 7, 1984, at 2:00 P.M. we were on our way from Rutland

with our backpacking companions, Steve Pulling and Jim Davis. We were blessed with good weather throughout the weekend.

Spotting our car in Smugglers' Notch, we all crowded into Steve's car and headed for Lake Mansfield, parked his car in the lot there and hiked to Taylor Lodge for the night. The trail was familiar as we had used it when hiking south over Bolton Mountain last October. We had the shelter to ourselves and spent an enjoyable night, under the light of an almost full moon.

Saturday morning we discussed whether to leave by the main route or by the "much more interesting" but more difficult Clara Bow Trail. Three voices chorused, "Let's Clara Bow it" (guess who was the silent partner?), and we worked our way through Nebraska Notch. I thought it compared in wildness to Devil's Gulch further north. Arriving at Butler Lodge around noon, we ate lunch and watched members of the Burlington Section creosoting the shelter.

Here we had to decide if we could make it to Taft Lodge at a reasonable hour, and the boys decided to go for it. I puffed along at a much slower pace with Alfred acting as watch dog and arrived at Taft, with sore feet and throbbing knees, at 5:30 P.M. At the approach to the Forehead, the boys had decided on the more difficult main trail again rather than the by-pass. I found it rough but pulled through with an occasional helping hand from one of the fellows. At the Summit Station we had enjoyed the novelty of browsing among the gifts and buying cold drinks. Our stop at the summit of Mansfield was a real pleasure even though it was swarming with day hikers. After resting, taking pictures, and admiring the delicately beautiful Alpine sandwort in bloom there, we made the long descent to Taft.

Overnight at Taft was a different experience from the one at Taylor, which had been one of complete silence except for the occasional hoot of an owl. The caretaker at Taft was host to nearly 20 people. They were as quiet as 20 people can be, but outside the wind swept past while we were fanned by breezes that slipped through cracks in the log walls, and in the dead of night a large plane flew over. Sunday morning we descended

to our car and on the way met a 75-year-old man working on his End-to-End alone.

For people who hike the LT in one trip, the sight of the marker at the Canadian border must be a stirring experience. For us, the opportunity to look down from the highest point on the LT was a fitting climax and one we won't forget. I remember many things about our six-year odyssey: breathtaking views, meetings with other hikers, quiet nights under the stars, other nights around the campfire.

So if you're walking through the woods and meet a spare, gray-haired hiker with a triumphant smile and sporting an End-to-End patch, followed by a husband similarly equipped, please salute. WE MADE IT!!!

Editor's Note: Congratulations, Roma and Al, from us all!

BOOK REVIEW

A study of the plants and animals living on a small private plot of land doesn't sound like a book you wouldn't want to put down, but A Natural History of Tinmouth, Vermont is just that.

Author George LeBoutillier and his wife, Miriam, moved to Tinmouth when they retired from teaching at Ohio University.

During the years that they have lived in Tinmouth, the Le Boutilliers have become well acquainted with the comings and goings of the creatures large and small that inhabit their land, the plants growing there and even its geology.

Mr. Le Boutillier's understanding and love all living things shine through his observations. In describing the parenting habits of cowbirds, he says "Avian mores are not human mores and to interpret bird behavior by human values is a mistake." And you will laugh with him at the raccoons' perspicacity in having learned the date when sweet corn will be ready for picking. "The day before will be the one on which they visit your garden to sample all the ears!"

The author's charming and humorous

sketches enliven the book.

This natural history is written simply enough for a child or beginning naturalist to understand, but will also interest those well versed in the field, especially those who live in Rutland County.

A Natural History of Tinmouth, Vermont is available at Book King in Rutland.

IN SYMPATHY

Word has been received recently of the death of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Weston.

The Killington Section would like to express our deepest sympathy to Wes Weston and his family at this time.

CLIMB THE MOUNTAINS

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.

RECIPE

Stuffed Apple - An apple stuffed with peanut butter and raisins or with cream cheese, honey and cinnamon makes a great trail snack. Just cut off the top quarter of the apple, remove the core (leaving the bottom of the apple intact to keep filling in). Stuff the opening, replace the lid, and carry in a plastic bag. ---
Backpacker

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte. 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
c/o V. Young -- R.D.#1
Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$12.00	Spouse	\$10.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Junior (to 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	6.00		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Autumn 1984 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Rob Carey, Pres., RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, 446-2830; Steve Pulling, Vice-Pres., RD 1, Post Road, 775-3361; Olga Laird, Sec., Chasanna Drive, 773-7448; or W. Churchill Scott, Treas., RFD #1, Chasanna Drive, 775-1494

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Oct. 6 (Sat.)	10:30 A.M.	MIDDLETOWN MOUNTAIN, 5 mi., easy to moderate. Ira & Irene Hawley, 775-4149
Oct. 13-14 (Sat.-Sun.)		GIRL SCOUT END-TO-END HIKE. Leaders still welcome. Phone for details. Janet Martin, 773-8621
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	FALL FOLIAGE HIKE, Baker Peak, Mt. Tabor, from Forest Road 30. 4 mi., moderate. Fine views, good for all ages. Rob & Sue Carey, 446-2830
Oct. 20-21 (Sat.-Sun.)	8:00 A.M.	WOMEN'S WILDERNESS WEEKEND at Merck Forest. Hope this date is better for everyone. Reservation required, fee charged. Winnie Shambo, 773-9330
Oct. 27-28 (Sat.-Sun.)	6:00 A.M.	SPINELESS BACKPACK (if you want to know, ask!), north and south from Hazen's Notch. Call for reservations. Sue Thomas, 773-2185
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	ANNUAL VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE, the popular East Mountain climb. Moderate, 3 mi. Joe Valiquette, 773-8745
Nov. 17 (Sat.)	5:00 P.M.	COVERED DISH SUPPER, Tamarack Notch. <u>Members only</u> . Bring place setting and either hot dish, salad or dessert. Slide program. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	BELMONT area, following old roads, 2 mi., easy. Krissy Nadler, 438-5298
Dec. 3 (Mon.)	6:00 P.M.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. Your chance to contribute toward variety and spice in our program. Refreshments. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Dec. 8 (Sat.)	6:00 P.M.	MOONLIGHT HIKE. If we're lucky, the full moon will give "a lustre of mid-day to objects below." Mystery destination, 3 mi., easy. <u>Members only</u> . Refreshments. Ted & Winnie Shambo, 773-9330
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	Former BEDNAR HUNTING CAMP on our Appalachian Trail right of way near Clarendon Gorge. 4 mi., moderate. Harold Rogers, 775-5992
Dec. 22 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	MORGAN PEAK and LOST SHELTER, Pinney Hollow, Plymouth. 3 mi., moderate. Churchill Scott, 775-1494
Dec. 29 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	4th annual ICE SKATING PARTY, Pulling Camp, Fern Lake. <u>Members only</u> . Steve Pulling, 775-3361

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING. THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN APPROPRIATE. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE. PLEASE STAY WITH HIKE LEADER.

Mr. George Fickens
Wendover Way Pa
Rutland, Vt. 05701





Smoke & Blazes

VOLUME 37, NUMBER 4

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

OCT.-DEC., 1984

IMPACT OF PICO EXPANSION DISCUSSED

by Rob Carey

As you may know, Pico Ski Area is planning an expansion. As part of this they are making a major effort to inform and involve interested organizations. There have been two meetings so far and a third is planned.

At the first meeting people brought up topics such as traffic, sewage, views, and hiking trails, that the development could affect. At the second meeting the general plans which took these items into consideration were presented. Of course, not everybody present was fully satisfied with what was shown, but all were supportive of the effort to compromise and avoid confrontation.

Most of the land through which the Long Trail passes from U.S. 4 south almost to Ram's Head is owned by Pico. There are no plans for the major part of this area. Most of the envisioned development will be near the existing base area. This includes a sports complex and a possible retail center. Expansion of condominiums in existing areas is also planned. One of these areas, Brad Mead Drive, is near the Trail.

Pico recently purchased land that abuts U.S. 4 east of Sherburne Pass. There are plans to build housing units on this new section. While this would not affect the Trail, ski lifts and ski trails planned to connect with the main part of Pico would have to cross the Trail. The number and location of these crossings is unknown. We hope that they will be small and negotiable. Since this is also part of the Appalachian Trail, acquisition is involved.

At this point cautious optimism seems appropriate. Club and section officials are certainly interested in hearing from members on this issue.

WEST RUTLAND STATE FOREST

by Ray Catozzi

September 16, 1984

If you look up into the extreme upper left hand (northwest) square corner of a map of West Rutland, you will find, if you have the right map (Vermont Gazetteer), a marked off tract of land less than a mile square. This in itself is not so unusual on a map, but inside that little 1/2" square on the map are the words "West Rutland STATE Forest."

This is intriguing to a map lover, a state forest of less than a mile square! Worth investigating for a possible club hike. It was, and we did hike it, on Sunday, Sept. 16!

A private road coming off the upper Whipple Hollow Road leads into the state land, going past one beautiful camp on the way, with a lawn and rock garden. The route then becomes a wood road as it climbs and encircles a high hill in the center of the forest plot. After coming close to the crest of the hill on the west side, it then dips back down around the south side to re-join the lead-in road just above the camp.

We lunched in a semi-cleared area where some logging had been done, and then started back down, continuing our counterclockwise encirclement of the hill. We had a grand walk and many had great fun picking blackberries on the way down, some just to eat on the spot, but a few lingering behind to gather enough for a pie or two.

Only limited views of Blue Ridge and Pico were to be seen to the east, but we walked under many extremely tall oak, maple, birch and spruce trees, some easily over 100 feet tall.

If anyone has the answer to why this little, and little known, plot of land is



called a state forest, we would be interested in hearing it. Maybe the Vermont Department of Forests and Parks expects it to grow like the acorns do. The only fact that seems to have a bearing on it is a sign on the gate across the lead-in road. It says "West Rutland Fire Wood Lot."

MYSTERY CANOE TRIP

by Steve Pulling
September 22, 1984

Despite the local meteorologist's forecast of a poor day, the weather proved to be quite nice and a very successful canoe trip was had this year. The recipe for the day was relaxation, exploration, fellowship, and most of all just plain old fun out in Mother Nature's vast array of beauty.

The destination this year was Camp Sunrise in Benson, Vermont, which is bordered by Sunrise Lake on the east and Sunset Lake on the west. The shores of these two lakes are mostly wooded with very few camps in comparison to most lakes in the area, which made for a peaceful setting.

Eleven people with six canoes shoved off from the waterfront at Camp Sunrise into Sunrise Lake with no real destination in mind. A couple of canoes just meandered around the middle of the lake while the remaining canoes slowly made their way around the perimeter of the lake looking at the scenery, fish, turtles

and ducks.

About 11:30 A.M. everyone took a break from paddling and just lounged in the canoes soaking up some very warm sun rays. Somewhere around noon we made the very long portage of 30 feet into Sunset Lake. After 20 minutes of paddling we beached the canoes and climbed to a high point of land with nice views of Sunset Lake for lunch. The abbreviated method of starting a fire was used by the trip leader after many attempts to use the Girl Scout method had failed.

When all of the hot dogs were roasted and lunch was consumed, we couldn't make any more excuses for sitting and over-looking the lake so we boarded the canoes and paddled around Sunset Lake at a leisurely pace. The 30-foot portage was encountered on the return trip back to Camp Sunrise, and the trip leader could see everyone was ready to quit for the day. So much for the fourth annual Killington Section canoe trip.

KILLINGTON PEAK FROM THE BASE LODGE

by Harold C. Rogers
September 30, 1984

The weather was warm and quite clear as we met in the park. When we arrived at the base lodge of Killington, we waited a few minutes at the parking lot for some additional hikers we thought might show up, but they didn't.

We could see our destination at the top and were anxious to get started. As no one seemed to care about going up under the ski lift, we decided to go up the service road. On the lower slopes the leaves were green and we were sheltered and did not have a good view. But near the top we could see more and admire the color of the valley and mountains. With numerous rest stops it took us a little over two hours getting to the top.

On our arrival Churchill had coffee and snacks for us. His homestead was quite cozy for our group. After resting and visiting we looked over the gondola and summit restaurant and started down. The descent was faster but more painful. The hike was good exercise and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

MIDDLETOWN MOUNTAIN

by Ira and Irene Hawley

October 6, 1984

With consideration for the many Fall activities (foliage viewing, holiday weekend, art showings, etc.) it was nice to see 10 interested hikers gather at the park for our own foliage viewing trek.

With full sun on the mountains as we approached the Taconic Range from West Rutland to Tinmouth, the scenery was excellent. As we left Route 133 at Ira Town Hall and proceeded north, Herrick Mountain appeared high on the horizon directly ahead.

We parked the cars at the beginning of an abandoned town road and proceeded along it upgrade toward Middletown Springs. At the summit was a clearing where the sun shone in warm and made a pleasant place for our lunch stop. As we proceeded further along there were look-outs for views of Killington and Shrewsbury Peaks. Farther along we came upon seasonal camps, and on a side trip we discovered a small pond, and just beyond, open fields green with alfalfa. From here there was a nice view of the eastern slope of Spruce Knob and beyond to a settlement which I think was Poultney. We were reluctant to leave this pleasant place, but as with all hikes, we had to retrace our steps to our cars. A pleasant day was had by all participants.

GIRL SCOUT LT END-TO-END EVENT

by Janet Martin

October 13-14, 1984

This Event took place on the weekend of Oct. 13-14. The weather was beautiful throughout the state on both days. We had 50 troops on the trail with about 500 girls and 200 leaders. Harry Peet, Ray Auger, and Ben Day were very helpful to the planning committee in suggesting hikes, access, etc.

In the local area, Killington Section members Ray Catozzi, Sue Thomas, Roma Pulling, and Jan Martin accompanied troops on their hikes. Ray and Sue went on overnight hikes with Senior and Cadette troops

from the Rutland area, north and south from Forest Road #10 respectively. Roma went in to Clarendon Lodge, up Beacon Hill and also a quick trip to the swinging bridge; Jan led her troop up the New Boston Trail to Mt. Carmel. Carol Chapman was consultant to a troop that hiked from the top of Killington to Governor Clement Shelter. They were given passes on the gondola by the Killington Ski Area.

Part of the troops' assignment was to report on trail and shelter conditions. In the Killington Section itself, the following was reported: Killington Peak to Governor Clement Shelter ...some blow-downs; Route 103 to Beacon Hill...well maintained, some washouts need work. They also recorded the people they met as follows: New Boston Trail, 13 with group and met 10, all from out of state (the trail marking was very confusing because of the cross-country ski trails also marked in blue); Long Trail Lodge to Gifford Woods, 18 in group, met eight in family groups (this group did not request a consultant); Killington, six in group, met three on trail; Rte. 103 to Beacon Hill, 19 in group and met eight hikers, mostly singles.

The Scouts would like to take this opportunity to thank all the above people for their help in making this Event possible. All the troops were very enthusiastic about their trips and I hope the GMC will gain some members as a result. Almost all reported they would like to go again.

BAKER PEAK

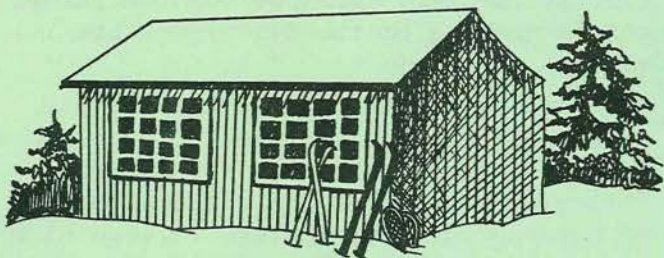
by Rob and Sue Carey

October 14, 1984

We took the easy way in, only two miles each way, by hiking in from Forest Road #30. The weather was excellent, resulting in a good turnout of over 20 hikers. The hikers' ages ranged from three to seventy, including several new people. The 10:00 A.M. starting time proved popular, as well as the easy destination.

A viewpoint about two-thirds of a mile below the summit provided an excellent lunch spot, with plenty of com-

fortable rocks to relax on. The views from the summit were even more extensive. The return hike was enjoyable and uneventful. Some took a short side trip to Lost Pond Shelter before driving home. We also saw several inviting campsites to keep in mind for future use.



MERCK FOREST

by Winnie Shambo
October 20, 1984

It is unfortunate that we are unable to generate more interest in some of our "overnight outings." Fortunately, we have the stout-hearted few who do enjoy an overnight, such as our trip to Merck Forest.

Sue Thomas, Roma Pulling and I, along with Honey Bear (my pup), met at the park while Sue Carey joined us as we passed her home on Route 7. As I recall, it was a pleasant day and the ride down was uneventful except that Honey Bear turned out to be a poor rider.

There was a bit of a mix-up in our reservations, but once straightened out we proceeded on to Beebe Pond and the Upper Shelter where there is a fine view of Mt. Equinox. In the evening, lights of the building seem to twinkle as stars from atop the mountain. Beebe Pond is growing in more each year I return. A great deal of slash work and mowing had been done in the area which makes for easier access to the privy. The white birch seemed whiter, if that is possible. The pump at the pond has not been working for at least two years. Water for the two shelters at Beebe Pond is available from a brook 0.2 miles left from the Upper Shelter.

Soon after lunch and a short rest we decided to climb Mt. Antone. We followed orange markings on the trees which, at times, were difficult to find, causing

the leader to sometimes miss the trail for a short bit only to cross it further on. We spent some time at the clearing, enjoying the sunshine, views, and Honey Bear's antics.

Back at the shelter another rest period ensued for all of us. Sue Thomas took the opportunity of Honey Bear's inactivity to do a beautiful sketch of her.

Supper consisted of spaghetti with meatball/Italian sausage sauce, tossed salad and Italian bread provided by the leader. Nothing says one has to do without a good meal in the woods.

The night was mild for the time of year, although Honey Bear shivered and had to be covered. During the wee hours a tremendous coughing noise was heard from the direction of the pond, followed by the sound of a large animal crashing through the woods. A bear!? My bear nearly climbed the shelter wall from fear and from that point on slept with her head propped on my neck and most of her body within my sleeping bag.

Sue Carey left us before breakfast to return to unfinished chores at home. After our breakfast the rest of us broke camp and headed out for the parking lot.

Just as a footnote regarding something I would like to see altered at Merck Forest: We came across a number of hunters during our short stay at the forest. Either the Foundation should close the Forest to hikers during hunting season or hunting should not be allowed within the Forest boundaries. I'm not aware of any "accidents" happening there but that fact does not preclude one from happening sometime in the future.

VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE

by Joe Valiquette
November 4, 1984

It was a clear November day as 35 hikers began their climb up East Mountain. East Mountain was a special place for my father, Harold Valiquette. He hunted and hiked it and in later years taught his grandchildren about the beauty of the mountain. We encountered two animal traps on the way up. I stepped on one, but no harm done. When we reached the

top, the view was great. You could see Rutland, West Rutland, and off in the distance, the Adirondacks. Our descent was uneventful, but the temperature became a bit cool as we hurried down the mountain.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

by Roma Pulling
November 17, 1984

Some of the people we look forward to seeing at our annual "deer season special" couldn't make it this year, but a loyal group of 16 did manage to gather at the camp at Tamarack Notch. The food was delicious, as always.

Instead of Rotary cabin, which is crowded but warm, we were assigned to the dining hall. Even though the caretakers had had a fire in the fireplace all afternoon, it was never really warm. Of course it was our luck to be there on one of the coldest nights so far with a

couple of inches of snow on the ground. Nevertheless, we are grateful to Grace Congregational Church for letting us meet at their camp for the fourth year in a row.

Sue Thomas presented the program this year -- a very interesting set of slides from her trip to Arizona. Thanks, Sue. Thanks are also due to Al Pulling for furnishing the wood for the fire and helping to set up tables in the afternoon.

SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

Editor: Carol Chapman
Assistant Editor and Typist: Jake Sherman
Illustrations: Sue Thomas
Mailing: Ray Catozzi, Roma Pulling, Churchill Scott

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte. 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
c/o V. Young -- R.D.#1
Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$12.00	Spouse	\$10.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Junior (to 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	6.00		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

Congratulations
Virginia and Churchill!

C

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Winter 1985 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Rob Carey, Pres., RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, 446-2830; Steve Pulling, Vice-Pres., RD 1, Post Road, 775-3361; Olga Laird, Sec., Chasanna Drive, 773-7448; or W. Churchill Scott, Treas., RFD #1, Chasanna Drive, 775-1494.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Jan. 6 (Sun.)	8:00 A.M.	STRATTON POND, 4 mi., easy for skiers, snowshoers or hikers. Ted & Winnie Shambo, 773-9330
Jan. 13 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	HALF MOON STATE PARK, ski, snowshoe, hike or slide. Easy, variable mileage. Linda Krasner, 468-3100 Sue Thomas, 773-2185
Jan. 20 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	The new YOUNG'S CAMP at Blue Ridge. Not suitable for skiing. 2 mi., moderate. Churchill & Virginia Scott, 775-1494
Jan. 26 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	BELMONT TO EAST WALLINGFORD, easy, 2-3 mi. Krissy Nadler, 438-5298
Feb. 10 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	BELLEVUE AVENUE EXTENSION TO POST ROAD. With luck, we'll follow the power line and unplowed roads to Pulling's for hot chocolate and cookies. (Third attempt!) Easy, 2 mi. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Feb. 24 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	SLEDDING PARTY, skiing, snowshoeing at our house in Wallingford. <u>Members only.</u> Rob & Sue Carey, 446-2830
Mar. 2-3 (Sat.-Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	WINTER WEEKEND at Merck Forest in Rupert. Day hikers welcome. Overnight campers must register in advance and pay a fee. Roma Pulling 773-6997
Mar. 5 (Tues.)	7:00 P.M.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. All members wishing to plan spring hikes welcome. Refreshments provided. Roma Pulling 773-6997
Mar. 10 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	WHITE ROCKS on the Long Trail. 4 mi., moderate. Not suitable for skis. Harold Rogers, 775-5992
Mar. 16 (Sat.)	8:30 A.M.	SPRUCE SHELTER from Rte. 11, 4 mi., moderate. Not suitable for skis. Steve Pulling, 773-6997
Mar. 23 (Sat.)	2:00 P.M.	SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY at our house with Janet Martin at the kitchen range again. Fee charged includes pickles, doughnuts, and beverage. <u>Members only.</u> Roma Pulling 773-6997
Mar. 30 (Sat.)	7:00 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING, location to be announced. Program & refreshments. Rob Carey, 446-2830

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING. THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN APPROPRIATE. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE. PLEASE STAY WITH HIKE LEADER.

KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



PERKROB :sf

MR AND MRS ROBERT PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28212



VOLUME 38, NUMBER 1

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JAN.-MARCH, 1985

SPINELESS BACKPACK

by Sue Thomas
Oct. 27-28

We five spineless backpackers tried to prove ourselves more hardy than our name by meeting at 5:30 a.m. for our hike, seeing the sunrise as we drove north. We left a car at Rte. 118, and began our hike with day packs from Hazen's Notch. We hiked about 10 miles that day; over Haystack and Tillotson, with a stop at Tillotson Camp for lunch (yes, Roma, we found the door!), then on to Belvidere. The weather was overcast, obscuring views, but the sun peeked thru occasionally, and we were all grateful for the unseasonably warm weather. After that it really got rugged -- we drove back to Hazen's Notch accompanied by an "oldies" radio station, with backseat chorus, put away our day packs and labored into Hazen's Notch Camp with our back-packs...1/2 mile!

We all suffered thru one of those tasteless trail suppers that Roma hates so much -- swordfish filets cooked in wine with hollandaise sauce, tossed salad, baked potatoes, shish kabobs, and crepes with hot blueberry sauce, then settled in for a snug warm night. (All the reports we heard about the camp are true -- hats off to the adopter.)

Sunday morning (60°!!) we trudged the one-half mile out again to switch back to our reasonable day packs (except Jim Davis, whose day pack was never reasonable -- borrowed from his son and ... sort of small!) and drove around to Rte. 242 for the last leg.

We reached the summit of Buchanan before we realized it, and played hide & seek with the sun the rest of the day, as we struggled thru one of Rob's famous "all-downhill-from-here" stretches --

you know, the kind where you'd swear you were still going up but decide to trust his judgment. When we finally did hit the downhill, it was a doozy, but we all survived with enough energy to spare for champagne, provided by Steve, to celebrate the end of Sue's first, Rob's second, and the beginning of Junior's End-to-End. Congratulations all!!!

"HORSESHOE WALK" - BELMONT

by Krissy Nadler
December 2, 1984

The "flakes" were coming down (and I don't mean those out-of-staters) occasionally as a courageous group of 12 hikers set out on a "horseshoe walk" in the quiet town of Belmont. The snow crunched comfortably under our feet as we trudged along to our destination -- lunch on Mrs. Nyiri's cottage porch! After a nice, leisurely lunch and quite a long rest, we started back to the cars. It was a nice walk back with nothing exciting happening. As we reached the cars, someone remarked about how nice the snow looked, just like....a winter wonderland.

Thanks to all who came on this hike!

MYSTERY MOONLIGHT HIKE

by Ted Shambo
December 8, 1984

There aren't that many short-distance places to choose from for an evening hike so we're sure the destination of this outing wasn't so very much a mystery after all, especially when we parked our cars at Rte. 103 and headed north on the Long Trail.

The moon was hidden by cloud cover and never showed its face as Sue Carey, wearing snowshoes, led the group into Clarendon Shelter.

Thomas Shambo and I packed dry wood in for the campfire. Once at the shelter, we had to rebuild the fire pit, then gather dry branches and twigs for kindling. Soon we had a good fire burning.

It didn't take long for the water to heat and soon we were drinking our hot beverages (some had wine) while we talked, joked and enjoyed one another's company.

Those that usually "stay-over" on the Moonlight Hikes opted not to do so this year, and so we all hiked back to the cars together.

BEDNAR CAMP

by Harold C. Rogers
December 16, 1984

This hike to an unknown area turned out well. The weather was very warm for this time of year, but not sunny. The ground was snow covered, but the walking was not difficult.

Fifteen of us left the fire station about half past nine and drove to the intersection of Rte. 103 and the Spring Lake Road. We parked the cars and started walking up the road toward Spring Lake which was quite steep. We walked about one quarter of a mile and then left the road and continued uphill in a westerly direction in open pasture. As soon as we got to the top of the hill the pasture ended and we started downhill in open hardwoods. There were quite a few logging tree tops, briars, and bushes to get through also. After we got to the bottom of the hill, the walking was more or less level, for Vermont that is. We walked about a mile to a logging road and then about three-quarters of a mile to the Bednar hunting camp.

We arrived at the camp about noon. After Steve Pulling opened the camp and we all had a good look around, we built a fire and had our usual picnic. It

wasn't as cold as usual standing around the fire, but the smoke was a nuisance.

At about one o'clock we had a nice walk back to the cars. We followed a road back along Mill River which was better walking than the way we had gone in.

Although I had underestimated the mileage by about a mile, it was still a good hike.



STRATTON POND IN WINTER

by Winnie Shambo
January 6, 1985

Killington Section's first day hike of the new year was quite a chilly one as I recall and so we were pretty well bundled in layers.

The drive to where we would park the cars took just about an hour. After donning day packs we set out for the Pond via logging roads near one of the ski trails and behind some of the most beautiful homes in the area.

About 20 minutes into the hike, we came to the International Paper Company's log road which runs from the Arlington/West Wardsboro Road to Rte. 30. The paper company has gates with locks at each end to prevent public travel. Crossing this "major highway in the wilderness" diagonally, we picked up yet another logging road, this one pretty well eroded by recent logging activity in the area. Soon we came to a beaver pond where we made our way across their dam which contained some freshly gnawed branches.

Skirting a wet area we came to the Stratton Mt. Trail. Following this trail to the pond, we came to the DuFresne Job, an old logging site. This is a clearing where, now, the beaver have taken over, and to the left of the trail there is a good-sized beaver pond. There is a brook

to cross just before beginning to climb the ridge separating this clearing from the pond. This whole area was ice-covered during our visit and I took a nasty fall there (and suffered whiplash for several days).

We passed one final beaver pond and after topping the ridge we began our downhill trek to the pond.

What a home-coming! This was the first time I had been there in winter. It was beautiful, a whole new perspective for me on one of the loveliest sites on the Long Trail. The only portion not ice-locked was the outlet on the west side of the pond.

The Caretaker's tent platform looked forlorn without its tent and about that time it would have offered welcome shelter. The wind was blowing strongly.

The "boy scouts" of the group made numerous attempts to get a campfire going so there could be hot water for beverages and soup. After a time they gave up and some of us took a walk around the pond. I had a few things to check out for Ray Auger, our Southern Field Assistant.

From Stratton View Shelter smoke could be seen rising from a campfire coaxed into being by our "girl-scouts." By the time we returned to the group, the water was good and hot.

When everyone was warmed by their beverages, the fire was extinguished and the ashes spread before we left the area.

It is pretty difficult going downhill when your path is ice-covered. Several of us took falls. However, Roma's was the most serious. She broke a bone in her wrist. By the time we reached the cars it was quite swollen.

I hope everyone enjoyed the pond and by now has recovered from their injuries.

Ed. Note.: After two months in a cast, Roma has progressed to a brace and is back on the hiking trail.

HALF MOON POND STATE PARK

by Sue Thomas and Linda Krasner
January 13, 1985

After some discussion as to the exact location of Half Moon Pond State Park, a group of approximately one dozen geared up to explore the park, which we were fortunate to have all to ourselves. It was a warm sunny day with a half foot of freshly fallen snow -- excellent for the first good cross-country skiing of the new year.

We skied and hiked half way around Half Moon Pond and then across it. There was some swapping of ski equipment along the way as well as discussion as to which skis were faster--wax or no-wax. There was also a lot of food swapping as we waited for the water to heat over the fire for lunch at one of the shelters.

After lunch the skiers became hikers and the group hiked to High Pond. We returned to Krasners' house for refreshments and to warm up after the day of winter activities.

BELMONT TO EAST WALLINGFORD

by Krissy Nadler
January 26, 1985

On Saturday, Jan. 26, a group of 15 eager hikers met at the fire station... ready for an outing in the quaint little village of Belmont. We went for a 45 minute ride to get there, but I didn't hear anyone complain.

When we reached Belmont, we stopped and parked in front of the general store. We started up the hill, parallel to the store. When we reached the top, we turned left. At this point a few of the more adventurous hikers put on their X-country skis. Following a twisting country road, we made our way up to the highway. John Hughes drove his waiting car back to the general store, while the rest of us walked back.

We all met back at Mrs. Nyiri's cottage porch, a welcome shelter against the piercing wind, where we dined sufficiently.

Special thanks to Mr. Al Pulling for helping me lead this hike.



BELMONT AVE. EXTENSION TO PULLINGS'HOUSE

by Ray Catozzi

February 10, 1985

Well, we finally got a hit on this outing, after striking out last year and the year before, due to extensive winter thaws. Actually, we didn't completely strike out then, as we substituted East Mountain and Bald Mountain in Mar. '83 and Feb. '84.

You see, this route through the northeastern part of Rutland City and Rutland Town goes through parts of Cedar Swamp, which is fine going when it is frozen, but rather difficult when these parts are marshy water. The thaw came again this year, but a week later, so we were finally in luck.

Twenty winter enthusiasts showed up on a fine sunny Sunday afternoon with a 30° temperature. There were 10 hiking, eight skiing and two snowshoeing, quite a mixed group. Naturally, due to the differing speeds in travelling over snow, we got scattered over quite a long distance before the end of the trip.

Through some open meadow first, then through some mixed pine and hardwood forests we went. Then down into part of the swamp where Tenney Brook flows, across the brook, following an old overgrown development road put in a few years back (no development materialized, though). Our trail on this road bed was narrowed to just a couple feet most of the way.

Then we intersected the powerline that runs from the North Rutland sub-station around east of Rutland to the South Rutland sub-station. Following this south for about ½ mile or so, we passed over another frozen part of the swamp, right under the powerline. Then we peeled off onto another old wood road that led up to some open hilltop fields just northwest of Pullings' house.

Soon we arrived, at greatly staggered times, at their kitchen door, deposited our boots in a growing pile on the kitchen floor, and then stocking-footed it to the living room for hot chocolate and cookies by the warmth of a roaring fire in the fireplace (thanks to Al Pulling, the master fire builder).

A most pleasant ending to a most pleasant and invigorating outing, thanks to Roma and Al Pulling's hospitality, and the final cooperation of the weatherman.

MERCK FOREST

by Rob Carey

March 2-3, 1985

Three overnight hikers, Rob & Sue Carey and Sue Thomas, and three day hikers, John & Emma Hughes and Nina La Penna, started out on Saturday. The ground was bare except for some north facing slopes.

After reaching Spruce Shelter we had lunch. We decided to hike up to Spruce Point which had excellent views. There was some snow on the roads and trails, making them stand out. The Masters Mountain Trail looked especially interesting. We made a loop hike stopping at the Sugar House. The sap was running and they were boiling. The sugar maker gave us a sample of first run, still warm syrup. By the time we returned to Spruce Shelter, all were ready for a rest and snack.

After the day hikers left, the over-nighters took a nap before starting supper. Sue Thomas was in charge of the main dish. She served veal Cordon Bleu with broccoli for a vegetable. It was delicious. The Careys supplied the dessert of magic bars.

The stove cooperated well this year, not roasting us out but allowing Sue to cook over it in a T-shirt.

After a leisurely breakfast, Sunday's hike out was enjoyable.

BADGER REUNION

by Roma Pulling

Most Killington Sectioners, except for those who joined very recently, recall when Rob and Carolyn Badger lived in the area. They moved to Virginia about a year and a half ago, but Rob will be remembered for his service on our Board of Directors, as Vice President, member of the Outings Committee and leader of "difficult" hikes.

We were pleased therefore to get a

phone call in December from Landgrove, where Rob and Carolyn were visiting his parents with Daniel Brewster, their young son who was born in Virginia. Rob kindly invited us to get a group together and drive down for a visit. We contacted people by phone, hoping we didn't inadvertently overlook someone who would have liked to be included, and drove down on December 30. Rob's advanced study hasn't changed him, and motherhood certainly agrees with Carolyn.

A tentative plan for ice skating on the pond had to be cancelled due to melting, but Rob led us on a delightful easy hike near the West Branch of the West River (did I get that right, Rob?). As in all our outings, we carried our own lunch, but Carolyn surprised us with a pot of delicious homemade soup and other goodies. We all had a most enjoyable day, and it was great to see Rob and Carolyn again and meet Daniel Brewster.

Thank you, Badgers!!

DUES DUE

This is the last issue of Smoke & Blazes to be mailed to 1984 members. Please use the enclosed membership blank to send your 1985 dues to Churchill Scott.

CANCELLATION

For a variety of reasons including lack of ice or snow, four winter outings were cancelled. They had been scheduled for December 22 and 29, January 20, and February 24.

SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

Editor: Carol Chapman
Assistant Editor and Typist: Jake Sherman
Illustrations: Sue Thomas
Mailing: Ray Catozzi, Roma Pulling, Churchill Scott

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte. 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas.
RR 1, Box 4869
Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$12.00	Spouse	\$10.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Junior (to 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	6.00		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

G.M.C. KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

31 December 1984

Badger, Robert	1704 Lark Lane	Blacksburg, VA 24060
Barber, David & Audrey	P.O. Box 1097	Middletown Sprgs., VT 05757
Bequaert, Frank	44 Bertwell Road	Lexington, MA 02173
Blaskovich, Mrs. William	P.O. Box 367	Dearborn, MI 48121
Bowry, Peter H.	Powerhouse Road	Chittenden, VT 05737
Brigham, Grace	R.D.	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Bryant, Harriot	P.O. Box 131	Dorset, VT 05251
Cahee, Hedrick	179 Union Street	Springfield, VT 05156
Carey, Robert & Sue	R.R. 1, Box 340	Wallingford, VT 05773
Catozzi, Raymond	103 Bellevue Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Chapman, Carol	39 East Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Charland, Rachael	Hamilton House	
	Route #1, Box 232-F20	Waddington, NY 13694
Conlon, George & Diana	R.D. #2, Sunset Acres	Rutland, VT 05701
Crowther, John	249 Lincoln Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Culvert, Harry	R.D. #2, Plains Road	Pittsford, VT 05763
Dagg, Thomas R., Jr.	1 Eastview Court	Rutland, VT 05701
Daly, John	22 Engrem Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Dicton, Joseph Sr.	R.R. 1, Sugarwood Hill Rd.	Rutland, VT 05701
Dicton, Joseph Jr.	R.R. 1, Sugarwood Hill Rd.	Rutland, VT 05701
Donahue, Bernard	50 Edgerton Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Dube, Ray & Janet	Post Road Extension	Rutland, VT 05701
Dube, Nancy	Post Road Extension	Rutland, VT 05701
Dube, Patricia	Post Road Extension	Rutland, VT 05701
Fraher, Helen M.	15 Deer Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Frink, Helen	10 Elm Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Frink, James	60 Litchfield Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Gibbud, Ruth	Drake Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Griffin, James	81 Lincoln Avenue	Bomoseen, VT 05732
Gunn, Robert	48 Chestnut Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Gyurasz, James	1077 Mass. Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Hawley, Ira & Irene	R.R.#2, Woodstock Avenue	No. Adams, MA 01247
Hawley, Lorraine	R.R.#2, Woodstock Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Howard, John & Pat	10598 Jason Court	Rutland, VT 05701
Hughes, John & Emma	18 Ronaldo Court	Columbia, MD 21044
Johnson, David	3922 Elmwood Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Kirk, Dorothy (Mrs. Geo.)	8 E. Washington Street	Erie, PA 16509
Kraus, Joseph	Robinwood Development	Rutland, VT 05701
Krasner, Linda	Drake Road	Killington, VT 05751
Laird, Olga	R.D. #1, Chasanna Drive	Bomoseen, VT 05732
Lansing, Howard & Christine	Box 359	Rutland, VT 05701
Lansing, Anne	Box 359	Killington, VT 05751
La Penna, Nina	16 Garden Street	Killington, VT 05751
Lemire, James	Meadowbrook Village	Proctor, VT 05765
	Bldg. I - Apt. 18	West Lebanon, NH 03784
Maier, Elsie	280 Fort Washington Avenue	
Martin, John & Janet	7 Curtis Avenue	New York, NY 10032
Massey, Jim	R.R. #2, Box 40	Rutland, VT 05701
Mausolff, Anne	R.R. #1	Ludlow, VT 05149
McCormick, Patricia	76 Church Street	Chester, VT 05143
Melosh, Patricia	Box 236	Rutland, VT 05701
Melosh, Greg	Box 236	E. Wallingford, VT 05742
Melosh, Nick	Box 236	E. Wallingford, VT 05742
Nadler, Krissey	1 Pleasant Heights	E. Wallingford, VT 05742
Nadler, Maria	1 Pleasant Heights	West Rutland, VT 05777
Newton, Doris	26 Boutwell Road	West Rutland, VT 05777
Nuffort, John	453 Victor Way	Andover, MA 01810
Nyiri, Anna	167 Stratton Road	Wyckoff, NJ 07481
		Rutland, VT 05701

G.M.C. KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER (cont.)

O'Hara, Mary Jane	Box 148	Ludlow, VT 05149
Ogden, Herbert	173 Lincoln Street	Newton Highlands, MA 02161
Partridge, Charles	49 Warner Avenue	Proctor, VT 05765
Partridge, Sanborn	62 Ormsbee Avenue	Proctor, VT 05765
Peet, Harry	115 Barre Street	Montpelier, VT 05602
Perkins, Craigue	Woodstock Stage	Rutland, VT 05701
Perkins, Robert & Thelma	4812 Lebanon Road	Charlotte, NC 28212
Perkins, Vera	242 South Main Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Pulling, Alfred & Roma	R.D. #2, Woodstock Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Pulling, Steve	Post Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Reynolds, George	36 Rivercrest	Hanover, NH 03755
Rogers, Harold	38 Kendall Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Russell, Ellen	21 Venturi Green	
	Louisquisset Ctry Club Resort	No. Providence, RI 02904
Schmidt, Carl & Nancy	1651 Clayburn Circle	Cincinnati, OH 45240
Schmidt, Richard	Oxyoke Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Scott, Churchill	R.R. 1, Box 4869	Rutland, VT 05701
Shambo, Winnie	142 Dorr Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Sherman, Jake	48 Morse Place	Rutland, VT 05701
Simmonds, William, Jr.	18 Terrace Hill	Proctor, VT 05765
Sugarman, Nancy	22 East Center Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Thomas, Sue	35 Burnham Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Tumlin, Sue	21½ Park Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Unsworth, Karen	100 South Main Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Vang, Lao	7 Curtis Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Thelma	95 Killington Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Ann	R.D. #2, Town Line Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, John	R.D. #2, Town Line Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Mary	R.D. #2, Town Line Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Thomas	R.D. #2, Town Line Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Wardwell, Arthur	Star Route, Box 160	Chittenden, VT 05737
Weston, Wilbur	Rte. 1, Box 115-A	Holly Spa, NC 27540
Xiong, Van Lee	7 Curtis Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Young, Virginia	R.R. 1, Box 4869	Rutland, VT 05701

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Treasurer's Report

Balance 1/1/84	\$884.35
----------------	----------

Income

Dues	\$826.50	
Kirk Fund	116.50	
Interest	66.90	
Sugar on Snow	39.00	
Sale of Guide Books	21.00	
Sale of Patches	4.50	

	Total	\$1,074.40
--	-------	------------

Expense

To Main G.M.C.		\$360.07
Dues Assessment	333.00	
Guide Books	27.07	
Smoke & Blazes		238.02
Transfer to G.L. Kirk Fund		116.50
Treasurer Expense		53.04
Publicity		49.32
Donations		40.00
Outings		36.09
Dues Rebate		34.50
Howard Bank Checking Account		26.82
Postage		19.36

	Total	\$973.72
--	-------	----------

Balance 12/31/84	\$985.03
------------------	----------

GEORGE L. KIRK TRAILS AND SHELTERS FUND

Balance 1/1/84	\$8,466.58
----------------	------------

Income

1984 Interest	\$1,039.70	
1984 Gifts	116.50	
1984 Income	\$1,156.20	

Expense

To Main G.M.C.		73.45
Shelter Insurance	\$52.65	
Trail Liability	20.80	
Steve Pulling		50.99
Tamarack Moving		50.84
Shelter Repair		9.90
Pico	\$ 5.24	
Tucker-Johnson	4.66	
Shelter Registers		6.20
Trail Maintenance		3.18

	Total	\$ 194.56
--	-------	-----------

Balance 12/31/84	\$9,428.22
------------------	------------

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Spring 1985 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Rob Carey, Pres., RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, 446-3820; Steve Pulling, Vice-Pres., RR 3, Box 5192, 775-3361; Olga Laird, Sec., RR 1, Chasanna Dr., 773-7448; or W. Churchill Scott, Treas., RR 1, Box 4869, 775-1494.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Apr. 14 (Sun.)	10:30 A.M.	TEXAS FALLS, Hancock. Two miles of easy nature trails in this scenic State Recreation Area. Rob & Sue Carey, 446-2830
Apr. 27 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY, Tucker-Johnson Shelter, repair bunks and sidewalls. We need people to carry tools and lumber. Steve Pulling, 773-6997
May 5 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	<u>New!</u> DUVAL TRAIL, an easy 5-mi. walk in a wooded area in Brandon. Ira & Irene Hawley, 775-4149
May 11 (Sat.)	1:00 P.M.	Spend a pleasant afternoon exploring in the BOMOSEEN AREA. Moderate, 2-3 mi.. Linda Krasner, 468-3100
May 18 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WALK-THROUGH, complete restoration of trail from Rte. 140 to Gov. Clement Shelter. Each team will be assigned a short segment to blaze and trim. Steve Pulling, 773-6997
May 25-27 (Sat.-Mon.)		GMC ANNUAL MEETING, Bolton Valley Lodge. See February LT NEWS for details.
June 2 (Sun.)	8:30 A.M.	STRATTON MOUNTAIN. A generally moderate 4-mi. hike but steep at times; good views from the top. Ted & Winnie Shambo, 773-9330
June 4 (Tues.)	7:00 P.M.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING, for members wishing to help with the summer schedule. Refreshments. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
June 8 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY, replace roof of Gov. Clement Shelter. Steve Pulling, 773-6997
June 12 (Wed.)	5:30 P.M.	Supper hike, CHITTENDEN DAM, with opportunities for fishing and hiking. Bring your own meal. Churchill & Virginia Scott 775-1494
June 16 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	ASCUTNEY MOUNTAIN, via Windsor Trail, and Gerry's Falls. Good views, 5 mi., moderate. Sue Thomas, 773-2185
June 22 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WALK-THROUGH, clear and blaze trail, Gov. Clement Shelter to Rte. 4. Steve Pulling, 773-6997
June 30 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	HIGH POND, Brandon, 5 mi., easy. Laurie Webster, 247-6647

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN APPROPRIATE. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE. PLEASE STAY WITH HIKE LEADER.

KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



PERKROB :Sf

MR AND MRS ROBERT PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28212

Smoke & Blazes

Vol. 38, No. 2

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, KILLINGTON SECTION

April-June, 1985

WHITE ROCKS

by Harold C. Rogers
March 10, 1985

On this day 15 people decided they could get more exercise hiking than they could by sitting in a warm house watching TV.

As usual, it was a very nice day for hiking. The air was clear and quite cool in the morning and it warmed up in the afternoon.

The walking was quite difficult when we started. The crust on the snow wasn't hard enough for us to walk on. About 12 to 15 inches of corn snow covered the ground, so we took turns breaking the trail.

We arrived at Greenwall Shelter at about 10:30 A.M. Churchill Scott was kind enough to stay there and make the coffee while the rest of us struggled up the Keewaydin Trail to the White Rocks Lookout. We enjoyed a good view of the Otter Valley and of Rob and Sue's house. The air was clear but somewhat windy. The hikers who did not leave their lunches at the shelter stayed at the lookout to eat, while the rest of us returned to the shelter to eat and enjoy coffee.

The sun had come out so the snow had warmed up and we had better walking for the return trip.

The total walk was about three and one half miles and very enjoyable.

SPRUCE SHELTER

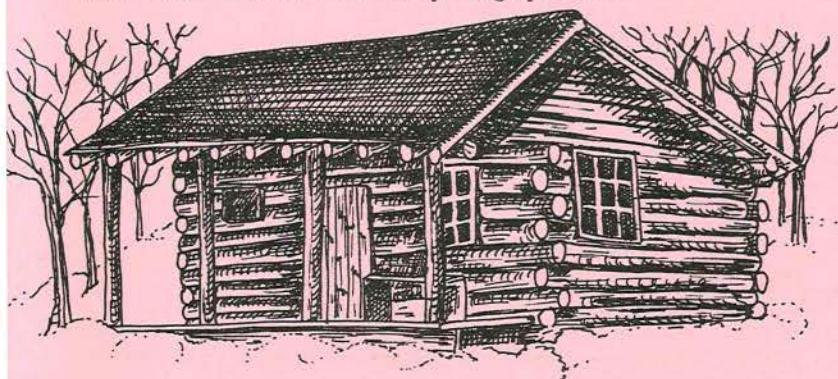
by Stephen Pulling
March 16, 1985

One of the many unpredictable elements of late Vermont winter is snow conditions. The outdoorsman usually has a difficult time deciding what to wear for gear including accessories such as snowshoes, skis, or waders. On Harold's hike on the previous weekend snowshoes would have been very appropriate, whereas the best gear for my hike would have been ice skates with a full set of hockey pads. One person should have worn a bathing suit for her swimming demonstration. Even with the improper gear we all survived the day's ordeal.

March 16th was a beautiful, clear, sunny day with a cool breeze, maybe a cold breeze. Fourteen people followed the leader from Route 11, south on the newly relocated section of the Long Trail heading for Spruce Shelter. There was an extremely hard covering about a foot of snow which made walking very easy on the level, but very difficult walking uphill because it was so slippery. Hockey pads would have been nice because people were falling on the slippery crust quite regularly.

A relatively easy climb to an unnamed height of land gave us nice views of the Manchester valley, Bromley Peak, and the Snow Valley Ski Resort, although the wind prohibited us from enjoying it for very long. Continuing along this lovely new section of trail, we eventually intersected with the old existing trail which took us past the Spruce Peak lookout and a short three miles from Route 11 we found the new Spruce Shelter.

This structure has to be one of the most beautiful and well constructed shelters on the Long Trail. The log



cabin type shelter, with a porch, windows, sliding door, and light switch was a welcome place for a hot lunch, rest, and wet sock drying session.

On the return trip we hiked the old trail all of the way out to Route 11 for a little different scenery. The old trail is at a lower elevation which made walking on the hard crust much easier. I hope everyone who participated had as good a time as I did.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

March 24, 1985

Dear Carol,

As I said, it is difficult, perhaps impossible, to think of a new format for the sugar-on-snow report every year. You will remember that the "sugar" and the pickles, doughnuts and beverages were delicious yesterday (March 23, 1985) because you were one of the two dozen people here. I thought it was so nice of Jan Martin to boil for us again this year.

Wasn't the weather great! After suffering through snow, sleet and freezing rain to get to past parties, or failing to get here at all, everyone must really have appreciated the sunshine and reasonable temperatures.

If it wasn't for the generosity of Jan and so many others, we would never be able to put this event together. I will write to thank Ira Hawley for his gift of the syrup again. This represents a lot of work in tapping the trees, gathering the sap and simmering it on the back burner. Irene showed dedication, too, having this operation taking up space in her kitchen.

And especially, Carol, this letter is to thank you and Linda Krasner for the fine piano/viola program. I know how much effort you both put into it with planning and the two rehearsals here. It added a touch of elegance to the afternoon's events.

See you next year!

Sincerely,

Roma

TEXAS FALLS

by Rob and Sue Carey
April 14, 1985

"Cool and damp, with a chance of showers" was the weather forecast, but about a dozen hikers turned out for this two mile, easy hike. While we drove toward Middlebury, several drops of rain splattered on the windshield soon increasing to a light rain. Fortunately as we crossed Middlebury Gap it stopped.

When we got to the picnic area there was discussion as to whether to hike or eat first. Since it was almost noon, the eating faction prevailed. We had brought kindling and paper from home and had a fire going and the water hot in no time.

After a leisurely lunch most of us hiked around the loop trail that passes the falls. With the spring run-off and ice still around they were spectacular. None of us was tempted to violate the prohibition on swimming. As we continued on the Nature Trail, it was amusing to compare the stations with the copy of the key that I had. Apparently they have made changes. The water was still hot when we returned to the picnic area, so we had another cup of coffee or hot chocolate. We'll have to schedule more of these relaxing, picnic type hikes.

The Swaying trees sigh contentment to the sky;
Ceaseless flow of murmuring water soothes
The harried heart and hurried feet; soft music...
Song of the wild, peace for my soul...
This I find...

at the bend of the river.

Arthur J. Weber

TUCKER JOHNSON WORK PARTY

by Stephen Pulling
April 27, 1985

The first of four work parties on our spring schedule was a great success. I hope the next three come off as well. The weather held off long enough for us to make our repairs and get back to the cars.

Fourteen workers showed up for this restoration project which made work easy for everyone. Bandits (I'll use this term because Carol wouldn't print what I would like to call them) had used parts

of the shelter such as supporting beams, side walls, and bunks for firewood. As you can see, we needed to carry in quite a bit of materials and tools for this project. Fourteen pairs of hands did the job nicely.

As usual we all had a pretty good time even though there was work to be done. Ira's nail puller, which saved the day, was the center of attraction because most of us had never seen one; Al's and Ray's carpentry skills were sort of humorous at times; the all-woman day-long toilet seat project, Sue's art work with the paint brush, and Churchill's smoking fire highlighted the day's events.

Thanks to you 14 people my job as Trails & Shelters Chairman is a pleasure and EASY!



DUVAL TRAIL

by Ira and Irene Hawley
May 5, 1985

At 10:00 A.M. on a cloudy morning six non-members joined nine members of the club at the park for a five mile hike on the Duval Trail in Brandon and Goshen.

Everyone got their legs limbered up with a steady half mile uphill climb. After passing three hunting camps we arrived at Duval Rock and Camp and had our lunch beside Basin Brook. We continued on upgrade through a hardwood forest with many spring flowers just emerging through the undergrowth. We finally arrived at the so-called "Middle Road," not far from Goshen Four Corners.

As we turned back to retrace our route, a light rain fell but did not dampen the spirits of those who seemed to enjoy an area somewhat unfamiliar to most of the hikers.

BOMOSEEN AREA

by Linda Krasner
May 11, 1985

Thirteen people turned out for the afternoon hike to two overlooks in the Glen Lake area on what turned out to be the hottest day of the season to date. One overlook afforded a view of both Glen Lake and Moscow Pond, as well as a beaver pond and views of the Birdseye Mountain area. Marsh marigold, fringed polygala and columbine were out in profusion along with the blackflies.

KILLINGTON SECTION WALKTHROUGH, PART I

by Stephen Pulling
May 18, 1985

The outdoorsman's second worst enemy, in my opinion, is the weatherman. The weatherman is second only to the famous, horrible, tiny black fly. In this case Enemy #2 was almost detrimental to our Killington Section Walkthrough, Part 1. Saturday, May 18, 1985, was absolutely a terrible day to be outside, especially to work on a trail, so obviously no work got done then.

Thanks to a few dedicated Killington Section members, the trail from Route 140 to Gov. Clement Shelter has been cleared and blazed. Carol Chapman and Sue Thomas covered from Route 103 to the Lower Cold River Road. A logging operation turned the trail into a brush pile on their section which was later cleaned up by Steve Pulling and his chainsaw. Al and Roma Pulling with Sitka cleared and blazed from Minerva Hinchey Shelter to Route 103 encountering no major problems.

My special thanks and a huge gold star go to the Ira Hawley family who covered from Route 140 to Minerva Hinchey and also from the Lower Cold River Road to Gov. Clement Shelter. Ira returned later to both of these areas with a chainsaw to clean out large blowdowns.

Let's hope Enemy #2 cooperates a little better on walkthrough, Part II, because I know that Enemy #1 won't!

ABANDONED DANBY MARBLE QUARRIES
(AN UNSCHEDULED OUTING)

by Ray Catozzi
March 31, 1985

Asked to fill in a blank weekend (blank except for our KS annual meeting) with a short easy outing, I thought of where we could go that we hadn't been before. Then I remembered this area in Danby, where years ago I'd taken some of my own boys and their friends looking for caves to explore.

Located on Dorset Mountain, where one of the few active marble quarries, the Imperial, is still being worked for pure white marble, is a series of six to eight old abandoned quarries, all connected by a service road winding its way up the mountain. Walking up this road on a fairly pleasant spring day, a dozen of us enjoyed peering into various-sized and variously deep quarries, speculating how they must have cut the stone and removed it over the years.

We hiked under, near the bottom, and across, near the top, the old abandoned inclined railroad that was used to lower the huge blocks of marble down the mountain, by cable, to the railroad siding on Route 7. Many abandoned buildings were investigated, and then, at the next to the last quarry, a huge one, we were able to enter, over a rather precarious, icy route, into the interior. Water was still frozen at all the low points but we didn't attempt to cross any of it, considering it too dangerous this late in the year.

In this quarry, I pointed out a cave, located off the left rear wall, which I had been in years ago, but it was too treacherous to try to reach it at this time with all the slippery ice in the way.

A short walk further on we moved out onto the top of a slag pile, out in the open, where views across the valley to Baker Peak, and north to Wallingford and White Rocks could be obtained. A really lovely view. But we didn't linger long as we could see snow squalls coming down the valley. We ambled back down, taking a different route part way, in order to go by the entrance to the working quarry. The entrance to this quarry was closed off, so we rejoined our

route up, and made it back to the cars just before the real snowfall hit us. And so ended our unscheduled but pleasant Sunday afternoon outing.

STRATTON MOUNTAIN

by Ray Catozzi
June 2, 1985

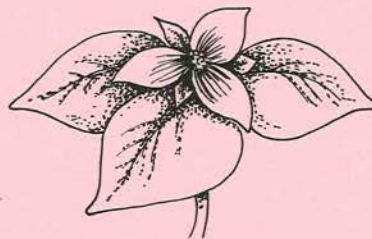
Winnie and Ted Shambo were to be the leaders of this mountain climb, but they fortunately had a chance on a real inexpensive tour to the resort island of Aruba off the coast of South America at this time, so I agreed to substitute for them.

They missed a very pleasant climb on a well-groomed side trail (formerly the Long Trail) on a beautifully clear sunny day. Spring wildflowers were still visible on the upper half of the mountain; purple and painted trilliums, some hobblebush, trout lilies, violets, gold thread, and a few bunchberries. Those pesky blackflies were in residence on the mountain as well, but a strong cooling breeze kept them pretty much at bay, especially on the upper stairs of the abandoned fire tower.

A long pleasant lunch hour was enjoyed with multitudinous conversations going on in the group. Many other hikers were out and up on the mountain as well, and many greetings were exchanged. A former fire watcher on Stratton years ago was revisiting his old haunt, and a few of us listened to some of his tales and philosophy. (He said he didn't know you, Churchill!).

One of our gang, young, energetic Jonathan Harrington from Granville, N.Y., opted to hike out to his car by going down to Stratton Pond, out the Long Trail south to the road, and then up the road to his car, doing a total of 11.1 miles. He went alone.

You really missed a good one, Ted and Winnie, but if I could have had my druthers I would have been in Aruba with you.



IS ROUTE 4 HIKING FOR YOU?

by Jake Sherman

Perhaps some of you will be interested in joining me on the 3rd Annual Sherburne Pass Hillwalk on the second weekend of June, 1986.

The first two of these walks have had only one participant -- myself. Of course, many hikers undoubtedly would not find a trek from one's front door in Rutland 10 miles eastward up Route 4 to the pass exactly their cup of tea. With traffic coming, sometimes careening, at you around curves, it's not exactly a woodland stroll.

Still, you do see a lot. Only a half mile from home, for example, where Moon Brook wends its way under Killington Avenue, there is a patch of a sweet-smelling phlox-like wildflower known as Dame's Rocket. A few miles further on on Town Line Road there is an old cemetery where at least one of the leaning tombstones dates from 1815 and another marks the grave of a soldier killed at the Battle of Gettysburg.

Opposite the Mendon Town Office you spot along the roadside what looks like an exotic species of wildflower until you realize it's just a daisy not yet bloomed. Further up you notice that the state or some other agency has anchored wire netting along the steep bank of Mendon Brook to stem soil erosion.

About 2½ hours into the walk the Cortina Inn provides a welcome rest stop. After that the skies on this overcast Sunday of June 9, 1985 break up a bit, wide swatches of blue appear, and the sun turns Pico from a dull to a radiant green.

Beyond Beaver Pond, where a few families are enjoying a lazy afternoon's fishing, two tiny hikers are spotted atop Deer's Leap Rock. Are those hikers real or are my eyes playing tricks? I wave my shirt in hope of a response but none comes.

Two observations: (1) This is an easier walk than it might seem since your rate of ascent is only about 160 feet a mile. There's none of the heart pounding you may experience when climbing a mountain, and (2) as you study the faces in the cars whizzing by, the

drivers' eyes glazed, the passengers, as often as not, nodded off, it makes you realize anew that walking is the only way to really see things.

One of my fantasies is to hike directly from my house to the top of Pico or Killington. The perfect hike, in my view, should be a seamless web unencumbered by auto trips to starting points, cars spotted at end points, and the philosophy that only woods walking is worthwhile. I'm attracted to the idea of making it from center city to the mountaintop under my own footpower.

Of course, the above only applies to getting there, not coming home. Fortunately, my wife took my call from the Sherburne Pass pay phone in good spirits and was only a half hour in rescuing me from the blackflies inhabiting the LT parking lot. The spur-of-the-moment afternoon's walk had taken less than 3½ hours including several stops and meanderings. I'm already looking forward to next year.

NEW MEMBERS AS OF JUNE 5, 1985

Florczak, Benjamin -- P.O. Box 446 --
Cavendish, VT 05142
Harrington, Jonathan -- 2 N. Quaker St.
--Granville, N.Y. 12832
Huber, Alfred -- RD#1, Box 378 -- Ludlow,
VT 05149
LaPenna, Nina -- 16 Garden St. -- Proctor,
VT 05765
Olson, Judith -- P.O. Box 121 -- Pitts-
ford, VT 05763
Rogers, Wally -- Laboratory, R.R.M.C. --
Rutland, VT 05701
Shambo, Tom -- 142 Dorr Drive -- Rutland,
VT 05701
White, Doris -- Eastridge Acres -- Rut-
land, VT 05701
Charland, Rachael -- Riverside Housing,
Box 34, 68 Lancaster St. -- Franklin,
N.H. 03235 (new address)

SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

Editor: Carol Chapman
Asst. Editor & Typist: Jake Sherman
Illustrations: Sue Thomas
Mailing: Ray Catozzi, Roma
Pulling, Churchill Scott

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, 1985

President - Rob Carey
 Vice-President - Steve Pulling
 Treasurer - Churchill Scott
 Secretary - Olga Laird

Main Club Director - Winnie Shambo
 Trails & Shelters Chairman - Steve Pulling

Outings Chairman - Roma Pulling
 Publicity Chairman - Winnie Shambo

Directors and Year of Expiration of

	<u>Term</u>
Steve Pulling	1988
Ted Shambo	1988
Olga Laird	1988
Roma Pulling	1987
Sue Carey	1987
Winnie Shambo	1987
Ray Catozzi	1986
Rob Carey	1986
Churchill Scott	1986

CONGRATULATIONS, ROB & SUE!

A big congratulations is in order to Sue and Rob Carey on the birth of a new daughter.

Mara Lee Carey, weighing in at 7 lb., 6 oz., arrived on Thursday, June 13, at the Rutland Regional Medical Center.

Considering that the previous Saturday Sue was on the roof of Governor Clement Shelter helping to make repairs, it is not expected to be long before Mara receives her first experience of the trail.

We all wish Rob and Sue well in their latest venture.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte. 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
 W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas.
 RR 1, Box 4869
 Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$12.00	Spouse	\$10.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Junior (to 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	6.00		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Summer 1985 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Rob Carey, Pres., RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, 446-3820; Steve Pulling, Vice-Pres., RR 3, Box 5192, 775-3361; Olga Laird, Sec., RR 1, Chasanna Dr., 773-7448; or W. Churchill Scott, Treas., RR 1, Box 4869, 775-1494.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
July 6 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	New! LEICESTER HOLLOW TRAIL. Easy grades, pleasant surroundings, 7 mi. Steve Pulling, 773-6997
July 13 (Sat.)	6:30 A.M.	PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Clarendon Shelter. Bring dishes and cutlery. Fee charged. Opportunity for hiking. Rain date: July 14.
July 12-13 (Fri.-Sat.)	7:00 P.M.	<u>Alternate Plan.</u> Meet Friday night, backpack to shelter, climb Beacon Hill Sat. morning to watch sunrise. Breakfast at shelter. Reservations required. Ted & Winnie Shambo, 773-9330
July 12-14 (Fri.-Sun.)		END-TO-END, Rte. 242 to Canadian border, 11.9 mi., difficult. Phone for details. Steve Pulling, 773-6997
July 21 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M.	ICE BEDS to White Rocks Cliff via talus slope, down Keewaydin Trail. 2½ mi., difficult. SUPPER at White Rocks Picnic Area, 0 mi., real easy. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
July 27 (Sat.)		CANOE TRIP. Bring own canoe or fee payable in advance. Phone for details. Steve Pulling, 773-6997
Aug. 2-4 (Fri.-Sun.)		END-TO-END, Rte. 118 to Rte. 15, 21.3 mi., difficult. Phone for details. Steve Pulling, 773-6997
Aug. 2-9		ATC CONFERENCE, Green Mountain College, Poultney, see LT NEWS for details. Winnie Shambo, 773-9330
Aug. 11 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE, 3-4 mi., easy. Ira & Irene Hawley, 775-4149
Aug. 17-25		GMC INTERSECTIONAL, Camp Ondawa, Sunderland. Details in Feb. & May LT NEWS. Rob Carey, 446-2830
Sept. 1 (Sun.)	4:30 P.M.	COOK-OUT AND SLIDE EVENING, Fernwood Cottage. Bring dishes, utensils, food and slides to share. <u>Members only.</u> Steve Pulling, 773-6997
Sept. 3 (Tues.)	7:00 P.M.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING, for all hike leaders and interested parties. Refreshments. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Sept. 8 (Sun.)	8:00 A.M.	"THE LOOKOUT" TO CHATEAUGUAY on the Appalachian Trail & return, 8.6 mi., difficult. Sue Thomas, 773-2185
Sept. 14 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	MT. EQUINOX by Burr and Burton Trail, 5.8 mi., moderate (but 3,000 vert. feet!) Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Sept. 22 (Sun.)	12:30 P.M.	CROWN POINT ROAD, Ticonderoga Branch. We will join CPR Assoc. at Larabee's Point Ferry at 1:30. Phyllis Humphreys, 273-2829
Sept. 28 (Sat.)	8:30 A.M.	MENDON PEAK, one of the New England 100 highest. Good views, 10 mi., difficult. Rob & Sue Carey, 446-2830.
PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING. THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN APPROPRIATE. DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE. PLEASE STAY WITH HIKE LEADER.		

B2

KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



MR AND MRS ROBERT PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28212

PERKROB :Sf





Smoke & Blazes

VOLUME 38, NUMBER 3

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JULY-SEPT., 1985

1985 APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB CONFERENCE

August 2-9, 1985

by Winnie Shambo, Co-Chair

There is so very much individual credit and praise that needs to be acknowledged to some 125 Green Mountain Club volunteers, the presentors and the panelists of the 1985 ATC Conference. You all know who you are and of your contribution to what the Conference Planning Committee has dubbed an "unparalleled success." This column is but a meager attempt at giving thanks to each of you and to report on my view of the Conference.

My first encounter with GMC "future" involvement as hosts of the '85 ATC Conference was at a GMC Annual Meeting held in Mendon a number of years ago. Even at that time, wanting to get wholly involved in Club activities, I volunteered to help in any way possible. Who would have dreamed that in 1985 Joe Cook of Brattleboro and I would become co-chairs of this gigantic undertaking by the GMC.

We replaced Neil Giroux in early March of this year, who, fortunately, had enlisted some very talented persons. If we committee members were a bit skeptical of our roles and the amount of talent we actually possessed, no one was aware of it. In fact, some of us solved our self-doubts by bravely "jumping in with both feet" in areas we had never encountered before. We had no idea of the scope our duties would eventually encompass and so we just forged ahead, gaining personal information, some self-confidence, and, believe it or not, a bit of education along the way.

Perhaps more important, we found we could work as a cohesive unit even though our committee was spread far and wide. I like to think some of us became fast friends.

The Committee sought every money-saving avenue, but by mid-June we were sure that the Conference would not be a finan-

cial success, simply because there were not enough registered Conferees. Although I do not have specific data at this date, you can well imagine our extreme joy at having registered in excess of 800 Conferees by Conference time!

It was a marvelous event! Compliments from the attendees flowed as wine during that special week in August and are still coming in. People enjoyed all we had to offer.

The General Meeting, emceed by our club president, Preston Bristow, Jr., was enthusiastically attended. Governor Kunin gave an encouraging speech as did the director of the National Park Service, William Penn Mott. We were pleased and honored to have had both (in fact all) these influential persons in our midst. (Please excuse my not mentioning every person on stage, as the meeting was well reported in news articles).

Conferees attended the lively panel discussion, "Ski Area Development and Its Effects on the Trail and Local Communities," moderated by ATC Executive Director Larry Van Meter with many notable individuals serving on the panel.

Workshops on Collecting Data for Trail Use Management, Acid Rain Effects, Shelter Construction and anything and everything remotely connected to the hiking community were offered and had to be shuffled from original rooms to rooms of larger capacity because of their popularity.

Exhibitors from up and down the Coast had space to present their wares or ideology. Of course, the ATC and GMC ran their exhibits the entire week while the others were there for the weekend only.

Hikes were offered in an abundance, variety and degree of difficulty to suit just about everyone. Excursions were planned to show off many of Vermont's historical sites. There were also excursions for just plain fun. The cruises on



1985 APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE PRIVATE-PUBLIC COOPERATION NEW ERA GREEN MOUNTAIN COLLEGE POULTNEY, VT. AUGUST 3-10, 1985



Lake Champlain and Lake George proved most popular. We sincerely thank all who volunteered to lead hikes and excursions.

We committee people worked diligently throughout each day. Came the evening we were more than ready to sit back and allow others to entertain us. We are very pleased to have had so much Vermont talent for these special evenings. Mary Okin. If you have not yet caught her one-woman show, do so. You will be greatly rewarded. Jon Gailmor. A far-out singer with a powerful voice. Dan O'Connell and The Wind That Shakes the Barley. If you need a square dance group, this one is #1! The Silvertones. The most alive group of senior citizen ladies I've yet to meet and very talented. You need a dance band? These ladies more than fill the bill. Bill Mares. Co-author of "Real Vermonters Don't Milk Goats." A man with a tremendous sense of humor and not bashful about sharing it. The Peppermint Pipers from Rutland, Vt. Yeah! A good-natured group enjoying themselves while entertaining others. Malcolm Moore and his fantastic slide program. People were wishing it never had to end.

In addition to our "home-grown" talent, we also had Dr. Warren Doyle of the ATC who presented a great slide program and finally, but certainly not least, we were privileged to have with us Peter Nevell from Maidenhead, England, who showed slides of his group,

the East Berkshire Ramblers' Association, and told how they maintain hiking trails in England. Peter stayed with us the entire week before doing some hiking in the White Mountains. By all accounts he thoroughly enjoyed his stay in America.

All in all, we had something going on every evening, including a songfest on Wednesday evening. No one had reason to say, "There's nothing to do."

We were blessed with a week of gorgeous Vermont weather 95% of the time. Everyone took advantage of it. Some of us even tried out the local swimmin' holes. Deep and cold!

The site of this Conference, if you are unaware, was Green Mountain College in Poultney. The food served was tasty, plentiful, and varied. We appreciate the thoughtful effort provided by the food service department. The staff, under the direction of Doug Durkee, was fantastic. The staff people of the college were available to us from early morning to late at night and then some. I can not express my gratitude enough to these people who, with their dedication to our cause, enabled the 1985 ATC Conference to be as successful as it was.

I am very proud to have been a part of this Conference and am proud to be a member of the Green Mountain Club in the year of the club's 75th anniversary. The respect for the GMC generated by

the hospitality and friendship we extended at this Conference will be bestowed upon us for many years to come.

Thank you, everyone, for your support of the 1985 ATC Conference and of GMC activities. It's been a REAL year.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT WORK PARTY

by Steve Pulling

June 8, 1985

As most of you Killington Sectioners know, the roof at Governor Clement Shelter has been a hurting subject for years. There were holes you could put your arm through and numerous rotten boards. Twenty-five per cent of the roof needed to be completely replaced.

On June 8th, sixteen, count them, sixteen eager, hardworking people showed up to tackle the largest project we've encountered during my tenure as Trails & Shelters Chairman. Not even one carpenter appeared on the scene to direct us, so before each move was made we had a conference to make sure all were in agreement.

After the old rotten roof was removed, new three-quarter inch plywood was cut by Ira's chainsaw and nailed to the existing rafters. New roofing paper was nailed and tarred to the complete roof and the job was finished. Sixteen pairs of hands made this project fairly easy as everyone pitched in and did a great job.

Yup, you guessed it, we finished up just in time to have our handiwork tested by a rainstorm. Yes, we did pass the test with flying colors.

We had fun, right? Where's Sitka?

KILLINGTON SECTION WALK-THROUGH, PART II

by Stephen Pulling

June 22, 1985

I thought we would be smart this year and divide the walk-through into two equal parts and do our higher elevations later in the spring to avoid the two feet of snow we usually encounter. This year we probably could have done our higher elevations in early April. That's what you get for trying to be smart.

Ten trail workers took a very rough

and wild ride to the summit of Killington Peak in the back of a Toyota pickup driven by yours truly. After a short stop at the summit to check out the views, we all descended to Cooper Lodge for its annual spring cleaning.

As soon as that messy project was completed, five people headed by Al Pulling hiked down to Route 4, clearing and blazing trail while five others headed by John Hughes hiked to Governor Clement Shelter, clearing and blazing. I drove back down the mountain and cleaned up a large pile of debris left over from the Governor Clement roofing project.

No, my mathematics is not bad. Sue Thomas stayed the night at Pico Camp and met our group at the summit. Thanks all.



"LAND 'O GOSHEN"

by Ira and Irene Hawley

June 30, 1985

I know we would have enjoyed a hike with Laurie Webster to High Pond in Brandon, but occasionally the selected leader cannot go and we fall back on a substitute. Not being familiar with the High Pond area, we chose to proceed to Goshen Four Corners and hike a portion of the so-called Middle Road toward Chittenden. We took a side trip to the site of a good sized maple sugaring operation at the sugar house. It was equipped with the modern tubing system of collecting sap by gravity flow. A pleasant area on the south slope of a hill. Many very small toads were observed during our walk.

Continuing on through a pleasant wooded valley with mountains on each side, we stopped for a leisurely lunch break at a log pile in a clearing. It was early afternoon as we returned to our cars, and we decided on another short side trip for an anticipated overview of the valley toward the west, which proved to be not very rewarding. The 14 hikers enjoyed a fair weather day after several cloudy,

gloomy days.

LEICESTER HOLLOW TRAIL

by Steve Pulling
July 6, 1985

"I didn't think there was this much level hiking trail in Vermont," said one hiker at the end of the Leicester Hollow Trail. That hiker was probably pretty close to being correct as the other nine hikers that went on this hike could attest. A leisurely seven mile walk would be a more accurate description of this outing than a seven mile hike.

The weather once again held out for us as we walked up the grassy footpath with high cliffs and mountains on both sides of us. A babbling brook alongside the trail topped off this very picturesque setting throughout the seven miles. Some beautiful forest land with very large pine trees lined the hollow.

Much to many of the hikers' surprise, the Leicester Hollow Trail ended up at Silver Lake. This quiet, undeveloped lake was a perfect place to sit and share our lunch with the numerous chipmunks. After an extended lunch break we hiked around the lake and back down the Leicester Hollow Trail to the cars.

If you missed this hike you really should try to find time to do it on your own.

ABORTED PANCAKE BREAKFAST

by Winnie Shambo
July 12, 1985

July 12? I realize the Herald made a mess of the press release for this outing. However Killington Section members each had schedules and were aware that reservations were expected or if confused could have called.

So, will someone please tell me why outing events are scheduled if no one, not even those of the outings committee, intends to participate? I mean, really, four people just don't qualify, in my book, for what is supposed to be an annual event sponsored by this section. I am very disappointed in the Killington Section's lack of enthusiasm for anything new, different, or challenging.

The section sure needs a "new blood" transfusion badly. I feel it would be to our advantage to have a person knowledgeable in membership recruitment speak to our next Board of Directors meeting. We need help.

Rather than lamenting the forsaken Killington Section pancake breakfast, let me tell you of the great weekend Ray Catozzi and I shared with the Brattleboro Section at their annual Family Clambake. Now there's a section that is "section-oriented," and they only have 59 members! They had people from as far away as Great Barrington, Mass. and the Bronx, N.Y. There were seven children, the youngest being 18 months old, and about twenty adults. Instead of being treated as an "outsider," I was invited to help prepare the meal of steamed clams, corn-on-the-cob and lobster. I had a chance to meet many people who had volunteered their time and effort to lead hikes and/or excursions for the 1985 ATC Conference.

Everything for this meal was packed in about two miles. Short distance, but that first mile is very steep. These people brought in two cold-pack canners in which to "steam" the three courses we were served. Packing in 30-40 lbs. of clams, three dozen ears of corn and 20 lobsters in addition to personal equipment is no small feat even with extra packs and backs helping. I have nothing but good feelings toward these people of the Brattleboro Section.

For the first time since I was nine or ten, I slept under the stars. And did they shine! A very clear night; clear enough to lay my pad and bag beneath a tree with no worry of rain. I slept soundly that night. The shelter was filled to capacity. Tents of various design and color were set up wherever a flat spot could be found, while still others did as I and just slept upon the ground.

After a leisurely breakfast and cleanup, I hiked out the new re-location to Rt. 11/30 while Ray went out the same way we had come in. He spent the remainder of the day fishing and caught his limit while Ted, Tom and I went to Jamaica State Park for fishing and hiking.

I sincerely wish the next time something "different" is suggested and planned, that the Killington Section members will feel an affinity such as I felt this past weekend with the Brattleboro Section. Any-

one interested in Baxter State Park next July?

ROUTE 242 TO THE CANADIAN BORDER

by Steve Pulling
July 12-14, 1985

This backpack should have been called "Those Killer Unnamed Peaks" not Route 242 to the Canadian Border. The weather was great Friday and Saturday while the rain held off just long enough Sunday morning for us to open the car trunk and put our packs in. Then the heavens opened up and sheets of rain fell.

On Friday afternoon, July 12th, we took a leisurely ride up to Route 242 between Jay and Montgomery, Vermont. After a very short, easy walk into Jay Camp we were done for the day. While at Jay Camp the three of us, Jim Davis, Wally Rogers, and I, sat around solving all of the problems in the world today and planned our next day's events.

Early we rose and walked back to Route 242 where we left one car and drove through Jay up to Route 105. At this point we spineless backpacked north to the Canadian border where we enjoyed the sites and the mammoth swath cut through the trees. We took a nice long break there soaking up the sunshine and solving more worldwide dilemmas.

Back at Route 105 we ate lunch and then donned our backpacks hiking south for Shooting Star Shelter, our original Saturday destination. A very early arrival at Shooting Star, however, prompted our decision to move on to Laura Woodward Shelter, a short four miles away over two unnamed peaks. These two unnamed peaks proved to be the most difficult part of our weekend. But we made it to Laura Woodward in good time and we spent the evening in a nice shelter in a lovely setting with a clear view of our next day's voyage up Jay Peak.

Sunday was a cool, cloudy day for our relatively easy climb up Jay Peak. We waited for about an hour at the summit for the clouds to clear, but it gradually got worse, so we descended to Route 242 following "Downhill Davis," who left us in his downhill dust.

CANOE TRIP

by Roma Pulling
July 27, 1985

The leader of this excursion, Steve Pulling, has a work party, walk-through, hike and two backpacks to report and is suffering from writer's block, writer's cramp and whatever other ailments afflict literary geniuses. So A Boy's Best Friend came to the rescue.

Nine people registered for this trip. Two had to cancel at the last minute and three didn't show up although we waited 15 minutes past the specified hour. We left the park with Steve's two canoes, one strapped to his truck and the other to the top of the writer's Omni. Sue Thomas and Carol Chapman completed the group.

Our destination was Plymouth and what are referred to on old maps as Plymouth ponds. We put the canoes into Woodward Reservoir first and had a pleasant paddle



around the perimeter. A "no motorboating" sign at the boat launch was instrumental in maintaining the quiet of this small lake and added to our enjoyment.

Loading the canoes back on to the vehicles and proceeding down Route 100, we bypassed Lake Amherst as being too small and went on to Echo Lake. Our leader was very familiar with this body of water, having spent at least five summers on the staff at the old Boy Scout camp on the eastern shore. We had lunch at the fishing access before launching the canoes. There was motorboating and water skiing here, and the resulting noise and turbulence lessened the enjoyment for the writer. It's a lovely lake just the same and made lovelier by patches of pink and white pond lilies and blue pickerel weed in several small coves.

We entertained thoughts of circling a third lake, but dark clouds moved in

and it started to rain; so we left for home. But during an ice cream stop at the Plymouth General Store--you guessed it--the sun came out.

The trip home was uneventful except for a banshee wail from the general area of the roof that startled Carol and the writer as we started up the mountain. Having determined during a brief stop that the canoe was not going to take flight or launch itself into the stream of traffic on Route 4, we continued to the end of a very delightful outing.

ROUTE 118 TO ROUTE 15

by Stephen Pulling
August 2-4, 1985

I haven't hiked the complete Long Trail yet, but I'm working on it, slow but sure. In my opinion Route 118 to Route 15 has to be one of the most pleasant and beautiful sections of the trail. Views from Mansfield, Killington, and Camel's Hump are obviously breathtaking, but for a 22-mile stretch, Route 118 to Route 15 has to be on the top of my list of places to return to after I finish up the trail.

On August 2nd Jim Davis and I drove to Johnson and left Jim's car at the junction of Route 15 and the Long Trail. From there we took my car to Route 118 where we left it and hiked into Ritterbush Camp. This shelter was a welcome sight as it was getting sort of dark and I for one was tired just finishing up a thirty-three hour period with no sleep.

Early Saturday morning we swallowed breakfast, packed up, and started hiking looking forward to a long day on the trail. Soon we encountered Devil's Gulch which is a picturesque area full of large rock formations that we hiked through, leaping from rock to rock up the trail. Later in the morning we came onto a large logging operation that devastated the trail in places. We lost the trail twice in that stretch, but at 1:00 P.M. we reached Parker Camp for lunch and a welcome short nap.

Laraway Mountain Lookout was our next packs-off break. A lovely view of northern Vermont's vast farmlands with a moun-



tain ridge in the background. It is impossible to describe this type of lookout in one sentence. Much too soon the packs went on, and we hiked down Laraway Mountain into Coddington Hollow which is a large wetland created by beaver dams. Off came the hiking boots as we waded through eight inches of water on the trail. As we sat down to put on our boots we looked up at Laraway Mountain and commented that it was almost as pretty looking up at it as it was looking off the top. Daylight was getting short so we moved on to Barrows Camp where we spent the night with four other hikers. Two of those hikers arrived at the shelter at 11:00 P.M. which is a story in itself.

Sunday was another beautiful day and we had an easy five mile walk out to the car. The trail was almost level most of the way to Prospect Rock which was about a mile from our destination. At Prospect Rock we lay in the sun for almost an hour enjoying the fantastic view of the Lamoille River and the Route 15 valley while reminiscing about the most enjoyable weekend.

MYSTERY HIKE

by Ira and Irene Hawley
August 11, 1985

Where did we go? Listed as the "Woodstock Trails" or Mount Tom. Those of you who didn't go missed a good one. Ten hikers left the park at 9:15 A.M. and headed east on Route 4. We arrived at Faulkner Park on Mountain Avenue in the village of Woodstock where we left our cars.

A pleasant walk along Mountain Avenue to River Street and east along River Street past beautiful residences with

well-kept lawns and beautiful flowers; this was an unusual way to start a hike which provided a variety of scenery. We entered the cemetery and soon were in the woods on a winding climb to a cabin used by Girl Scouts and along a pleasant woods road to a clearing containing a horse barn and paddock. The woods road continued on a gentle incline about a mile to "The Pogue," a nice body of water probably larger than six acres. Here on a rustic log bench we had lunch. Many white pond lilies dotted the smooth surface of the water. We completed a circle of the pond and after a limited view to the east from a clearing returned the same way to the Girl Scout cabin. Here we entered the Precipice Trail and after less than a half mile of moderate climbing we left this trail and crossed over a short distance to the Faulkner Trail. From here along switch-backs less than a half mile to the base of Mt. Tom, A short, steep climb took us to the summit and beautiful views of the village of Woodstock and nice views to the east and west. Following a rest at this quiet spot we returned down the mountain along many switch-backs arriving at the edge of Faulkner Park in sight of our cars as a slight shower started. Our pedometer registered just under six miles.

COOKOUT, FERNWOOD COTTAGE

by Roma Pulling
September 1, 1985

The weather and the setting were both perfect as 15 people gathered at Steve's camp just after 5:00 P.M. The group ranged in age from three months to 73 years but all seemed to find their own niche. Six people took advantage of the opportunity to go canoeing, either with their own canoe or one borrowed from Steve. There was a charcoal grille for those who felt like cooking and plenty of delectable potluck for those who didn't.

You will notice no mention is made of a "slide evening" as promised on the schedule. In the first place, no one remembered to borrow a projector and only one person brought slides. Secondly, everyone seemed to be content to sit on the deck and watch dusk descend over Fern

Lake and lights from other camps reflect on the water. Sitting inside viewing slides, we agreed, is for winter evenings.

This may have been the last event held in a private home as there is a feeling that we should avoid "members only" outings and adhere to our usual policy of welcoming everyone. If this was a landmark event, it was a very delightful one.

Thanks, Steve, for your hospitality.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Roma Pulling has decided to step down from her position as Outings Chairman. Sue Thomas and Sue Carey will be sharing the duties of that job. We've enjoyed the years of scheduling meetings around Roma's cozy fireplace and want to express our appreciation for all the time and dedicated effort Roma has given to the club.

NEW MEMBERS

- Jean Davies - Camp Betsey Cox -
Pittsford, VT 05763
- Jay Deegan - 25 Harvard Terrace -
West Orange, NJ 07052
- Mary Foley - 8 Rumson Road -
Livingston, NJ 07039
- Nancy Klump - Green Mountain College
Poultney, VT 05764
- Marie Manney - 205 Lincoln Avenue -
Rutland, VT 05701
- Jane Martin - Route 140 -
East Poultney, VT 05741
- Karl Schultz - 45 1/2 Pleasant St. -
Rutland, VT 05701



FLOWERS OF THE CLOUDS

by Carol Chapman

Those of you who know that I usually go on the "easy" hikes and avoid a backpack like the plague, will be surprised to learn that I signed up for a Church Street Center course called "Alpine Meadows Expedition" involving three days of hiking in New Hampshire's Presidential Range. The promise of learning about alpine flowers and close-up photography was too inviting to pass up. Actually, the bulletin advertising the course made no mention of the length or difficulty of the hike, so I assumed it would be a leisurely stroll.

Warned of the extreme weather conditions on Mt. Washington (world's highest wind speed), I packed plenty of warm clothes.

Our instructor was naturalist Peter Zika, an expert on alpine flora and a free lance photographer. His wide range of knowledge, humorous and enlightening explanations and realistic imitations of various bird songs helped us appreciate life in that harsh arctic-like environment.

On a sunny June day Peter drove nine eager students in the UVM van to the Mt. Washington Toll Road. Steep grades and spectacular scenery were viewed in awe as we made our ascent.

On stepping out of the van, we quickly took warm jackets and windbreakers from our packs. The 40-degree temperature and stiff winds gave us just a taste of what the weather there could be. Gusts blowing against our packs made it difficult to keep our balance as we walked over the loose rocks that covered the trail. Soon our number diminished to eight. One young woman, wearing new hiking boots, a recent arrival from Detroit, decided it would be best to retreat to Burlington.

When Peter told us to crouch down to the ground like the low-lying plants, we understood how they escape from the rages of the wind. A tiny white flower called *Diapensia*, one of Vermont's endangered species, dotted the Alpine Garden. Peter explained that the snow is swept from these meadows creating a tundra and exposing the plants to the coldest temperatures. Our attention was called to a

plate-sized plant pressed flat against the ground. To our surprise we learned that it was a tree, the Bearberry Willow. You had to admire the adaptations of the numerous plants that permit them to survive in such severe climactic conditions where it is the survival of the shortest.

That afternoon we hiked to the Lakes of the Clouds hut, the largest of the AMC hut system in the White Mountains. The notes of a trumpet greeted us and hurried us along to dinner which was already being served. Abundant quantities of homemade soup, freshly baked bread, chicken, vegetable casserole, salad and brownies were provided to satisfy our enormous appetites. Learning that the food is packed in by college students who work in the huts made us even more appreciative. My greatest challenge of the trip came that night when I struggled out of the top of three bunks in the pitch dark to go to the bathroom trying not to awaken any of the fourteen sleeping hikers in the room.

Saturday dawned bright and clear, bringing the most sunshine that had been seen there in two weeks. It was a beautiful warm day with people hiking in shorts and topless (the men, that is). Peter pointed out many species of plants, some endemic to the area. The dwarf Cinquefoil, a tiny plant found nowhere else in the world but in a small patch near the Lakes of the Clouds hut, is being protected by signs and low walls to keep you on the trail.

A five mile hike brought us to Mizpah Springs hut where we spent the night. Snowshoe rabbits and gray jays which stay around the hut hoping for handouts were lively attractions.

On Sunday we awoke to the patter of rain. My grandmother's saying "Rain before seven, shine before eleven" held true and the sun found us in a bog photographing Sundew and Bog Laurel. It was hard to decide which made a better picture, the bog vegetation or people crouching in ungainly positions as they aimed their cameras.

At the summit of Mt. Jackson a gray jay invited himself to lunch and delighted everyone by landing on the hands which offered him treats. Our hike down the mountain led us across several brooks and through woods carpeted by species of

flowers we had seen earlier in the season at home.

Down in the highway in Crawford Notch we looked back over the thirteen miles of mountain ridges we had traversed and were impressed with our accomplishment.

Anyone for a hike in the White Mountains?

MOUNT EQUINOX

by Ray Catozzi
July 21, 1985

Originally scheduled for Sept. 14, this climb of the highest mountain in the Taconic Range, was switched with the White Rocks climb & supper on July 21. The peregrine falcon program was in progress once again up on the top of the cliffs and the area was off limits until the last of September or so.

It was a very interesting climb up the mountain as I had decided to try a new route (new to me), coming up from the north out of Bear Town Notch and following a long ridge with some level trail, and coming out on the Lookout Rock Trail just a few feet from the lookout. This trail added a mile to the original 5.8, but added no time as the grade was much gentler.

Ten of the faithful made the trip and all enjoyed the different trail up, with the different views to the west as well as the east. The trail, described in the Day Hiker's Guide says it is overgrown but follows a very well defined road, which it was and did. The level piece on the ridge line, near the top, went through a beautiful open wooded area carpeted by nothing but ferns. A bonanza for fern lovers.

After lunch at the lookout, while enjoying the panoramic view of Manchester below, we walked on to the hotel and the picnic tables and TV antennas to the west. Then back to the start (or end) of the Burr and Burton Trail and down we went.

I had originally planned to surprise the hikers by leaving the B & B Trail part way down and go down the Table Rock Trail to Table Rock and on down to Equinox Pond and out, but in checking out that trail a week before, I discovered it

completely obliterated from disuse from the Table Rock lookout to the Burr & Burton Trail junction. Now another one of my ambitions is to clear it for hiking, as it makes a wonderful loop hike. This overgrown trail, about 1/2 mile in length is now flagged and anyone interested in helping me open it up once again, let me know.

A TRIBUTE TO WINNIE SHAMBO

by Ray Catozzi

Some of you out there in Killington Section membership land may have known which of us from the section volunteered service to the Appalachian Trail Conference, recently hosted by the Green Mountain Club at Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vermont. What even fewer of you probably know was the role played by our own Winnie Shambo, our publicity lady.

Even after the two or three KS directors' meetings, where Winnie was forwarding her ideas about souvenirs to be made up and sold by the section at the ATC, it came as a surprise to me that she was co-chairing the conference with Joe Cook, president of the Brattleboro Section. I attended the last full ATC committee meeting held in Poultney in late July, and I was amazed at the multitudinous duties she had taken upon herself.

Among them was one very difficult job -- that of finding more volunteers to fill the vacancies that still existed on the various sub-committees, even though those chairmen were supposed to recruit their own. She organized all the excursions that graced the conference's schedule, writing to every conceivable tourist attraction in the mid-Vermont area, contracting for the various-sized groups and arranging transportation and drivers. Sandwiched between all these various jobs, she saw to it that our souvenirs were produced, put on sale alongside the GMC paraphernalia, and kept track of the money as well. She also helped the chairman of the GMC souvenir committee.

She emceed many of the slide showings and other evening entertainment features, such as square dancing, round dancing,

talk shows, etc. This was in addition to arranging for most of the evening entertainment to begin with.

While the rest of us from the Killington Section, Rob & Sue Carey, Churchill & Virginia Scott, Roma Pulling, Steve Pulling plus your author, were performing our meager duties of a slot or two, here and there, on a hike or two or some other function, Winnie rarely left the Green Mountain College campus the whole week of the conference. Not a hike did she get to go on or an excursion nor could she even enjoy much of the entertainment she so ably set up for the conferees. She was nearly always off to the committee room office, checking on details, or at the excursion and hike desk, dispensing pertinent information to the many who were always there and asking.

This conference, the 25th meeting of the 35 or so trail clubs responsible for the maintenance of the 2,000 plus miles of the Appalachian Trail, has been labelled by conferees, staff of Green Mountain College, as well as the committee itself as an unparalleled success, which will set the standard for all future conferences to come, wherever they may be held.

It is my steadfast belief that the contribution that Winnie Shambo made to the success of this weeklong gathering was also unparalleled in the history of the ATC, my meager knowledge of former conferences notwithstanding. She deserves the biggest round of applause, the greatest bundle of thanks from not only all her fellow conference committee folks but from us here in Killington Section land as well. God bless you, Wink.

SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

Editor: Carol Chapman
 Assistant Editor and Typist: Jake Sherman
 Illustrations: Sue Thomas
 Mailing: Ray Catozzi, Roma Pulling, Churchill Scott

BUTTONS, POSTCARDS FOR SALE

Killington Section members, remember, we have Section buttons for sale at 75¢ each and colored postcards at 25¢ each. Have you purchased yours yet. The postcards feature attractive views of Stratton Pond and of Killington and Mendon Peaks taken by Winnie Shambo. All proceeds from the sale of these souvenir items go to the Killington Section General Fund.

MRS. BAILEY WESTON

It was with a great deal of sorrow that we learned of the death of Bailey Weston, wife of Wilbur Weston, a longtime member of the Killington Section.

Each and every member of our section want to express our deepest sympathy to Mr. Weston and his family at this time.

RESIGNATION OFFERED

After acting as treasurer of the Killington Section for 25 years I feel that it is time to resign.

At this time I am asking the Board of Directors to start looking for a replacement so that when my term expires at the 1986 annual meeting I may be relieved of my duties.

-- W. Churchill Scott

BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN THE MOUNTAINS

Because I have seen the mountains,
 Because I have looked so long
 Where the peaks rise on the far skies,
 And heard the sea's song—

My soul is eager for climbing,
 My spirit's wings are strong,
 Because I have strayed where the hills prayed,
 And heard the sea's song.

Anne Campbell

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Fall 1985 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Rob Carey, Pres., RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, 446-3820; Steve Pulling, Vice-Pres., RR 3, Box 5192, 775-3361; Olga Laird, Sec., RR 1, Chasanna Dr., 773-7448; or W. Churchill Scott, Treas., RR 1, Box 4869, 775-1494.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Oct. 6 (Sun.)	8:30 A.M.	BLACK MOUNTAIN, East of Lake George, NY. Views from the fire tower. 5.8 mi., easy/mod. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Oct. 13 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	TO BE ANNOUNCED. Watch newspaper for details. Ted Shambo, 773-9330
Oct. 19-20 (Sat.-Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	MERCK FOREST FALL WEEKEND. Ridge Shelter. Fee charged. Come for the weekend or the day. Suitable for the entire family. Rob & Sue Carey, 446-2830
Oct. 26 (Sat.)	8:30 A.M.	ASCUTNEY MOUNTAIN, via Windsor Trail, and Gerry's Falls. Good views, 5 mi., moderate. Sue Thomas, 773-2185
Nov. 3 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE, East Mountain, 3 mi., moderate. Joe Valiquette, 773-8745
Nov. 10 (Sun.)	11:00 A.M.	WEST RUTLAND TOWN FOREST. 4 mi., easy. Ira Hawley, 775-4149
Nov. 23 (Sat.)	5:30 P.M.	COVERED DISH SUPPER. Tamarack Notch. Slide program by Carol Chapman. Members and guests only. Sue Thomas, 773-2185
Dec. 3 (Tues.)	7:00 P.M.	Outings Committee Meeting, for all hike leaders and interested parties. Refreshments. Sue Thomas, 773-2185
Dec. 8 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE. 6 mi., moderate. Steve Pulling, 773-6997
Dec. 14-15 (Sat.-Sun.)	8:00 A.M.	TAFT LODGE, via the Long Trail from Rt. 108, 3.4 mi., difficult backpack. Must have own equipment and meals. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006 & Winnie Shambo, 773-9330
Dec. 21 (Sat.)	5:00 P.M.	MOONLIGHT HIKE, Gov. Clement Shelter. Option to stayover. Members and guests only. Sue Thomas, 773-2185

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN APPROPRIATE. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE. PLEASE STAY WITH HIKE LEADER.

KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Perkins
4812 Lebanon Rd.
Charlotte, N.C. 28212



Smoke & Blazes

VOLUME 38, NUMBER 4

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

OCT.-DEC., 1985

THE LOOKOUT TO CHATEAUGUAY

by Sue Thomas

September 8, 1985

Three of us started out early on Sept. 8 for a long drive (past children and small dumb dogs) to hike the Appalachian Trail from the Lookout to Chateaugay. Though not an inspiringly beautiful morning, the skies had cleared by the time we reached the side trail that led to the Lookout. All having been there before, and mindful of the miles we had to go yet, we considered not bothering to go up there, but we gave in to temptation and hiked up for a look. To our surprise we discovered a brand new shelter there! And what a shelter! Large glass windows, porch, stone fireplace, several bunks, and an observation platform with ladder on the roof, which we made use of immediately. Whoever is responsible did a beautiful job; I wouldn't mind moving in myself! From there we rejoined the AT and continued on uneventfully to Chateaugay, arriving in time for a late lunch, which we ate by the side of a small stream.

WHITE ROCKS TALUS SLOPE CLIMB 1:00 P.M.

WHITE ROCKS PICNIC SUPPER 6:00 P.M.

by Ray Catozzi

September 14, 1985

A beautiful summer afternoon was the prospect as six would-be boulder climbers met at Main Street Park this day. It was quite surprising to their leader when it became evident that three of our climbers were new folks, two of whom were nine-year-old girls from Brandon. Jolene Ladd (with her mother Mary) and her friend Sarah Severy were going to scale the talus slope. I guess they didn't know the extent of the task before them, but I assured the three of them that they could do it all the way to the top of the cliff,

and enjoy it as well. My experience with the toughness of young boys while running a Boy Scout troop years ago taught me that boys and girls of those ages are capable of unlimited stamina, if not outright strength. And their eagerness to try anything is catching.

So off to the ice beds at the base of the slope we went, going over the low lookout to the south of the parking lot, as a short cut to the start of our climb. It was steep at first, and huge boulders, 10 to 15 feet in diameter, had to be climbed over, or around. Then the middle stretch of the slope lessened in degree, and the size of the rocks kept getting smaller, until it was just hand-sized rubble for the most part. We stopped for a breather often, and enjoyed the expanding view of the Otter Valley as we climbed higher and higher.

The upper third was steep again, and we moved to the extreme right hand edge of the slope to get into the small trees there. We needed the small trunks for hand holds as we pulled ourselves up onto the flat ground just south of the cliff top. Lingering just long enough for a snack and a drink, we then took off up the cliff trail to the Long Trail, then took the Keewaydin Trail down to the picnic area. We pulled into the picnic grounds just as the supper group of our two-part outing was arriving, adding 14 more to our six for a total of 20 at the picnic supper. In attendance was one of our faithful hikers, Nina LaPenna, out for her first outing since being injured in an auto accident this summer. This was due to the generosity of Ira Hawley who went to Proctor to pick her up and then returned her home. It was awfully good to see her out as she had been confined for several weeks.

A jolly time was had around the fireplace and heavily loaded picnic table (with food of every description). Fire-

light as well as lanternlight helped light the scene for us all, as we enjoyed another of our many picnic suppers in the dark of the evening. One of these was at this same picnic area in October after a heavy early snowfall.

We hated to leave the warmth of the fire and the companionship of our hiking friends, but all good things have to come to an end. I don't think that the two young girls, Jolene and Sarah, will forget their part of the outing for a long time. Come again, girls, we are waiting for you, as we need rugged hikers in our group like you two!

The other two who made the climb were Nancy Sugarman and Jonathan Harrington; and tiny Mara Carey, age then about three months, was on one of her first outings, now numbering about 5 says her mother, Sue.

CROWN POINT ROAD

by Roma Pulling
September 22, 1985

For our hike on the Crown Point Road, we joined members of the Crown Point Road Association on their scheduled hike in Shoreham. The CPRA is an enthusiastic group of people dedicated to finding and preserving information on the route of the 1759-60 road, which is considered to be Vermont's first thoroughfare.

September 22 was a warm but mostly cloudy day; so we felt good that 15 people turned out at 12:30, proving that easy afternoon hikes are still popular. We left almost immediately to join the CPRA at Larrabee's Point, where we nearly doubled their number of hikers. The leader of that group, Phyllis Humphreys, took it in her stride. She had prepared a very detailed history, with maps, of the Ticonderoga branch of the road, which was our goal that day. Mrs. Humphreys says not enough information is available on the route of the road, but to people for whom this was a new subject, she seemed very well prepared indeed.

Following the oral presentation, we spotted cars and hiked about 1 1/4 miles along a route that has been documented. Six ambitious souls then turned around

and hiked back the way we came. The others waited while their drivers brought the cars around.

Those to whom the history of Vermont's first highway may be new might appreciate a short summary:

After his capture of Forts Ticonderoga and Crown Point from the French, General Jeffrey Amherst needed a way to supply both bastions. Mrs. Humphreys' research indicates that this was the purpose of the road, not movement of troops. So between August 8, 1759, and September 9 of that year Capt. John Stark and 200 rangers "marked out the road and measured it..." Subsequently between October 26 and November 16 the same year, 500 men under Major John Hawks cleared the road 20 feet wide. However, parts of it were in such deplorable condition that in 1760 Col. John Goffe and 800 men were ordered to create a better route between Fort No. 4 in present Charlestown, N.H., and the Plymouth Ponds. After the close of the French and Indian War, the road was a valuable route for settlers immigrating to this area.

The CPRA is to be commended for their effort to keep this valuable element of Vermont history alive.

MENDON PEAK

by Sue Carey
September 28, 1985

Hiking to the peak of Mendon Mountain has always intrigued me because of its conical shape dominates the eastern skyline of Rutland. Hurricane Gloria passed through Rutland the day before our hike and it rained until just before our 8:30 A.M. starting time. We didn't expect many people and we weren't wrong. Rob and I went alone. We weren't going to let a hurricane stop us.

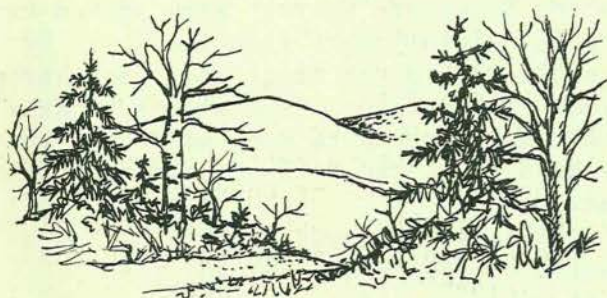
We parked the car at Brewer's Corner and walked up the Eddy Brook Road. After crossing Eddy Brook, we took a compass bearing and headed up the mountain.

Bushwhacking is the true way to experience the forest. You start off by going through the hobble bush. As the elevation changes the trees gradually become fir and spruce. Underfoot the moss

grows so thick that you sink into it like plush pile carpet. At the top the evergreens are stubby and reindeer lichen hangs from them.

When we reached the summit it was sunny. From a south-facing outcrop we saw Pico Peak, Killington, Shrewsbury, Danby Mountain and the airport. Fall foliage gave the view touches of red and gold. It was spectacular.

We returned by following our compass bearing in the opposite direction. It is a satisfying experience to be able to take a map and compass and orienteer to the top of a mountain where few others have gone.



BLACK MOUNTAIN, EAST LAKE GEORGE, N.Y.

by Ray Catozzi
October 6, 1985

This mountain climb was put on the schedule due to two events in my life as a hiker with the GMC. The first was when Craig Perkins, that veteran GMCer living in active retirement at his Tall Timbers Campground in Mendon, led the Killington Section on an outing up Buck Mountain, in the same general area on the east side of Lake George. This was about 35 years ago, and I've always wanted to go back there.

Then, at the ATC Conference at Poultney this past August, several mountain climbs were scheduled in this same low peak Adirondack area, Black Mountain included, but not Buck Mountain. I signed up and went, and was captivated and enthralled by the magnificent view we had all around us from the summit and up in its fire tower. Lake George can be viewed in almost its entire 35-mile length, as Black Mountain rises very abruptly up from the east shore of the lake, a difference in altitude of 2300 feet. It is only a 1100 foot climb up

from the trail head on the east side of the mountain, as we did most of the climbing by car.

This day in October wasn't the beautiful crystal clear day I was hoping for (many of which came later in November) but many good views of the high peak region were seen to the northwest, and many of Vermont's Green Mountain peaks were picked out on the hazy eastern horizon. Blue Ridge, Pico, Killington and White Rocks mountains were located by several of the hikers, numbering 10 in all that day, including Mara Carey, that veteran hiker that just joined our club last summer.

It was a cold day on top, with a brisk northwest wind blowing steadily, so we didn't linger long after lunch. We had two options for a return trip. One was a trail about five miles in length going south off Black Mountain and going by several ponds halfway down. We voted that one down, as many had to get home early. So we branched off onto a snowmobile trail that criss-crossed the hiking trail a few times near the top, but then went off on its own completely on an old winding logging road until it joined the hiking trail near the bottom. This was a delightful change of grade and scenery on the way down. The trail past the ponds, which have two or more shelters, would make a great overnight outing to Black Mountain. Anyone concur with that?

BLUEBERRY HILL AREA IN GOSHEN

October 13, 1985

Yes, there was a foliage hike. In the afternoon on a bright fall day, 16 of the faithful assembled to enjoy the scenery of nature. The changing colors of the maples, birches, beeches, poplars, sumacs, and oaks were enjoyed as we traveled Rte. 7 north to Brandon and eventually to the Blueberry Hill area of Goshen. Other groups of people apparently had the same idea as we, as we met them on the mountain.

Extensive views to the east, south, and west challenged us as to identity. To the south the Rutland area could be

seen and to the west mountains stretching north from Castleton. The Adirondacks from Whitehall toward the north rose in the distance. What appeared to be a small view of Lake Champlain could be seen with binoculars. Also the paper mills of Ticonderoga were identified.

On our return we came upon a gravel pit, the steep bank of which we ascended to a small mesa for another view of the nearby surroundings. Sweet cider and brownies were consumed before saying our goodbyes to return home. A pleasant afternoon for those who went.

MERCK FOREST WEEKEND

by Rob Carey

October 19-20, 1985

Saturday's rain reduced the overnight attendance to Sue Thomas and Rob, Sue, and Mara Carey. In spite of the rain lasting until we reached Ridge Cabin Mara stayed dry and even slept while Sue carried her in the Snuggli. Ridge Cabin made a perfect place to spend a rainy afternoon and work on the cloud's ear soup. A small fire in the stove was more than enough to warm the cabin and keep the soup simmering. After a Chinese dinner complete with chopsticks and desserts of Black Bottom Pie Tarts, we spent a relaxing evening.

Sunday's weather was better so we took a morning hike in the East Hollow and Lookout Area, part of the Forest we had not previously visited. On the return to the cabin we met Carol and her friend Doris. They joined us and when we reached the cabin for lunch, the Pullings and Hawleys were there. Everyone agreed that Ridge is a beautiful cabin in an excellent location. There is a good view from the large windows and a spring not too far away.

The hike out was pleasant and uneventful, as well as drier than the one on Saturday. Mara really seemed to enjoy her first camping trip, especially all the attention.

HOW MANY GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB MEMBERS WILL FIT ON TOP OF MOUNT ASCUTNEY?

by Sue Thomas

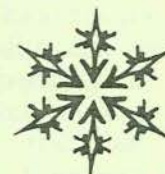
October 26, 1985

Our second attempt at Mt. Ascutney proved much more successful than our first in June (possibly because we went this time!). We were fortunate to have one of those perfect fall days -- blue, blue sky, crisp but mild temperature, and lovely foliage. That combined with a trail beside a stream, a waterfall, and an overlook to spur us on toward the top combined to make it a very enjoyable, if steep hike.

Sixteen hikers started from Rutland, meeting Norm Cyrs there. Norm proved extremely helpful right from the start by directing us to the trail head, and having climbed the mountain from all sides many times, he was able to keep us on the leaf-obscured trail and tell us much about the area.

Our first stop was Gerry's Falls, a small but picturesque cascade near the trail, then we made steady progress to Halfway Springs. Our next stop was at an overlook with a wonderful view of the Connecticut River and the mountains beyond. After a short break to appreciate the scenery, we continued on to the summit, where we were pleasantly surprised to meet a large group of hikers from the Ottauquechee and Brattleboro Sections and ATC. Altogether we made quite a mob at the top, but fortunately there was plenty of sun to go around as we sat at the old stone hut site and ate our lunches.

After lunch some of us hiked on to the tower and climbed up for a spectacular view. What a shame to have to return and start the hike back. The descent was made difficult by the thick layer of fallen leaves which obscured rocks and holes, but all arrived back at the cars eventually.



EAST MOUNTAIN, MENDON

by Ira Hawley
November 3, 1985

On a typical cloudy, grey November afternoon eight people met at the park for a refreshing walk. Several historical items were pointed out. We left Route 4 and followed the now abandoned former course of the original road from Mendon to the present entrance to the Wheelerville Road.

Soon into the hike we saw the remains of an old homesite. A gradual climb of nearly a half mile leveled out to easy walking thereafter. When we reached the banks of Mendon Brook we came upon another cellar hole, probably of a former home. We then went to what is called "Mountain Cemetery," a short distance on the Wheelerville Road and saw some very old gravestones. This cemetery is still quite well maintained.

As we were about to start our return via the same route, the sun came out briefly for a while. It was late afternoon as we arrived back at the cars.

WEST RUTLAND TOWN FOREST

by Ira Hawley
November 10, 1985

Vermont natives are accustomed to the grey skies and sprinkles and short daylight hours of November. This day was typical in all these respects. These were determining factors for 16 hikers to decide if they would go or not. Michael and Peter Nadler along with Mrs. Nyiri joined us in West Rutland. These two boys are well-behaved and promise to be excellent future hikers. We all thank Lowell Day for the hospitality of allowing us to leave our cars in her yard.

A gradual uphill walk of half a mile soon leveled out to a pleasant walk through a hard wood forest along an abandoned town road. There were several old cellar holes where people resided at least 40 years ago. One had the remains of the cellar still capped over with the first floor. Here we had lunch seated on a large log long enough for all of us. The skies were threatening rain and the lunch

stop was brief.

As we continued on, the wooded area gave way to a cleared pasture and meadow used for beef cattle raising. We walked among two small herds of Hereford cattle that examined us as we did them. Here we turned back along the same route. We left this town road for a short bushwhack through open woods to a large overgrown meadow and a harvested corn field. Then came a short inspection of a long-unused lime kiln and quarry.

By now the dark skies could no longer hold the rain we had been thinking about. But we were not far from our cars and no one got very wet. A flock of about 40 sheep in the farm road watched us as we left. Overall, we had a quite satisfying hike. We welcome John Caroli and William Tumielewicz as new members.

HOW TO SPEND THE EVENING IN A CARDBOARD
BOX WATCHING PEOPLE STUFF THEMSELVES
AND HAVE A GOOD TIME ANYWAY: (COVERED
DISH SUPPER)

by Sue Thomas
November 23, 1985

On a November night we once more gathered at Tamarack Notch for our annual pot-luck feast, and once again it was a wonderful evening of good food and good company. With 22 participants, we had the highest attendance in recent years. Despite a chilly start, once the stove was fired up Rotary Cabin began to get cozy and the smells tantalizing.

After a delicious meal, we settled down to watch Carol Chapman's slide program, which began with a 1972 raft trip down the Colorado River (any takers for a Grand Canyon hike next year?!) and ended with last summer's trip to the White Mountains to photograph wildflowers in the Presidential Range. Even if we couldn't go out in the woods during hunting season, at least we could enjoy it through Carol's beautiful slides.

Our youngest member, Mara Carey, age 5 1/2 months, got to taste more of the delicious food, sat in a cardboard box through most of the meal, and slept through the slide show, but appeared to have a good time nonetheless.

GUIDELINES FOR HIKE LEADERS

by Sue Thomas

Due to the unusually large number of cancellations lately due to bad weather, etc., this seems like a good time to establish some general rules for hike leaders. Hopefully this will be a help to all of us and make things run a little more smoothly in the future.

1. You are responsible for the safe return of every hiker. Take a head count before leaving the park, and make every effort to return with the same number. Misplacing members makes quite a dent in the treasury.

2. Always go to the park at the appointed time. What's a little rain to the hardy Killington Section member?! Never assume that no one wants to hike because of bad weather, go down to the park anyway and find out who the fanatics among us are. You can always call if off once you're there by mutual consent, or "gentle" coercion. Like all rules, there are exceptions: hikes should be assumed to be cancelled in the event of hurricane, tornado, or tidal wave.

3. A hike should never be cancelled. If you are unable to make it to your hike, please inform one of the Outings Committee chair people -- Sue Thomas or Sue Carey, so that another hike can be scheduled in its place. Who knows what kind of trouble all the frustrated hikers could get into with an empty weekend on their hands!

4. Keep the chairpeople informed of any change in plans. If you change your destination drastically, say, changing your 1/8 mile fungus walk to a weekend rock climbing in the Alps, it might affect someone's decision. People occasionally call Sue or Sue to find out what is happening, so it would be nice if they knew. (It's a dirty job, but someone's got to do it.).

5. If someone else is going to lead your hike, again, inform Sue or Sue. We'd like to know who to call in the event of a problem, and, in spite of what it seems, we do try to keep track of where the book & pot are. (I may not always bring them, but at least I know where they are!)

6. You are responsible for the pot and the log book. This is only slightly less important than keeping track of your hikers; coffee-hungry people can be dangerous. After your hike, either pass them along to the leader of the next scheduled hike, or call Sue Thomas, she is sometimes reliable.

LOOKING BACK

by Roma Pulling

As the Board of Directors considers a new form for our traditional sugar-on-snow party, perhaps opening it to the public again, it might be appropriate to look back and summarize what has happened in the past six years.

Before 1980, when the parties were held in public places, they were open to anyone, and this practice was followed for a year or two when we gathered at the Pulling home; then it was decided by the Outings Committee that it was better to welcome only members. Attendance ranged over the six years from 16 to 24.

It was the practice to collect a \$3.00 contribution from each guest, which was turned over to the treasurer. From this sum he paid the expenses and had whatever was left to add to the general fund. In the six-year period a \$122.20 profit was realized in this manner.

Some of the more memorable events during this period were entertaining a reporter from the Herald in 1980. The next morning Joe Diction's smiling face appeared in the paper with an account of the party.

In 1983 there was a heavy snowstorm and miserable driving conditions, and Churchill hiked in with the can of syrup in his backpack. That same year Ray Catozzi skied in.

The hostess, apparently becoming bored with plain prose, assailed us with reports in the form of poetry, a diary and a letter to the editor.

In 1983 we added entertainment to the program with Rob Badger's slide show. There was a sing-along accompanied by Sue Thomas's guitar in 1984, and a recital of classical music on piano and viola

this year performed by Carol Chapman and Linda Krasner.

This transitional phase in our party history seems to have been successful. We wish the Section good luck for even better parties in the future.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT CONTINUING

by Sue Carey

While looking at the Outings Book, I found a survey from 1955 asking for names of people interested in joining our section. Thirty years later and we are still looking for and getting new members.

As of this writing the membership is at 102. During the last 10 years, the least number of members was 74 in 1981. That is about a 30% increase. There seem to be many reasons for this increase.

The Section sponsors a variety of activities. Within the past several years these activities include wild-flower walks, bicycle trips, birdwatching, orienteering, ice skating, historical hikes, caving, canoeing, trips in New York and New Hampshire, winter weekends and supper hikes. In September, 20 people attended a picnic at White Rocks. The food included hotdogs, hamburgers, corn-on-the-cob, beans and sandwiches. We don't need to offer exotic or expensive food to attract people.

The Section has several traditional outings that are very popular. Last year the Valiquette Memorial Hike attracted 35 people. This hike has been held for 14 years. The sugar-on-snow party is regularly attended by 18 to 20 people and so is our annual covered dish supper.

Of course the backbone of the Section's activities is the hikes. It is fortunate that the Section has so many hike leaders who guide us to places both old and new, near and far.

One of the outstanding features of our Section is our newsletter Smoke and Blazes. Communication in any organization is very important. Carol Chapman and Jake Sherman do an excellent job. Not every section in the Green Mountain Club has such a well presented and detailed newsletter. After seeing other

sections' newsletters, I feel that the Killington Section can be very proud of Smoke and Blazes.

Another very important factor in attracting new people is publicity. Winnie Shambo does an excellent job of spreading the word through the media.

The Section started in 1912 and is always ready to welcome new members. As life's many changing situations lead us elsewhere, the membership changes but the Killington Section remains active.

WORK WITH THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

The main Club is now accepting applications for shelter caretakers, ranger-naturalists, and Long Trail Patrol (trail crew) members to work on the Long Trail System during the summer of 1986. Many volunteer positions are also available. For further information and application forms contact: Green Mountain Club, P.O. Box 889, Montpelier, VT 05602; (802) 223-3463. Application deadline for a paid position is March 31, 1986. Volunteer applications have no deadline.



NEW MEMBERS TO DECEMBER 15, 1985

Carey, Mara	RR#1, Box 340	Wallingford, VT 05773
Caroli, John A., Jr.	Box 693	Wells, VT 05774
Manney, Jeff	205 Lincoln Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Partridge, Charles	49 Warner Avenue	Proctor, VT 05765
Rogers, Brad	47 Terrill Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Rogers, Irene	47 Terrill Street	Rutland, VT 05701

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Chapman, Carol	34 1/2 Kendall Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Ogden, Herbert G., Jr.	4 Emmet Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Rogers, Wally, Irene, Brad	47 Terrill Street	Rutland, VT 05701

IN MEMORY

During the first week of November the Killington Section lost two longtime members.

Carl Parsons and Ann Reynolds will be remembered by the longtime members for being active during the 1950s through the 1970s.

Each and every member expresses his deepest sympathy to the families of Carl and Ann.

A small gift has been given to the Alzheimer's Research Group in memory of Carl Parsons and to the Cancer Society for Mrs. George (Ann) Reynolds in hopes that these afflictions will be overcome in time.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte. 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
 W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas.
 RR 1, Box 4869
 Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$12.00	Spouse	\$10.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Junior (to 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	6.00		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Winter 1986 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact hour hike leader or: Rob Carey, Pres., RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, 446-2830; Steve Pulling, Vice-Pres., RR3, Box 5192, 775-3361; Olga Laird, Sec., RR 1, Chasanna Dr., 773-7448; or W. Churchill Scott, Treas., RR 1, Box 4869, 775-1494.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Jan. 4-5 (Sat.-Sun.)	8:30 A.M.	SPRUCE SHELTER, Manchester, 4 mi., moderate. Come for the weekend or the day. Winnie Shambo 773-9330
Jan. 12 (Sun.)	12:30 P.M.	SKATING PARTY, Camp Betsey Cox, Pittsford. Skating, sledding, snowshoeing & skiing. Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
Jan. 18 (Sat.)	8:30 A.M.	ABBEY POND, Ripton, 5 mi., moderate. Suitable for skis or snowshoes. Steve Pulling 773-6997
Jan. 26 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	MYSTERY HIKE. 2 mi., easy to moderate. Ski or snowshoe optional. Ray Catozzi 773-3006
Feb. 2 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	BOMOSEEN AREA, Suitable for skis or snowshoes. 3-4 mi., moderate. Linda Krasner 468-3100
Feb. 8 (Sat.)	1:00 P.M.	BYPASS PREVIEW. Hike, ski or snowshoe from Quarterline Rd. to W. Rutland, 2-3 mi., easy. 775-3545
Feb. 16 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	CHASANNA DRIVE TO GLEN DAM, 2-3 mi., easy. Suitable for skis or snowshoes. Churchill Scott 775-1494
Feb. 22 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE. 4-5 mi., with some climbing. Suitable for skis or snowshoes. Ray Catozzi 773-3006
Mar. 1-2 (Sat.-Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	MERCK FOREST WINTER WEEKEND. Spruce Shelter. Fee charged. Come for the weekend or for the day. Sue Thomas 773-2185
March 4 (Tues.)	7:00 P.M.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING, for all hike leaders and interested parties. Refreshments. Sue Thomas 773-2185
March 9 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	BLUE RIDGE, 4 mi., moderate to difficult Bernie Donahue 773-7462
March 15 (Sat.)	1:00 P.M.	MYSTERY HIKE. 4 mi., easy. Ray Catozzi 773-3006
March 23 (Sun.)	2:00 P.M.	SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY, Unitarian Church, West Street. Fee charged. Janet Martin 773-8621
April 5 (Sat.)	7:30 P.M.	ANNUAL MEETING. United Methodist Church. Rob Carey 446-2830

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN APPROPRIATE.

HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR HIKE LEADER.

320

201.

1870

RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701

WHITE RIVER JCT. VT.
DEC 16
-PM
1985
DEC



PERKROB : Sf

MR AND MRS ROBERT PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE , NC 28212

MYSTERY HIKE TO SUCKER BROOK DAM

by Stephen Pulling
December 8, 1985

This hike was almost a real mystery as the trek I originally planned ended up being too difficult for most people's blood and this hike was pulled from a map on the previous weekend. Luckily your hike leader was out nosing around Sucker Brook Dam during deer hunting season and remembered it had the makings for a nice G.M.C. hike.

The hike started from a parking lot at the end of Forest Road 27 in Goshen. The 0.6 mile Goshen Trail led us to the east shore of Silver Lake where we turned north and hiked up to the picnic area on the north shore of the lake. A steady wind off the lake made fire-starting an uneasy chore, but persistence paid off and eventually lunch was cooked and consumed. An abbreviated birthday party was celebrated for Roma Pulling with a cake baked and packed in by Sue Thomas. Carol Chapman did an excellent job of fire extinguishing and we were off hiking again.

Meandering along an old service road in the lovely Goshen wilderness brought us good views of Mount Moosalamoo and Rattlesnake Cliffs before scaling up the Sucker Brook Dam. The dam really doesn't hold back any water now, but it is a beautiful clearing in the mountainous region. Some exploring was done along the shore of the old power dam and valve station, but no great treasure was found.

A leisurely walk back to Forest Road 27 via a Blueberry Hill ski trail that wound back and forth up the valley found our cars patiently waiting for the snowy trip home.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT BY MOONLIGHT

by Sue Thomas
December 21, 1985

On December 21, five of us decided to brave a snowstorm for the Killington Section's annual moonlight hike. We were a day or two too late for the full moon, but still it lighted our way to Governor Clement Shelter, and made the snow-covered landscape even more beautiful. Thanks to Steve's truck we were able to drive part way, leaving us just enough hiking to make us appreciate the stone fireplace, blackberry brandy, and Christmas cookies that brightened up the shelter. The hike back to the truck was even nicer, as the moon had risen higher and provided more light and snowy shadows -- making me at least a bit reluctant to return home to electric lights and traffic noise.

SKATING PARTY

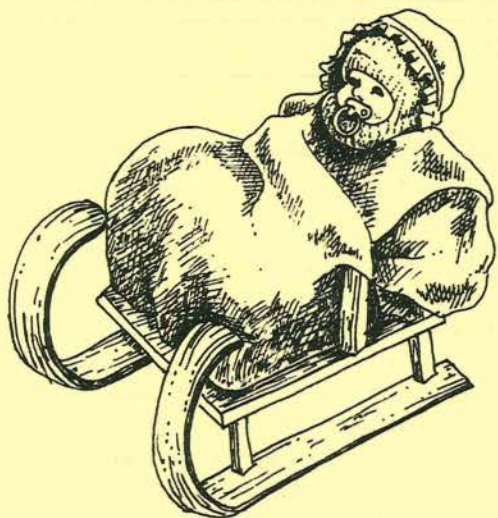
by Sue Carey
Jan. 12, 1986

Which of the following activities was not done at the skating party: snowshoeing, sleeping, sledding, skating, fire building, tea making or skiing? The answer is skating. Due to early snow, Burr Pond was not suitable for skating, but with the mild weather and great snow cover many people turned out for the skating party anyway.

Camp Betsey Cox in Pittsford has several great trails for skiing and hills for sliding. Jean Davies was starting a fire when we arrived and she also treated us to some pine needle tea. Mara Carey spent most of the afternoon sleeping in her sled. Many of the other forlorn skaters explored the area on skis or snowshoes.

(cont.)

I want to thank Jean Davies for letting us use Camp Betsey Cox. It is a beautiful camp and I'm sure that everyone had a good time.



ABBHEY POND

by Stephen Pulling
January 18, 1986

If there is any such thing as a perfect January day for hiking we luckily found it on January 18th. Beautiful clear blue skies, bright warm sun rays, and temperatures in the upper 20s were the conditions we had to deal with on this Abbey Pond hike. The seven people who showed up for this trek were blessed with a near perfect day for their efforts.

The hike started out with a long steady $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile pull uphill gaining 1250 feet in elevation, but numerous river crossings with one lovely waterfall provided us with good excuses to take breaks to catch our breath. Walking in the newly fallen snow was not a problem as four of us carried our snowshoes. Once we were near the top of the ridge there were good views to the west of the Champlain Valley.

A short half mile of level walking brought us to Abbey Pond which has been described in one book as "an attractive wilderness pond" and as "primitive and tranquil" in another book. If you could picture the pond in the summer months it would be a haven of wildlife with fish, frogs, beaver, ducks, birds, deer, chip-

munks and every conceivable animal in the Vermont forest visiting its shores. Today there is a heavy blanket of ice and snow covering the pond and the area is deathly quiet but beautiful.

A few trees felled by beavers provided us with wood for our traditional lunch fire and a John Hughes device hung our coffee pot that once again saved the day. Our lunch break was a prolonged process as no one was in a hurry to leave this alluring setting and good fellowship.

Eventually we had to move on and head down the mountain to the cars. The hike out was quite easy staring out level and then downhill for $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Your hike leader and friend made it down in record time, beating the rest of the gang by about 20 minutes. We slid down on red plastic toboggans, and made it in one piece I might add!

There's a little child in everyone, isn't there?

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING IN BOMOSEEN

by Sue Thomas & Linda Krasner
February 2, 1986

In scouting out the possibilities for a route for this trip, Linda found an excellent cross-country trail on the west shore of Lake Bomoseen, beginning at the State Park, to Lily Pond, and then circling back to the park. However, because of the severe ice storm, this route was nearly impossible, so it will be saved until next year.

Meanwhile, however, several people did brave the slush storm that day. We began cross-country skiing and snowshoeing at the Castleton Elementary School and completed a three-mile circular path. We travelled through a large hemlock grove, paralleled Lake Bomoseen for a ways, and ended up at the Krasners' house for a picnic lunch. In spite of the slush, the trip was enjoyable.



BYPASS PREVIEW

by Carol Chapman
February 8, 1986

Most of our hikes do not begin on the shoulder of a well-traveled highway, but this one did. Appropriately enough, because we were on our way to hiking and skiing over another road that will soon be busy with traffic, the new bypass between West Rutland and Rutland.

Fourteen people started the hike at the West Rutland Grand Union parking lot. It was good to see Harold out after a long absence from hiking. Our first casualty of the day was Ray who split his pants leg and strained a muscle on stepping over a snowbank into deep snow. I had forgotten that we needed to stay on the west side of the barbed wire fence which goes along the bypass, so that was our next obstacle. Churchill and Virginia decided to leave us at that point, probably wondering what else this leader would get them into.

With the rest safely over the fence we skied or hiked up the long hill getting some good views of Mt. Hanley and the surrounding mountains. Snow conditions were surprisingly good for skiing and a trail had been packed by snowmobiles.

Most of the group went as far as the Quarterline Road before heading back. With the sun brightening the scene for a few moments at this point we had good views of the northwestern part of Rutland and the Green Mountain range.

Mrs. Nyiri decided to hike out Quarterline Road to Campbell Road and wait for a ride there, while the rest turned around for the return to West Rutland. The skiers didn't mind as they had a long downhill run to complete the trip. Emma and John Hughes walked back through the woods and over a snowmobile trail which they discovered, beating us back to the parking lot.

Hindsight being what it is, I realize I should have spotted a car for the hikers so they could end the hike at Quarterline Road rather than having to back-track. Our conclusion that afternoon was that the bypass makes a fine ski or hiking trail and should be left for that purpose.

GLEN DAM

by W. Churchill Scott
February 16, 1986

On Sunday February 16th twenty-two outdoor enthusiasts gathered under the bright blue sky and brilliant sun to take a short afternoon walk to Glen Dam.

It was good to see so many new faces along with the old-timers. There was a larger per cent of skiers than usual plus at least one pair of snowshoes.

Some decided they had gone far enough at the dam where during the past summer the weeds and swampy edges had been cleared away and erosion filled.

The majority kept going under the leadership of the Pullings way up to the Meadow Way Drive road. From there back, it was mostly downhill.

Finally back at Chasanna Drive, a good afternoon was topped off by hot coffee, tea, cocoa, etc.

Let's try to have some more good turnouts like this.

ATTACK OF THE CHICKADEE-PEOPLE (AT MERCK FOREST WINTER WEEKEND)

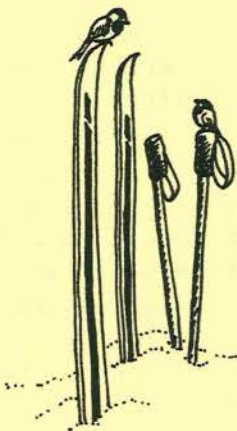
by Sue Thomas
March 1, 1986

The night was cold and dark outside Spruce Shelter on March 1st, as eight hikers cowered around the woodstove contemplating the dangers that lurked in the trees outside. At last one fearless soul arose, and, resolutely gripping cup and toothbrush, strode toward the door, and, without a backward glance, stepped outside. Breathlessly we huddled closer to the stove and waited. Soon the night was alive with shouts; "Back, back, you fiends!!" and the sounds of struggle struck terror to our hearts. It was.... The Chickadees!

Well, perhaps that's a slight exaggeration. Actually the chickadees were one of the highlights of a wonderful Winter Weekend at Merck Forest, one of the most successful in recent years because, by golly, this time there was snow! We had a large group of day hikers and eight overnights, including the intrepid Mara Carey, who spent much of her days in

Daddy's backpack, no doubt coaching him, as he was the only skier to remain vertical all weekend.

During lunch at the shelter, the killer chickadees discovered us, and



very patiently posed for pictures in return for handouts. From then on we were subject to dive-bombing, whenever we ventured outside.

After lunch we skied off through the blackberry bushes (you'd think people would know better than to follow me by now!) and down to the sugarhouse, and back by way of Clark's Clearing, where we said goodbye to the last of the dayhikers. Back at the shelter we found Irene Rogers, who had come to spend the night, the Martins, Vong & Lao, being greeted by the birds.

Everyone contributed to the spaghetti dinner, and Mark lugged in maple syrup, which we boiled down on the woodstove for sugar-on-snow, great idea! While it was boiling some of us walked up the hill behind the shelter to stargaze, and wow! We were mesmerized by the sight of so many stars and the snowy hillside in the dark. Linda pointed out the constellations to us, and called out a barred owl. We were so entranced we nearly missed the sugar-on-snow!

Two extra-hardy souls slept outside in a tent, and only one crept in by the stove in the early morning hours. In the morning I cooked pancakes & bacon to lighten Mark's pack of a little more syrup, and we headed out. Leaving our

packs by the barn, we went for another ski trip, then returned to the barn for lunch before reluctantly leaving for home.

TREASURER'S POSITION OPEN

As stated in a recent issue of Smoke & Blazes, the treasurer feels that after 25 years it is time for a change.

Even though there a lot of odds and ends to do, it should not be too difficult a chore. During a period of transition, I would be willing to stay on and help in every way possible, with the understanding that as soon as possible I will leave the position of treasurer and also the Board of Directors for which my term runs out this year.

--Churchill Scott

ANNUAL MEETING

The Killington Section Annual Meeting will be held at the Rutland United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 5 at 7:30 P.M. Please use the Chestnut Street entrance. After the business meeting Dr. David Smith of Middlebury College will give a talk on Vermont humor. It should be an interesting evening and I hope to see you there.

--- Sue Carey

WORK WITH THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

The main Club is now accepting applications for shelter caretakers, ranger-naturalists, and Long Trail Patrol (trail crew) members to work on the Long Trail System during the summer of 1986. Many volunteer positions are also available. For further information and application forms contact: Green Mountain Club, P.O. Box 889, Montpelier, VT 06502; (802) 223-3463. Application deadline for a paid position is March 31, 1986. Volunteer applications have no deadline.

HIKE ATTENDANCE REPORT

by Sue Thomas

Out of curiosity, before the last Outings Committee meeting, I decided to survey the attendance on recent hikes. I tallied up the participants on the last 20 trips, and thought everyone might be interested in the results. We had an average of 11.7 hikers per trip (don't know who that .7 is, but we're an equal opportunity club!), and here's a breakdown by order of attendance:

Covered Dish Supper	-	22
Glen Dam	-	22
Ice Beds	-	20
Winter Weekend (Merck)	-	19
Mt. Ascutney	-	17
Skating Party (Pittfd)	-	17
West Rutland Forest	-	15
Crown Point Road	-	15
Fern Lake Cookout	-	15
Bypass Preview	-	14
Mystery Hike	-	12
(Silver Lake)		
Merck Forest (Fall	-	10
Weekend)		
Black Mountain	-	10
East Mountain	-	8
Mystery Hike (Florence)	-	7
Abbey Pond	-	7
Bomoseen Ski	-	6
Moonlight Hike	-	5
Lookout to Chateaugay	-	3
Mendon Mountain	-	2

SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

Carol Chapman: Editor
 Jake Sherman: Assistant Editor &
 Typist
 Roma Pulling, Ray Catozzi, &
 Churchill Scott: Distribution
 Sue Thomas: Illustrations

TREASURER'S REPORT

Killington Section - GMC

Balance 1/1/85 \$985.03

Income

Dues	947.00
Sale of Post Cards, Buttons	257.32
Gifts to Kirk Fund	122.00
Sugar on Snow Party	63.00
Interest	29.67
Sale of Guide Books	27.00
Sale of End-to-End maps	5.75
Sale of Patches	3.00
Sale of Rockers	2.00
Total Income	\$1,456.74

Expenses

Sharp Printing Co.	
Post Cards	500.00
To Main G.M.C.	442.82
Dues Assessment	381.00
Guide Books	31.92
Topo Maps	28.75
Sales Tax	1.15
	442.82
Smoke & Blazes	269.89
Norma B. Montaigne - Buttons	230.00
Treasurer's Expenses	99.90
Publicity	60.40
Annual Meeting	55.00
Postage	21.92
Donations	20.00
Sugar on Snow	16.58
Outings	13.65
Dues Rebate	11.00
Total Expenses	\$1,741.16

Balance 12/31/85 \$700.61



MYSTERY HIKE

by Ray Catozzi
Feb. 22, 1986

A beautiful, sunny windless day greeted seven hikers this day, a day after another heavy wet snowstorm. They knew not where they were going, except for their leader, but six with cross-country skis, and one with snowshoes were ready for whatever he had to offer.

What I was going to offer them was a start at the Gorham covered bridge on a back road north of Proctor, and up a winding, climbing snowmobile route called "4 West" to the top of the ridge between Proctor and Whipple Hollow north of West Rutland. (A power line coming up from West Rutland follows this ridge for a while just west of Proctor, then angles down slowly to Florence.) We would have had great views to the north and east had we made it up to this power line.

Alas, 'twas not to be had this day. The wet snow of the night before had frozen hard in the snowmobile trail, rendering it too difficult to come back down on our return trip, with cross-country skis.

So,....what should be just a few feet above our parking area west of the covered bridge but the tracks of the Vermont Railway. Eureka, a perfect solution of where to go in place of the dangerous trail. Up the railroad tracks we went, north for about 1 to 1½ miles to where the Otter Creek came over close to the tracks. We then left the very safe, flat (boring?) route of the railroad tracks, crossed over to the west bank of the meandering Otter Creek, and followed it upstream back to our cars. This route was much shorter than the one I had originally planned so we were back to our cars just at lunch time.

We enjoyed our lunches sitting on the guard rail of the west end of Gorham Bridge, as we watched the snowmobiles arrive.

We all hated to quit so soon with such a fine day, so Wally Rogers said "let's give the snowmobile trail a try." So off we went, all seven of us, climbing steeply for a while, then down a short curving run where half of the gang fell down.

We soon found another trail leading off to the north; followed it a short distance and came out on a couple of nice

open hills in the middle of the woods, where most of us enjoyed practicing our downhill skiing on cross-country skis, safely.

Soon we had looped back to the railroad tracks and our cars, quite satisfied with our expedition. Not a bad one in spite of the change.

DIRECTOR RESIGNS

Winnie Shambo has submitted a letter to the directors of the Killington Section giving notice of her resignation from all her positions with the Killington Section including director in the Section, Main Club director, and publicity chairman, effective immediately. We wish to express our appreciation to Winnie for her many years of enthusiastic service to our section. Winnie: It will be hard to fill your shoes.

NEW MEMBERS

Norman Cyrs - 131 Commonwealth Ave.
Springfield, VT 05156
Henry Ferguson - 15 Lyndon Hill
Woodstock, VT 05091
Mark Luttrell, DDS - 90 Forest St.,
Apt. 1 Rutland, VT 05701
Brian Sawyer - 5 So. Park Place
Fair Haven, VT 05743
Carolyn Wynne - RR#1, Box 722, Middle-
town Springs, VT 05757

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

George Reynolds - 4 Sargent St.
Hanover, N.H. 03755
Rachael Ferguson - 78 Park Street
Northfield, N.H. 03276

GEORGE L. KIRK TRAILS AND SHELTERS FUND

Balance 1/1/85	\$9,428.22
Income	
1985 Interest	948.11
1985 Gifts	122.00
	\$1,070.11
Expenses	
To Main G.M.C.	\$96.00
(Shelter Insurance	70.88)
Trail Liability	25.12
Trails & Shelters	462.04
	558.04
Balance 12/31/85	\$9,940.29

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Spring 1986 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Rob Carey, Pres., RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, 468-2830; Steve Pulling, Vice-Pres., RR3, Box 5192, 775-3361; Olga Laird, Sec., RR 1, Chasanna Dr., 773-7448; or W. Churchill Scott, Treas., RR 1, Box 4869, 775-1494.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Apr. 5 (Sat.)	7:30 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING, Rutland Methodist Church. Program: Vermont Humor Talk by David Smith of Middlebury College. Rob Carey 446-2830
Apr. 12 (Sat.)	9:30 A.M.	CARVER FALLS, West Haven. 3 mi., easy. Roma Pulling 773-6997
Apr. 19 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	ORIENTEERING, & Corridor Protection, Clarendon Sue Thomas 773-2185
Apr. 22 (Tues.)	7:00 P.M.	SLIDE SHOW AT RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY. Slides of past K.S. outings. Come help recruit new members. Sue Thomas 773-2185
Apr. 27 (Sun.)	10:30 A.M.	LYE BROOK FALLS, Manchester. 5 mi., moderate. Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
May 4 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	CAVENDISH GORGE, 2 mi., easy. Carol Chapman 775-3545
May 10 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WALK-THROUGH. Route 140 to Gov. Clement Shelter. Annual spring trail restoration. Steve Pulling 773-6997
May 18 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	MOUNTAIN TOP AREA, Chittenden. 4 mi., easy. Ira Hawley 775-4149
May 24-25 (Sat.-Sun.)		GMC ANNUAL MEETING, Green Mountain College, Poultney. See <u>Long Trail News</u> for details.
May 31 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WALK-THROUGH. Governor Clement Shelter to Route 4 Steve Pulling 773-6997
June 3 (Tues.)	7:00 P.M.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. 35 Burnham Ave., Rutland. Sue Thomas 773-2185
June 8 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	DAILY HOLLOW GOLD MINES, Bridgewater. 3 mi., moderate. Churchill Scott 775-1494
June 14 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	BUSHWHACKING MYSTERY HIKE, 5 mi., moderate. Mark Luttrell 773-1618
June 21 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	MT. TOM, WOODSTOCK. Good views from the summit. 5 mi., moderate. Ira Hawley 775-4149
June 25 (Wed.)	5:30 P.M.	SUPPER HIKE, DEER LEAP, Sherburne. 1 mi., moderate. Sue Thomas 773-2185
June 29 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	OLD BALDY, Bridgewater. 5 mi., very moderate. Steve Pulling 773-6997

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN APPROPRIATE. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR LEADER.

KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



MR AND MRS ROBERT PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28212

PERKROB :56f

Smoke & Blazes



VOLUME 39, NUMBER 2

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

APR.-JUN., 1986

CLARENDON SHELTER HIKE

by Bernie Donahue
March 9, 1986

On March 9th members and others took a short hike to Clarendon Shelter. That Sunday was mild and mostly sunny. Spring seemed for a while to be in the air. Snow was melting and there were patches of earth visible.

The day was not suitable for snowshoeing. However boots and pacs were popular. The hikers enjoyed lunching and kibitzing at the shelter. A warming fire and heat for coffee and cocoa was provided.

This hike was planned at the last minute to replace the four-mile Blue Ridge trek. That area had severe road conditions at this time of year. Cancellation seemed appropriate. The replacement hike proved fun for those who made it on that day.

MYSTERY HIKE

by Sue Carey
March 15, 1986

The mystery man who was supposed to lead this hike couldn't make it, so it was left to the program directors to lead the way. During the previous week there was an article in the newspaper stating that the Country Club was thinking of selling its property in Pine Hill along Rocky Pond to condominium developers. After reading this, Sue and I decided to lead the hike to Pine Hill Park.

Several Killington Section members attended a Rutland Aldermanic committee meeting about the Rocky Pond issue. We invited the aldermen to hike with us, but none came.

The day of the hike was overcast, but many nonaldermen came to hike. We parked

our cars on Evergreen Avenue and walked to Rocky Pond first. The pond was covered with unsafe ice, so we followed the path past Muddy Pond, crossed the outlet stream and went to the falls.

The falls was coated with ice. Several Killington Section members (who will go unnamed) tried to knock off the ice with snowballs so they could see the water. They did knock some holes in the ice, but when we left the falls were still mostly ice-covered.

We walked through the golf course (nobody was playing) and left the park by the ice rink (nobody was skating). It is a pleasant hike and I hope that it stays undeveloped.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY

by Sue Thomas
March 23, 1986

On March 23, 31 hungry-looking people converged on the Unitarian Universalist Church with maple syrup on their minds. (Several of the younger participants undoubtedly left with it in a few other places!) This was by far the most participation we've had for a sugar-on-snow in recent years, and we extend thanks to the church for providing us with the much needed extra space to accommodate our steadily growing group.

-We gratefully acknowledge once again the contribution of John and Janet Martin, without whom the whole affair would not be possible. Jan has a special touch for boiling the syrup to exactly the right point, and cheerfully spends the time it takes to do so before the rest of us arrive. Thanks also to John for providing slides of Killington Section outings from years past, which led to a spirited round of "Name That Shelter," occasional disagreements as

to which direction the camera was facing (often ending with the loser pointing out that "the trees have grown up a lot since then"), and "Isn't that Churchill in the hat?" A good time was had by all, thanks again to the Martins, and to the "worker bees" who washed all the dishes while we drones enjoyed the slide show!

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

by Rob Carey
April 5, 1986

The Annual Meeting of the Killington Section was held at the Rutland Methodist Church on April 5. The meeting was well attended with over 30 members and guests present. The officers and committee reports were given, some of which were printed in the Jan.-March issue of Smoke & Blazes

The following officers were elected:

President: Rob Carey
Vice-President: Steve Pulling
Treasurer: Wally Rogers
Secretary: Olga Laird

Main Club Director: Ray Catozzi
Trails & Shelters: Steve Pulling
Outings Co-Chairmen: Sue Carey
Sue Thomas
Publicity: Sue Carey

Directors and year of expiration of term are as follows:

Rob Carey	1989
Ray Catozzi	1989
Churchill Scott	1989
Olga Laird	1988
Mark Luttrell	1988
Steve Pulling	1988
Sue Carey	1987
Bernie Donahue	1987
Wally Rogers	1987

After the completion of the business meeting, Middlebury College faculty member David Smith, a Proctor native, gave an enjoyable talk on Vermont humor. This included both some observations on the types of humor as well as many examples. A common feature of this is the unexpected ending. People from "down country" often

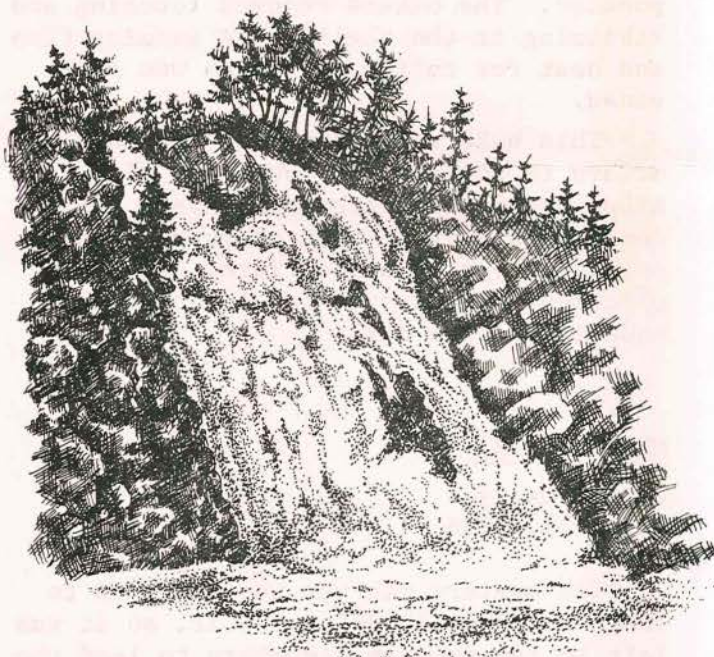
figure in these stories. An example is the story of the two deer hunters who got lost and spent the night with a young, recently divorced woman. Nine months later one of them received a letter from her lawyer. She had been killed and left him everything in her will.

As usual the refreshments were delicious and enjoyed by all with a variety of cookies, brownies and other goodies.

CARVER FALLS

by Roma Pulling
April 12, 1986

A person can drive within a stone's throw of the falls, but being aware that we were members of a hiking club, we parked our cars at the West Haven School just off Route 22A. This provided an easy walk of roughly a mile down a gravel



road and across a field.

Seventeen people left the park in Rutland, and two more joined us in West Haven. The falls are rather striking in appearance with 126 feet of combined cascade and falling water. Some people scrambled a steep bank for a close look, then everyone gathered in view of the falls for lunch. There we found our first hepaticas.

On our return to the cars, I announced plans to cross the Poultney River and view

the falls from the New York side. Two drivers elected to return to Rutland, but John Hughes and Ira Hawley with their passengers accompanied us. Some people actually preferred the view from that side. We walked to the power station, then on rock outcroppings in the river. Lastly, we followed the river upstream for some distance, discovering old bridge abutments and an old foundation along the way. Someone suggested that this alone would have made a pleasant hike.

"HOW WE SPENT AN AFTERNOON IN SHREWSBURY
WITHOUT LEAVING VERMONT": ORIENTEERING
HIKE

by Sue Thomas
April 19, 1986

As most of you already know, last year the National Park Service acquired a corridor of land surrounding the Appalachian/Long Trail for the purpose of protecting it from encroachment by logging, development, dumping, etc. Last summer Ray Catozzi and I attended a workshop put on by the ATC & GMC to solicit help from the local GMC sections in monitoring this corridor. With the best of intentions I volunteered to patrol a section in Shrewsbury, but as the weeks and then the months went by I began to get less and less confident of my ability to find the right tract of land with compass and map as they had taught us at the workshop.

Fearing I would probably wind up in Pennsylvania if I tried it on my own, I decided to enlist the help of the rest of the club. Remembering the enthusiastic response to an orienteering workshop Steve Pulling had done for the section once before, I asked him for a repeat performance, and on April 19 we had a beautiful day and a good-sized group.

After spending the morning learning the basics of map and compass reading, we decided to take a lunch break on a beautiful piece of property recently acquired by the club. After lunch we chose a spot on the map from which to start, which proved to be easier than finding the actual spot! Following much discussion and pacing, we settled on a



tree as The Spot, marked it with surveyors' tape, and bravely set off through the woods. Despite frequent disagreements (e.g. "a little more to the right here," "No, a little more to the left here," "Are you holding your compass upside down?"), wonder of wonders, we emerged victoriously on a dirt road almost exactly where the map said we should! Feeling quite proud of ourselves, we returned via the Long Trail. I, for one, will try not to feel too smug, since I still have a large area left to find -- might end up in Pennsylvania yet!

A NOTE OF THANKS

Speaking on behalf of the Killington Section, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the program at the Rutland Library on April 22. Special thanks are in order to Rob and Sue Carey who coordinated the program, put together the slide show, arranged the downstairs display case, and proved they were the bravest of us all by speaking at the slide presentation. Thanks also to Churchill Scott for his contribution, and to everyone who donated pictures, slides, refreshments, and bodily presence. Hike participation is high right now, but there's always room for more, and hopefully the program interested some potential hikers.

LYE BROOK FALLS

by Sue Carey

April 27, 1986

The day of the hike was perfect for walking and the event was well attended. Due to publicity in the Manchester News Guide, there were several new people from the Manchester area who hiked with us.

The trail to the falls follows old roads and old railroad beds through the woods. The railroad was used for logging. If you looked closely enough you could find some ties.

Lye Brook Falls is the highest waterfall in Vermont and during the spring it is at its fullest. I've only seen it before during the summer; however, in the spring it is especially impressive.

CAVENDISH GORGE

by Carol Chapman

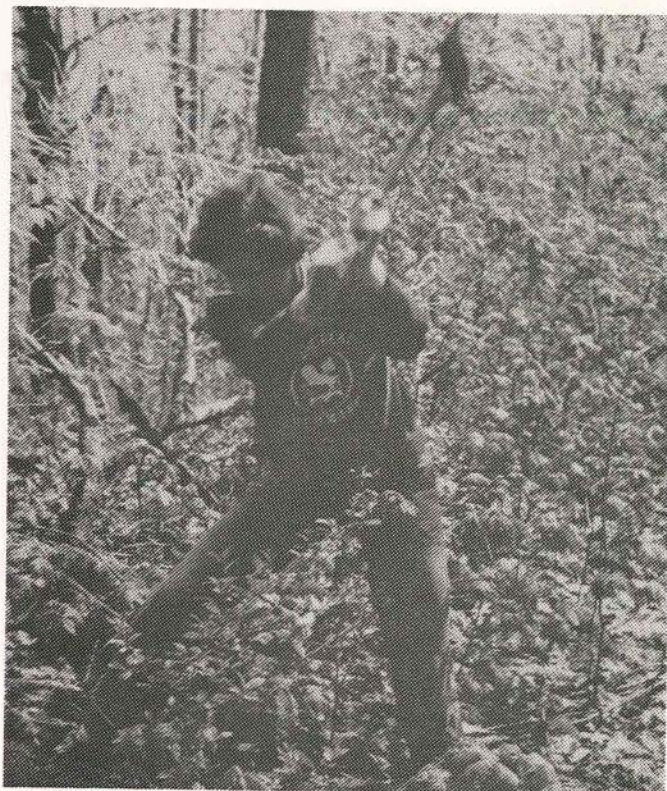
May 4, 1986

After our hike of Cavendish Gorge I thought I'd do a little research on the geological history of the area, but a trip to the Rutland Free Library and a search through some volumes of the Vermont Geological Survey didn't bring any results. If any of you readers can enlighten us, please let me know.

Spectacular rock formations, potholes and a cauldron scoured out by swirling rocks impressed us all and invited us to climb and explore. All except one of us hiked along the trail at the rim through coniferous woods. Jim Griffin, however, chose to do it the hard way, scrambling over the rocks down in the river. We worried about him after we hadn't seen him in a while, but there he was at the bridge by the rapids ahead of us, apologetic for not staying with the leader.

As we left the forest and walked through field and swamp, we were rewarded by a variety of spring wildflowers, evidence of beaver gnawing and a cluster of grounded frog's eggs which Sue Thomas kindly returned to the water.

Some hot day this summery you may see some GMC members cooling off in one of the swimming holes at Cavendish Gorge.



KILLINGTON SECTION WORK PARTY

by Al Pulling

May 10, 1986

On May 10, 1986, 16 faithful and energetic volunteers offered their services for clean-up of the Killington Section's stretch of the Long Trail. We had a beautiful day in which to work. Our efforts this day were concentrated on the section from the Upper Cold River Road to Vermont 140.

As my son Steve had to be out of town, he appointed me O.I.C. (officer-in-charge). Steve had his trunk all loaded with tools which, along with Roma, I dispensed to the different crews.

I had the chain saw to use and, after helping spot cars, worked on removing some big trees, including one just north of the Upper Cold River Road and one at East Wallingford just north of Rte. 140.

Roma and I then went to clean up around Clarendon Shelter and Minerva Hinchey Shelter.

After this work was done it was time to go to the Lower Cold River Road to pick up the Ira Hawley family which had cleared the trail south of the Lower Cold River Road.

There was a report of a tree down near the "lookout" south of the bridge near Vt. 103, but we never did find it.

Thanks to everyone who did their part that day.

MOUNTAINTOP --- CHITTENDEN

by Ira Hawley
May 18, 1986

All hikes are planned for the enjoyment of participants, and it was hoped this "historical" type of exploring would be accepted.

The morning was clear and comfortable as a large group (34, I believe) gathered at the park. Very gratifying to see such a good turnout. We agreed our first item of interest was a marble marker which indicated the location of the four towns -- Rutland, Mendon, Pittsford and Chittenden meeting at one corner. This marker is located on the western side of Meadow Lake Drive just a little ways south of its intersection with the road to Chittenden.

Then, on to Mountaintop where we parked the cars for the beginning of the hike. There we were joined by two more hikers. We proceeded on to the top of a high meadow for an excellent view of Chittenden Dam and the mountains beyond. We stopped at an ancient burial place of about a dozen graves with natural stone markers with no inscriptions, probably dating to before 1800.

Then, over a low ridge along the course of a long abandoned town road to a clearing at an intersection of another long abandoned town road where we rested and lunched. There we were treated to a "mini-birthday party" for Nancy Sugarman complete with a nice birthday cake. Happy Birthday, Nancy.

We continued past more cellar holes, one of which had the remains of the base of a stone chimney with fireplaces on each of four sides still visible. Farther on we came upon the foundation of a large barn, and across the road the tumbling remains of a house. Back in the woods we had seen a peaceful porcupine trying to conceal himself in the crevice of a large rock. Many spring flowers were seen along the way.

A little used town road brought us to the end of our 4½ mile walk to our cars. The two small Scott boys seemed tired, but everyone appeared to have had an enjoyable time.

KILLINGTON SECTION WORK PARTY

by Al Pulling
May 31, 1986

On a foggy (looked like rain) day we proceeded to finish up our section of the Long Trail, working on the stretch from the Upper Cold River Road to U.S. 4.

Several of our loyal members showed up at the park that day. Steve "stowed" us away in his truck, and we proceeded up the mountain. The fog was especially thick at the higher elevation, and three attempts were made before we got on the right road.

Three crew members left us for the trail to Gov. Clement Shelter. Steve left and proceeded to Gov. Clement with his truck.

We found the usual mess at Cooper Lodge. After cleaning it up, four of us started north finding lots of clipping to do along the way.

I was in charge of the chainsaw again. It came in handy as there were several good-sized blowdowns on the stretch between Killington and Pico. When I arrived at Pico Camp, the thick fog made visibility very difficult. We had lunch there, and by then it was 12:30 or so.

When Roma and Sue arrived it was nearly 2:00 P.M. Sue had got to Pico Camp when I did, but went back to help Roma and Mark.

We completed the trail by 4:45 P.M. Again, many thanks to all of you who helped. It was much appreciated.

SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

Carol Chapman: Editor
Jake Sherman: Assistant Editor & Typist
Sue Thomas: Illustrations
Roma Pulling, Ray Catozzi & Churchill Scott: Distribution

A NEW CHALLENGE

by Roma Pulling

Many in our hiking fraternity take to the woods to seek quiet, to appreciate nature, or to enjoy the companionship of others with similar tastes, or perhaps for all these reasons. Other people need the stimulus of a challenge to get out, and Al Pulling is one of these. For six and a half years, completing our End to End provided sufficient challenge. Some successful End to Enders turn to hiking the AT or perhaps completing the LT in one sustained effort, but we know our limitations. Then Alfred remarked one day that it would be nice to have pictures of all the shelters. Thus began our latest project.

After acquiring a large (68 in. by 42 in.) map of Vermont, we lightly sketched in spaces for 70 pictures including all of the shelters on the LT and side trails plus two no longer standing (Tamarack and Bromley) and one no longer in the LT system (Worth Mt.) but pictures of which were already in our possession. Our campaign to take the rest of the pictures had already begun and is ongoing, with a few less than half taken so far. Making this project even more of a challenge is the fact that many shelters can be photographed, at least with our inexpensive equipment, only between mid-October and mid-May when the leaves are off.

Some of our more interesting hikes so far were the following:

Lake Trail -- Starting half a mile off Route 7 in Mt. Tabor, the 3.5 mile Lake Trail follows the old stage coach road which formerly led to the Griffith Lake House. We passed the lake and continued on .7 of a mile to Peru Peak Shelter. The day of our hike (Jan. 24) there was not a great quantity of snow and the hiking was easy except when crossing McGinn Brook.

Sucker Brook Trail -- With Steve along we made two trips to Goshen, one to find the beginning of the trail and a second on March 8 to hike to Sucker Brook Shelter. You cannot drive to the trail head in the winter; so we actually hiked further than the 2 mi. round trip

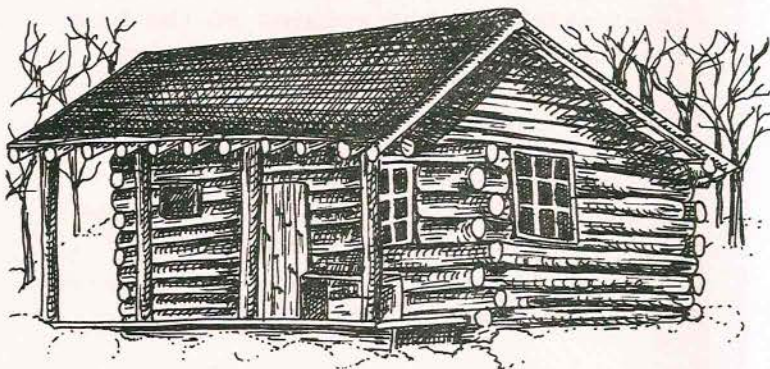
specified in the guide book. This required snowshoes, and it was cold and windy but otherwise easy hiking.

Pittsfield to Rolston's Rest -- March 26, the day we chose for this hike, was a beautiful early spring day with 71° temperatures in Rutland. We took snowshoes, and this was a wise decision as there were still two feet of snow at the shelter. Otherwise this could be called an easy hike along a private road.

Burnt Hill Trail -- We actually hiked the Burnt Hill Trail in Ripton twice. On an earlier trip we were unsuccessful in reaching our goal, Boyce Shelter. Alfred was vocal in his disappointment, but to me it was a delightful outing. Every tree carried a heavy burden of snow, creating a spectacular winter landscape but also causing the branches to hang low and obscure the blazes on the trees, which is why we lost the trail just short of the shelter. The ground was covered with three feet of snow. We returned on April 3 and found only two feet of snow. We were able to complete our 2.8 mile hike to the shelter, but this time the scenery was only ordinary.

Skylight Pond Trail -- This trail is located near the Burnt Hill Trail in Ripton and ascends 2.3 mi. to one of my favorite spots on the LT -- Skyline Lodge and Skylight Pond. The lodge has had some rough treatment, not only by humans but by porkies, also, but had had some remedial work done since my last trip. After photographing the lodge and being only 1.8 mi. from Emily Proctor Shelter, we decided to add that to our day's accomplishments. We found two feet of snow on the LT there, too.

You can be sure we will be back on the trail when the leaves fall in October. The trails described here would be good section hikes as well.



NOTICE OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

This September Jean Davies will be conducting a one-day workshop on Edible Wild Foods for the Killington Section at Camp Betsey Cox in Pittsford. The class will run from 10 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on a Saturday (date will be definite later), and will consist of Jean's expert and entertaining instruction, foraging, and of course cooking and eating what we've gathered! Cost for the day will be \$4 per person, and participation is limited, so interested persons should contact Sue Thomas at 773-2185 as soon as possible.

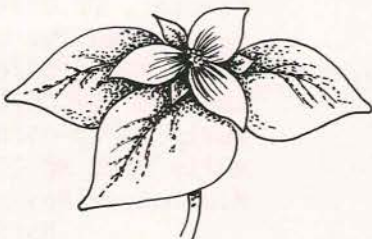
ATTEND THE INTERSECTIONAL

The Intersectional is at Camp Betsey Cox in Pittsford from August 23 to 31. If you can't come for the daytime events, you can still attend the evening activities.

The following is a tentative list:

- Aug. 23, Sat. - Game night (Bring your favorite game).
- Aug. 24, Sun. - Campfire.
- Aug. 25, Mon. - Starwatching with Linda Krasner
- Aug. 26, Tues. - Spaghetti Supper
- Aug. 27, Wed. - Lyme Hill Contra Band. (This will be a live band).
- Aug. 28, Thurs. - Slide Show/Bring your own slides. Also Starwatch rain date.
- Aug. 29, Fri. - Auction
- Aug. 30, Sat. - Lamb roast, \$4.50 approx./person & \$2/child 6-12. (Possible slide show after dinner).
- Aug. 31, Sun. - Campfire

Call Rob or Sue Carey (446-2830) for more information.



STACEY ANNE SHULTE MEMORIAL HIKE

From June 21st-July 7, Bill Shulte will be hiking the length of the Long Trail (275 miles) to raise money for the Leukemia Society of America. The hike is a memorial benefit to Bill's daughter, Stacey Anne, who died in 1976. His goal is to raise \$10,000 to support leukemia research, and 100% of the funds he collects will go to the society. Please show your support by joining Bill as he passes thru our area on July 6 (see the hike schedule), or by donating. You can do this by pledging any amount you wish per mile, or by making a flat donation (checks made payable to Leukemia Society). I have a pledge sheet -- Sue Thomas, 773-2185 -- and would be happy to collect your pledges. I'm sure I speak for the entire Killington Section in wishing Bill a successful hike.

DUES DUE

This is the last issue of Smoke & Blazes to be mailed to 1985 members.

Adults	\$12.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	6.00
Spouse	\$10.00
Individual Junior (to 18)	2.00

Wally Rogers, treasurer
47 Terrill Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Make checks payable to
Killington Section, GMC.



GMC KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

June, 1986

Badger, Robert	1704 Lark Lane	Blacksburg, VA 24060
Blaskovich, Mrs. William	P.O. Box 367	Dearborn, MI 48121
Carey, Robert, Sue & Mara	R.R.#1, Box 340	Wallingford, VT 05773
Cavnes, Max	P.O. Box 69	Wells, VT 05774
Chapman, Carol	34½ Kendall Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Conlon, Diana & George	RD#2, Sunset Acres	Rutland, VT 05701
Crowley, Rose	Dale Road	Weston, VT 05161
Crowther, John	249 Lincoln Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Cyrs, Norman	131 Commonwealth Avenue	Springfield, VT 05156
Daly, John	22 Engrem Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Dicton, Joe, Sr.	R.R.#1, Sugarwood Hill Rd.	Rutland, VT 05701
Ferguson, Henry	15 Lyndon Hill	Woodstock, VT 05091
Ferguson, Rachel	Keewaydin Arms, Blueberry Ln.	Laconia, NH 03276
Florczak, Ben	P.O. Box 446	Cavendish, VT 05142
Fleetham, Robert & Mary	P.O. Box 95	Rochester, VT 05767
Frink, James	60 Litchfield Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Gibbud, Ruth	Drake Road	Bomoseen, VT 05732
Hawley, Ira, Irene & Lorraine	R.R.#3, Woodstock Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Hignite, Carol	152 Bellevue Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Hughes, John & Emma	18 Ronaldo Court	Rutland, VT 05701
Kinkelaar, Rita	3 Nickwackett Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Kirk, Mrs. George	8 East Washington Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Krasner, Linda	Drake Road	Bomoseen, VT 05732
Laird, Olga	R.R.#3, Box 4836, Chasanna Dr.	Rutland, VT 05701
LaPenna, Nina	16 Garden Street	Proctor, VT 05765
Luttrell, Mark	10 Maple Street	Woodstock, VT 05091
Maier, Elsie	280 Fort Washington Avenue	New York, NY 10032
Mausolff, Anne	R.R. #1	Chester, VT 05143
McNeil, Mary	27 Grape Street	Fair Haven, VT 05743
Mendoza, Danny	22 Tall Timber Drive	Morristown, NJ 07960
Nadler, Krissy	1 Pleasant Heights	W. Rutland, VT 05777
Newton, Doris	26 Boutwell Road	Andover, MA 01810
Nuffort, John	453 Victor Way	Wyckoff, NJ 07481
Nyiri, Anna	167 Stratton Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Ogden, Herbert, Jr.	4 Emmett Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
O'Hara, Mary J.	Box 184	Ludlow, VT 05149
Olson, Judith	P.O. Box 121	Pittsford, VT 05763
Pulling, Roma & Al	R.D.#2, Woodstock Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Pulling, Steve	Post Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Putnam, Betsy	75 Vernon Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Reynolds, George	9 Sargent Street	Hanover, NH 03755
Rogers, Wally, Irene & Brad	47 Terrill Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Russell, Ellen	Louisquisset Ctry. Club Resort	Providence, RI 02904
Sawyer, Brian	5 South Park Place	Fair Haven, VT 05743
Schmidt, Carl & Nancy	1651 Clayburn Circle	Cincinnati, OH 45240
Scott, Churchill & Virginia	R.R.#3, Box 4869	Rutland, VT 05701
Sherman, Jake	48 Morse Place	Rutland, VT 05701
Simmonds, William, Jr.	18 Terrace Hill	Proctor, VT 05765
Snyder, Mr. & Mrs. Bill	R.D. #1	Fair Haven, VT 05743
Sugarman, Nancy	22 East Center Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Thomas, Sue	35 Burnham Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Tumielewski, William	123 Harrington Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Weston, Wilbur	R.R. 1, Box 115-A	Holly Spa, NC 27540
Wynne, Carolyn	R.R. 1, Box 722	Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Zeman, Carol	P.O. Box 6074	Rutland, VT 05701
Martin, Jane	97 Cleveland Drive	Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Summer 1986 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Rob Carey, Pres., RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, 468-2830; Steve Pulling, Vice-Pres., RR 3, Box 5192, 775-3361; Olga Laird, Sec., RR 1, Chasanna Dr., 773-7448; or Wally Rogers, Treasurer, 47 Terrill St, Rutland, 773-9208.

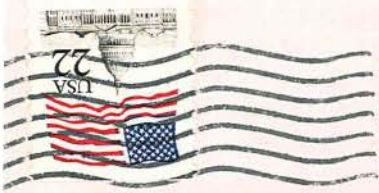
DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
July 6 (Sun.)	11:00 A.M.	SHERBURNE PASS TO ELBOW ROAD. Join Bill Shulte for one leg of his end-to-end hike on the LT to raise funds for the Leukemia Society of America. (For more details and information on donating, see article elsewhere in this issue. 5 mi., moderate. Sue Thomas 773-2185
July 12 (Sat.)	9:30 A.M.	SHREWSBURY PEAK, Shrewsbury. 3.8 mi., moderate. Herb Ogden 775-1350
July 19 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	TRAIL MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP. A joint effort with the Ottauquechee Section. We will be working on the Appalachian Trail in the Chateaugay area. Call for info on where to meet. Roma Pulling 773-6997
July 20 (Sun.)	11:30 A.M.	COOKOUT & FUN DAY - Tall Timbers Campground, Mendon. (Meet at the park at 11:30, or at Tall Timbers at noon). Bring something to grill or a dish to share. Volleyball, croquet, climb Blue Ridge Mtn., or just relax. Sue Thomas 773-2185
July 26-27 (Sat.-Sun.)	7:00 A.M.	END-TO-END. Lincoln to Appalachian Gap, backpacking. 12 mi., moderate to difficult. Mark Luttrell 457-3829
Aug. 2 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	CAVE TRIP. Bring warm clothes, waterproof footgear and flashlights. Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
Aug. 10 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE. 3-4 mi. Bernie Donahue 773-7462
Aug. 16 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	CHICKEN ROAST. Members only, reservations required. No charge, but side dish or beverage donations are welcome. A short hike in the area of Kent Pond is planned to whet your appetite. Ira Hawley 775-4149
Aug. 23-31		INTERSECTIONAL. Camp Betsey Cox, Pittsford. Come for a day, a night, or a week. Activities include hikes, a star watch, a lamb roast and square dance. <u>LT News</u> for more details, or contact Rob & Sue Carey at 446-2830
Sept. 2 (Tues.)	7:00 P.M.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. Anyone wishing to lead a hike is welcome. 35 Burnham Ave. Sue Thomas 773-2185
Sept. 6-7 (Sat.-Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	MERCK FOREST WEEKEND, Rupert. Come spend the weekend at Beebe Pond Shelter, or day hike. Sue Thomas 773-2185
Sept. 14 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	WHEELERVILLE, 4 mi., easy. Ira Hawley 775-4149
Sept. 21 (Sun.)	10:30 A.M.	LILY POND, Bomoseen area, 3 mi. Linda Krasner 468-3100
Sept. 27 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	CANOE TRIP. Reservations required, fee charge. Steve Pulling 773-6997

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING. THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN APPROPRIATE. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR LEADER.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Perkins
4812 Johnson Rd
Charlotte, N.C. 28212

RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701

KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB



Smoke & Blazes

VOLUME 39, NUMBER 3

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JULY-SEPT., 1986

BRIDGEWATER GOLD MINE

by W. Churchill Scott

June 8, 1986

As always our trip to the Bridgewater gold mine was very well attended. Although the weather was not too good we managed to find the horizontal shaft which the information books say is 200 yards long. And when a person is plowing through the mud underfoot, dodging the water dripping overhead with only a candle for light, it sure does seem at least that long.

As the leader had to return early for a funeral and rain was increasing, no one attempted the side trip to a large vertical mine. Hopefully this can be done next time.

MT. TOM AT WOODSTOCK

by Ira Hawley

June 21, 1986

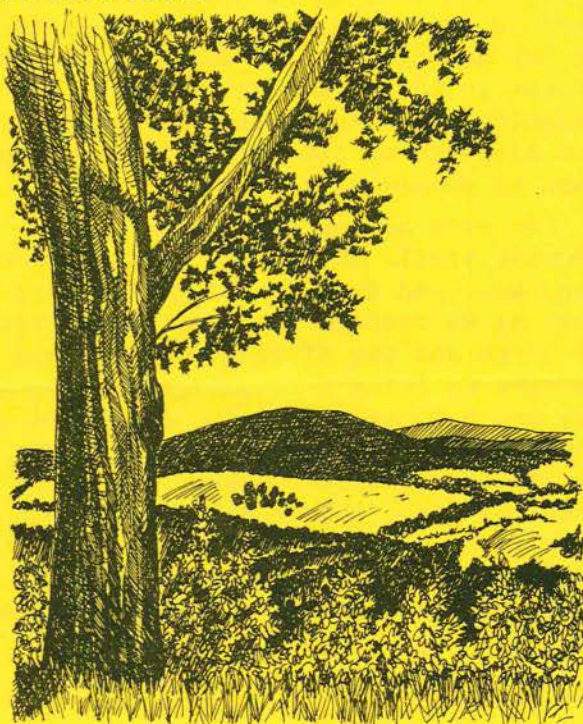
We are very fortunate to have access to so many beautiful places in our area to explore. We should thank those who allow us to enjoy these areas and also those who help to maintain them.

The weather person cooperated beautifully with bright blue skies to bring out a group of nearly 30 hikers for this outing. We left our meeting place at the park soon after 10 A.M. and headed for Woodstock.

There at Faulkner Park, we were joined by two more hikers. We started up the Switch Back Trail to Mt. Tom and soon picked up the Link Trail to the North Peak Trail. Here we ascended quite steeply for several yards to level out near the summit of the North Peak of Mt. Tom.

It was east from here to the South Peak to enjoy nice views to the west, south, and east, a nice lunch break and

good companionship. We moved on via an easy "Carriage Road" for a half mile to The Pogue, a pretty body of water in the hills. Pond lilies and swimming trout were seen here.



From here an easy downgrade brought us to a paddock used for riding horses and eventually on to a quaint area used by Girl Scouts.

Another half mile through the woods and the Switch Back Trail brought us to our cars. Everyone agreed this was another pleasant hike and a good way to spend the day.

DEER LEAP SUPPER HIKE

by Sue Thomas

June 25, 1986

We had a really lovely evening for our annual supper hike up Deer Leap on June 25. We voted to try the short route up the rocks for the sake of time, which would have worked out much better if the

leader had stayed on the trail! Instead she headed off on a new trail, apparently used by the rock-climbing class run by the Rutland Recreational Department. This led us to the base of the cliff whereupon a mutiny ensued -- it seems no one was too keen on scaling the cliff ("because it's there" somehow didn't seem like a good enough reason!")

Instead we backtracked until someone found the actual trail, and continued to the top of the rock without incident. We found the condition of the trail to have deteriorated a lot since our last trip, due to erosion and overuse, and it was a much more difficult climb than it used to be. Mara showed her usual faith in her dad though, and calmly made the ascent in her pack. Up on top we had a beautiful view to go with our suppers, and lingered on the rock a little longer than we should have.

In view of the condition of the shorter trail, we decided to go down the long way, and darkness caught up with us just as we reached the junction of the LT North and the AT East. No one had thought to bring a flashlight, so we made our way down cautiously -- I focused on a white patch on Herb's pack in front of me, Rob on my white jacket, and so on down the line, and we all made it safely. Back in the parking lot we had a little celebration with a cake sent along by Sue Carey who wasn't able to come. Thanks Sue!

THE TRAIL THAT WAS NEVER FOUND

by Steve Pulling
June 29, 1986

Many years ago when I was in college our Smoke & Blazes editor, Carol Chapman, led a hike up Old Baldy Mountain in Bridgewater. I have always wanted to do that hike again so I decided to take the club up a second time. After picking Carol's and Churchill's brains, I couldn't get any specific directions, so I headed out alone in search of Old Baldy.

My first trip to Bridgewater put me on the correct trail after many hours of looking. On my second trip over, Lynn and I found the top of Old Baldy, but the way we went was extremely difficult

and not suitable for a club hike. My third trip was another solo effort trying to find an easy way up the mountain, but after many hours of searching, no "easy" way was found. My fourth and final scouting trip was a success! Much by accident I found an "easy" way up as I flagged and cut a trail to the top.

When the morning of June 29th came along I knew my four trips to Bridgewater were not in vain, as 18 people were at the park to make the trip.

Some first time senior citizens, a man from Texas, many new faces, and of course that core of old regulars all showed up ready and willing to scale Old Baldy Mountain.

An easy two mile walk on logging roads served as the prelude to a sometimes difficult uphill bushwhack through a red pine stand. The pine stand was fairly open and pretty easy walking on this beautiful sunny and clear day. Suddenly much to most people's surprise we came upon an open hilltop field which is the reason for Old Baldy's name.

While eating lunch we were marveling at the 360° panoramic views of the beautiful Vermont countryside. We could see parts of Woodstock Village, Mount Ascutney, Stratton, Bromley, Okemo, Round Top, all five mountains of the Killington Ski Area, Pico, and to the north Bridgewater's numerous mountain peaks.

For you people who missed this spectacular hike I've got just one word to say: "SORRY!"

STACEY ANNE SHULTZ MEMORIAL HIKE

by Sue Thomas
July 6, 1986

This summer Bill Shultz of Massachusetts planned to hike the length of the Long Trail to raise money for the Leukemia Society in memory of his daughter Stacey Anne, who died of the disease 10 years ago. To show our support, some Killington Section members joined him as he passed through our area. We met Bill at Sherburne Pass on July 6 as he was preparing to start out again after two days off with his family.

We had a small but enthusiastic group;

John & Emma Hughes, myself, Bill, and last but not least, his 65 lb. pack! It was unfortunately a very hot and humid day, and none of us envied him having to carry all that weight up the trail on such a day, but no complaints were heard, and we had a very enjoyable day talking about his hike -- where he had already been and where he was going. He said he'd been having a wonderful time meeting people along the way, hiking a few miles with some, and keeping track of others through the entries in the shelter log books.

He also told us a little about the progress being made by the Leukemia Society, both in research and treatment. When his daughter's illness was diagnosed, they were told she had only a 2% chance of survival; now, 10 years later, the same strain of leukemia has a 60% survival rate.

The Hugheses and I had planned only to hike as far as Tucker Johnson Shelter, but were enjoying it so much, we decided to continue, and ended up at the Elbow Road, where we finally parted company with Bill, very glad to have participated in his project. I have also collected donations from several Killington Section members.

Unfortunately, I learned recently that Bill did not complete his hike -- stopped by a broken leg on Camel's Hump! I was very sorry to hear that, after all the planning and effort that went into the trip. I'm sure the entire Killington Section joins me in wishing Bill a speedy recovery and return to the trails.

SHREWSBURY PEAK, OR THE THREE-HOUR SHOWER

by Herb Ogden, Jr.
July 12, 1986

The weather forecast merely said "showers" before noon," and the mountains were in clear view from Rutland. Off we went to Shrewsbury, figuring that, at worst, we'd encounter sprinkles and still have a good view from the peak. By the time your hike leader spotted a car at the end of the Black Swamp forest road (and inadvertently spotted his lunch and raingear there, too!), the forenoon

"shower" had gone on for some time, but our band of seven started up the Shrewsbury Peak Trail anyway. We noted with sadness the passing of the picnic pavilion, which burned down sometime between October and May. The shelter just beyond was still in good shape, however. After passing through the somewhat misnamed "swale" north of Russell Hill (low, yes; marshy, no), we found that both the grade and the "shower" were increasing steadily. Mara Carey, our youngest member, was a good sport about this until she got one wet branch too many in the face, whereupon she made some brief comments that some thought might reflect on the wisdom of the accompanying grownups' setting off up a mountain in the rain.

After a very brief stop at the South Peak, which might charitably be described as cool and very humid, we descended the Black Swamp Trail to Newfound Shelter for lunch. There, we met a gentleman from Mt. Holly who used to work for Farm & Wilderness Camps and filled us in on the history of the area's shelters and trails. Newfound Shelter was built in the CCC days and then lost. Folks knew it was up there somewhere, but not precisely where. When they finally found it some 15 years ago, the roof was in poor condition, but the walls were still sound. Farm & Wilderness re-roofed the shelter, and it looks as though it will be good for years to come. It also has a fine view, which, like all the rest of the fine views on the trip, was limited to a few hundred feet.

The stop for lunch was dry but not very warm, so we hustled down the trail to the waiting car, discussing the idea of a moonlight hike to Newfound Shelter over the wide, easy trail sometime when the weather was better. From the car, your leader tried to spy a promised attraction of the hike, a solid structure that may be Vermont's largest backwoods outhouse. Summer foliage and a disinclination to poke around in the wet woods led us to postpone rediscovery of the outhouse (Newfound Outhouse?) till another time, however. Despite the bad weather, we all arrived back at the Northam Area in good spirits.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

by Roma Pulling
July 19, 1986

Under the new GMC policy of breaking up the Trail Maintenance Workshop into eight regional ones, our section met with the O Section. Five KS members -- Steve Pulling, Sue Thomas, John and Emma Hughes and myself -- gathered in Rutland at 9:00 A.M. and were asked to meet the leaders and O Section volunteers at the Woodstock Recreation Center at 9:30. Even with Steve driving the lead car, we didn't quite make it.

Our leaders, who waited for us, were Ray Auger, GMC Southern Field Assistant, and Roger Sternberg of the Appalachian Trail Conference. The section of trail being relocated was described in LT News as being in Chateaugay and as the No Town area of Stockbridge by one of our co-workers. Either way, we drove off Route 12 in Barnard and followed steadily deteriorating gravel roads for several miles. About a mile short of our destination, John decided the road had deteriorated enough and parked his car and he and Emma rode the rest of the way with Ray.

At the beginning of our walk we were assigned tools and given printouts from trail maintenance and construction manuals of both the GMC and ATC. Our job this day was construction of new trail for an AT relocation. We started with picks and shovels on a short section which will slab across a steep slope with emphasis on methods of discouraging erosion.

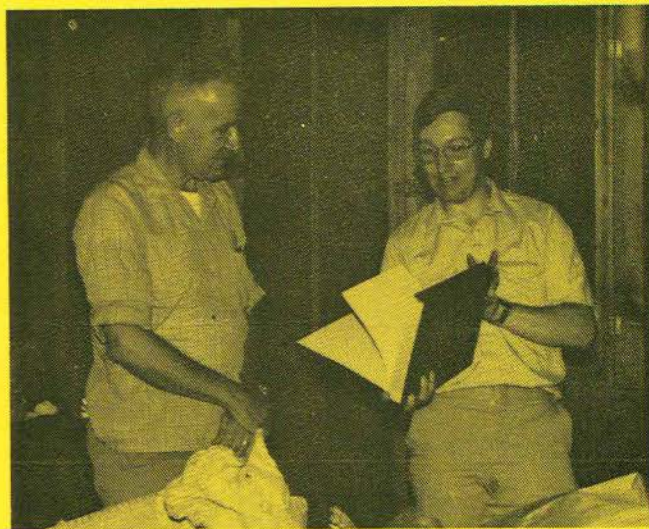
For a second assignment we helped choose among three possible trail routes up a gradual slope some distance from the first, then we split into two groups. The one including the KS members worked with Roger toward where our cars were parked and did clearing of brush and small trees. When we arrived back at the cars, we were free to leave except for one detail: Steve had left early to fulfill another obligation, John's car was still a mile down the road, and the other drivers were still back in the woods. Of course this was no problem for seasoned (!!) hikers like ourselves. We hoofed it back to John's car and still

had not been overtaken by drivers from the other team. John chose to take a slightly shorter route home through Pittsfield with an ice cream stop along the way.

I can't accurately compare the success of the new workshops with the old system of holding one two-day event. This method may have attracted new workers: none of the five members from our section had attended a workshop before.

"FUN DAY"

by Sue Thomas
July 20, 1986



As you all know now, our "FUN DAY" was actually a code name for a much deserved party to honor Churchill Scott, who recently retired after 25 years as treasurer of the Killington Section. We felt this was an accomplishment worth celebrating, so through a cooperative effort of many we organized the day in his honor. We thank Craig Perkins for the use of Tall Timbers, the site of many GMC functions over the years, and we were especially grateful to have the lodge available when it began to pour!

Our guest of honor brought out quite a crowd, including many people I had never met, but had heard much about since joining the club.

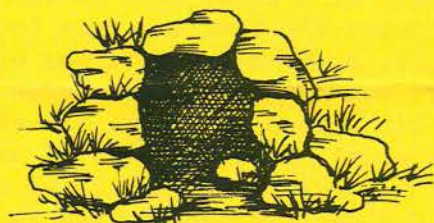
It really was a Fun Day. Until the rain started there was a volleyball game going, and food cooking on the grill, and inside lots of good food donated by everyone.

Rob Carey presented Churchill with a certificate recognizing his service to the club, and a scrapbook we had put together with photos of Killington Section members past and present. Everyone had fun looking through it and reminiscing about hikes and hikers, and the day was a successful tribute to a man who has contributed much to our section. Thank you, Churchill!!

NICKWACKETT CAVE TRIP

by Sue Carey
August 2, 1986

We had a hard time deciding on which cave to explore. We wanted to go to the Dorset Bat Cave, but the Nature Conservancy frowns on visitors there. Besides,



we don't know where it is.

A few days before the event we decided on Nickwackett Cave. We thought that it would be drier because it is high on a mountain and with this wet summer, we didn't want to risk going to a cave that might be flooded.

The last time that the section visited this cave, there was ice blocking one of the three entrances. We didn't have that problem on this trip.

Several people were introduced to caving on this trip. Some found that they liked it while others didn't. In order to enjoy caving you have to like crawling in small dark places and you can't worry about getting your clothing dirty.

Mara didn't want to crawl around in

the cave so we waited outside. Maybe she'll like it better next year.

MYSTERY HIKE

by Bernie Donahue
August 10, 1986

Success in planning a mystery hike can, at times, in itself, be a mystery. Deciding just where to go, how far to go to suit a variety of hikers is a challenge. Perhaps, in retrospect, the 25 respondents to the August 10th mystery hike liked the weather forecast for that Sunday and thus formulated plans to come out. True, some potential hikers were vacationing in the area. Two couples from India, along with their small children (one per couple) and a couple from New York happened to fill that category. A girl from France and a New Yorker, who is a part time Vermont resident, also came along.

White Rocks in Wallingford became the playground of the hikers. Climbing the huge, ancient rocks after a brief visit to the ice beds was the effort of some of the group. Others, content to visit with one another around the ice beds, completed this phase of the hike. Once together at the foot of the rocks, the entire group departed for the picnic area where lunching took place. Then, with the exception of a few who had to head back to Rutland earlier, the group ascended the knoll overlooking White Rocks for a final look. The conclusion of the hike on this beautiful day left a feeling of satisfaction that this indeed had been a pleasant experience.

CHICKEN BARBECUE

by Ira Hawley
August 16, 1986

Although dark clouds threatened all morning, no rain had fallen by noon, and 20 faithful hikers gathered at the park at 1:00 A.M. Our destination was Gifford Woods State Park. Even though this area is close to Rutland, many of the hikers were not acquainted with the facilities there.

We took a short hike along a nature

trail in the park which is known as one of the few remaining virgin hard wood forests in Vermont. We then joined the Appalachian Trail which took us along the shores of Kent Pond to Mountain Meadows Ski Area. After enjoying a good look at the major part of Kent Pond we returned to the park via the same route.

Everyone helped assemble the makings of a chicken barbecue. A fire soon was burning briskly and no one had to wait long to indulge in all the goodies.

An hour of good fellowship ended with the usual "good-byes" and everyone agreed it was a pleasant afternoon.

Thanks, Bernie, for introducing us to your Bar B Q sauce.

INTERSECTIONAL

by Sue Carey
August 23-31, 1986

The Intersectional turned out to be a real success. There were 22 different Killington Section members attending various events.

Linda Krasner gave an interesting slide show and star watch on Monday. Howard Rogers led a hike into Boiling Springs on Thursday. They didn't find the spring during the hike, but several people returned the next day and found it.

On Saturday Jean Davies led a 15-mile canoe trip on Otter Creek. Dinner that evening was a lamb roast prepared by Rob and me.

In all there were around 100 people in attendance. With profits from the suppers, auction and registration, the Intersectional yielded the Club over \$360.00.

THE ONE DAY WEEKEND

by Carol Chapman
September 6, 1986

Sue Thomas, who made the advance arrangements for the weekend at Merck Forest, unfortunately was laid up with a flu bug, the only bonus being that she didn't have to write this report.

Originally at least five people

planned to stay at Beebe Pond Shelter for the weekend. However, when we arrived at Merck Forest we realized that Carol Hignite was the only one who had come prepared to stay and she decided it wouldn't be much fun alone.

The hikers divided into two groups, one consisting of the Carey family, their friends the Barbieris, the Hugheses, and Bernie; the other group the Krasners, Carol Hignite and myself. Our group set out for Mt. Antone and we thought the others were headed for Beebe Pond. We missed the first trail leading to the mountain and by the time we stopped at Clark's Clearing for lunch, I had run out of steam and decided to rejoin the others. Map in hand, I set out for Beebe Pond. It was peaceful and quiet with only a woodchuck to greet me on the trail. Beebe Pond is a tiny pond with open faced shelters and tent platforms surrounding it. But there was no sign of Group # 1.

After a brief rest I set out for the 1½ hour walk (I'm slow) back to the parking lot hoping I'd arrive before both groups left, each believing I was with the other. It was a pleasant hike with brief stops by Birch Pond and along the road to pick some pearly everlastings. I arrived back at the parking lot just in time to see John Hughes' red car heading down the road. With some yoo-hooing and waving, I was relieved to see his brake lights go on and to hitch a ride home.

Instead of going to Beebe Pond their group had hiked to the viewpoint below the summit of Spruce Peak and come down Gallup Road where they inspected the Barn Lean-tos and then stopped for a visit at the museum.

The mountain climbers got back to the parking lot shortly after we had left. The enjoyed the spectacular view from the top of Mt. Antone and also saw four deer in the woods.

We all enjoyed our day, but how about a two day weekend next time?

(Late note: Just learned that Mark Luttrell came in late Saturday morning and spent the night alone at Beebe Pond Shelter. Sorry we missed seeing you, Mark.)

A FEW WORDS OF THANKS

I'd like to take a few words to thank, first, everyone who helped with our tribute to Churchill Scott. From good food to old photographs, many contributed to make the day successful. Special thanks go to Craigue Perkins for the use of Tall Timbers.

Secondly, the section owes a big thank you to Rob & Sue Carey for their work at the Intersectional, both as hosts and especially for all their efforts to provide us with a lamb roast. While the rest of us were off canoeing or hiking, they spent the day working, cooking up a lamb dinner with corn on the cob, salads and cakes. It was quite an accomplishment, delicious, and very much appreciated.

Next, thanks are in order to Ira Hawley for the chicken roast he prepared for the Killington Section free of cost. Though I was not able to attend, I understand it was a very enjoyable day for everyone but the chickens. Thank you Ira & family.

THANK YOU FROM CHURCHILL

I want to thank everyone in the Killington Section for the wonderful gift of a photo album I received recently.

All of these pictures will bring back many pleasant memories of all the hikes I have had with our section.

Both Virginia and I will cherish this gift for many years to come and once again I want to thank all of you.

-- W. Churchill Scott

NEWS FROM RACHAEL

Rachael Charland writes that she has 46 miles to go to complete her End-to-End, including French Camp to Smuggler's Notch. We had hoped to see her at the Intersectional, but she didn't make it. We wish you sunny days to complete your hike of the Long Trail, Rae.

A NEW FEATURE

You probably noticed in the last issue that we are now including photographs in Smoke & Blazes. Sue Thomas uses a procedure by which they can be printed at no extra cost. If you'd like to submit a photograph, choose a color or black & white print with lots of contrast. Send or give them to Sue or the editor.

CHANGE IN PLANS

The edible wild foods course (see the last issue of Smoke & Blazes for details) that was scheduled for September now has a definite date of October 4. Please call Sue at 773-2185 for reservations.

SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

Carol Chapman: Editor
 Jake Sherman: Assistant Editor
 & Typist
 Sue Thomas: Illustrations
 Roma Pulling, Ray Catozzi &
 Churchill Scott: Distribution

PROGRESS (AT LAST) ON THE APPY

by Jake Sherman

My goal of doing the AT in Vt. and N.H. came a wee bit closer to reality this September with the completion of two segments of the trail east of Vt. 12.

On Sat., Sept. 13, I had perfect weather for the 7.7-mile trek from the Pomfret road to West Hartford. About this hike I'll remember encountering for the first time ever a deer on the trail (it bounded noiselessly into the woods at my approach). Also memorable: a Civil War era cemetery on a country lane; a grand panorama that included Pico, Killington and Dorset Peaks, and, after 3½ hrs. of walking, stretching out on the sun-warmed rocks along the White River for some impromptu sun-bathing.

A week earlier, on Sat., Sept. 6, I covered the 6.8 miles between the Etna-Hanover Road and downtown Hanover.

cont. p. 8 APPALACHIAN

BUSHWHACKING MYSTERY HIKE

by Mark Luttrell

June 14, 1986

The day broke beautifully as five anxious explorers set out to conquer Blue Ridge Mountain via the previously uncharted western route. With maps and compasses in hand we began our journey from the end of a dirt road off Meadow Lake Drive. We took a bearing from the map and off we went into the woods.

There appeared to be an old logging road which was heading in the correct direction. We followed this for a while, until the nettles became too unbearable for those of us in shorts. We kept going up, checking our bearings as we went. Everyone had different ideas on direction, but we compromised and continued on. It was a strange feeling not hiking on a trail but instead picking our own trail as we went. I believe all

hikers enjoyed this change.

We reached the ridge approximately 30 yards from the summit. Not too shabby! We enjoyed lunch along with all the bugs who had followed us up. After a short break Herb led a few of us to a nice rock outcrop with a beautiful view of Rutland and the surrounding valley.

After this we took the trail down the east side of the mountain, stopping for about 20 minutes at the waterfall. The cool air from the water spray felt great. We descended to the car and returned to Rutland. A beautiful day for a different type of hiking adventure.

APPALACHIAN (cont.)

Ahead lie hikes to Norwich, to Lyme Center, over Mt. Moosilauke, along the Franconia Ridge, and finally through the Carter-Moriah and Mahoosuc Ranges. Anyone interested? Please contact me. (775-2784)

ADDITIONAL PAID MEMBERS OF KILLINGTON SECTION

Barber, David & Audrey	P.O. Box 1097	Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Bequart, Frank	44 Bertwell Road	Lexington, MA 02173
Cahee, Hedrick R.	179 Union Street	Springfield, VT 05136
Caroli, Jack	RR 1, Box 527A	Wallingford, VT 05773
Davies, Jean	Camp Betsey Cox	Pittsford, VT 05763
Donahue, Bernie	50 Edgerton Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Duke, Janet & Raymond	Post Road Extension	Rutland, VT 05701
Fenton, Gail	21 Doran Road	Brookline, MA 02146
Fleetham, Robert & Mary	P.O. Box 95	Rochester, VT 05767
Frink, Helen E.	10 Elm Street	Randolph, VT 05060
Griffin, James E.	81 Lincoln Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Krasner, Linda & Dave	Star Route	Bomoseen, VT 05732
Manney, Marie	205 Lincoln Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Massey, James	P.O. Box 189	Ludlow, VT 05149
Maxim, Karen	86 Cranbury Road	Princeton Junction, N.J. 08550
Partridge, Sanborn	62 Ormsbee	Proctor, VT 05765
Perkins, Bob & Thelma	4812 Leb Road	Charlotte, NC 28212
Perkins, Vera	242 South Main Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Ruvera, Sandra	258 Dorr Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Spies, Rus & Barb	RFD	Shrewsbury, VT 05738
Wardwell, Art & Evelyn	Star Rte., Box 160	Chittenden, VT 05737
Youngstrom, Mark & Connie	RFD	Shrewsbury, VT 05738
Martin, John & Janet	7 Curtis Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Lao Vang	7 Curtis Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Lemire, James	39 West Street	Lebanon, NH 03766
White, Doris	Eastridge Acres, Rutland	Rutland, VT 05701
Perkins, Crague	Star Route, 34, Box 2162	Rutland, VT 05701
Ferguson, Rachael	7 Church Street, Apt. 302	Laconia, NH 03246

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Fall 1986 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Rob Carey, Pres., RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, 468-2830; Steve Pulling, Vice-Pres., RR 3, Box 5192, 775-3361; Olga Laird, Sec., RR 1, Chasanna Dr., 773-7448; or Wally Rogers, Treasurer, 47 Terrill Street, Rutland, 773-9208.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Oct. 3-5 (Fri.-Sun.)	12:00 P.M.	CAMEL'S HUMP VIA LT. Reservations only. 20 miles, difficult. Steve Pulling 773-6997
Oct. 4 (Sat.)	9:30 A.M.	EDIBLE WILD FOODS COURSE, taught by Jean Davies. Reservations only, fee charged. Sue Thomas 773-2185
Oct. 5 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	NEW MEMBERS HIKE, Bald Mountain, Mendon. Come help new members meet the Killington Section. 4 mi., moderate. Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
Oct. 11 (Sat.)	1:00 P.M.	ROUND HILL, Rutland. 2 mi., moderate Steve & Roma Pulling 773-6997
Oct. 12 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	MT. ASCUTNEY VIA THE BROWNSVILLE TRAIL. Spectacular views and a quarry along the way. 6½ mi., difficult. Norm Cyr (885-3289) or Sue Thomas 773-2185
Oct. 18-19 (Sat.-Sun.)	6:00 P.M.	SHREWS MOUTH FULL-MOON HIKE (If you want to know what it means, come along!). Come for the evening (about 3½ mi. round trip) or spend the night at NewFound Shelter and climb Shrewsbury Peak on Saturday. Moderate. Sue Thomas 773-2185
Oct. 26	9:30 A.M.	BALD MOUNTAIN, Townshend State Forest. Views of Townshend Reservoir, Stratton Mtn. & southwestern N.H. 3 mi., difficult. Ira Hawley 775-4149
Nov. 1 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE. 3 mi., moderate. Churchill Scott 775-1494
Nov. 9 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	MT. MOOSALAMOO, Ripton. Nice views, 4 mi., moderate. Bernie Donahue 773-7462
Nov. 15-16 (Sat.-Sun.)	8:30 A.M.	FREEDOM TRAIL IN BOSTON. Follow the famous cobblestone path past the historical sights of Boston. Reservations only. Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
Nov. 22 (Sat.)	5:00 P.M.	COVERED DISH SUPPER. Our annual hunting season feast at Tamarack Notch. Bring a dish to share and utensils. Slide show. Herb Ogden 775-1350
Dec. 2 (Tues.)	7:00 P.M.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. Anyone wishing to lead a hike is welcome. 34½ Kendall Ave. Carol Chapman 775-3545
Dec. 6 (Sat.)	8:30 A.M.	AROUND HERRICK MT., Ira, 8 mi., moderate. Herb Ogden 775-1350
Dec. 13 (Sat.)	6:00 P.M.	MOONLIGHT HIKE to Tucker-Johnson Shelter. 2 mi., easy. Sue Thomas 773-2185
Dec. 21 (Sun.)	7:00 P.M.	CHRISTMAS CAROLING. Celebrate the first day of winter. Refreshments afterward. Carol Chapman 775-3545

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING. THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN APPROPRIATE. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR LEADER.

RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701

KILLINGTON SECTION
KILLINGTON MOUNTAIN CLUB



Smoke & Blazes

VOLUME 39, NUMBER 4

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

OCT.-DEC., 1986

WHEELERVILLE

by Ira Hawley
September 14, 1986

What a beautiful day for a hike! These afternoon hikes seem to be popular to a number of people. Various ages of GMC members and non-members enjoy these outings. This one attracted 33 to get out and stretch their legs.

We left Route 4 in Mendon on the Wheelerville Road and drove four miles past Brewers Corners.

At the entrance to a logging road, we left our cars and started along this road on a gradual incline. There was a limited view of Mendon Peak just ahead and a little later a view of Killington Peak. Just beyond a log yard was a beech tree with imprints of claws where a bear had climbed up to harvest the beechnuts (probably a couple of years previously).

At the top of a steady climb we came upon a level area where another log yard had been. Here Steve and Al Pulling built a small fire to boil water for coffee and hot chocolate. Hot dogs and rolls appeared to make a welcome snack after the climb. Fresh cut logs gave us a good place to rest.

Early foliage coloring was apparent all around. On the way back down we had limited views of Blue Ridge Mountain and Pico Peak.

This was a satisfying way to spend a late summer afternoon.

LILY POND

by Linda Krasner
September 21, 1986

The hike to Lily Pond in the Bomoseen area could easily have been renamed the Red Eft Trail. The eleven hikers who

showed up on this overcast day had to dodge dozens of red efts of all sizes that were also traveling along the same route. As soon as we had lunch at Lily Pond the sun came out in full force to show off the red maples that had already turned color.

Ira knew the way from Lily Pond to the Float Bridge on Lake Bomoseen so he led the way. Since Ira had been on this trail in June, a family of beavers had dammed up a large pond which inundated a portion of the trail, making it a little more challenging. Ira's pedometer measured 12,300 steps for the trip, but none of the hikers could say exactly how that converted into miles. The trip ended at Glen Lake where we watched a scuba diving class prepare for a dive.

DID YOU EVER DRINK A PINE TREE?

by Sue Thomas
October 4, 1986

How about a birch? Well, that's what we did at Jean Davies' Edible Wild Foods workshop on Oct. 4. Jean met us at Camp Betsy Cox, and after passing out magnifiers and containers for collecting goodies, we set off to see what we could find. And we found plenty, right in the vicinity of the lodge -- as Jean pointed out, there are always interesting things to see, you just have to know how to look.

We collected Jerusalem artichokes (a common weed with an edible root), coltsfoot (used by the Indians to make cough syrup), mustard seeds in long thin pods, clippings from spruce, white pine, and birch trees, tasted the stalks of day lilies, and found the treasure of the day, several beautiful shaggy mane mushrooms. With our magnifiers we examined grasses, tiny flowers, bug galls, and the pollen sacs on a very

sluggish bumble bee.

Next it was back to the lodge to sort out our harvest and learn how to turn our piles of twigs and leaves into meals. We were joined there by some college students who were spending the weekend at the camp, several of whom are visiting from foreign countries. They watched with interest as we sauteed the Jerusalem artichokes with the mushrooms over the fire, made cough lozenges from the coltsfoot leaves, and laboriously emptied the tiny mustard seeds from the pods, and ground them with a mortar & pestle to make surprisingly spicy mustard.

Their interest turned to disbelief, however, when we cut up the spruce, pine, and birch twigs and made tea. One of them, from Germany, was sure he was misunderstanding when we told him the tea was made from a tree, and asked repeatedly before he was finally convinced!

Thank you to Jean for sharing her wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm. I'm hoping to organize another session in the spring if enough people are interested -- please let me know.

NEW MEMBERS HIKE, BALD MOUNTAIN

by Sue Carey
October 5, 1986

The New Members' Hike was well attended. Not only did eight non-members attend, but many regular Killington Section people came along as well.

We were rather surprised at the number of participants. The weather was cool and cloudy. Rain threatened and this sometimes stops people from hiking. Also, this was the the third Killington Section event planned for this weekend.

We parked the cars outside of Tamarack Notch Camp and started walking the long way up the Bald Mountain Trail. There were many good views from the trail. At one viewpoint you could see Rutland City. At another you saw Brown's Bridge in Shrewsbury. The return segment was still slick, but almost everyone stayed on their own two feet.

We feel that the New Members' Hike was a success. Several of the new people

have returned on other hikes. Also, with enough hike leaders we seem to be able to have two well attended hikes on one weekend.

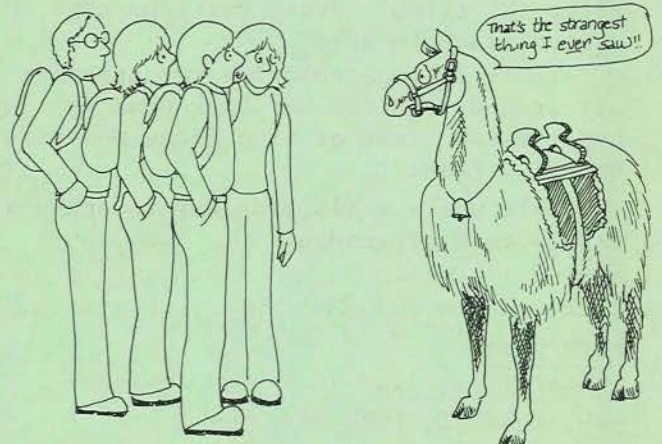
LLAMA ON THE MOUNTAIN: UP MT. ASCUTNEY

by Sue Thomas
October 12, 1986

I enjoyed having Norm Cyr guide us up Mt. Ascutney so much last year, that I asked him to take us up again this fall via the Brownsville Trail. Norm knows the mountain from all angles, having climbed it every month for several years.

Five of us met him at the trail head, along with seven more for a total of twelve, and off we went. Or more accurately, up we went -- the Brownsville Trail sure starts out with a bang! Norm took pity on us at the top of that first pitch though, and while we caught our breath he handed out leaflets with interesting information about the trail, which passes by an old granite quarry. By climbing the pile of waste rock on the edge, you find a nice view of the farm land below, and the huge derrick booms used in the quarrying are still there. According to the leaflet, the quarry was also the site of a moonshine operation!

As we neared the site of the old stone hut, I began to hear the sound of bells in the distance. As it got closer I began to wonder if I'd been out in the woods too long, but just as we reached the clearing a llama appeared! I believe this was a Killington Section first!



After lunch at the clearing we hiked on to the summit and climbed the tower for a view of the Connecticut River to

the east and Killington Peak to the west, then went out to the overlook above the ski area, and made one last stop at an overlook on the Windsor Trail before returning. All in all, it was a very nice hike, and it was great to have Norm lead us with his knowledge about the mountain.

MOON OVER SHREWSMOUTH

by Sue Thomas

October 18-19, 1986

Silly me, I promised Herb that if he'd help us find the Black Swamp Trail for an overnight expedition on Shrewsbury Peak, I'd write the hike report. I enjoyed the trip so much though, that I guess it was worth even the pain of writing a report! We had a good turnout of 20 including several new faces, and set off at dusk for Shrewsbury, arriving just in time for a spectacular sunset, a nice way to begin our hike. It's been a real challenge this year to find a break in the clouds, so I was very pleased to have such a beautiful clear night and a full moon bright enough to light our way.

After a short but steady climb we arrived at Newfound Shelter, which sits on the side of the mountain with a beautiful view. That night the full moon lit the valley and mountains making it a wonderful place to be. Which brings me to my explanation of the name "Shrewsmouth" for all those who weren't quite curious enough to climb the mountain to hear it. Earlier in the year Herb led us up Shrewsbury Peak from the other side, and we met a man at the shelter who told us that there had been plans to build condominiums up there. Since the location is between Plymouth and Shrewsbury, they had planned to call the development "Plymsbury." While everyone else said "ugh!" and other appropriate things about the name, what occurred to me was that it was sure a lot better than their other alternative, "Shrewsmouth"!

Meanwhile, back at the moonlight hike, we got a good fire going, had cocoa and goodies, and admired the view, till the non-overnighters had to head home, and the three of us remaining settled down for a rather chilly night's

sleep. (This only after we convinced Linda that she could not take the campfire to bed with her!)

The only excitement during the night was a sound which we interpreted to be someone furry being eaten by someone bigger -- fortunately no one bigger than we was hungry that night.

We awoke early to watch the sunrise below us, an unbeatable start to the day. I was reluctant to leave, but we packed up and climbed on to the summit, where we sat in the sun and admired the view for as long as we could, before returning to our cars.

MYSTERY HIKE

by Churchill Scott

November 1, 1986

We had a very good turnout for this hike which was a mystery to the leader until the last minute. It depended on weather and snow underfoot, if any. Tinker Brook Shelter won out over Blueberry Ledges which is in the same area.

The cars were parked on Route 100. Then we walked about one mile uphill all the way to the shelter while avoiding an endless stream of cars going to visit the moose.

Everyone pitched in to have a perfect fire for hot drinks and to roast Jim Griffin's hot dogs. It was good to see him again.

After returning to the cars so early we said, "Let's go see the moose." So most of us took the old C.C.C. road by the burned out picnic pavilion at the trail head to Shrewsbury Peak. What a carnival atmosphere we found at the Carrera farm! People, cars, noise, banners, T-shirts, petitions to sign about Parker's Gore. But the moose was the best sight. It was the first one ever seen by the leader. Let's keep up the good attendance.

WORK WITH THE GMC

The main club is now accepting applications for shelter caretakers, Ranger-Naturalists, and Long Trail Patrol (trail crew) for 1987. Many volunteer positions are also available. For further information (see page 4 GMC)

FREEDOM TRAIL -- BOSTON

by Rob Carey

November 15-16, 1986

Plans for this trip were greatly helped by Linda Pellerin. Just as we were running out of ideas for places to stay, she said her brother, Steve Lemmo, knew of a reasonably-priced motel in Framingham, a short distance from his house and the trolley line to Boston. Also he and his wife, April, would join us on Saturday for the Freedom Trail. In all there were 10 people on this trip.

Riding the subway was a new experience for many of us and it was helpful to have as guides Steve and April, who knew their way around. The wind in Boston Common was chilly so we ate lunch inside before starting out on the Freedom Trail. Most of the buildings are owned by various organizations and therefore have different hours and fees.

We spent some time looking at the stones in the Granary Burying Ground where John Hancock and others are buried. Many of the historical buildings such as King's Chapel, Old South Meeting House and the Old State House are dwarfed by their surroundings. The last attraction we toured on Saturday was the Old North Church where the lanterns were hung to signal Paul Revere.

On Sunday we got up bright and early to visit the New England Aquarium. There are about 70 small to medium-sized tanks around the sides of the main building. On the lowest level they have a penguin colony. In the center of the building is the giant ocean tank which is 40 feet wide and 23 feet deep. The many types of fish and other animals including sharks do not eat each other because they are fed five times a day. We also enjoyed the show by the trained sea lion and dolphins. After lunch on the waterfront we decided to save the Boston Tea Party ship for another time and began the trip home.

GMC (cont.)

and application forms, contact: GMC, P.O. Box 889, Montpelier, VT 05602 Phone: 802-223-3463. Application deadline for paid positions is April 3, 1987. There is no deadline for volunteers.

TAMARACK NOTCH COVERED DISH SUPPER

by Herb Ogden

November 22, 1986

There were three or four inches of snow at Tamarack Notch Camp in Mendon on the evening of our annual feast, and it was fairly cold out, so we decided to gather in the relatively cozy Rotary Cabin rather than in the Main Lodge, where we might well have spent the whole evening heating the great outdoors via the big fireplace, rather than heating ourselves. The cabin's cookstove responded well to Rob and Sue Carey's efforts, and soon we were all comfortable and ready to sample an amazing array of appetizing dishes.

One member did cause momentary excitement by resting a styrofoam cup of cocoa on the stove, with consequences that we heard, saw, and smelled. After the rest of us had disposed of cocoa and cups in more orthodox ways, Linda Krasner treated us to slides of wildlife and some other life on Trinidad and Tobago. Soon it was time to leave the Caribbean for the cold and starry night at Tamarack Notch, and twenty-odd Killington Section members and guests headed down the Notch Road to Rutland with a fine outing behind us.

EIGHT EQUALS TEN, OR AROUND HERRICK MOUNTAIN

by Herb Ogden

December 6, 1986

This hike almost didn't happen. The week before it was to be, your hike leader was told that his law firm needed him to go to Nevada. Even by flying all night, I wouldn't have been anywhere near Ira by the morning of the 6th. Fortunately (or maybe not, it may depend on whose feet you ask), a deposition was cancelled at the last moment, and the hike came off as scheduled.

Nine of us left Main Street Park on a crisp, beautiful morning. We picked up one more hiker at the Ira Town Hall. Another, who had looked in the other part of Main Street Park next to the Chamber of Commerce and found nobody,

caught up with us near the start of the hike at an intersection about 1.3 miles northwest of Ira. (Note: our press releases should specify where in Main Street Park we meet.)

After walking about 3/4 mile up an abandoned road from Ira to Middletown Springs and negotiating a somewhat tricky crossing of a tributary of Ira Brook, we headed west up a woods road, then bushwhacked from its end to a gap in the ridge that extends south from Herrick Mountain. The bushwhack through open woods led us under some cliffs with fine icicle formations. From the gap above the cliffs, elevation about 2290', we followed a snowmobile trail north through a rocky gulch to an unnamed 2565' summit, the second highest peak in Ira. Views were fine: west to the Adirondacks, east to Pico, Killington, and Mendon from an unusual angle, and north to Bird Mt.'s great cliff, Herrick, Grandpa's Knob, and Ray Catozzi in a yellow birch tree (also at an unusual angle, taking photos of Rutland).

Back at the gap, your hike leader offered a choice between a leisurely lunch with hot drinks from the veteran coffeepot and a return via pretty much the same route we came up, or a fast lunch with no fire but a chance to complete the advertised route all the way around Herrick Mountain. The consensus was to "go for it," so we bushwhacked down the west side of the gap to a woodroad that eventually connected with the old public road from Poultney to North Ira. At the junction of Birdseye Road up from Castleton, we looked for the remains of a school shown on the 1869 atlas but found nothing. With only a few hunting camps in the area now, it was hard to imagine enough families in that high, remote area to support even a little one-room school.

Crossing back from Poultney into Ira, we passed two cellarholes. The last was in a clearing with an impressive closeup view of the Bird cliffs from the south. At the next junction, where a left turn would have led us down the Ira-Birdseye Road to Route 4, we turned right and headed southeast over a 1740' pass. Sheets of ice in places on the old high-

way made for slow going, and some of us likened this last steep climb to Heartbreak Hill. Also not calculated to cheer us was the prediction of an Ira camp owner that we wouldn't reach our goal by dark. Nevertheless, we successfully picked our way down the old highway to the Clark Hill Road in West Rutland and then headed south through a pretty little notch on that road, reaching Steve Pulling's truck with some daylight to spare. We all piled in for the ride about one mile southwest to our starting place, glad to rest our tired legs.

Counting the spur trail to the 2565' summit, we had covered some 10.3 miles in three towns. In the aftermath, your hike leader promises to do his oldmath more carefully when figuring distances. The spur trail to the view can't have accounted for all those extra 2.3 miles, even if the view was worth that distance and more.



SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

Carol Chapman: Editor
 Jake Sherman: Assistant Editor
 & Typist
 Sue Thomas: Illustrations
 Roma Pulling, Ray Catozzi &
 Churchill Scott: Distribution

ROUND HILL

by Stephen Pulling
October 11, 1986

Any hike that has a fabulous view at the destination is a worthwhile outing in my book. If that is the case, my Round Hill/East Mountain hike was a great outing. The participants on this hike saw a view that very few people in the club have seen before.

A view of Rutland from the east-southeast with Florence, West Rutland, and Tinmouth in the background was a little different than your traditional East Mountain hike. I found this rock outcrop by accident one day when I was scouting out another club hike which I have yet to find. If anyone knows where Elephant Rock is on the west side of East Mountain, please show me.

October 11th was a perfect fall day for a short afternoon hike. I led a large group of people up an old log road off the Stratton Road that was very easy walking for about a mile. Then we had a short but very difficult bushwhack up to the ledge where we found the view. Unfortunately, a few people didn't attempt the bushwhack and missed the breathtaking panorama of the Rutland valley.

After we got back to the cars your fearless leader was embarrassed to find out he wasn't on Round Hill after all which was published, but on East Mountain. But fun was had by all, which was my intention from the beginning.

CANOE TRIP

by Stephen Pulling
September 27, 1986

This year's Killington Section's annual canoe trip was probably the longest in distance that we have ever had before. The trip leader was trying to do something a little different from years past and came to find out that this trip was "different." I use the word "different" because this publication is read by young and old alike. Some of the trip participants would probably describe it with other words.

A guidebook acquired by the trip leader described their 20-mile expedition on the Connecticut River from Orford, New Hampshire, to the Wilder Dam as having Class I and Class II rapids. From experience I know that a 20-mile canoe trip with Class I and II rapids is easy, but there was only one problem. We encountered no rapids at all, only flat waters. This section of the Connecticut River was like canoeing across a twenty mile lake!

So, as you can imagine, the canoe trip was not easy. I had twelve very tired people at the end of the day. We had started canoeing at 10:30 A.M. and didn't pull out of the water until 6:30 P.M.: a long day. Next year's trip will be shorter; at least easier on the arms.

DIRECTORS TO MEET MARCH 5

Directors of the Killington Section will meet March 5, 1987, at the offices of the Rutland Shopper, 135 No. Main St., Rutland. Time is set for 7:00 P.M.

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MARCH 3

Outings for spring will be discussed at a meeting of the Outings Committee, Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Sue Thomas, 35 Burnham Ave., Rutland.

DON'T FORGET KS ANNUAL MEETING
SAT., APRIL 4. LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Winter 1987 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Rob Carey, Pres., RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, 446-2830; Steve Pulling, Vice-Pres., RR 3, Box 5192, 775-3361; Olga Laird, Sec., RR 1, Chasanna Dr., 773-7448; or Wally Rogers, Treasurer, 47 Terrill Street, Rutland, 773-9208.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Jan. 3 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	TEXAS FALLS. Ski, snowshoe or hike. Mileage variable, easy. Herb Ogden, 775-1350
Jan. 10 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	CROOKED SHELTER, Coolidge State Forest, Plymouth. 3 mi., easy. Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
Jan. 17-18 (Sat.-Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	WINTER WEEKEND, Merck Forest, Rupert. Stay for the weekend or dayhike. Fee charged. Sue Thomas 773-2185
Jan. 24 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	LILY POND, Bomoseen. Ski, snowshoe, or hike to a beaver pond. 3 mi., moderate. Linda Krasner 468-3100
Jan. 31 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	ROLSTON'S REST, Pittsfield, on the Long Trail. 4 mi., moderate. Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
Feb. 8 (Sun.)	12:30 P.M.	ICE SKATING, Rocky Pond, Rutland. Ski, snowshoe or hike. 2 mi., easy. Sue Thomas 773-2185
Feb. 14 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	SUCKER BROOK SHELTER, Ripton. Ski or snowshoe. 4 mi., moderate. Steve Pulling 773-6997
Feb. 22 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	BELLEVUE AVE. EXTENSION, Rutland. Ski, hike, or snowshoe. 2 mi., easy. Ray Catozzi 773-3006
Mar. 1 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	GLEN DAM, Rutland. Ski, hike, or snowshoe. Mileage variable, easy. Churchill Scott 775-1494
Mar. 7 (Sat.)	1:00 P.M.	WHITE ROCKS, Wallingford. 2 mi., easy. Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
Mar. 15 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	LONG TRAIL, Upper to Lower Cold River Road. 1 1/2 mi., easy. Bernie Donahue 773-7462
Mar. 22	2:00 P.M.	SUGAR-ON-SNOW. Unitarian Church basement, West. St., Rutland. Come enjoy a Vermont springtime tradition. Fee charged, program. Sue Thomas 773-2185
Mar. 29 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	WALLINGFORD POND. 2 mi., easy. Linda Krasner 468-3100
Apr. 4 (Sat.)	7:00 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING. Location to be announced. May be preceded by Pot Luck Supper. Dues item to be on agenda. Rob Carey 446-2830

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN APPROPRIATE. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR LEADER.

KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Robert and Thelma Perkins 7/86
4812 Lebanon Road
Charlotte, NC 28212

Smoke & Blazes

VOLUME 40, NUMBER 1

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JAN.-MAR., 1987

KILLINGTON SECTION DIRECTORS MEETING

December 11, 1986

Reported by Rob Carey

A letter of resignation has been submitted by KS Secretary and Director Olga Laird. She has been unable to attend recent meetings. Rob Carey, president, expressed the section's appreciation for her excellent work and dedication.

Pico Ski Area has announced a master plan for expansion which would involve many crossings of the LT between Route 4 and Pico Camp. Negotiations with the National Park Service also revealed that Pico wants to retain the option to develop the back sides of Ramshead and Snowdon Peaks, which they own. Ray Catozzi reported the Main Club response to date. A major relocation west of the present trail, crossing Route 4 near the Beaver Pond, has been strongly rejected. The Directors unanimously supported the policy of pushing for a minimal number of ski trail crossings, with the need for compromise by all parties recognized.

On a motion by Ray/Bernie Donahue the date of April 4, 1987, was approved for the Annual Meeting.

A motion by Sue Carey/Ray to donate \$10 to the Stacy Anne Shultz Memorial Hike was approved.

A report by Ray regarding recent Main Club Directors and Trails & Shelters Committee made the following points:

- 1) Trail regulations have been amended to prohibit llamas and other pack animals.
- 2) The LT/AT will be relocated to go over Stratton Mountain.
- 3) There has been some conflict with snowmobiles in the Glastonbury area.
- 4) There is no truth to rumors that the Main Club is unhappy with our Trails

& Shelters maintenance.

5) The Deer Leap Trail is badly eroded and there are many "bootleg" trails. Rob confirmed this from recent experience. Sue said that Ky McGrath of the Inn at Long Trail has complained. He has brought several people down. Major work is needed. Maintenance responsibility is uncertain.

6) Cooper Lodge continues to be a problem with excessive trash, both in the spring and during the hiking season due to easy access. Because of the exposed location and high eave on the front, the Main Club Trails & Shelters Committee does not support removal of the front.

Dues Increase - The Main Club assessment has been raised from \$4.50 to \$6.00 for adults. An increase will be proposed to the members at the Killington Section Annual Meeting. Adult dues of \$14-15 will probably be proposed.

The date of the next Section Directors meeting is Thursday, March 5, 1987 at the Rutland Shopper offices.

Ed. Note: We encourage you to send letters expressing your opinion and feelings about the trail on Pico. Send letters to:

David A. Richie, Project Manager
Appalachian Trail Project Office
National Park Service
Harper's Ferry, WV 25425



KILLINGTON SECTION DIRECTORS MEETING

March 5, 1987

Reported by Rob Carey

President Rob Carey called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M. Directors Ray Catozzi, Bernie Donahue, Wally Rogers and Churchill Scott were present.

Rob Carey reported on the meeting that he and other Section members had just attended led by Dave Richie and others of the National Park Service regarding Pico. The western route has been dropped from further consideration. There has been little support for the eastern route, so the emphasis now is on retaining the present route with minor modification. How much ski development will be allowed is uncertain. There will be some field work done this spring to attempt to reduce impacts below that indicated by currently mapped plans.

Wally Rogers gave a Treasurer's report similar to that to be presented at the annual meeting. He also presented a summary of the Kirk Fund and asked for clarification on restrictions on use of all or part of the money.

At present there are two Kirk Funds which as of Jan. 1, 1987, contain a total of more than \$10,000. For the past several years KS Trails & Shelters expenses have been paid from the original Kirk Fund.

A motion was made by Wally and seconded by Ray that Trails & Shelters expenses can continue to be paid from the Kirk Funds so long as there remains a minimum balance of \$10,000. This was passed unanimously. All agreed that this is within the intent of the fund and will provide the proper guidance to the treasurer.

Wally asked why members are carried until the June issue of Smoke & Blazes if dues are payable in January. Rob stated that memberships were dropped in March when the annual meeting was in January, but now an extra issue is sent since the meeting is later.

*Motion Wally/Churchill - Beginning in 1987 the membership renewal form will be in the Oct.-Dec. issue (No.4) and the Jan.-March issue (No.1) will be the last sent to members that have not renewed. This was passed unanimously.

The proposed dues increase was discussed. The Main Club Board of Directors raised the adult section assessment last year from \$4.50 to \$6.00. This took place after the notice of last year's sectional annual meeting so the dues currently being collected cannot reflect the increase.

*Motion Ray/Churchill - Recommend to members at annual meeting the following dues: Adult \$14; Spouse \$11; Individual Junior \$2.50; Family Junior \$1.00; Senior \$7.50. This was passed unanimously. This will just cover the increase in the main club assessment.

Rob Carey stated that contributions have met \$10 of the \$20 paid for the new pack basket to be used on outings and work parties.

*Motion Ray/Churchill - Pay the remaining \$10 from the Kirk Fund. Passed unanimously.

Discussion - Sale of guidebooks and other items by the Section as a service to members. Wally stated that there are books almost 10 years old in stock. Unanimous consent was given to cut prices way down in hope of moving old inventory at the annual meeting and not carry as much stock in the future.

FROZEN IN THE MOONLIGHT

by Sue Thomas

December 13, 1986

In keeping with our tradition of planning hikes in inclement weather to see who's crazy enough to show up, Dec. 13 turned out to be the coldest night we'd had. And sure enough, there are a lot of crazy people out there because we had quite a turnout! I think the number was 10 to be exact, but I'll bet we were each wearing enough extra clothes for at least 20 more! In fact, Mara's circumference was so increased by extra layers that Mom and Dad had quite a job to stuff her into a backpack carrier.

We were fortunate to have a beautiful starry night and a full moon, and reached Tucker-Johnson Shelter quickly. We built a fire and in a short time had a fire going and hot drinks and Christmas cookies

to warm us up. However, standing still in sub-zero weather gets stale after a while, so we retreated to the warmth of Steve's house for "peppermint patties." Thanks to Steve, and especially Bean, for your hospitality.

TRA-LA-LA-LA-LA....(CHRISTMAS CAROLING)

by Carol Chapman
December 21, 1986

We already knew we could hike, ski and paddle, but who would have guessed we'd discover another talent. We can sing too! This was revealed on the bright, starlit night of the winter solstice when more than 20 Killington Section members and friends went caroling around Rutland.

In order to make an 8 o'clock curfew at the nursing homes we left Main St. Park shortly after 7, thus missing aspiring carolers Ray Catozzi and Herb Ogden. Luckily, because they knew part of our route, they caught up with us at Eden Park and added volume to the male chorus.

Virginia Scott ably led the group as we called on friends at Pleasant Manor, Eden Park and at home. Most of those caroled were Killington Section members, some no longer active hikers. Our reception varied from an offer of money (not to send us away, but in the belief we were out collecting) to Jim Frink's spirited sing-a-long with us.

After about 10 stops around the city we headed up the mountain to Roma's for the grand finale. We sat by the crackling fire, eating Christmas confections, visiting and singing a few more Christmas songs for those who weren't sung out.

We brought good cheer not only to those we'd caroled, but also to ourselves. Next year if we go caroling again, you'd better join us or we may come knocking at your door.

HERB'S TRIP TO TEXAS FALLS WITHOUT TEXAS FALLS OR HERB

by Sue Thomas
January 3, 1987

On January 3 we were scheduled to go to Texas Falls to ski, but due to a blizzard the night before and Herb's selfish refusal to take us all to Portland with him, it was transformed into a short excursion to Patch's Pond in Rutland. The new snowfall made it very beautiful, though it failed to completely cover the swamp at the far end of the pond. But we were able to find a place to cross, and continued for a while through open fields until the cold wind drove us back to enjoy our lunches in the shelter of my apartment.

CROOKED SHELTER

by Rob Carey
January 10, 1987

The weather forecast called for snow starting in the afternoon, but it started snowing before I left home for the fire station. Eleven hikers, snowshoers, and skiers braved the storm. We parked in the snowmobilers' parking lot on Route 100A just past the summer entrance to Coolidge State Forest. There were already several inches of new snow on the base of earlier storms making excellent skiing.

It's about 1½ miles to Crooked Shelter and we reached there a little after noon. After spending a few minutes clearing snow from the fireplace, it didn't take long to get a fire burning and the water boiling. Since it was still snowing, the shelter made a dry, cheery place to eat a leisurely lunch.

On the return trip the skiers enjoyed a nice downhill run. Some even went part way back up to do it again while waiting for the walkers.

MERCK FOREST WEEKEND

by Sue Carey

January 17-18, 1987

Winter weekends at Merck Forest have become a Killington Section tradition. There were no day hikers on this trip, but Carol Chapman, Lee and Linda Pellerin, and I decided to spend the night.

The snow was deep, but because of rain the week before it was crusty and icy in spots. Because we didn't want to carry heavy packs, the three adults decided to pull in the gear on sleds. Carol and I tied the sleds to our backpacks so we could have our hands free for skiing. It worked rather well considering that the trail was icy, and we skied almost to the top of the hill by Spruce Shelter.

Along the way tragedy struck. Lee broke a ski tip, dampening any idea he had of a weekend of skiing. He was ready to turn back there, but his mother wouldn't let him.

When we arrived at the shelter, there was a dull 12-inch saw and no cut firewood. We took our sleds over to the lodge where we had gotten wood every other year. At the lodge we were accosted by two surly caretakers who told us that "this wasn't a KOA and we would have to cut our own wood." We told them we had gotten wood here every other year, it was going to be 0° tonight, and we had paid \$20 for the cabin which we thought included the wood. They said that we didn't have to pay anything for the cabin, that the fee was a donation and as the Girl Scouts were able to cut their own wood we should be able to do it too. Well, they did relent and told us that we could take a load, so we loaded the three sleds and headed back. We were glad that they let us have the wood because it is very difficult to cut wood with a dull saw and no sawbuck.

We took it easy during the afternoon and only skied to Clark's Clearing Shelter. The big event for the evening was dinner starting with Carol's fish soup as an appetizer and Linda's spaghetti with homemade sauce as the entree. We discovered a new spice to add to the spaghetti. As I was draining off the spaghetti water, the lid slipped and the

spaghetti fell on the ground picking up spruce needles in the process. It really didn't taste too badly. Dessert was raspberry and/or strawberry shortcake with whipped cream.

After playing cards for several hours we decided to retire. The stove was producing enough heat to keep everyone comfortable. We had to be careful that it didn't get too hot. With the sides already thin from previous overheatings and the damper held in place with a stone, the stove could be dangerous.

After breakfast we stopped at the caretakers' cabin to tell them of the stove's condition. Then we started on tree ID trail, but soon headed home when the weather got snowy.

LILY POND

by Linda Krasner

January 24, 1987

Twelve skiers and one snowshoer (Linda Pellerin) braved the cold temperatures to take advantage of the 1½ feet of new snow that had fallen the previous day. Sue Thomas used the promise of her freshly-baked brownies as a reinforcer for people who helped in breaking the trail. Several skiers risked going around the pond despite the slush. A few more cautious people remained on the wind-swept shore to make sure that no one fell through, while Dave Krasner was closely trailing Sue on the pond to stand ready to save the brownies in case she went for a swim. Several persons took a different loop trail back, and then returned to the Krasners' to warm up and swap snacks.

A MODERATE-TURNED-DIFFICULT HIKE (ROLSTON REST)

by Roma Pulling

January 31, 1987

Your leaders learned two things on this hike. First, that a hike that seemed moderate on snowshoes can be difficult on skis. Second, that snowmobiles haven't been everywhere, even though it sometimes seems that way.

In other words, our trail that was heavily traveled and easy to traverse

last winter was three feet of light, powdery snow and a real challenge for six people on skis. Two gave up early on. Four skiers and the leaders on snowshoes continued until forced by time restrictions to turn around. We were puzzled on the way back to meet four skiers headed up the mountain at 2:15 P.M. with day packs. Did they actually expect to reach the shelter and return before dark?

Even though we did not reach our goal, being in the woods on such a day was pure pleasure. At the very start of our trail we happened on a deer yard, but saw no deer. We should all pool our efforts to keep large areas of Vermont unspoiled for outings like this one.



NON-ICE SKATING TRIP TO ROCKY POND

by Sue Thomas
February 8, 1987

Due to an excessive amount of white stuff that no one was inspired enough to shovel off the ice, no one skated on Rocky Pond on February 8. We did have a nice trip in to the pond though, some walking on a well-packed snowmobile trail from Evergreen Avenue, and others skiing. Once there, in addition to enjoying the beauty of the spot, we discussed the future of the ponds, now uncertain with the owners considering selling the property. Several of us from the Killington Section as well as other local groups such as the Audubon Society have become involved in trying to preserve the area, so we brought everyone up to date on the situation.

The trip down to the country club was, to say the least, rapid for those of us with skis, and an interesting variety of

methods of applying the brakes was displayed, with varying results. The least successful, but probably most entertaining for the onlookers, was my attempt to steer into a snowbank -- the result being one ski lodged firmly in the bank, the other, with foot still attached, trying to continue on down the trail. Ouch!

Finally emerging from the woods, we found deeper snow on the golf course and paused while the walkers put on their snowshoes for the first time that day.

SUCKER BROOK SHELTER

by Stephen Pulling
February 14, 1987

Cold was the word for the day as it was -8°F when I left my house to lead this excursion. I didn't figure too many people would show up, but I had to be present and accounted for. One other person showed up at the park, so off to Goshen we went.

We started hiking up the Goshen Dam Road for about a half mile when we turned right onto a groomed Blueberry Hill ski trail. After about a mile or so on that trail we had to put on snowshoes and start hiking on old logging roads and side trails up to the shelter.

A washed-out bridge across Sucker Brook provided some excitement and a challenge as we had to scale down a steep bank to the brook, and back up the bank -- easier said than done.

After a quick lunch and scan of the log book huddled in a corner of the open front shelter we headed back to the car. A packed down snowshoe trail made the return trip much easier and faster. I have to admit I was hoping no one would show up for this hike because of the cold weather, but after Linda and I got started up the trail it was tons of fun as always.

SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

Carol Chapman: Editor
Jake Sherman: Assistant Editor
& Typist
Sue Thomas: Illustrations
Roma Pulling, Ray Catozzi &
Churchill Scott: Distribution

BELLEVUE AVE. EXTENSION TO PULLINGS'HOME

by Ray Catozzi
February 22, 1987

What luck! After nearly two weeks of sunny but bitter cold weather, we got a perfect break for this easy, relatively flat pedestrian excursion. On a day that was 40°, sunny, and windless, it was no wonder that 18 cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and walkers enjoyed both the route and the weather.

Two longtime members whom we haven't seen much of lately were George and Diana Conlon. Welcome back. We were joined by three non-members: Judy Lashof and Mary Sidley from Rutland, and Carol Wood from Woodstock. A relatively new member, Rose Crowley, came all the way from her home in Weston for her first outing with the Killington Section. Welcome to you, too, Rose.

From five-year-old Michael Nadler (or is it 6 now, Mike?) to 89-year-old Vera Perkins, the group trekked across meadowland, down through pine woods, across Cedar Swamp and Tenney Brook to a high tension power line. We then followed the power line right of way south for about ½ mile, into the woods again, then up and out into some more open meadows, west and north of Al and Roma Pulling's home. Here we encountered our only "real" climbing along the route.

With many rest stops taken along the way, it was with regret that we had to move on each time, as the sun was so warming and comfortable as to make some of us wish to lie down for a pre-season suntan. But on we went, until the last of the long-scattered band of hikers arrived outside Pullings' back door.

Inside, with a cheerful fire blazing in the hearth, we partook of various drinks and all kinds of fattening goodies, amidst animated conversation on every imaginable subject. A great afternoon hike, in wonderful weather, and a very congenial ending in the Pullings' home. Thank you, Al and Roma.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Killington Section will be held at the Unitarian/Universalist Church on West Street at 7:00 P.M. April 4. There is a proposed dues increase on the agenda. The assessment charged by the Main Club has increased and the section directors believe the section can not absorb it. The officers and committees will give their reports and answer questions. Also directors will be elected. After the business meeting we will have our traditional dessert and coffee, etc. We will also have a games night. Bring your favorite game, Monopoly, Scrabble, parchesi or a deck of cards. Or if your favorite game is Ring-around-the-Rosie, just bring your feet.

DUES DUE

It's time to pay your 1987 GMC dues if you haven't already done so. Mail them to: Wally Rogers, Treasurer, 47 Terrill Street, Rutland, VT 05701. This is the last issue of Smoke & Blazes you will receive on last year's dues.

VERMONT YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

We are taking applications for Corpsmembers now through May. Fifty positions are available. We need teenagers 16-21 years old, male and female. We look for hard-workers, positive outlook and desire to earn \$1,000. Youth travel throughout Vermont. Youth live at the Corps base camp and at various worksites called "spike camps." This is a highly supervised outfit. Youth will have the best summer of their lives - in Vermont's natural areas. Corpsmembers may be called up for emergency projects such as floods, fires. Write or call for an application:

Vermont Youth Conservation Corps
103 Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05676
(802) 244-8711

FACTS: Pay - \$3.55 per hour
Dates - June 22 to Aug. 14,
1987

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Spring 1987 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Rob Carey, Pres., RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, 446-2830; Steve Pulling, Vice-Pres., RR 3, Box 5192, 775-3361; Olga Laird, Sec., RR 1, Chasanna Dr., 773-7448; or Wally Rogers, Treasurer, 47 Terrill Street, Rutland, 773-9208.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
April 4 (Sat.)	7:00 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING, Unitarian Universalist Church, West St., Rutland. Meeting will be followed by games. Bring your favorite. Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
April 5 (Sun.)	12:30 P.M.	LARRY'S CAVE, 3 mi. moderate. C. Scott 775-1494
April 12 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	BIRD'S EYE MOUNTAIN, Castleton, moderate. Linda Krasner 468-3100
April 25 (Sat.)	8:30 A.M.	BIKE HIKE. Burlington Bike Path on the waterfront. Rent bikes in Burlington. Carol Chapman 775-3545 Roma Pulling 773-6997
April 26 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE, 6 mi. on a railroad bed, easy. Herb Ogden 775-1350
May 3 (Sun.)	8:00 A.M.	MT. MONADNOCK, N.H., 6 mi., moderate, excellent views. Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
May 9 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE, Town of Ira, easy-moderate, may be some bushwhacking. Mileage variable, depending on whether we get lost. 2-4 mi. R. Catozzi 773-3006
May 17 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	BALD MOUNTAIN, Townsend, 3 mi., moderate-to-difficult. Ira Hawley 775-4149
May 23 (Sat.)		GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING - Green Mountain College, Poultney. See <u>LT News</u> for details.
May 24 (Sun.)		GMC WORK PARTY - Long Trail north of Sherburne Pass. See <u>LT News</u> for details.
May 30 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WALK-THRU. Join us for spring clean-up on the Long Trail, Route 140 - Route 103. S. Pulling 773-6997
June 2 (Tues.)	7:00 P.M.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING - 35 Burnham Ave., Rutland. Sue Thomas 773-2185
June 7 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	FLOWER HIKE, Blackinton to Williamstown loop, Mass. 5 mi., easy to moderate. Lots of June pinks, lady-slippers, dogwood. Ray Catozzi 773-3006
June 13	9:00 A.M.	WALK-THRU. Finish the spring cleaning, Route 103 - Route 4. Steve Pulling 773-6997
June 21	10:00 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE, 4 mi. moderate. Ira Hawley 775-4149
June 28	12:00 P.M.	LOST SHELTER/MORGAN PEAK, Plymouth, 4 mi., moderate. Churchill Scott 775-1494

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN APPROPRIATE. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR LEADER.

KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701

**KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING**

from Minutes by Wally Rogers

4 April 1987

About twenty members attended an informative meeting at the Unitarian-Universalist Church in Rutland.

Treasurer Wally Rogers reported a 1986 general fund closing balance of 195.05 plus inventory, and a Kirk Fund balance of \$11,038. The Kirk Fund has matured, and funds over \$10,000 may be used for trails and shelters. Section income balanced expenses before the GMC dues assessment increase in 1987.

For the Trails and Shelters Committee, Steve Pulling reported on the success of last spring's two walk-throughs. Upon investigation, few of the complaints received from hikers proved to be serious. Steve will call on other members for help in checking complaints. Because relocations have not progressed as expected, we will reblaze much of our section this year.

Four relocations were announced for 1987. In addition to the Pratt House to Lower Cold River Road and the Cold River bank relocations (reported on elsewhere), relocations are planned for 2.5 miles of trail north of Route 140 and 1.5 miles north of Route 103. The Long Trail Patrol is expected to take a major part in the longer projects.

The Trails and Shelters Committee thanked shelter adopters and asked for more members to adopt a shelter.

Newsletter Editor Carol Chapman announced with regret that the June edition would be her last. Carol expressed appreciation for his excellent work to Jake Sherman who resigned as typist and to Sue Thomas as illustrator and Churchill and Virginia Scott, Irene Hawley, and Roma Pulling. Smoke & Blazes is sent to all members plus 15 landowners.

Sue Carey reported for herself and Sue Thomas on the Outings Committee. In the last year, there were 45 trips with an average of 16 members and guests on each.

In his President's Report, Rob Carey stated that field work and reviews would continue in the spring on the Pico development plans. There is continuing effort to compromise between Pico's planned ski trail and lift development and the GMC position of keeping a ridgeline trail with minimal ski exposure.

Main Club director Ray Catozzi reported on its relocation work and need for additional volunteer help along the Long Trail outside the Killington Section.

After amendment to cover life and institutional members, the Directors' dues increase proposal was passed.

Beginning in 1988, new dues are:

ADULT	\$14.00	SENIOR	\$ 7.50
SPOUSE	11.00	LIFE	120.00
INDIV. JR.	2.50	INSTITUTIONAL	25.00
FAMILY JR.	1.00		

Elected to fill the terms of resigned directors Olga Laird and Mark Luttrell were Herb Ogden, Jr., and Sue Thomas. Their terms end at the 1988 annual meeting. Elected to terms ending in 1990 were Linda Pellerin, Bernie Donahue, and Wally Rogers. These directors then were joined by Steve Pulling (1988), Churchill Scott, Ray Catozzi, and Rob Carey (1989) to elect the following officers for 1987:

PRESIDENT	Rob Carey
VICE-PRESIDENT	Steve Pulling
SECRETARY-TREASURER	Wally Rogers
GMC DIRECTOR	Ray Catozzi
TRAILS & SHELTERS	Steve Pulling
OUTINGS	Sue Thomas, Sue Carey

PUBLICITY Roma Pulling
Refreshments and games followed.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER

by Bernie Donahue

15 March 1987

Sometimes climatic conditions alter hiking plans. The writer seems to be the centerpiece of such aggravation. Nonetheless, some hardy members and others, forming a small group, trekked to Lower Cold River Road. Finding a section of the Long Trail heading north buried in deep snow, we drove to Upper Cold River Road and walked on a snowmobile packed trail to Governor Clement Shelter. Plenty of snow was still on the ground.

On arrival at the shelter we found four snowmobiles already there, having stopped for a short rest. We proceeded to eat lunch and engage in small talk with the mobile visitors.

Then back over the same route to the Upper Cold River Road entrance, on to our vehicles and homeward bound. Weather was nice for this time of year. It seemed everyone had some fun on that late winter trek.

SUGAR ON SNOW

by Sue Thomas

22 March 1987

Our annual Sugar on Snow Party was well attended this year, with 24 participants, and thanks to Ira Hawley, who kindly donated the syrup, most of the money was profit. Thanks are due also to Janet Martin, who once again this year donated her time and expertise to boil the syrup for us.

WALLINGFORD POND

by Linda Krasner

29 March 1987

The seventy degree temperatures in Rutland belied the fact that at Wallingford Pond it was still winter. Sue Carey scouted out the roads to the area for problems with mud and sand. There was still a little snow. Many people brought snowshoes, however, it was such a hot day they were all left behind in the cars. Once on the trail, we discovered there was a good three feet of snow and people were sinking through up to their hips,

which gave rise to some good laughs. The group made a campfire in the snow overlooking the still-frozen Wallingford Pond.



LARRY'S CAVE

by W. Churchill Scott

5 April 1987

On a pretty wet and dark day, Linda P., Bob P. and I started for Larry's Cave, so called. But it's really only a large ledge with overhanging rocks. We looked in vain for some more fair weather hikers.

Perhaps it was just as well the group was small, for the leader took a wrong turn and wound up on the wrong side of the peak.

With increasing rain and a lost feeling we walked back to the car with the hope of trying once again in better weather.

The leader's only consolation is that two weeks later the senior citizens' group found Larry's Cave only after a long and hard effort.

BIRDSEYE MOUNTAIN

by Linda Krasner

12 April 1987

This hike could have been renamed "In Search of the Lost Monument" or "In Search of the Real Birdseye Mountain." Sixteen people gathered to hike up the west side of Bird Mountain, including two women from New Jersey, who belonged to a hiking club and who opted to hike instead of skiing at Killington.

Delight Gartlein found a copy of a 100 year old book which gave the details of a masonic monument that had been erected on top of the mountain. The structure had met its demise years ago, it was learned later. However, it was fun looking for the ruins. The book also described how bald eagles nested on the rocky cliffs one hundred years ago.

The group had lunch at the site that Linda mistakenly believed to be the summit (what do trip leaders know!). However, the rest of the group informed her there were several more peaks and valleys to go before reaching the real summit. The archaeologists bushwhacked down the mountain amidst the earliest of spring wildflowers.

BIKE HIKE

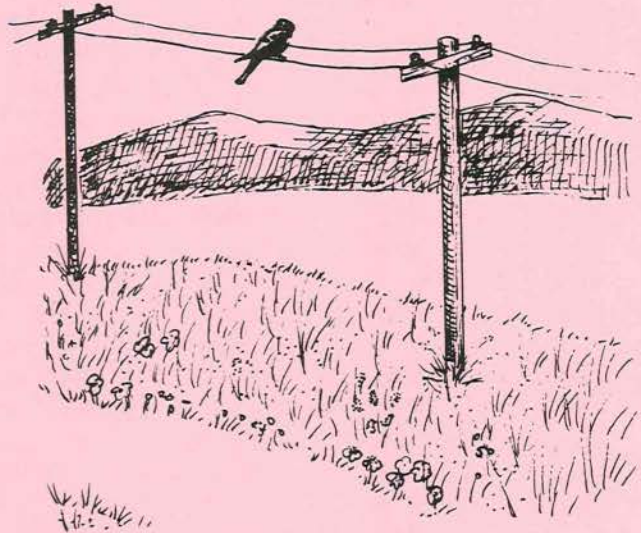
by Carol Chapman

25 April 1987

A fall outing with the Vt. Natural Resources Council on the recently completed Burlington Bike Path made me think that it would be a pleasant ride for the Killington Section. The old Rutland Railroad bed parallels the lake shore past city parks, condos and woods. It is a well-marked, nearly level five mile path to the mouth of the Winooski River.

On a bright and sunny day four of us met in Burlington at the foot of Main Street: Irene Rogers, Judy Olson, Tom Parent of Essex Jct. and I. By coincidence, the Burlington Section had also scheduled a bike or hike trip there starting two hours later, but with the large number of bikers and walkers we weren't aware of when we passed them.

Of interest along the way were early blooming shad, bloodroot, dandelions and strawberries, and a sparrow hawk perched on her telephone wire lookout.



During lunch by the Winooski Judy and Tom told of their plans to ride in the 100 mile long Vt. Lung Association Bikeathon to be held in northern Vermont.

Our return trip was made by the same route only a little easier as there is a slight downhill grade back to the city center. Irene and I detoured a bit to visit a couple of yard sales along the way.

Someday when you are coming to Burlington on a shopping spree, bring along your bike and enjoy the Bicycle Path.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Carol Chapman
Herb Ogden, Jr.
Sue Thomas
Roma Pulling
Ray Catozzi
W. Churchill Scott

Editor
Asst. Ed./Typist
Illustrations
Distribution

THANKS, JAKE!

After nine years of dedicated service as the assistant editor and typist of Smoke & Blazes, Jake Sherman has decided to step down. The high quality and professional appearance of our newsletter are due to his efforts. We appreciate all you've done, Jake, and hope to see you on the trail.

RAILROAD MYSTERY HIKE

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

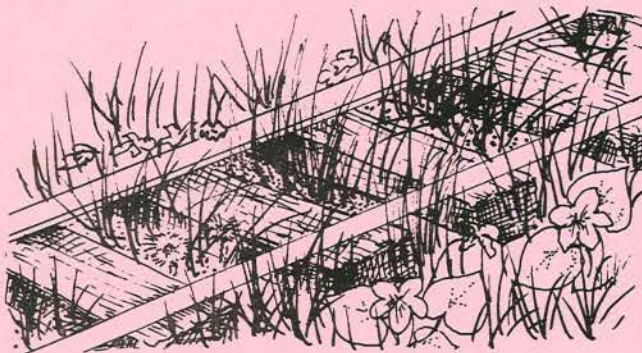
26 April 1987

Your hike leader discovered an unexpected benefit in announcing a mystery hike but giving some idea of the pathway. In trying to guess where the mystery hike was going, some other section members gave good tips about other possible railroad rights-of-way that would be good hiking, notably the former Delaware & Hudson line from Castleton down through Poultney, Rupert, and Pawlet.

This mystery hike took eleven members and guests north from the end of the Clarendon & Pittsford's track at the upper square at West St. in Proctor. We passed above the old stone enginehouse and soon came to the outlet of Beaver Pond. Ascending west of Beaver Pond on a fine, wide path, we saw where piles of marble blocks been dumped to make the railroad embankment. A good variety of wildflowers and interesting plants grow along the old railbed. We spotted coltsfoot, mayflower, wild ginger, violets, saxifrage, and bloodroot. Just after the height of land, fine views opened up to the east, from Mendon to Bloodroot Mountains. Soon, just west of the track, we inspected a large quarry which apparently had a rail spur running to it and to a huge grout pile beyond. This was doubtless the "L. White Marble Quarry" noted in the Beers 1869 atlas of Rutland County. Now overgrown and full of murky water, it was probably the end of the line that the Clarendon & Pittsford built north from Proctor in 1886. This line was later extended past the present huge OMYA plant to the Vermont Railway junction in Florence. We followed it downhill to where the combination of a "No Trespassing" sign, a fine view east, and lunchtime dictated a halt.

Unlike most hikes, this one was a musical event. Now we not only stalk the wild asparagus, but we play the stalk of the wild horsetail. The bamboo-like plant grew in profusion near our lunch spot. With practice, it can be played a little -- in the hike leader's case, very little -- like a flute. I don't know if there is a musical term for what is produced

by 11 people all shrilling away on horsetails ("octet plus trio for mixed horsetails"?), but we had one, anyway.



Now that your hike leader has done some research in the Vermont Room of the Rutland Free Library, he can remove some of the mystery from the history of the Clarendon & Pittsford R.R. The line was a subsidiary of the Vermont Marble Company until recently. It was built north into Pittsford from its present junction with the Vermont Railway in Proctor in 1886. Next, a line was built south to Center Rutland in 1887. The next year saw a line from Center Rutland to West Rutland break the Delaware & Hudson's monopoly on the Whipple Hollow quarries. In 1891 the tracks were extended from Center Rutland to Rutland, crossing East Creek near the River Street bridge and hooking up with the present Vermont Railway to Bennington near the end of South Street. By 1895, a line from the present Vermont Railway junction in Florence had tapped quarries to the west. Finally, after 1895, came the connection from the L. White Quarry north to Florence.

The C&P from Proctor to near our lunch spot was used by the Otter Valley Railroad, a tourist operation, beginning in 1977. Now the only parts of the old marble hauler in operation are a stub in the southwest section of Rutland, a track from Center Rutland to Farrell Distributors just north of Route 4, and a track from the Vermont Railway in Florence south to OMYA. The Proctor track from the Vermont Railway to West St. was used as late as February, but parts are now torn up for sewer construction. The rest of the railroad is now used by walkers, snowmobilers, and cross country skiers, except where a few landowners have fenced it.

MOUNT MONADNOCK

by Rob Carey

3 May 1987

This is the second most climbed mountain in the world. (Mt. Fuji in Japan is first.) There was a late April snowstorm that gave Vermont's mountains a few inches of snow before the hike. As we drove by Keene, New Hampshire, and saw our goal, it looked like there was still snow on the mountain. We parked at the State Park and started up the White Dot Trail, taking the Spruce Link cutoff. This was the only part that was buggy.

Mt. Monadnock is unique because it is only about 3000 ft. high but treeless on top. There were fires about 1800 and the sod is very thin where there is any at all. This provides excellent views along the way. On a clearer day than we had, it is possible to see Boston and Killington. We could only see to Stratton.

Near the summit there were large patches of snow about 8" deep from the recent snowstorm. After a leisurely lunch on top, we returned via the White Cross Trail. It was a fairly warm day so some of us had a snack from the snack bar.

MYSTERY HIKE IN IRA

by Ray Catozzi

9 May 1987

When a leader lists a hike with the destination, hiking conditions, and a chance of getting lost as unknown factors, one wouldn't expect anyone would show up for such a challenge, would one? Yet, even on a day when the weather was another unknown factor, nine stalwart hikers showed up to solve this mystery.

I say "help solve," as three days before the hike date, I wasn't too sure how and where I was going to lead anyone brave enough to come. And on the day itself, the last third of the trip in (and up) was still new to me. Two days before, I trekked up into a saddle between two 2000' hills north of Route 4, a couple of miles west of West Rutland. I then climbed to the top of the easternmost of the two only to find that it was the one hill to

the west that I had been looking at for years from old Route 4A. That hill had two or three open areas on a ridgeline leading to the top.

So, on hike day, from this saddle we climbed up a very steep and rocky slope to the west, looking for one of those clear areas. After some struggling, we came into one small one with a limited view to the east and south. It was then lunch time and with the threat of rain, we climbed no farther, looking for larger open areas. And sure enough just as we finished lunch a light rain started. That did it for any further exploring upward, so downward we all headed, only to have the rain stop as we reached the saddle. From here out to Rt. 4 was a delightful walk on an old road through old overgrown farm land, with stone walls and apple trees in full bloom. All nine made it back to the cars safely, hiking no further, I think, than three miles. All's well that ends well.

BALD MOUNTAIN, Townsend State Forest

by Ira Hawley

17 May 1987

The day started out cloudy, but twelve determined hikers insisted it was their day for an outing. A pleasant drive took us through Weston and Londonderry. The clouds parted and the sun became warm.

At the entrance to the park we drove over a modern bridge above the flood control dam at Townsend. Next we approached the Scott covered bridge, which is the longest single span covered bridge in Vermont. Here we stopped and everyone walked through the bridge, which is closed to vehicle traffic.

Then we stopped at the caretaker's office and signed the register for admittance to the park facilities. Now we were ready to tackle the mountain. It was a challenging climb of 1140 feet in one mile. The rapid walkers reached the summit about half an hour earlier than the slow ones. The sunshine made it a good place to relax and lunch. The views were good with the valley below and the mountains in the distance. As we started down on a

BALD MOUNTAIN (continued)

circuitous route we came upon a vigorous orchid (Lady's Slipper) plant with beautiful pink flowers. This is a rare plant in Vermont and the first of this species I have seen in many years.

We all made it safely back to our cars, and with a little conversation decided to make a short side trip on our way home to see the Ball Mountain Dam, which is another flood control project. We said our good-byes and agreed it had been a satisfying way to spend the day.

FROM ALL OF US

It goes without saying that the entire Killington Section wishes to thank Carol Chapman for her years as editor of Smoke & Blazes. You've done a terrific job, Carol, and you'll be greatly missed, both as editor and fellow hiker. We wish you success and happiness in the future, and many visits home to Rutland.

THE ALMOST SURPRISE PARTY

by Carol Chapman

1 June 1987

When Sue Thomas called to offer me a ride to the outings scheduling meeting at the Careys on a hot, humid Monday night, I told her I'd decided not to go. She was thus forced to spill the beans and tell me I'd better be there as it wasn't a scheduling party after all. It was a goodbye party.

The Careys' yard, with the lambs looking on, was a lovely, cool spot for such a special occasion. How nice to see so many good friends there!

Sue Thomas had baked and artistically decorated a Special Edition of Smoke & Blazes chocolate cake. I was also presented with a VINS T-shirt and a certificate of a donation to the Elf program made in my name. Many thanks to you all for the party and for your kind and thoughtful gifts.

This being my last issue of Smoke & Blazes, I'd like to use the opportunity to thank all of you who have contributed reports and worked on the newsletter and say how much I've en-

joyed those associations.

I'll be eagerly awaiting my copy of Smoke & Blazes to keep up-to-date on Killington Section doings.

DIRECTORS MEETING

by Rob Carey

23 April 1987

Present: Rob Carey, Steve Pulling, Bernie Donahue, Herb Ogden, Churchill Scott, Linda Pellerin, and Sue Thomas.

The Long Trail Unit Action Plan was discussed. We are in general agreement with it. We support the relocation/replacement of Minerva Hinchey Shelter in a more remote site after the trail is relocated. One reason is the marginal water source.

We oppose the relocation of Clarendon Shelter since there are no more remote sites.

Governor Clement Shelter should be continued in its present site. The road's condition is deteriorating.

A replacement is needed for Tamarack Shelter as soon as the trail is relocated.

Pico Camp should be continued in its present site.

Cooper (not our responsibility) should be fixed up. A summer/fall caretaker is not likely to help.

LONG TRAIL RELOCATIONS

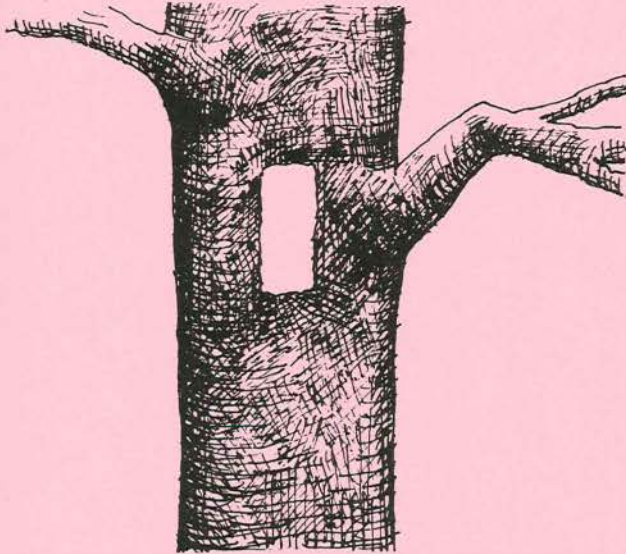
by Herb Ogden, Jr.

Two of the Long Trail relocations announced at the section annual meeting are finished. A one-day work party cleared and blazed an approximately 0.3 mile relocation from the Pratt House site north to the Lower Cold River Road, eliminating a road walk. It's a pleasant stretch through evergreens and along the river. The Pratt Field was a little mushy, but the Pullings put in some steppingstones (steppingboulders is more like it!) that should do the trick.

While the rest of the party scouted out the relocation on the Cold River bank north of the Upper Road, Herb dug a ditch to dry out the "bear wallow" in the stand of evergreens just north of the Lower Road.

LONG TRAIL RELOCATIONS (continued)

A later work party relocated some 300 yards of the Long Trail north of the Upper Cold River Road, where the footway had partly disappeared into the river. The Trail now takes higher ground to the east of the river.



NEW CHALLENGE, PART II

by Roma Pulling

We left you last spring with the promise to return to our project of photographing all the shelters on the Long Trail and the side trails as soon as the leaves fell in the fall. This plan was delayed a little by a family problem, but on November 7 we were off again. For this first trip we had a Three for One bargain as we took the familiar LT route to Stratton Pond and snapped pictures of **Bigelow**, **Vondell**, and **Stratton View** Shelters. There were two inches of snow on the ground there and just a hint of ice forming around the edges of the pond.

One of the greatest pleasures for me from this project is exploring new side trails, and during the past year we have hiked four new ones and revisited the Battell Trail, which I hadn't been on for about ten years.

Old Rootville Road After preoccupation with another family matter we struck out on January 17 for **William B. Douglas** Shelter. Snowmobiles had packed the road until it was like pavement and to my annoyance had also used over a mile of the LT, from Prospect Rock to the Branch Pond

Trail. We carried our snowshoes but used them only the half mile of the Branch Pond Trail (it seemed longer than I remembered) and the short distance to Prospect Rock.

Cooley Glen Trail February was a cold month, but on March 5 we were off to **Cooley Glen** Shelter. We were afraid the side trails would be obscure, but the approaches to the ones in the national forest are very well marked. We found 40" of snow on the ground and on the roof of the shelter. How do they hold up?

Battell Trail This is the trail I had hiked once before, but so long ago it was like being there for the first time, and it was new to Alfred. Snowshoes were a necessary part of our equipment again even though it was March 24 and beginning to look like spring in Rutland. Up in Lincoln we found two feet of snow on our way to **Battell** Shelter. Sap lines ran all over the side of the mountain, but the sap was not running.

Jerusalem Trail Tuesday, April 14, found us on the way to **Glen Ellen** Lodge. We carried snowshoes but never put them on because the trail was too rough and overgrown. There was still plenty of snow, though, and we sank in to our thighs in several places. I had forgotten how beautiful the view is from Glen Ellen. What a pity they plan to move the lodge from this spot.

Beane Trail Saturday, April 25, and spring at last. I admired wild flowers along the way: round-leaved violets, wild oats, adder's tongue, and spring beauties. Especially the spring beauties. They were numerous and lovely. **Birch Glen** shelter, our goal this day, was only .9 from the Beane Farm, so Alfred decided to try for the next shelter, **Cowles Cove**, only 2.9 miles further.

We have photographed 43 of the 70 shelters we plan to do, or 61% of our goal. We'll be back next fall.



WINNERS

by Roma Pulling

It having been some time since an up-to-date list of End-to-Enders was published, we would like to take this opportunity to do so. For perhaps the first time we are including names of people who have hiked the Killington Section (Route 140 at Wallingford Gulf to Route 4 at Sherburne Pass) end to end. One asterisk and capital letters indicates that this person has also completed the whole Long Trail, and, of course, two asterisks show that this person has done the LT twice.

Several people have nearly completed a goal. Steve Pulling plans to hike the last five miles for his LT certificate this summer. Rachael Ferguson is near completion of it, and Ray Catozzi has nearly finished his second End to End. Dave and Audrey Barber are nearing the 2/3 point on the Appalachian Trail and have hiked the Horseshoe, Darlington, Loyalstock, Black Forest and Tuscarora Trails in Pennsylvania. Anne Mausolff is far along on the AT.

John and Emma Hughes deserve mention for having hiked further than most End to Enders. They have hiked the LT from the Massachusetts border to Ap Gap except for one small hiatus over Glastenbury Mountain and have done it all without help, making it necessary to backtrack to their car, so they have hiked it all twice.

If errors or omissions have crept into this report, please call 773-6997 and a correction will appear in the next Smoke & Blazes.

ROBERT BADGER**
AUDREY BARBER*
DAVID BARBER*
ROBERT CAREY**
SUSAN CAREY*
RAYMOND CATOZZI*
Carol Chapman
NORMAN CYRS*
Rachael Ferguson
BENJAMIN FLORCZA K*
JOHN HOWARD*
Emma Hughes
John Hughes
Janet Martin
ANNE MAUSOLFF*
HERBERT OGDEN, JR.*

CRAIGUE PERKINS*
VERA PERKINS*
ALFRED PULLING*
ROMA PULLING*
Stephen Pulling
WALTER CHURCHILL SCOTT*
JACOB SHERMAN*
Susan Thomas

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB INTERSECTIONAL
Scheduled Activities**

Camp Thorpe, Goshen, Vt.
22-30 August 1987

Sat. 22 9 a.m. Arrival, registration
evening Program will complement Sun. trail work party.

Sun. 23 morning Trail Work Party
sponsored by
Trails & Shelters
Committee
evening Program (see below)

Mon. 24 evening Program (see below)

Tue. 25 6 p.m. Pot Luck Supper
7:30 p.m. Ben Rose, Catamount
Trail Association

Wed. 26 7:30 p.m. Square Dance with
Caller Garland
Withers

Thu. 27 evening Program (see below)

Fri. 28 Frenchie's Famous
Intersectional
Auction (bring items
to be donated)
evening Campfire

Sat. 29 6 p.m. Spaghetti Supper
7:30 p.m. Program: Bob Lincoln
on Trail Protection

Sun. 30 Depart to wait for
Intersectional 1988

Other evening programs being arranged:
Shelter and Bridge (Clarendon Gorge)
Construction
Bingo
Caving
Suggestions welcomed!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Summer 1987 Outing Schedule

All trips leave from the park on South Main St. near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, please contact your hike leader or Rob Carey, President, RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford 05773, tel. 446-2830; Steve Pulling, Vice-President, RFD 3, Box 5192, Rutland 05701, tel. 775-3361; or Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer, 47 Terrill St., Rutland 05701, tel. 773-9208.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT	LEADER(S)
12 July (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	MYSTERY HIKE, 4 to 5 mi., moderate.	Ira Hawley 775-4149
18 July	10:00 a.m.	MT. CUSHMAN, Rochester, 5.3 mi., moderate with one steep part (loop trip)	Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350 (W) 775-3368
25 July (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.	OLD JOB TRAIL & SHELTER, Mt. Tabor, 5 mi., easy	Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997
2 Aug. (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	END TO END, Rt. 4 to South Pond, 6 mi., moderate	Steve Pulling 773-6997 775-3361
8 Aug. (Sat.)	7:00 p.m.	MOONLIGHT HIKE, Sunrise Shelter, Brandon, 1.8 mi., easy. Optional overnight, phone for details. Sue Thomas	773-2185
15 Aug. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	BAT CAVES, DORSET. 4 to 5 mi., moderate.	Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
22 Aug.-- 30 Aug.		INTERSECTIONAL, Camp Thorpe, Goshen. See article on Page 8.	
1 Sept. (Tues.)	7:00 p.m.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING, 35 Burnham Ave.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
5 Sept. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	CANOE TRIP, Glen Lake, Castleton. Reser- vations necessary.	775-3361 773-6997
12 Sept. (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.	LEICESTER HOLLOW to FALLS OF LANA, 5.5 mi., moderate	Linda Krasner 468-3100
20 Sept. (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	TABLE ROCK, Manchester, 4 mi., difficult. Good views.	Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
26 Sept. (Sun.)	1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	BURNT HILL TRAIL to MIDDLEBURY GAP, 4.2 mi., moderate. SUPPER PICNIC, Texas Falls, Hancock. Bring food and utensils. COME FOR ONE OR BOTH!!	Sue Thomas 773-2185

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY WATER-RESISTANT FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING. THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE. PLEASE STAY WITH LEADER.

HIKE LEADERS: Please send hike reports to Herb Ogden, 4 Emmett Ave., Rutland 05701.



Smoke & Blazes

VOLUME 40, NO. 3

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JULY-SEPT. 1987

LOWLAND WALKTHROUGH

by Roma Pulling
30 May 1987

In the absence of our esteemed chairman, who was out of town, Al Pulling coordinated efforts on this first work project of 1987. Five workers had completed sections of the trail previously, and with the help of the ten people who volunteered this day, we were able to finish the segment of the Long Trail between Route 140 (the Wallingford Gulf Road) and Governor Clement Shelter. The weather was sunny and very mild.

Dividing into teams of two or three workers each, equipped with hand saws, clippers, grass whips and paint, we cleared and blazed the section and did not encounter any major problems.

Our thanks to everyone who participated in this clean-up.

WILLIAMSTOWN FLOWER HIKE

leader: Ray Catozzi
7 June 1987

The Editor contacted Ray just as Ray was trying to contact the Editor for help with the Country Music Jam-boree to benefit the Long Trail Protection Fund. Unfortunately, both of us were too busy to do what the other wanted, so what follows is a less than first hand report of the farthest-afield trip of the summer season.

Perhaps because a hike in Massachusetts sounds as if it is farther away than a hike anywhere in Vermont (it isn't -- Williamstown is only about two hours drive from Rutland, which is less than anything north of Mount Mansfield) only a small group

showed up for this hike. It seems the rest of us missed a good trip.

The hikers had a pleasant walk up from Blackinton on the Appalachian Trail and down the Pine Cobble Trail to Williamstown Station, enjoying the Williams College Outing Club's reroute of the latter to avoid the infamous gravelly cliff at the shore of Lake Bascom. (If you aren't familiar with Lake Bascom, it may be because it disappeared at the end of the last ice age when the glacier receded and let its waters escape. The Editor learned about Lake Bascom in a geology course at a certain college after the water obligingly departed and let Ephriam Williams found that college on the old lake bottom.)

The flowers were early this year in Berkshire County, but lady slippers were still in evidence.

After the hike, Ray took the group up Mount Graylock by car to inspect the state-owned lodge that is now run by the Appalachian Mountain Club. No doubt they also enjoyed the view from the highest mountain in the Bay State.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr.	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrations
Roma Pulling, Ray Catozzi, & W. Churchill Scott	Distribution

Please send material for **Smoke & Blazes** to the Editor at:

4 Emmett Avenue
Rutland, Vermont 05701

or leave at:

Harlow Liccardi & Crawford
110 Merchants Row, Rutland

Next copy deadline is 4 December 1987.



HIGHLAND WALKTHROUGH

by Stephen Pulling

13 June 1987

This was the second walk-through of the year for the Killington Section, covering from Governor Clement Shelter to Sherburne Pass. We cut, sawed, chopped, clipped, whacked, pruned, tossed, pulled, tugged, blazed, and even cussed at trees and brush for 9.5 miles.

Eight hard-working people showed up at the park for this outing. Driving to the top of Killington Mountain in my truck was the first order of business for the day. This is not an easy drive, but it makes working this section much easier and faster.

We split up into equal groups. Al Pulling headed up the group trail clearing south and I was in charge of the group working north. What else can you say about trail walk-throughs except they aren't much fun and are a lot of hard, tiring work? Rain is the last thing you want to make your day, but rain we got. Al's group finished up just in time to hop into the Careys' truck at Governor Clement Shelter before the heavens opened up, but my group got soaked to the bone.

Picture yourself cold and drenched in a downpour pruning a balsam fir. Every clip you make shakes even more cold water onto your dripping wet head. Are we having fun yet, Linda P.?

PITTSBRIDGE (STOCKFIELD) MYSTERY HIKE

by Ira Hawley

21 June 1987

Mystery in this instance meant the leader was not prepared to name a location for a hike. But in the meantime I had done some scouting and was ready to take the twenty people to the Pittsfield area on Route 100. We walked up the so-called South Hill Road into the township of Stockbridge. It was a pleasant uphill, into an uninhabited rural area past a few

seasonal camps. We came upon a former thick growth of forest that had been thinned by the International paper Company and a clear-cut that had been replanted with pine seedlings. Deer tracks were visible in the gravel roadway. A spruce-shaded area on the edge of a very old cemetery became our lunch stop. We had a nice view of probably thirty or forty miles into the Bethel and Rochester mountains and beyond. Our return via the same route was "all down hill," as the saying goes. Our hikers, from two to seventy-five years old, were ready for the ride back home. It had been a nice summer day.

LOST SHELTER AND MORGAN PEAK, PLYMOUTH

by W. Churchill Scott

28 June 1987

On a very pleasant early summer morning we had a hike to Lost Shelter and Morgan Peak. A good sized group, from youngsters to senior citizens, we drove north from Plymouth village past the cheese factory and then walked up the old lumber and fire-fighting road.

It is good that some of the followers were in the lead, for the leader must confess that he might have gone right past the path to the shelter. As it was, the shelter arrived just a little too late to keep us from being dampened by an unexpected shower.

The visibility improved after lunch at the shelter. We climbed to the summit of the road, where a good view was had in all directions. At a clearing on the way up, a ski area was sighted, and everyone had different ideas of where it was. At the summit, it was found to be Killington, which surprised everyone.

On the way back to the cars, a suggestion was made to extend a hike the next time to include spotting a car at Farm and Wilderness Camps and going down from the Lost Shelter Trail via a F. & W. trail west to the car. What do you think?

TINMOUTH MYSTERY HIKE

by Ira Hawley
12 July 1987

"HOT" was the word everyone was saying on this hazy morning with showers forecast. Nine of us met at the park to travel to Tinmouth, where we left our cars in Shirley Parker's dooryard. It was too warm to "HIKE," so we "STROLLED."

The tree-shaded lane took us past three abandoned farms with beautiful old houses still intact. We came upon a large turtle that objected to our presence by snapping at a stick dangled near its head. Several snails were observed in the gravel pathway. Lunch was taken in a heavily shaded area of maple and ash trees. On the return to our cars we were treated to the hospitality of Shirley Parker in her home with iced tea, very refreshing.

On our return to Rutland we stopped by a sheep farm and the attendant there said we were looking at 400 sheep.

We hoped the next hike would be a bit cooler.

MOUNT CUSHMAN, ROCHESTER

by Herb Ogden, Jr.
18 July 1987

Although this hike was billed as moderate to difficult, and although the leader had, shall we politely say, come to the attention of some members by leading an earlier hike around Her-rick Mountain that was about two miles longer than the already long distance that appeared on the outing schedule, a group of ten or so hikers showed up on a hot day to explore the northeast corner of the Town of Rochester. As it turned out, the leader did not take the group all the way to the top of Cushman, but rather just to the fire tower site, so the actual mileage was only 4.3 miles, one mile shorter than announced. If I can just give back one more mile on another hike, we'll

all be even again.

After picking up more hikers in Rochester, we drove to the last house on the Randolph Gap Road. Perhaps we could have driven on to where an obscure north-south road crossed the old gap road, but from there on we were definitely in Jeepland or worse.

It has apparently been years since anyone in a normal vehicle traveled that route from Rochester to Bethel Gilead or Randolph. Parts of the old dugway looked like promising points for a stagecoach robbery, for the road has sunk so far into the landscape that one could jump from the bank onto the top of whatever passed through.

We would have stopped more often to puff and blow on the steep climb up to the gap had it not been for the insects that honed in on us whenever we stopped. After passing limited views, we reached the height of land.

From Randolph Gap, it was an easy 1.2 mile hike to the fire tower site. Or it should have been. Numerous mud-puddles that extended completely across the road slowed our progress, as we clambered along the banks to keep our feet dry. Just short of the fire tower site, we found a pleasant and relatively bug-free pine grove, with an occasional breeze to relieve the humid noontime.

Naturally, this was the place for lunch. Later, we went on to the tower site, marveled at a magnificently gnarled big old tree, gazed at a glider swishing overhead, and speculated on the mountains we would have seen if the day had not been so hazy.

Luckily, while we were lunching, a few hikers came up the trail we were to follow west from the fire tower site. It was marked only with surveyor's tape, and, especially at its junction with the tower road, it was hard to see. Had our visitors not come up that trail, it might have been a while before we found it. As it was, the footway was good and the descent pleasant although steep. We came out of the woods onto lovely pastures and walked the roads back.

OLD JOB SHELTER, MT. TABOR

by Roma Pulling

25 July 1987

Your leader apparently jumped to the wrong conclusion on this trip, but I'll get to that in a minute. The 25th was near the end of a long heat wave. Even so, eight hikers joined Alfred and me for the short, leisurely walk to the shelter and back. It may have been cooler in Mount Tabor, and Mara and two others cooled off even further by wading in Lake Brook.

We chose the Long Trail route past Big Branch Shelter, where we took a short break, and inspected the stone ruins at the site of an old water wheel. Crossing the Big Branch suspension bridge, we proceeded to a very large sawdust heap, climbed it, and took pictures. It was easy to credit S. L. Griffith with creating the pile as he operated mills and kilns in this area, but we received a letter from one of the hikers which perhaps casts new light on the subject. He had talked with a Danby resident who told him the pile had been created during World War II! The Griffith site is reportedly nearer Big Branch Brook. This subject needs further research and exploration.

After lunch at the shelter, we returned by the same route.

SOUTH POND TRAIL TO SHERBURNE PASS

by Stephen Pulling

2 August 1987

Once again there was mumbling from the middle of the pack about the rating I give the hikes I lead. I have to admit the South Pond Trail isn't easy, but it isn't difficult with only a day pack. The Long Trail from South Pond to Sherburne Pass is really very easy, hence overall the hike was averaged out to "moderate." Thank you.

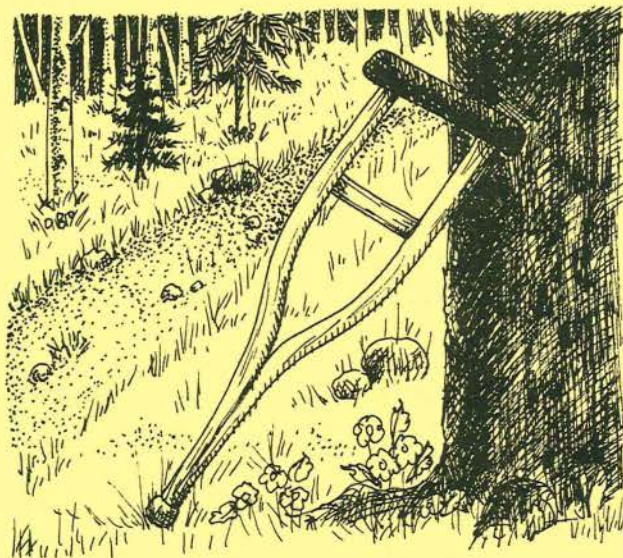
The second of August was a perfect day for hiking, sunny, clear and 73 degrees. We drove to Chittenden past

Lefferts Pond to the South Pond Trail and off we went. Very easy walking at first along a logging road ended when the trail turned right and up, up we climbed. The climb was worth it because at the top of the hill we found South Pond, a beautiful undeveloped pond surrounded by mountains on three sides. When we turned around to the west, we got an aerial view of Chittenden Dam.

After a short break, we hiked on to Rolston Rest Shelter for an early lunch and then off for an almost uneventful walk to Tucker Johnson Shelter, Deer Leap, and Sherburne Pass. Notice I said almost uneventful.

About half way between Rolston rest and Tucker Johnson, one hiker fell and let out a silence deadening cry. Not knowing what happened, I ran back to find Judy Garafano lying on the ground in great pain. Being only an amateur first aider, I treated for shock and wrapped her ankle as if it were sprained. At this point we limped out of the woods at a snail's pace.

When Judy got to the doctor's, she found out she had broken a bone in her foot. It was the first broken bone I've seen that wasn't accompanied by swelling and skin discoloration. We all wish Judy a speedy recovery and hope to see her out hiking again real soon.



ASSAULT ON SUNRISE SHELTER

by Sue Thomas

8-9 August 1987

At 7 o'clock on the evening of 8 August we assembled our troops at the fire station and proceeded to Brandon Gap with a force of 16 to take Sunrise Shelter. [This maneuver was cleverly disguised as a moonlight hike. --Ed.]

While I stayed back with the rear guard, the front of the column advanced to the shelter and took by surprise the lone occupant, who surrendered without a struggle. After torturing him with fudge and taco dip, we pried his name out of him -- Guy, from Burlington, but we were not able to make him divulge rank and serial number.

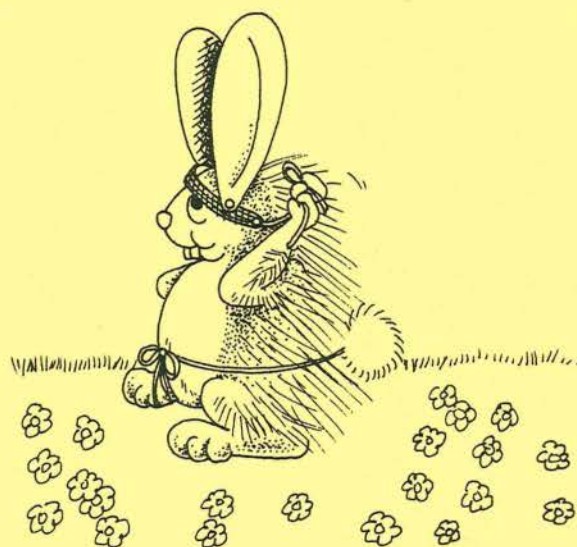
We started a campfire and our prisoner obligingly led us in campfire songs. He also included a solo which none present will forget! The moon was just beginning to appear over the ridge around 11 p.m. when most of the group assembled for a retreat [mostly by the light of Eveready and Ray-O-Vac, not moon --Ed.] while Steve, Herb and I settled in for the night with our captive. Sometime during the night I awoke and the full moon had finally moved directly overhead, lighting the clearing. Too bad everyone missed it.

In the morning, after a breakfast of delicious blueberry muffins Nina left for us, Steve headed back down the trail to Brandon Gap, while Herb and I prepared to journey into the "New Boston Triangle," as he aptly put it! I had been hearing reports for some time that people were getting lost in that area, so we decided to venture over there and find out why.

We made it as far as David Logan Shelter with no problems other than the extremely lush and healthy seas of nettles we had to navigate. However we did meet several other groups of people coming the other way, and all but one of them reported getting confused between Rolston Rest and David Logan. We stopped at the shelter for

a while to talk to two more hikers and decided that the problem is a combination of the fact that the Long Trail is extremely grown over through there and that there is a very well-defined snowmobile trail crossing it, well marked with arrows. Apparently people are getting off the Long Trail there. I'm planning to write to the main Club to suggest some trail clearing and blazing.

While at David Logan we read the log book, which seemed to contain mostly complaints about three things: 1) getting lost between Rolston Rest and there, 2) nettles, and 3) the American flag that someone had hung on the front. Without a doubt the most interesting thing was a report that someone saw a rabbit chewing on the shelter. (??!) The porcupines must be getting more clever with their disguises.



We hiked down the New Boston Trail and on down the road to Mountain Top where we'd left a car, with only one incident. Herb heard a little scream from the side of the road, so we poked around in the weeds and found a snake slithering back into the brush with a frog in its mouth. Must have been the frog's swan song Herb heard. I'm sure the frog wouldn't agree, but it livened up the end of our hike!

DORSET BAT CAVE

by Rob Carey

15 August 1987

About 35 people attended this hike, making for the largest group we have led. In addition to a good draw from the Rutland area, there were people from Florida, Arizona, Connecticut, and Illinois, as well as Bradford, Vt. Our publicity committee is certainly doing well.

We parked on the Dorset Hill Road and followed the Mt. Aeolus Trail for about two miles to the cave. The trail is an old road. Blazes are non-existent but the trail follows the main road at each intersection with other roads.

We passed several old quarries including one with good views to the east of the Great Valley of Vermont (Route 7) and the mountains including Stratton and Bromley. There was another excellent view right near the cave.

The cave is owned by the Nature Conservancy, whom we thank for its use. It is the winter hibernation site for thousands of New England bats, including the endangered Indiana Bat. For this reason the cave is closed and gated from 1 September to 30 April. We saw quite a few bats in the cave, many hanging, sleeping, and some flying. We had a good lunch, after which we had an uneventful return.



INTERSECTIONAL

22-30 August 1987

To give something of the flavor of this year's Intersectional, here are some of the activities: an excursion to the Morgan Horse Farm, a work party, GMC narrated slide shows on above-treeline vegetation, caving at Nickwacket and the Pittsford Ice Caves, bingo, a hike from Chittenden Brook Trail to Brandon Gap (4.5 mi.), Ben Rose's program on the Catamount Trail, a hike from Sherburne Pass to Notown, a square dance called by Garland Withers, an excursion to the Billings Farm Museum in Woodstock, a hike to the new Skyline Lodge, and, of course, the Famous Intersectional Auction.

The Killington Section's own Ray Catozzi led a hike up Snake Mountain in Addison. Ray says the road was being abused by vehicles, but that the spectacular view over Addison County, Lake Champlain, and the Adirondacks made the trip a great success.

Letter to the Editor

Roma Pulling's piece, "Winners," in the April-June issue invited readers to point out omissions in the list of Killington Section end-to-enders. I thought you all might be interested to know that I am the proud holder of End-to-End certificate number 1492. I have enclosed a copy of the report I submitted to the main club committee.

I look forward to each issue of S&B and always enjoy reading it. After all these years there are only a few of you for whom I can connect a face with the name, but I can relate to almost all the outing reports. Keep up the good work.

Happy hiking,

Bob Perkins
4812 Lebanon Road
Charlotte NC 28212

KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERS, 1987

Badger, Robert I.	1704 Lark Lane, Blacksburg VA 24060
Barber, David & Audrey	16 Ballou Road, Hopedale MA 01747
Bohlin, Carol	RFD 1, Box 433, Wallingford VT 05773
Cahee, Hedrick R.	179 Union St., Springfield VT 05136
Carey, Rob, Sue & Mara	RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773
Carman, G. Ann	RFD 1, Rt. 73, Sudbury VT 05733
Catozzi, Raymond	103 Bellevue Ave., Rutland VT 05701
Cavnes, Max P.	Box 69, Wells VT 05774
Chapman, Carol	101 Brookes Ave., Burlington VT 05401
Congdon, Audrey C.	P.O. Box 190, Wallingford VT 05773
Conlon, Diana & George	RFD 2, Sunset Drive, Rutland VT 05701
Coppock, Dave & Clara	126 Grove St., Apt. 12, Rutland VT 05701
Crowley, Rose	Dale Road, Weston VT 05161
Crowther, Jack & Susan	249 Lincoln Ave., Rutland VT 05701
Curtin, Jane	P.O. Box 577, Mendon VT 05701
Cyrs, Norman R.	131 Commonwealth Ave., Springfield VT 05156
Dansereau, Nathan	RFD 1, Box 66F, Danby VT 05739
Darling, Alan N.	29 North St., Rutland VT 05701
Davies, Jean	Camp Betsy Cox, Pittsford VT 05763
Dolzani, Robert	89 Barlow Place, Fairfield CT 06430
Dicton, Joe, Sr.	RFD 1, Sugarwood Hill Road, Rutland VT 05701
Donahue, Bernie	50 Edgerton Road, Rutland VT 05701
Dudley, Jane T.	CSC #277, 10 Elm St., Castleton VT 05735
Dube, Janet & Raymond	RFD 3, Box 7935, Rutland VT 05701
Farrell, T.W./Keaney, M.S.	509 Stuyvesant Ave., Rutherford NJ 07070
Charland, Rachel W.	7 Church St., Apt. 302, Laconia NH 03246
Fleetham, Robert & Mary	P.O. Box 95, Rochester VT 05767
Florczak, Benjamin	P.O. Box 446, Cavendish VT 05142
Frink, Helen E.	10 Elm St., Randolph VT 05060
Frink, James	60 Litchfield Ave., Rutland VT 05701
Gibbud, Ruth G.	Drake Road, Bomoseen VT 05732
Griffin, James E.	81 Lincoln Ave., Rutland VT 05701
Harrington, Jonathan	2 North Quaker St., Granville NY 12832
Hawley, Irene, Ira & Lorraine	RFD 3, Woodstock Ave., Rutland VT 05701
Heisman, Nancy J.	101 Dorr Drive, Rutland VT 05701
Herbert, James C.	Green Mt. College, Box 462, Poultney VT 05764
Hickey, Margaret & Neil	33 South St., Proctor VT 05765
Highnite, Carol	62 Ives Ave., Rutland VT 05701
Howard, John K.	10598 Jason Court, Columbia MD 21044
Hughes, John & Emma	18 Ronaldo Court, Rutland VT 05701
Keller, Patrick & Normandie	P.O. Box 1013, Castleton VT 05735
Kinkelaar, Rita	Grove Terrace, Brattleboro VT 05301
Kirk, Dorothy	Eden Park Nursing Home, Rutland VT 05701
Kittner, Robert & Nance	Centerville Road, East Wallingford VT 05742
Krasner, Linda & David	Star Route, Bomoseen VT 05732
Laird, Olga	RFD 3, Box 4836, Chasanna Dr., Rutland VT 05701
LaPenna, Nina	16 Garden St., Proctor VT 05765
Lemire, James F.	39 West St., Lebanon NH 03766
Lubinsky, Peter	52 Buttonwood Drive, Hollis NH 03049
Manney, Marie B.	205 Lincoln Ave., Rutland VT 05701
Martin, John & Janet	7 Curtis Ave., Rutland VT 05701
Massey, James	P.O. Box 189, Ludlow VT 05149
Mausolff, Anne	RFD 1, Chester VT 05143
Maxim, Karen	86 Cranbury Road, Princeton Jct., NJ 08550
McNeil, Mary	27 Grape St., Fair Haven VT 05743

Newton, Doris
 Nuffort, John W.
 Ogden, Herbert G., Jr.
 Olson, Judith
 Parker, Shirley
 Partridge, Sanborn
 Pellerin, Linda L.
 Perkins, Craig S.
 Perkins, Robert & Thelma
 Perkins, Vera R.
 Pulling, Roma & Al
 Pulling, Steve
 Putnam, Betsy
 Reno, Rebecca S.
 Rogers, Harold & Alberta
 Rogers, W. & B./Gartlein, D.
 Russell, Ellen
 Ruvera, Sandra J.
 Sawyer, Brian
 Schmidt, Carl & Nancy
 Scott, W.C. & Virginia
 Shellmer, Doris M.
 Simonds, William, Jr.
 Snyder, Ann & Bill
 Sugarman, Nancy
 Taylor, Peter T.
 Thomas, Catherine
 Thomas, Sue
 Tumielewicz, William F.
 Valiquette, Thelma F.
 Wardwell, Art & Evelyn
 Weston, Wilbur F.
 White, Doris G.
 Zeman, Carol

26 Boutwell Rd., Andover MA 01810
 453 Victor Way, Wyckoff NJ 07481
 4 Emmett Ave., Rutland VT 05701
 P.O. Box 121, Pittsford VT 05763
 P.O. Box 194, Wallingford VT 05773
 62 Ormsbee Ave., Proctor VT 05765
 79 East St., Rutland VT 05701
 SR#34, Box 2162, Rutland VT 05701
 4812 Lebanon Road, Charlotte NC 28212
 242 South Main St., Rutland VT 05701
 RFD 3, Box 7269, Rutland VT 05701
 Post Road, Rutland VT 05701
 75 Vernon St., Rutland VT 05701
 177 Baxter St., Rutland VT 05701
 38 Kendall Ave., Rutland VT 05701
 47 Terrill St., Rutland VT 05701
 21A Ventura Green, LCCR, N. Providence RI 02904
 258 Dorr Drive, Rutland VT 05701
 RFD 2, West Proctor Road, Proctor VT 05701
 1651 Clayborn Circle, Cincinnati OH 45240
 RFD 3, Box 4869, Rutland VT 05701
 RFD 2, Box 8649, Rutland VT 05701
 18 Terrace Hill, Proctor VT 05765
 RFD 1, Fair Haven VT 05743
 199 Mussey St., Rutland VT 05701
 45 Robert St., Clinton MA 05150
 4 Emmett Ave., Rutland VT 05701
 35 Burnham Ave., Rutland VT 05701
 123 Harrington Ave., Rutland VT 05701
 95 Killington Ave., Rutland VT 05701
 HCR 32, Box 160, Chittenden VT 05737
 RFD 1, Box 115-A, Holly Springs NC 27540
 RFD 2, Box 8604, Rutland VT 05701
 P.O. Box 6074, Rutland VT 05701

Please send address corrections or omissions to: Dr. Wally Rogers
 Secretary-Treasurer
 Killington Section, G.M.C.
 47 Terrill Street
 Rutland VT 05701

**PROTECT THE LONG TRAIL —
 YOUR SUPPORT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!**



THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

P.O. Box 889, Montpelier, VT 05602
 (802) 223-3463

I/We would like to pledge/contribute to the Long Trail
 Protection Fund:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

- ☐ 265 Mile Club\$1,000 +
☐ Guardian.....\$250-\$999
☐ Protector\$100-\$249
☐ Friend\$25-\$99

- ☐ Enclosed is my contribution of
 \$_____
☐ Enclosed is my first pledge payment of
 \$_____ toward a 2, 3, 4, 5
 year pledge (circle one).

☐ MASTERCARD ☐ VISA

CARD NO. _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB+
Fall 1987 Outing Schedule

All trips leave from the park on South Main St. in Rutland just south of Koltonski Fire Station and Center St. Please bring **lunch** unless otherwise noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates climb, footing, etc. For more information about a trip, call your trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Guests are welcome!**

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT	LEADER
3 Oct. (Sat.)	12:30 p.m.	FOLIAGE HIKE on old roads in Wallingford. 3 mi. easy.	Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
4 Oct. (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	WORK PARTY staining Minerva Hinchey Shelter.	Steve Pulling 773-6997, 775-3361
10 Oct. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	NEW SKYLINE LODGE CELEBRATION LUNCHEON. Join the GMC Breadloaf Section for a potluck lunch at the newly constructed Skyline Lodge. Bring utensils and a dish to share. 4 mi. moderate. (Option to hike south on Long Trail and out Burnt Hill Trail, 7.4 mi. moderate.)	Roma Pulling 773-6997
10 Oct. - * 11 Oct. (Sat.-Sun.)		LAKE GEORGE CANOE TRIP with the GMC Burlington Section. *Call for meeting place and information:	Peter & Susan Alden 863-6585
18 Oct. (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	NORTH POND, Chittenden. Beaver lodge, great views. 6-8 mi. moderate.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
25 Oct. (Sun.)	1:00 p.m.	HIGH POND, Brandon. Nature Conservancy preserve. 3 mi. easy.	Ira Hawley 775-4149
31 Oct. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	BLUEBERRY LEDGES, Plymouth. 3-4 mi. moderate.	Churchill Scott 775-1494
7 Nov. (Sat.)	8:00 a.m.	SHREWSBURY SOUTH AND NORTH PEAKS. From Northam Picnic Area over Shrewsbury Peak Trail, LT, and Bucklin Trail to Wheelerville Road in Mendon.	Herb Ogden (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368
14 Nov. (Sat.)	8:00 a.m.	STATE MUSEUM, ALBANY, N.Y. Take a safe hunting season hike thru the exhibits on dinosaurs (charge), rocks, the Adirondacks, and Car pool from Main St. Park in Rutland.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
21 Nov. (Sat.)	5:30 p.m.	COVERED DISH SUPPER at Unitarian-Universalist Church, West Street, Rutland. Bring utensils and a dish to share. Program.	Roma Pulling 773-6997
5 Dec. (Sat.)	3:30 p.m.	MOONLIGHT HIKE to Greenwall Shelter, Wallingford. Bring a dish to share for a potluck and hike out by the light of the full moon. 2 mi. moderate.	Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
13 Dec. (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	MYSTERY HIKE. 3-4 mi. moderate.	Churchill Scott 775-1494
18 Dec. (Wed.)	6:00 p.m.	CHRISTMAS CAROLING in Rutland followed by hot drinks at Pullings.	Roma Pulling 773-6997
20 Dec. (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	TAMARACK NOTCH TO GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER. 5 mi., moderate.	Steve Pulling 773-6997, 775-3361



Smoke & Blazes

VOL. 40, NO. 4

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

OCT.- DEC. 1987

EARLY WORK PARTY

by Roma Pulling
30 May 1987

[This report was submitted in time for the last issue but was mislaid in the transition from one editor to the other. Apologies to Roma! I thought it might still be interesting, and, for any hibernophobics among us, a reminder that there are other seasons besides the current cold one. --Ed.]

It was mostly sunny for the first of our Long Trail walk-throughs, which attracted ten workers. Dividing into teams of three or four, we covered the trail from Route 140 to Route 103 and the short section between the Upper and Lower Cold River Roads. Earlier, six people had completed Route 103 to Governor Clement Shelter, so that section was already in good shape.

Attached with clippers and whips (until one of the latter fell apart!), the trail was cleared and widened while other people, wielding hand saws, removed blowdowns, and still others renewed blazing. A few large trees lying on the ground which can easily be stepped over were left there, helping to discourage ATVs.

The trail between the Cold River Roads has some very wet places. Ditching and placement of rocks will be handled on a subsequent work detail. [Later in the summer, ditching was done at the worst spot, perhaps 0.2 mi. south of the Upper Cold River Road. Because the soil there does not seem to let water percolate well, more work may be needed before we can banish this particular footbath in the wilderness. --Ed.]

CLARENDON SHELTER REPAIR

by Al Pulling
6 June 1987

[This report was also submitted in time for the last issue but was mislaid in the transition from one editor to the other. Apologies to Al! It is included for the benefit of those who haven't visited Clarendon Shelter recently or considered what work was needed once the infamous squatter abandoned his suitcase there and left our shelter to its intended users. Our unwelcome tenant did some serious demolition. For photos of the work, see the Long Trail News. --Ed.]

On the sixth of June, Steve and I went down to the lumberyard to get some material for the repair job at Clarendon Shelter. After arriving at the shelter, we found we had to have more material.

Steve and I had Linda Pellerin and John and Emma Huges helping us to start with. Soon Sue Thomas showed up. The women did most of the spraying of the conservative (creosote) on the walls of the shelter. We also cleaned up the yard while Steve was in town getting more material. Sue and I tried to put the table back where it was. I had been removed from its usual place.

After our lunch break, Rob Carey arrived with some liquid refreshments. Soon after Rob arrived, we finished up our project at the Clarendon Shelter.

We then proceeded to the Lower Cold River Road and worked on some more wet spots.

Thanks to all for your wonderful help!

GLEN LAKE CANOE TRIP

by Stephen Pulling

5 September 1987

I think we had a near-record number of participants on this year's canoe trip. Glen Lake was an easy outing which might have brought out some more casual paddlers, but it is still nice to see this event growing in popularity. Last year's twenty mile trip didn't scare too many people away.

September 5th was a near-perfect day for a fall canoe trip. The leaves were just starting to turn colors, the sky was a deep dark blue, and it was seasonably warm. We had no time schedule to meet, so the atmosphere was very low key and everyone just lazily paddled around Glen Lake's surprisingly long perimeter.

Some first time canoers were heard saying "No, paddle on the other side ... why are we going in circles? ... not so hard! ... what are you doing?" etc., etc. Some of the old experts were moving along almost effortlessly. Glen Lake is a great lake for this type of outing because there are only a few camps on one corner of the lake and all of the rest of the lake is totally undeveloped.

A few hard core canoers headed up to Fern Lake after Glen Lake was completed and did some more paddling, but it finally turned into a swimming party. I am one hard core canoer who thinks September 5th is too cold for swimming. Maybe I'm just soft.

LEICESTER HOLLOW TO FALLS OF LANA

by Linda Krasner

12 September 1987

Venit, vidit, vicit, dixit obliviscere
author. --Ed.

TABLED HIKE TO TABLE ROCK

by Rob and Sue Carey

20 September 1987

This hike was supposed to go to Table Rock in Manchester, but it was another rainy, wet day and we were able to convince the only other two people who showed up (Linda Pellerin

and Steve Pulling) to go to Little Rock Pond instead.

We spotted one car at the end of the Homer Stone Brook Trail and drove around to the LT crossing on Forest Road 10. After we walked along the trail for a few hundred yards, Mara Carey got sick so the Careys turned back and Linda and Steve continued.

By the time we got home Mara was feeling fine. Linda and Steve completed the hike and came to our house for hot chocolate.

WRINGIN' (WET) IN THE RAIN

by Sue Thomas

26 September 1987

I thought we might get away with having one dry Saturday on this day, for the sun even came out for a while in the early morning, but by the time we were on our way to Ripton to hike the Burnt Hill Trail the clouds had rolled in and it began to spit rain. By the time we got there it was raining in earnest, but we stayed nice and dry as we drove back and forth looking for the trailhead. For once it wasn't my fault. It turned out that due to a new housing development the trail had been moved quite a distance up the road since the last time any of us had been there, and the new sign had fallen down. We never did find it. We finally just parked half the cars where we thought it ought to be and went on up to Middlebury Gap to begin the hike on the Long Trail. By then it was raining harder, but once we were in the trees it wasn't too bad. (Or could it be that once we were soaked through it didn't matter any more?!)

Once up on the ridge, we came upon several overlooks that offered particularly nice views of the insides of clouds, but nevertheless the mood was jovial, and not long after that the rain stopped and small patches of blue sky could be seen. We reached the top of the Burnt Hill trail and started down carefully, as it was pretty steep, not to mention wet and slimy. We emerged from the woods not far from where we'd parked -- good guess! We must have lingered a little too long patting ourselves on the back however,

because just before we reached the cars it began to POUR. We were all soaked to the skin in no time flat and reached a unanimous decision to skip the planned cookout at Texas Falls.

Several of us drove over there to find the Careys, who had come to meet us for the cookout. They had missed the rain completely and were surprised at our sodden state. Roma offered to move the cookout to her kitchen, so a few of us had our hot dogs there, though most decided that home and dry clothes were more appealing.

Thanks to Roma for her warm dry kitchen, and also to the whole group for making the trip so much fun in spite of the ... "dampness." I heard not a single complaint, and I think it was one of the nicest groups I've led. Thanks for being good sports!

WORK WITH THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

The main Club is now accepting applications for shelter caretakers, Ranger-Naturalists, and Long Trail Patrol (trail crew) for the 1988 season. Also needed are two Head Ranger-Naturalists, two Long Trail Patrol Crew Bosses, and two Supervisors for a volunteer trail crew. For further information and application forms, contact:

Ray Auger, Field Supervisor
Green Mountain Club
P. O. Box 889
Montpelier VT 05602

Tel. (802) 223-3463

Paid application deadline is 31 March 1988. A wide variety of volunteer positions are also available. There is no deadline for these; please write for information.



OLD ROADS IN WALLINGFORD

by Rob and Sue Carey

3 October 1987

Scouting out this hike was an adventure. We had a reproduction from Beers' Atlas (1869) and some topographic maps showing that you can get from here to there using old town roads, but were we on the right old roads?

We drove up Kent Farm Road in Wallingford as far as possible. From there we walked past Kent farm on a road that looked like a former town road. It had stone walls on both sides, but it fizzled out after half a mile. We followed another road that ended at an old cellar hole half filled with water. They obviously had problems with a wet basement.

After that false start we returned to the car and went to Greendale Road. We walked along an old road, past abandoned apple orchards. This path looked much more promising because someone had recently cleared it with a brush cutter, but we still weren't sure that we were heading in the right direction. At one junction we thought about turning back, but we decided to push on because it had to come out somewhere. We were glad that it did because it ended on Kent Farm Road.

Later we made a connection between Kent Farm Road and Greendale Road. This completed a three mile loop just as it showed on the map.

The day of the hike was rainy but it stopped raining before the hike. The Hawleys and Linda Pellerin met us in Wallingford. Along the trail we came upon piles of ground up apples. Ira said that these were made by bears gorging themselves on apples until they couldn't eat any more. Then they would vomit and gorge again.

Also along the way, Ira introduced us to spruce gum. When a branch from a spruce tree falls off, sap flows out and hardens. You pick the hard sap and chew it until it turns into gum. It has a strong sprucey flavor at first but it ends up becoming a gum with just a hint of spruce and is very good.

We ended the hike at the cars, glad that we hadn't let cloudy weather stop us.

Please send material for **Smoke & Blazes** to Herbert Ogden, Editor at:
4 Emmett Avenue
Rutland, Vermont 05701
or leave at:
Harlow Luccardi & Crawford
110 Merchants Row, Rutland
Next copy deadline is 4 March 1988.

THANKS, MR. WEATHERMAN!

by Stephen Pulling
4 October 1987

Who remembers the fourth of October, 1987? It sure was a double disaster day for the Killington Section trails and shelters. For that matter, it was disastrous for most of southern Vermont. Just ask Central Vermont Public Service and their customers how they would describe that day. When you look at it from their eyes, I guess we had only sort of a bad day on the Killington Section trails and shelters.

We had scheduled a work party at Minerva Hinchey Shelter to treat the wood with preservative on the fateful day. I spent a lot of the Section's money on the stuff and was hoping to apply it. But, as you remember, it was pouring rain that morning. Our work party was postponed until spring.

As the day grew older, we got colder. Temperatures fell and the rain turned to wet, heavy snow, seven inches of it. You can all guess what wet, heavy snow does to trees already laden with leaves. Right! We had trees and limbs down over the trail everywhere.

I pushed the panic button and got immediate results. People were coming from all over to help clear trail. Once again "Old Faithful" Ira Hawley and family did most of the work. He encountered the worst section of our trail and singlehandedly opened it up. We also had two unscheduled work parties to finish up what Ira didn't cover.

Many regular faces showed up with axes, saws and pruning shears to tackle the storm-damaged trees. We also had quite a few eager new faces come along. I'm at a loss for words here because I can't describe how much I appreciate all of you super people's support. THANKS!

NEW SKYLINE LODGE

by Roma Pulling
10 October 1987

Picture a lovely little pond surrounded by forest, miles from paved roads and the confusion of modern life. Then add a small log cabin gleaming with freshly-peeled logs on the shore of the pond, and you have the new Skyline Lodge in its idyllic setting.

Nine Killington Section members hiked up the Skylight Pond Trail to the lodge for a "celebration" hosted by the Breadloaf Section. The trail has been relocated in part since I was there, eliminating a scramble over a ledgy area. It would have been quite pleasant except that, like everything else lately, it was muddy.

At mid-day our two sections and a few Burlington Section members enjoyed pot luck with a wide variety of delectable foods. Sue Thomas toted the Killington Section coffee pot in, and it was a big hit with the Breadloaf and Burlington people. Of course it's always a big hit with us. Thanks, Sue.

Several people helped add a few finishing touches to the construction, after which we returned to our cars at Steam Mill Clearing.

This was a very delightful outing and one I had been looking forward to ever since I was discouraged from taking part in a similar hike at the Intersection because of rain.

COLUMBUS DAY IN CANOES

by Carol Chapman
10-12 October 1987

After the early October snowstorm, I guess the rest of you Killington Section members decided that canoe camping on Columbus Day weekend wasn't your cup of tea. Now living in subtropical northern Vermont, where we missed the storm, I decided to risk it.

Six of us from the Burlington and Killington Sections and the Northern Vermont Canoe Cruisers headed out for Lake George on a cold but sunny October 10th. The foliage was beautiful

as we paddled about nine miles to our campsite on one of the Mother Bunch islands. Numerous flocks of Canada geese honked their greetings as they passed high overhead on their journey south.

Settled in at camp, we put a large tarp over a tent platform just in case it should rain. A pair of rather tame mallards dropped by for afternoon tea. A raccoon print on the tent platform forewarned us that we should hang all our food, which we did conscientiously. The raccoon never did put in an appearance, but an impish chipmunk raided us whenever we weren't looking.

Sunday morning's cold drizzle made us thankful the tarp was up. After a breakfast of hot pancakes we were fortified and ready to paddle across to Tongue Mountain. It had snowed on the mountains surrounding the lake and we headed up a snow covered trail with brightly-colored leaves above. After a couple hours of climbing, the consensus was we were too wet and cold to really care about making it to the summit, so we headed back to the canoes for a stiff paddle back across the lake.

We escaped hypothermia by climbing into our sleeping bags with a cup of hot soup. By evening it had stopped raining and we enjoyed a fine meal and the warmth of a blazing campfire.

Columbus Day dawned bright and sunny with a mist rising from the lake. Even the wind cooperated on our paddle north to The Hague where we had left our cars.

My only regret was that no other Killington Section members had been along to share in the beauty and fun of the weekend.

NORTH POND, CHITTENDEN (WITHOUT GETTING LOST)

by Sue Thomas
18 October 1987

Five of us started off for Chittenden for a long hike to North Pond via a route I had discovered earlier in the year. We parked at Mountain Top Inn and hiked up to the end of the logging road, where we stopped for a short rest on a pile of logs thoughtfully left for us by the loggers.

While we were there, a man drove up and asked where we were headed. When I told him, he seemed surprised and said "Wow, you've got an awfully long hike ahead of you!" which didn't cheer up the troops any, since we had already come several miles. I applied candy corn to relieve everyone, and we set off again, through the inevitable muddy mess that logging creates. Soon we began to climb steeply but were rewarded with views of the Chittenden Reservoir. After climbing up through a clearcut area (ugly, but it did provide better views of the reservoir and our distant starting point), we headed into the woods and continued to climb along a stream.

We passed an intersection with the Long Trail, which had been so obscured by leaves when I was there in the summer that I hadn't even seen it.



We took a late lunch and didn't linger long since it looked like rain. The group elected not to repeat my earlier hike by going on to Pittsfield (I had been looking for a shortcut back -- oops!) so we headed back the way we had come. The sun came out as we were making our way back, and by the time we reached the Inn it had become a nice sunny afternoon, so we sat on the curb to watch a roller-skiing demonstration, which was an unusual but interesting end to a long hike.

HIGH POND, BRANDON

by Ira Hawley
25 October 1987

Perhaps some of you remember the poem "October's Bright Blue Weather" we used to read in grade school. If so, the bright blue sky today was a reminder of that poem. The varying ages of the 32 hikers is proof of the popularity of these afternoon fall hikes. The good group that assembled at the park was joined by two additional hikers in Brandon. Nice to see you again, Carol and Rachel.

After we left Brandon our vehicles made plenty of noise as we rumbled across the temporary Dean Bridge. The double waterfall on the Bresse Mill brook was observed as we proceeded to the High Pond Farm to start our walk. We want to thank John and Coliene Landrigan for providing parking space.

It was a pretty walk across the large green field past Walker Pond into the wooded area. Ash, maple, oak, cherry, and large white pine trees were seen. High Pond is a clean, serene, nearly weedless body of water situated in a pocket-like setting with three major hills surrounding it.

Seems good to see no man-made structures on the shoreline. A sharp cool breeze discouraged our group from staying. We returned to our cars by the same pretty route.

BLUEBERRY LEDGES, PLYMOUTH

by W. Churchill Scott
31 October 1987

For many years while traveling Route 100-A, I noticed a series of ledges stand out among the evergreens. So a mystery hike was planned there this fall. But when Sue called to ask if I could fill in a vacant spot, this had to be changed to a non-mystery outing.

A good day saw about eight of us ready to go. Thank goodness we found a bridge over Pinney Hollow Brook. Then, climbing up a lumber road steeply in spots, we came to the end.

It was good to have Olga with us, for leaning a bit closer to the ledges she found an easy opening for us to climb to the summit.

Raymond found at least three look-off points for good views to the west, north, and south along Route 100-A. A long strand of TV cable was found, the remains of a TV antenna system spotted over twelve years ago when the leader first climbed up the Blueberry Ledges.

After lunch and the usual discussion of which ski trail was which and likewise mountains, we headed for home talking all the way about walking an alternate route via the Coolidge State Park next time.

KILLINGTON CARRIAGE ROAD

by Herb Ogden, Jr.
7 November 1987

This hike had to be rerouted because of early snow. Not on the trail, on the road. Three Killington Section members and an intrepid guest from Hampton, N.Y. met early, but not all that bright (the weather seemed unsettled) for what was billed as a difficult Parker's Gore hike. We meant to go from the Northam picnic area over the Shrewsbury Peaks on the Shrewsbury Peak Trail, north on the Long Trail to Cooper Lodge, and then west on the Bucklin Trail to Brewers Corners on the Wheelerville Road. Despite a little snow in Rutland and reports of more in the mountains, and despite news that blowdowns made the Shrewsbury Peak Trail slow going from the South Peak to the Long Trail, we were ready to press on through Parker's Gore, and more. After spotting a car at Brewers Corners, we drove on to the start of the hike, encouraged by the clearing weather.

The road from Route 100 to Northam was our downfall -- or, more precisely, our downslide. Even a Saab with snow tires couldn't make it up the grade with some 4" of snow and a little sleet underneath that. After backing down about 1/4 mile to Route 100, we headed back to Brewers Corners. So far, the only exercise on this "difficult" outing had been of the leader/driver's neck muscles, craning around for a view out the rear window of his car.

To gain some variety, we decided to ascend Killington via the 19th century carriage road that once led to a hotel

below Cooper Lodge. We remembered to bear left where the more-traveled road leads right to Stovepipe City and the flank of Mendon Peak, and took some good photos from the clearing there. But logging in the last two years obscured a later left turn, and only several hundred feet of bushwhacking brought us back onto the old road at the crest of the ridge.

While on our detour, we passed a hunter cradling a chipmunk he had found dead in the snow. It seemed the little fellow hadn't been able to find his burrow before he froze to death. Farther up, small animal tracks actually grew more numerous (or were they just slow to get up on a cold morning?), and we also saw tracks of deer and possibly other large animals.



Although the old carriage road is not maintained as a hiking trail, it was very easy going for most of the way, thanks to someone who recently chainsawed many new and old blowdowns out of the way. Unfortunately, our

unknown benefactor seems to have run out of gas about 1/3 mile short of Cooper Lodge. This has been the worst section for at least the last twenty years, anyway. Squeezing between snow-laden evergreens, scrunching under mammoth blowdowns, and slithering over fallen tree trunks, we all attracted quite a lot of snow to ourselves by the time we broke out onto the Bucklin Trail some 150' south of the Cooper Lodge spring.

The view of the Adirondacks from Cooper was unusually clear, but we did not tarry long over lunch. The screens on Cooper's windows did little to keep out a brisk west wind, and, with our pants wet and icy, we decided to get moving again soon.

The Bucklin Trail was a visual treat with snow on the ground and leaves off the trees. Views of Pico were superb, and, lower down, Brewers Brook made a scenic companion for us. To be sure, the brook crossings were tricky. Going a little upstream at the upper crossing helped. Despite fairly high water, nobody got wet feet. The two other hikers that we met also avoided slipping in, at least on their way up. As for other trail conditions, my robin's egg blue blazes really are becoming, don't you have to admit, Sue? Besides, they're a darn sight easier to find than a dark blue blaze on a black cherry tree.

Our entire loop trip plus lunch took only about 4 1/2 hours. If the old carriage road were cleared the rest of the way to the top, our route would make a nice loop for even a fairly sedate day hiker in summer.

As for the originally-planned Parker's Gore route, we'll try a summer rescheduling. A number of people have expressed interest in touring the seldom-used link from Shrewsbury South Peak to the Long Trail.

HIKING WITH THE DINOSAURS

by Sue Thomas

14 November 1987

Deciding that we were probably safer with stomping, roaring twenty foot tall dinosaurs than out in the woods during hunting season, I planned a trip to the New York State Museum in

Albany for 14 November.

Fifteen people gathered at the park, which surprised me, what with my reputation for getting lost, but we all managed to find Albany, and better yet, the museum. We were met inside by the roars of the dinosaurs, which could be heard throughout the building, and most of us decided to start with them. There were six, most half or three-quarters actual size, made of a pliable plastic or rubber and computer-operated to move and sound the way scientists think they moved and sounded -- I'll take their word for it! By the time I left that exhibit I had lost everyone and didn't see a familiar face till we all assembled for lunch at the cafeteria.

In addition to the dinosaur exhibit, which is temporary, the museum had an extensive bird collection, an Adirondack exhibit, gems and minerals, Indian artifacts, fire engines, and a large exhibit on New York City which includes reconstructions of the colonial waterfront, a fancy Victorian-era restaurant, a sweatshop, lots of information on immigrants, early settlements, and a real subway car. I heard someone say when they came out of the car that the smell was duplicated, but I have as much experience with New York subways as I have with dinosaurs, so I couldn't say.

The most surprising thing I saw, however, was my grandmother. No, she's not quite a museum piece yet, but my uncle was visiting from California and they decided to surprise me. It worked. She turned 87 the next day, and was not any more enthusiastic about the dinosaurs than Mara, who elected not to go any further than the first stegosaurus.

Everyone assembled at 3:00, some headed home, and the rest of us went across the street to the observation deck in the tower. Despite our mountain-climbing prowess we decided to take the elevator to the 22nd floor, where they have thoughtfully provided coin-operated magnifying viewers so that you can look in the windows of the Governor's Mansion below. Instead, we watched the Careys packing their car on one side, and ice skaters on the mall on the other. I

think everyone found something to interest than and had a good time, but I'm sure we were all glad to leave the city traffic, screaming dinosaurs and billboards behind and return to Vermont.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

by Roma Pulling

21 November 1987

Some Killington Section members with Scottish ancestry raised an objection to renting space for the covered dish supper if it could be obtained free, and that resulted in the switch to this reporter's home. We sincerely hope it wasn't an inconvenience to anyone. All 27 diners had a chance to sit down, the variety of hot dishes was astounding, and it was W-A-R-M! The significance of that will be lost on people who haven't attended out suppers in the past where the temperature ranged from freezing to absolute zero.

Supper was followed by color slides on hiking in Germany, shared with us by Herb Ogden. We found the contrast with our own hiking trails to be interesting. Many of the German trails, and many of the hikers, seemed better groomed than ours. In one slide a fellow was out for a five mile hike in a topcoat and tie. The huts appeared to be larger and provided snacks for hikers.

We are now looking for a hall, free of charge if possible, for next year's supper. Anyone with suggestions is asked to call either Sue Thomas at 773-2185 or Sue Carey at 446-2830.

FOUND AFTER THE COVERED DISH SUPPER:

An aluminum lid that may fit a bun warmer, a stainless steel teaspoon, and a black button were left at the writer's house after the supper. To claim, call Roma Pulling at 773-6997.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW! Use the blank on the last page if you wish.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr.	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
R. Pulling, W.C. & V. Scott, W. Rogers	

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Winter 1988 Outing Schedule

All trips leave from the park on South Main St. in Rutland just south of Koltonski Fire Station and Center St. Please bring **lunch** unless otherwise noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates climb, footing, etc. For more information about a trip, call your trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Guests are welcome!**

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT	LEADER
10 Jan. (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	LILY POND, Bomoseen. X-C ski or snowshoe. 3 mi. moderate.	Linda Krasner 265-8310
16 Jan. (Sat.)	9:30 a.m.	TEXAS GAP, Hancock. X-C ski or snowshoe (no walking if snow is deep). 6 mi. moderate.	Herb Ogden (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368
23 Jan. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	PROSPECT ROCK, Manchester. Walk or snowshoe. 4 mi. moderate.	Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
31 Jan. (Sun.)	12:00 noon	MYSTERY HIKE. Snowshoes only (not suitable for skis).	Steve Pulling 773-6997, 775-3361
6 Feb. (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.	MYSTERY HIKE. Ski or snowshoe. 2-3 mi.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
14 Feb. (Sun.)	1:00 p.m.	SLEDDING PARTY, S. Wallingford. Bring sled or toboggan for an afternoon of fun, followed by hot drinks.	Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
20 Feb. (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.	CROSS COUNTRY SKIING, 3-4 mi. moderate.	Churchill Scott 775-1494
28 Feb. (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	SOUTH GOSHEN. Ski or snowshoe. 8 mi. difficult.	Herb Ogden (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368
1 Mar. (Tue.)	7:00 p.m.	SCHEDULING MEETING. Have an idea for a hike, bike trip, canoeing, whatever? Come help us plan our spring outing schedule. Meet at 35 Burnham Avenue, Rutland.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
5-6 Mar. (Sat. - Sun.)	*	ADIRONDACK WEEKEND, Minerva. Skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating. *Call for details.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
13 Mar. (Sun.)	9:30 a.m.	GREAT ROARING BROOK ROAD, Shrewsbury to Plymouth. 2 mi. easy.	Bernie Donahue 773-7462
19 Mar. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	SNAKE MOUNTAIN, Addison. View of Lake Champlain and Adirondacks. 4 mi. moderate.	Steve Pulling 773-6997, 775-3361
27 Mar. (Sun.)	2:00 p.m.	SUGAR ON SNOW. Join us for a traditional New England sign of spring. Unitarian-Universalist Church, West St., Rutland. Fee charged.	Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
 Rob Carey, President, RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773 446-2830
 Steve Pulling, Vice-President, RFD 3, Box 5192, Rutland VT 05701 775-3361
 Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer, 47 Terrill St., Rutland VT 05701 773-9208

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	120.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

*If you first joined the Killington Section during 1987, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. As a credit for the first part of the year, subtract the following from dues: Adult - 0.75 times month number; Spouse - 0.50 times month number; others receive no credit.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT FOR 1988 TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
47 Terrill Street
Rutland, Vermont 05701

FROM:

Killington Section, G.M.C.
Wally Rogers, Sec. - Treas.
47 Terrill St.
Rutland VT 05701

TO:

**MOONLIGHT HIKE TO GREENWALL SHELTER**

by Sue Carey

5 December 1987

The moon on the breast of the
new fallen snow gave a luster of
midday to objects below.

Clement C. Moore

To add a little variety to our moonlight hikes, we started at 3:30 and had a potluck supper. We began hiking from the end of the Butterworth Road in Wallingford. Following the LT south for about a mile, we arrived at the well-maintained Greenwall Shelter.

After starting a fire, we ate supper. The picnic table was coated with ice and anything put on it would slide away. That was fine if you sat at the right place, because all the food would come to you.

The Careys left right after dinner, but the rest stayed to socialize around the fire. When I mentioned to some people that we had a picnic on December 5, they thought I was nuts, but they didn't know what they were missing.

MYSTERY HIKE

by W. Churchill Scott

13 December 1987

In the middle of December a small group of Killington Section members began another mystery hike. The leader was concerned that one hiker wore low cut pacs in spite of the snow and sloppy going. Fortunately not once did she go over her shoes.

Our walk started up the trail north from Route 103, visiting the original

cellar hole of Jonathan and Mary Bullard from the early 1800's, located just off the Crown Point Military Road. Continuing on the Ezra Oliver Road, we passed Clarendon Shelter, finally arriving at the Bullard family second home. This large farm had a good sized cellar hole, two barn foundations, a mill site, and two millpond dams. The property was later purchased by the Adams family, the ancestors of Ruth Fastman, Martha Adams, and Ellen Russell, all long-time members of the Killington Section.

We had to bushwhack past a sugar house road to a family cemetery plot where Mr. and Mrs. Bullard are buried. Folklore has it that, as the coffin of Mrs. Bullard was being carried over the small brook, it slipped off the wagon right into the stream.

Returning, we took a small detour to the top of a knoll where good views were had of the airport, Otter Creek valley, and the Taconics. Next stop was Clarendon Shelter, which seemed to be in good shape for next summer.

SMOKE & BLAZES ENDS

for you, if you don't renew your Killington Section GMC membership. Yes, this is the
LAST ISSUE

you will receive if you don't send in your 1988 dues soon.

For your convenience, there's a membership application on page 10 of this issue. Your address label tells you if Treasurer Wally Rogers has received your 1988 dues. If you don't see an 88 by your name, please send dues now!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

by Roma Pulling

18 December 1988

Seventeen members and friends turned out for our second annual Christmas caroling evening, with acceptable weather. We made visits to three nursing homes at the start, as bedtime comes early there, and proceeded to seven private homes. With a few exceptions, we sang for hikers who are no longer active. After our last stop on Woodstock Avenue, the group gathered at the reporter's home for hot drinks in front of the fireplace.

All but one of those to whom we caroled were happy to see us. This event gives us an opportunity to contact people who are unable to hike with us and let them know we are thinking of them.

COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING!

Saturday 9 April, 7 p.m.

CVPS, 77 Grove Street, Rutland

TAMARACK NOTCH TO GOVERNOR CLEMENT

by Steve Pulling

20 December 1987

The weatherman didn't cooperate with us on December 20th. Four hikers, Carol, Bernie, Peter and I, had great intentions but fog, rain, and wet snow dampened our enthusiasm. Hiking in that kind of weather just isn't fun.

We started hiking at the Rousseau Camp and continued in a southeasterly direction following logging and woods roads. About two-thirds of the way to Gov. Clement Shelter the fog set in. Just past the tin shanty it started to rain and snow lightly. We stopped and had a unanimous vote to head back instead of getting wet and cold.

The weatherman was playing games with us because about halfway back to Rousseau Camp it stopped raining and snowing. We took the opportunity to start a fire and eat lunch, later to be joined by some fourwheelers. For you that missed this attempt of a hike, it has been added to the Spring-Summer schedule by popular demand.

LILY POND, BOMOSEEN

by Linda Krasner

10 January 1988

The zero degree weather did not deter the dozen die-hards who decided to come on the Lily Pond cross-country trip despite the cold temperature. Carol Chapman drove down from Burlington to join us, and it was Peter's first time on snowshoes. As most of the group cooked lunch below the frozen beaver dam, Sue Thomas skied her usual quick run around the pond before the snow turned to slush.

We took a loop trail on the return trip which gave us the benefit of a long downhill run in a meadow. But this year there was a surprise: four electric fences which Jim Griffin, with his vast knowledge of electricity, helped us maneuver around. After not losing anyone to the fences, we next encountered the last pasture, containing a curious bull that obviously enjoyed watching skiers. After successfully skirting the bull, the skiers went back via the frozen Lake Bomoseen.

TEXAS GAP, GRANVILLE

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

16 January 1988

A fine, clear winter morning enticed a dozen GMCers and guests out for a hike/ski/snowshoe trip to one of Vermont's more obscure gaps. Although it is 2159 feet up, Texas Gap is not a break in the main chain of the Green Mountains but rather a low place in a side chain that extends eastward from Battell Mountain north of Middlebury Gap. Long ago a public highway led from the Middlebury Gap Road in Hancock north over Texas Gap into Granville, and this was our outing route.

Leaving our cars at the U. S. Forest Service parking lot north of Texas Falls, we were joined by Helen Pearson, the adopter of Sunrise Shelter. She told us we were lucky that there was no logging on the gap road this winter. Previous winters had seen the road scraped almost bare during logging, and your leader had an alternate route, the Hancock Branch

trail, in mind if the main route were no good. A group from Rochester was already enjoying the Hancock Branch trail when we arrived, in fact.

Climbing up the Forest Service road along Texas Brook, we soon reached an almost level stretch where the main Texas settlement used to be, just above the school site. We lunched in a field just off the road with a good view to the south. Sitting back to back in a long line on the snow, we looked like the crew of a large traverse sled. Some of us felt as if we would slide downhill if we all picked up our feet!

From our lunch stop to the top, the hikers had an easier time of it than the skiers. The wide USFS road soon ended, and huge waterbars followed. All enjoyed the climb up past an abandoned orchard, however.

Finding no view at Texas Gap itself, two enterprising guests from Fair Haven followed a logging road a short way to the west and came upon a fine panorama from Mt. Boyce past Battell to Breadloaf. As the logging road was neither tracked nor snowmobiled, our lone snowshoer finally could wear rather than carry his footgear, while the hikers plowed through the deep snow and the skiers did their best to avoid a maze of brush.

On the way down, the four skiers were a little faster, though getting down to our lunch spot was tricky. As we arrived at the bottom again, most of us walked over to Texas Falls to enjoy the spectacle of icy giant potholes at the end of a good day.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr.	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Roma Pulling	Article Solicitor
Ray Catozzi	Production and
Irene Hawley	Distribution
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	

Please send material for Smoke & Blazes to the Editor at

Harlow Liccardi & Crawford
110 Merchants Row, Rutland 05701
SEND NEXT COPY BY 5 JULY 1988, PLEASE!

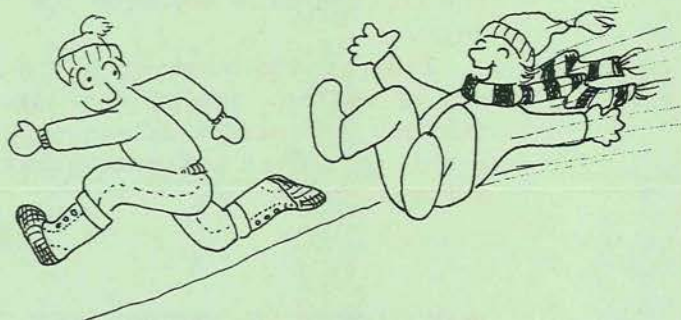
PROSPECT ROCK

by Roma Pulling

23 January 1988

The eight people who went on this hike had good weather but icy trail conditions. We had no difficulty deciding on hiking instead of skiing or snowshoeing. Three wore ice creepers, and others probably wished they had.

After picking up the Old Rootville Road outside Manchester Depot, we drove the mile or so that was plowed, and parked by a huge storage tank. Walking to the point where the road joins the Long Trail was risky, but no one fell. Walking down was the exciting part, but that was after lunch at the overlook with a view of Manchester and Mt. Equinox. We had no water for coffee, but the men built a fire for warmth and cheer.



As we started back, people began to fall. Then someone had a great idea. Why not slide down? Those of us still on our feet had to keep looking over our shoulders to see if we were about to be mowed down by a hurtling body. Al found he could gain good momentum sliding on the seat of his pants but regretted it later. Bernie had great luck sitting on a plastic bag. John had no luck with a palette found beside the road but upstaged Bernie by cutting spruce boughs and using them as toboggans. Peter enjoyed this method, too.

The fun came to an end when partway down we met a pickup truck going up the hill with tire chains that roughed up the ice and made further sliding impossible. Of course it did improve the walking, but we were puzzled about what the truck was doing there. The road dead ends where it joins the LT.

We rounded out the day with a stop at Friendly's for refreshments.

GLEN DAM

by W. Churchill Scott
20 February 1988

Peter and the leader waited until 9:10 a.m. for all the other fair weather hikers on a rather cloudy, showery day. At last we drove to Chasanna Drive, parked, and began our hike to Glen Dam.

For lack of snow and because of mostly road walking, we thought it best to leave our cross-country skis behind. As we were going up the pipeline, the sprinkles soon stopped and the clouds broke away. After reaching the dam, we continued on a snowmobile path to the spot where a suspension bridge was located before the 1947 flood.

On the way back we cut cross-lots by the road to the town ball field and the Drinkwaters' horse corral. Soon the sun and blue sky made the trip enjoyable.

Back at the house we had a good hot cup of coffee, passed the time of day and had a pleasant afternoon. We were small in number but enthusiastic about our next hike.

BRANDON MOUNTAIN MYSTERY HIKE

by Steve Pulling
31 January 1988

Yes folks, it's true, I actually led a hike on Super Bowl Sunday! If you can remember correctly, January 31st was a beautiful, warm, clear, sunny day perfect for a short afternoon hike. Most of the twelve hikers were seen taking off layers of clothing and tying them around their waists instead of adding layers as usually seen in January.

Starting near the old grain mill in Leicester, we hiked south across about a mile of barren cornfields along Otter Creek. For a brief few hundred yards we walked through a corner of the Brandon Swamp Wildlife Preserve although no wildlife was spotted. After leaving the swamp we found a woods road that meandered through some beautiful forest that you could see was once open fields because of the picket fences and young trees.

After taking a left turn by the third young cedar and a second left by the big bull pine, we started the short, easy ascent of Brandon Mountain. From the summit we could see to the south and east: Leicester, Brandon, Florence, Pittsford, Killington Mountain, Pico Peak, and Brandon Gap, along with many other physical features that weren't identified but were discussed in great depth.

We stayed at the summit for about an hour because of the perfect weather and spectacular views. After leaving the summit we hiked south for a very short distance to Route 73, where we had cars spotted. Great timing: I didn't miss even one second of the Super Bowl!

MYSTERY HIKE IN DANBY

by Rob Carey
6 February 1988

Where's a good place for a short afternoon winter hike? One answer is the Old County Road in Danby. Four skiers and four hikers started at the end of the plowed road in Danby. This spot is below the Imperial Marble Quarry. Years ago there was an inclined railroad running from the quarry to the valley. It crossed the County Road here on an overpass, the abutments of which are still standing. The lower end is clearly visible near the Bradford Inn on Route 7.

After a short, steep ascent the road leveled off to a moderate climb. As the sun dipped behind the hill a cool wind picked up, so I announced our hoped-for goal of the Natural Bridge. The skiers decided to continue on a few minutes more, but turned around also when we reached the height of land with no sign of the spur trail to the Bridge. We had reached an old power line mentioned in the guidebook, so we must have been close to the Natural Bridge.

The return trip was fast for the skiers, who could have used a little more snow for control and to cover the rocks better. Perhaps we'll schedule a summer hike to find the Natural Bridge and find out how close we were.

SLEDDING PARTY

by Sue Carey
14 February 1988

Several years ago we had a sledding party scheduled that turned out to be a slider's nightmare. It was 65 degrees, rainy, with no snow on the ground. No one came to the party.

February 14, 1988 had to be the complete opposite type of day. It was the best sliding day of the year! It was cool but not extremely cold, and the snow was gorgeous. Twelve people attended.

The first few sled runs were slow, but as the course got packed the speed picked up. Several people had snowshoes and used them to explore the wilds of West Wallingford.



After sliding, we stood around outside eating cookies and drinking hot chocolate until someone suggested that it might be more comfortable inside. So we ended the event sitting around a stove warming our toes.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the Carey family on the addition of a new hiker, Seth Alexander, born January 4. We understand that his Killington Section dues have already been submitted, and that he has attended a scheduling meeting, the sledding party, and a weekend trip to the Adirondacks. Good start!

Sue Thomas

SOUTH GOSHEN

by Herb Ogden, Jr.
28 February 1988

Your leader didn't expect a horde of hikers out for a winter trip that was billed as "8 mi. difficult," and his expectation was fully realized. Our group numbered only three. Still, we had enough fun to go around for at least a half-dozen people on this perfect, sunny winter ski tour.

The route to our trailhead was scenic. On the Furnace Brook Road north of Holden, a weird rock pinnacle rears up beside the road at one point in the narrow valley. We left our cars at the very end of the plowed road, near a house whose remoteness brought to mind the old saying "They live so far back, they've got to keep their own tomcat." (If you aren't sure of the meaning, write a Letter to the Editor, preferably including your best guess at it.)

We skied north on a former public road along Steam Mill Brook but didn't attempt to find the old steam sawmill site on a branch. Soon we left the main road that leads to the base of the Lookoff Mountain cliff and headed northwest past a camp with a great view down the valley. Following a snowmobile trail and an old road uphill, and carrying our skis most of the way, we reached the Middle Road just south of its highest point in Chittenden.

Putting our skis back on after a very short walk to end end of the plowed road, we headed north through a beautiful, long notch. Where Lookoff Mountain towered over small ponds in the bottom of the notch, we lunched. Perhaps because we ate so much, the log we were sitting on readjusted itself downward, much to our amusement.

After skiing past a few old cellar-holes in Goshen, we reached plowed road and walked steeply down it to Goshen Four Corners. A short walk up the Brandon Gap Road took us to the Puss and Kill Road. The Catamount Ski Trail follows this road steeply up to the east of Lookoff Mountain, and so, perforce, did we. Even Ben Florczak, who could do wonders with his stubby, wide Trak Bushwhacker skis, thought skiing down that trail would be hard

work. Our guest Peter Cheng, who was on only his second ski tour, didn't seem to want to even think about skiing down that. Nor did I!

Passing a picturesque swamp at the crest, we skied (and occasionally walked) a sinuous, undulating trail through open woods. At that point, one of Peter's skis decided to go exploring on its own, but we caught it. Finally the Forest Service road, a ski and snowmobile superhighway, provided a fast, easy glide back to our cars for the end of a beautiful day in the wilds of north Chittenden and south Goshen.

Our trip was enhanced by sighting numerous animal tracks. We think we spotted mice, partridge, rabbit, and bobcat, to name a few.

THEY ATE TREES;

WE PREFERRED LASAGNA & CHOCOLATE CAKE

by Sue Thomas

5-6 March 1988

When it came time to plan our winter weekend this year, everyone seemed ready for a change. So when my friend Jean kindly offered the use of her 100 year old farmhouse in the Adirondacks, I decided to teach her a lesson and accepted!

We set off Saturday morning with eight Killington Section members, including our two youngest, Mara and Seth Carey, ages 2 1/2 years and 3 months respectively. We were greeted at the farmhouse by Jean and her dog Rusty at around noontime, so after unpacking we polished off Jean's homemade soup for lunch and hurried outside to enjoy the beautiful day. We couldn't have been luckier with the weather. Both days were sunny and fairly warm, with loads of snow for skiing and snowshoeing. We went off in various directions. Jean and I skied across a beaver pond and circled around, noting lots of deer tracks. We saw several places where they had bounded what seemed like impossible distances, and also found lots of snowshoe hare tracks and those of various miscellaneous little critters.

As we headed back to the house, we ran into Rob and Sue, taking advantage

of Seth's nap and willing babysitters to sneak off for a short ski. When we finally all got back to the house, it still seemed much too nice to sit indoors, so some of us set off through the woods on skis and snowshoes to visit Uncle Clarence, who at 94 has just published his first book and loves to tell stories about the area and its inhabitants of past and present. He and his daughter entertained us in the kitchen til we had just enough daylight left for the trek home.

Jean has a brand new Irish woodstove with an oven, which came in very handy for warming up our potluck feast -- meatballs and sauce from Linda, lasagna and garlic bread made by me, Jean's carrot salad, and a wonderful chocolate cake from Roma. Which brings me back to the title in case you are wondering about it. The word "Adirondacks" derives from the Iroquois word "Ratirontacks," a slur aimed at their neighbors the Algonquins, literally meaning "those who eat bark" and intended as an insult to their hunting ability! No one could fault our hunting ability that weekend. The meals were so satisfactory that I didn't catch anyone nibbling on the trees.

We spent a cozy evening around the woodstove in the lantern light, then settled in for the night, interrupted a couple times by an unhappy camper, but otherwise peaceful. Everyone was up early and ready for a hearty breakfast of pancakes with maple syrup and the Careys' home-grown mutton sausage. After Jean and I took a quick spin on our skis, we all set out for a walk up the ridge on a logging road. We came back in time to inspect a neighboring sugarhouse being readied for the boiling season. Back at the house, while the others had lunch and packed, Jean and I enjoyed the sunshine and the birds lunching at the feeders from the porch swing, unwilling to go inside til the final packing and sweeping was necessary. When it couldn't be put off any longer, we said goodbye and thanked Jean and Rusty for their hospitality. She has written to me to tell everyone how much she enjoyed having us, and I'm sure I speak for all when I return the compliment.

In Memoriam:
DOROTHY WYMAN KIRK
by Janet P. Martin

Many of us who knew Dorothy learned to appreciate her knowledge and interest in a wide variety of subjects. I first met her through her husband, George Kirk, a very long time member of the Killington Section. She shared with him an interest in the natural world. Her yard was full of plants they had rescued from road construction projects. She loved to give plants to her friends. I have a solomon seal and a small mountain ash from her yard. I'm sure others of you also have their living memories from Dorothy.

Dorothy started the George Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in memory of her husband when I was president of the section. It was a well thought-out gift that challenged us to add to it until it became large enough to produce a useful yearly return for the maintenance of our section, which they both had enjoyed so much.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT, 1987
by Roma Pulling, Chair

The same media have received our news items as the year before. The newspapers, with the exception of the Shopper, receive a complete description of each event, but they do not always give it equal treatment.

Mountain Times: very reliable coverage
Sherburne Valley Voice: reliable
Rutland Herald: spotty, items often cut

A shortened version of each item is received by the three radio stations: WHWB, WSYB/WRUT, WJJR. The item for WJJR is delivered by hand to save postage. As I never listen to the radio, I can't comment on the success of this effort. (Others' comments are welcome. --Ed.)

When I'm in the vicinity of Rutland Cable, I give them a dispatch to display on Channel 15. Few people seem to watch this channel, so it hasn't seemed worth 14 cents to have regular coverage.

Other ideas have been tried, like

posting schedules in public places, but the results haven't warranted a continuation of this practice.

Suggestions are always welcome and can be made by calling 773-6997.

CORRIDOR MONITORS NEEDED!

by Ray Auger, GMC Field Supervisor

Volunteers are needed to make periodic visits to National Park Service Appalachian Trail Protection Corridor lands between Route 140 and Route 4. Volunteer monitors note and report any illegal cutting of firewood, encroachment by adjoining landowners, dumping, poaching, operation of trail bikes or other off road vehicles, and other offenses.

For those who enjoy hiking off the beaten path, Corridor Monitoring is an ideal volunteer position. Non-hiking volunteers are also needed to monitor priority areas along roads and at trailheads.

For a one page fact sheet, please contact:
Ray Auger, Field Supv.
Green Mountain Club
P. O. Box 889
Montpelier VT 05602

COMMENTS FROM COOPER

By Herb Ogden, Jr.
6 June - 2 November 1987

A surprising find on the section's November hike to Cooper Lodge was the lodge register, which had survived the entire summer and fall hiking season, losing only its front cover. Evidently, the many hikers who commented on how cold it was on Killington without much of anything in Cooper Lodge's windows withstood the temptation to use the register for tinder.

The register yielded a wide variety of comments. Some were in French and Dutch. Many consisted mostly of nicknames with no addresses or sang the praises of alcohol, but many had either useful observations or literary merit, or both. Some damned our section's trails and shelters; others praised them. Many mentioned going to the gondola upper station to snack or

clean up, some with the rueful observation that it closed at 4 p.m. Many praised Mountain Meadows Inn as a good respite from nights on the trail. It seems especially popular with the Appalachian Trail End-to-Enders, of whom quite a horde registered.

Following is a verbatim selection of the comments I found most interesting, but no statistics. Perhaps when I send the register on to the shelter adopters, Ray and Barbara Jenness, of 31 Green St., Brattleboro VT 05301 --who I think can be proud there are as many positive comments as there are -- they will care to sum it all up.

June

Nice. Nice mountain. Very nice mountain. See, we don't have any mountains back where I come from. Just deserts. But very clean deserts. Keep up the good mountain. No sir, just deserts.
W. Q. Propane

June

My last night (of three) on the LT. This is a beautiful shelter at a beautiful site. Bopped up to the summit to watch the golden orb drop behind Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks after dinner. In 48 hrs. I'll be a cleaned and tuxed usher at my brother's wedding - not the smelly hiker that I am now! But ahh... the green mountains, blue & white sky, a footpath through the wilderness ... it bodes true civility to me.

Thank you Barbara and Ray!!!

Southbounders: If you're searching for one more excuse to laze the afternoon away instead of pushing on to Gov. Clement Shelter, here it is: Gov. Clement is a yucky party hole that it directly accessible to the road.

Dave (Homer Stone Trail - Sherburne Pass)

June 25

I think [my wife]'s still a little delirious after yesterday's hike through the Appalachian mud bogs and this morning's up from Gov. Clement's party hole. (The two locals are still living there; they drove in at 10:00 p.m., got their clothes off the roof and slept in their truck.) Nice trail up from Gov. Beautiful scenes in the

trees, streams and ski slopes with the fog starting to come back in. This place does look good. There are a number of other shelters that need thoughtful adopting parents like you guys. Keep it up!

The other honeymooners

Paul & Becky Majeski, Manli[?]es N.Y.

June 26

Also stayed at the Gov's shelter -- don't get your hopes up if your heading that way its a dump with road access

The Mark or [Texas star] CT-ME 87

June 26 2 p.m.

In from Clarendon Lodge. Both Cooper and Clement are in the best shape in many years. On to Pico for dinner.
Donald M. Wallace, Northfield VT

June 29

I lost a small brown stuffed bear somewhere between Minerva Hinchey & Gov. Clement Shelters. Would pay postage and more to see him again. If found, send to Karen O'Neil, 13 Fox Hollow Ln., Sandy Hook CT 06482. By the way -- i've only met 2 "locals" and both were very friendly and very helpful. So, to quote another famous person (my mother), "A few rotten apples does not a rotten barrel make" or something like that anyway.

July 10, 12:30 p.m.

Looks like I'm a few days late to see anybody on this trail. I've only seen two people in two days. Oh well on to Manchester.

TZ

August 5

Just stopped to rest after spending a night at the so-called "Tamarack Campsite." Now I've seen bugs before but I've never seen them swarm like that. My tent was literally covered with flies but [they] moved over so that some slugs could get some room. The gnats took over this morning. I left on the run and put in the quickest mile of my life. So southbounders, don't stop unless you're packing a flamethrower. I've got to quit stopping at these exotic locations.

Like the mythical Ed Garvey, I, too, am a little disturbed at the conditons I've seen lately. Minerva Hinchey Shelter was depressing, The Clarendon Gorge was full of trash and the Clarendon shelter smelled like the locker room did when I played hockey. It's really been a change from the rest of the Long Trail and the worst I've seen since I started at the N.Y. - Conn. border. It's too bad. The morning is kind of foggy and I can't see much. Less than a week and I'll be spending a few days in an inn in Hanover. I can't wait to see the desk clerk's face.

Rick Gorey, Washington Depot CT

August 15

.... Remember: You can lead a horse to water but if you can get it to float on its back then you've really got somethin?! Happy Trails,
Stan

P.S. Sunday morning - slept on those wooden bunks. Maybe next time I'll try the soft floor. Aloha!

August 16

HOWDY (HOW-DEE?) Nice morning atop Killington ... peaceful, sunny (haze in the valley, though) ... then ... it dawned on me ...ITS SUNDAY!!

"Say, honey? Whadda say we head up to Killington?"

"What, you mean climb all that way?"

"No need to, dearest, the Gondola's running!"

AAAGH!!!

No sooner had this tidbit of information dawned on me when my morning senses were bombarded by a middle-aged man with the usual accessories -- a baseball hat, mis-matching plaids, chewing tobacco and a belly that held the majority stock in America's leading beer producers AND his wife whom I need not describe. Then came the usual bevy of favorites -- the punk/heavy metal/roller-disco queen w/ white sunglasses and spandex tights, several farmers (w/ several oxen), and the perfect jewish couple.

Acutally, all this didn't bother me that much (I'm sure that I am quite a sight, as well). I managed to keep a good sense of humor about it -- this was aided by a somewhat hard to get to perch that grandted me some visual

solitude (although I could still hear the slap! of tobacco juice hitting the rocks.) Now on to the Inn and Long Trail then shelter-hopping to Hanover (the end of my first backpacking excursion). Bennington - Hanover
AUFWIEDERSEHEN

John Keelan (sorry, no trail name)

August 23

The upward trip to summit is worth the climb. Going down seems scarier while going up but it isn't so bad. We especially liked the field on the way down. At the top, we couldn't think of anything that could make our trip to Mt. Killington more exciting. But we thought of something at the field

...

Dan & Amy, Boston MA

August 26

Long Trail Guidebook says it's a "footpath through the wilderness." Well the first half of the distance between Clarendon and Governor Clement Shelters it was a "Cowpath through the wilderness." It also states that you can just follow the well worn trail. But if you follow the trail too far you'll end up in some farmer's milking parlor!! Only kidding.

M. W. Higgin "One Way," Fairlee VT

August 27

The day is gray
We found our way
and now it's time
to hit the hay.

We marched this trail
through weed and vine
Best of all
We brought the wine.
S & A

September 9

Too bad I left that canoe at Mt. Meadows -- I could have used it today.
Diane

September 19

Spent last night here. Boy, was it cold & wet. The roof leaks. However, I set up my tent on the table and was warm and dry. Good thing I was the only one here or else I wouldn't have been able to get away with that.
Paul Kovitz, Woburn MA

September 30
Magnificent shelter! Thanks GMC!!
Spent last night - enjoyed the view &
the coziness.
Karen & Michael NH - CT 87

October 1
Rainy + windy. I used my tent, pon-
cho, and groundcloth to close in a
corner. I hope it clears by morning.
David LT N.B.

October 2
Came up the trail from Wheelerville
Road on my mountain bike. Probably

the best day we'll see this month.
Your right Robbie, it's pretty clean
up here w/o the Herbs. Looking for-
ward to the ride down
Ian
[What the heck are the Herbs? --Ed.]

October 31
Halloween. Spent the night! Found a
lost hiker yelling in the dark for
help. Bucklin - ravine at 7:00 p.m.
looking for his car at the Inn at the
Long Trail... We made some great
moonlight turns. Yahuuu! Tele-ho!
Chris Mangini & Isa Oehry

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*		NAME: _____
Adult	\$14.00	
Adult Spouse	11.00	ADDRESS: _____
Junior (under 18)	2.50	
Family Junior	1.00	
Senior (over 65)	7.00	
Life	120.00	TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____
Institutional	25.00	

I would also like to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

*If you first joined the Killington Section during 1987, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. As a credit for the first part of the year, subtract the following from dues: Adult - 0.75 times month number; Spouse - 0.50 times month number; others receive no credit.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT FOR 1988 TO:
Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
47 Terrill Street
Rutland, Vermont 05701

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main St. Park in Rutland just south of Fire Station and Center St. Please bring **lunch** unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates climb, footing, etc. For more information about a trip, call your trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Guests are welcome!**

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT	LEADER
9 Apr. (Sat.)	7:00 p.m.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING, Central Vermont Public Service Bldg., 77 Grove St., Rutland. Slide program: "Mt. Mansfield - Capstone of Vermont."	Rob Carey 446-2830
17 Apr. (Sun.)	1:00 p.m.	SPRING SORT-THROUGH, an opportunity to steep yourself in the club's history sorting through Churchill's collection. Bring along anything you'd like to share.	Churchill Scott 775-1494
24 Apr. (Sun.)	11:00 a.m.	ROCKY POND, Rutland. 3 mi. easy.	Ira Hawley 775-4149
30 Apr. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	BRISTOL NOTCH. 5-6 mi. difficult.	Jerry Parker 775-6208
7 May (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	WORK PARTY. Minerva Hinchey Shelter needs a new coat of shellac. Come lend a hand!	Steve Pulling 773-6997
15 May (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	PAWLET RAILBED. 5 mi. easy.	Ira Hawley 775-4149
21 May (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	WALK-THROUGH. Help us do our spring cleanup on the Long Trail. Tools available. <u>Rain date Sun. 22nd.</u>	Steve Pulling 773-6997
28 May (Sat.)	9:30 a.m.	GREEN MT. CLUB ANNUAL MEETING. Green Mt. College, Poultney. See the <u>Long Trail News</u> for details.	
29 May (Sun.)	8:30 a.m.	ANNUAL MEETING WORK PARTY on Rolston Rest Shelter and LT near Gov. Clement Shelter. Meet at Green Mt. College, Poultney.	
4 June (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.	HAMILTON FALLS, Jamaica State Park. Have a lunchtime cookout at the park, then hike to the falls and/or Ball Mt. Dam. 6.2 mi. moderate.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
11 June (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	WALK-THROUGH PART TWO. Finish our spring LT maintenance. Tools available. <u>Rain date 12 June.</u>	Steve Pulling 773-6997
19 June (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	BLUE RIDGE MT., MENDON. Ascent from the west, with a possible surprise. 6-7 mi. difficult.	Churchill Scott 775-1494
26 June (Sun.)	1:00 p.m.	LOTTERY ROAD - BEACON HILL LOOP. 2.5 - 3 mi. moderate.	Herb Ogden (W) 775-3368, (H) 775-1350
5 July (Tue.)	7:00 p.m.	SCHEDULING MEETING. Come help us plan our next outing schedule. 35 Burnham Avenue, Rutland.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
9 July (Sat.)	9:30 a.m.	SHREWSBURY PEAK - KILLINGTON PEAK. Parker's Gore and more. Over-night from Northam Picnic Area to Brewers Cors. via Bucklin Trail (8.3 mi.) or day loop up Shrewsbury Peak and down Black Swamp Trails (3.8 mi.).	Herb Ogden (W) 775-3368, (H) 775-1350

16 July 9:00 a.m. CHITTENDEN BROOK TRAIL TO BRANDON GAP. 4.5 mi. moderate.
(Sat.) Roma Pulling 773-6997

24 July 12:30 p.m. WALLINGFORD POND. 4 mi. moderate.
(Sun.) Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830

30 July 9:00 a.m. TAMARACK NOTCH TO GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER with potluck supper at Gov.
(Sat.) Clement Shelter. 5 mi. moderate. Steve Pulling 773-6997

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
Rob Carey, President, RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773 446-2830
Steve Pulling, Vice-President, RFD 3, Box 5192, Rutland VT 05701 775-3361
Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer, 47 Terrill St., Rutland VT 05701 773-9208

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
47 Terrill Street
Rutland, Vermont 05701



Robert and Thelma Perkins
4812 Lebanon Road
Charlotte, NC 28212



Smoke & Blazes

VOL. 41, NO. 2

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

JULY, 1988

SNAKE MOUNTAIN, ADDISON

19 March 1988

by Steve Pulling

We had a perfect spring day for an easy hike. It started out cool and grew warmer as the afternoon sun rose. Ten people left the cars in Addison and started up a muddy logging road on the edge of a cornfield. We found out the cornfield was also muddy.

As sometimes happens, the leader hadn't scouted out his hike and as soon as we hit the woods a decision had to be made. Do we take the more heavily traveled road to the right or go straight through ankle deep mud? I had a hunch we should wade through the mud. Lucky for me, I was right and the nine other hikers didn't have to carry out their threat to my body!

Soon after the mud, we started climbing upward and then I was positive I made the right decision. After a short but steep ascent we ended up on top of the ridge and just meandered along easily until we came to the lookout.

What a beautiful view! The Adirondacks as a backdrop, Lake Champlain on center stage, and the Champlain Valley running north and south as far as the eye could see. One eagle-eye hiker even spotted a herd of five deer in a field below the cliffs.

This was my first trip up Snake Mountain, but it hopefully won't be my last. If you ever get a chance to take this easy hike, do so. You won't be sorry.

DID THEY MEAN NOT TO RENEW?

Are people you know listed as ex-members on the list at the end of this issue? Call them! Urge them to renew!

SUGAR ON SNOW

27 March 1988

by Roma Pulling

Rob and Sue Carey did all the preliminary work for this party but weren't able to attend as they were out of town, so you are stuck with a substitute reporter. Rob even brought in all the snow, filled containers and had it stored before he left.

Twenty-three partiers enjoyed the sweets of the season at the Unitarian Church on West Street. We are grateful to Janet Martin for taking charge in the kitchen and turning out her usual delicious product, to Ira Hawley for donating the syrup prepared in his own evaporator from sap from his own trees, and to Churchill Scott for donating discount coupons for the doughnuts.

There were several new faces this year along with the familiar ones, and we hope to see them all back in the spring of 1989. Does anyone know how many years this event has been held?

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

9 April 1988

from minutes by Wally Rogers

President Rob Carey presided at a moderately well-attended meeting at CVPS on Grove Street in Rutland.

Rob summarized Steve Pulling's Trails & Shelters report:

Monitors for the newly-acquired trail corridors are needed. Spring Lake Clearing will be opened, probably with a controlled burn this year. Trail work will be more intense this year. Tamarack Shelter materials need to be moved.

(continued on page 2)

Ray Catozzi reported on main club activities. The Long Trail Protection Fund is one-third of the way toward its goal. Killington-Pico discussions with the U.S. Forest Service and G.M.C. are stalled.

In his President's Report, Rob Carey emphasized the need for corridor monitors and urged participation in the Intersectional.

We received a \$1000 bequest from Dorothy Wyman Kirk in memory of George L. Kirk. After discussion, we passed a motion that the section use the bequest to match Long Trail Protection Fund donations. (See following report of the Directors' implementation.)

Herb Ogden, reporting on Smoke & Blazes, thanked the many for their good cooperation. He noted increased postage and printing costs.

Incumbent directors Herb Ogden, Sue Thomas, and Steve Pulling were re-elected. They elected the following for 1988: Rob Carey as President, Steve Pulling as Vice-President, Wally Rogers as Secretary-Treasurer, and Ray Catozzi as main club director.

A slide-tape on Mount Mansfield was presented, followed by refreshments.

ROCKY POND, RUTLAND

24 April 1988

by Ira Hawley

The hikers (who are usually ready to enjoy the outdoors in all weather), such as Linda Pellerin, Ray Catozzi, and Churchill Scott, were ready for this one on a foggy, drizzly morning. Pine Hill was completely fogged in with no chance of a view. The arbutus were in full bloom as were the coltsfoot. BUT -- we didn't go. It rained. Let's do it next spring.

BRISTOL NOTCH

30 April 1988

by Jerry Parker

Got several calls before the hike date, expected a good turnout. Due to rain only two other members went. Terry, from Middlebury, who works in Rutland for the Forestry Department, met

us in Bristol.

Started up the trail at 10:15, still overcast. Further up we went, the thicker the fog got. Followed the trail to Gilmore Pond. We couldn't see twenty yards in front of us. We walked past the camp and never saw it.

On the way back, we located the camp which we missed by fifty yards before. It is always open so we lunched there. John suggested a winter hike, as it is equipped with a stove and an outhouse. The outhouse door had been left open and a porcupine dragged out the hardwood toilet seat and made it his meal. (Porcupines will eat anything, won't they?)

Continued walking in the dense fog, not finding the 1944 airplane wreckage. We did see a lot of moose sign. John and I would walk ahead fifty yards and would hear Ray and Terry call to establish our location. I was lucky more hikers didn't show. We probably would have lost a few!

At 2:30 we took a compass reading and decided to start back shortly after we came out on the back side of the pond without finding the wreckage. Followed the trail and headed down to our cars.

The hike was enjoyed by all despite the rain and fog. Hope to try again next spring.

MINERVA HINCHEY WORK PARTY

7 May 1988

by Steve Pulling

This was our first work party of the season, and by far the most productive. Only six GMCers reported for duty, but, much to our surprise, so did nine members of the Boy Scout Troop 105 of Rutland.

We got much more done than I ever expected. Minerva Hinchey got a complete face-lift. We cleaned up her yard, rebuilt her fire pit, spruced up the outhouse, and put two new coats of stain inside and out.

In the meantime, three people cleared trail from Route 140 north to Minerva Hinchey Shelter. The big surprise of the day was when Troop 105 hiked into camp, announcing they had cleared trail from Route 103 south to Minerva Hinchey.

Many thanks go to the other five

GMCers who worked extra hard to make Minerva Hinchey a nice neat-looking shelter again. And of course a real special thanks to Troop 105 for their hard work trail clearing.

WEST PAWLET - D & H RAILBED

15 May 1988

by Ira Hawley

What a beautiful morning for a leisurely outing. It was good to leave the street construction in Rutland behind us as we proceeded to Castleton and a brief stop to regroup our passengers. In Poultney six more hikers joined us. As we left Lake St. Catherine a short ascent brought us to the crest of a hill with a panoramic view to the south. We nearly missed an additional hiker who joined us beyond Wells village as we were about to temporarily leave the group to spot cars at the terminus of the hike.

In West Pawlet village we left the cars for a short walk to a shady area by the Indian River for lunch. Now hiking north along the railbed of the former Delaware & Hudson Railroad, we observed the engineering that had occurred to build the roadbed. Several cuts in the slate ledges showed the marks left by the hand drilling to obtain material to make the several fills for levelling.

Wild strawberry blossoms and blue violets were numerous. Orioles greeted us from the treetops and a scarlet tanager was seen. Various shades of green of tree leaves and well-kept farm fields in the distance were pleasant. Granite markers showing Vermont - New York state boundaries were seen as we returned to our cars.

We had played the role of hobos for a day. We had a good view of the countryside that had been traversed and defended by Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys.

LOWLAND WALK-THROUGH

21 May 1988

by Alfred L. Pulling

On the 21 May work party, Churchill Scott cleaned up from the Lottery Road

to Clarendon Shelter. Churchill went alone. Two other people besides me showed up at South Main Street Park.

As I had the tools, chainsaw, etc., Jerry Parker, Bernie Donahue and I took off for Pico Camp. We found several blowdowns and got those out of the way. (Jerry, you are a good man with a chainsaw.) The one that gave us the trouble (?) has been taken off the trail. Steve Pulling went up on 29 May and took care of that one. After all that water we encountered on the trail, Steve says it is not too bad now.

Thank you very much everyone, for your help!

(For comment on this spring's work party attendance, see article on p. 4. --Editor)

NOTICE

by Article Solicitor

CALLING ALL KILLINGTON SECTIONEERS!

We have a problem.

Have you ever shopped for a birthday card for a friend, but he owns the only card shop in town? Or tried to organize a party for someone but you can't use the phone because he is the other party on your party line?

This is really serious.

Of course, when all else fails, there is the straightforward approach. But if we hand this scrap of tomfoolery to the editor and he decides it isn't appropriate for printing in this scholarly journal, what then? I guess if he has read this far, it has achieved its purpose.

So, Herb and Cathy, our most sincere congratulations on your recent marriage. May all your dreams come true, and all your hikes be happy ones.

Editor's Note: Many thanks to the esteemed Article Solicitor for her comment on the event of 7 May. After getting my bride-to-be soaked and chilled on her first-ever GMC hike to a fogged-in Shrewsbury Peak two years ago, and topping it off by forgetting my lunch and sweater so that I had to mooch from her, I'm still a little surprised at where we've arrived. By the way, ask us about the original Pico peak that we saw on our honeymoon in the Azores Islands!

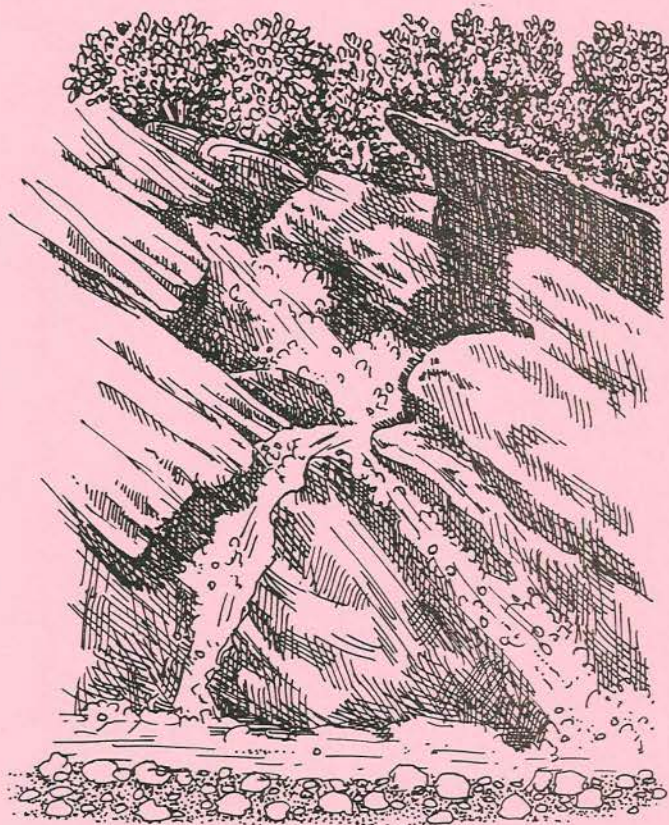
HAMILTON FALLS

4 June 1988

by Sue Thomas

After a long spell of wet weather it looked at first as if we'd have a nice day for our cookout and hike to Hamilton Falls, but no such luck. By the time our caravan reached Jamaica State Park and we began building fires for lunch, most of the blue sky had disappeared and we tried our best to ignore light sprinkles of rain.

We enjoyed our hot dogs and hamburgers just the same, then set off down the old bed of the West River Railroad, which follows the river for two miles to the base of the Hamilton Falls Trail. Almost all of the twenty hikers decided to head up to the falls, in spite of dire warnings in the guidebook and State Park pamphlet.



The Hamilton Falls Trail itself is steep but not too difficult, and we reached the top of the falls quickly, where there are large potholes hollowed out of the rock by the swirling water, along with signs listing how many people had been killed trying to get a closer

look, so we admired the scenery cautiously! From there, some of us scrambled down the rocks to the lower falls while the rest of the group went back the way we had come. From the lower falls you can see more of the 125 foot cascade ending in pools and more hollowed out rock.

We all returned to the state park with two temporarily misplaced hikers but no casualties, and with no rain -- even occasional sunshine.

WALK-THROUGH II

11 June 1988

by Stephen Pulling

I'm sorry to report this year's attendance at walk-throughs was sub-par for the Killington Section. We eventually walked our twenty-two miles of trail, but it was a long grind. A grand total of nine people showed up for the two walk-throughs. If it weren't for the old faithful work horses, we would still be out there. Ira Hawley and family once again did way more than their share of work, including our hardest hit section in Shrewsbury. Al Pulling also did more than his share, showing up at both walk-throughs plus helping me with most of the trouble spots.

On 11 June we cleared from Route 4 to Gov. Clement Shelter. This section wasn't as bad as I was expecting, considering all of the hard winds and heavy snow we had last fall and winter. The worst section was from Cooper Lodge to Tamarack Clearing [Shrewsbury Peak Jct.], which took Al and Carol over three and a half hours to open up.

I sincerely hope to see more of you come out next year and pitch in. There is a lot of hard work to be done each spring and I don't want to put the burden on a certain few. They might get disgusted and not come out next year. [Emphasis added by Editor.]

WANT TO GO SWASH BUCKLIN?

The top part of the Bucklin Trail needs clearing and ditching. If interested in a work party, please call Herb Ogden at (W) 775-3368 or (H) 775-1350.

BLUE RIDGE CAVE

19 June 1988

by W. Churchill Scott

Eight determined hikers started to climb Blue Ridge from the west. Turning east off Meadow Lake Drive, we covered a quarter mile on a new housing development road, then parked. Walking up an old road, we passed a number of cellar holes, Jerry Young's camp, Virginia's family's camp, an old mill site, and, at last, the final cellar hole, climbing all the way. Soon Larry, Virginia's son, caught up to us and acted as our guide the rest of the way. Bearing right, the grade lessened and at least we reached the "Upper Camp." Originally an open clearing that supported a flock of sheep, this area is completely reforested and no longer visible from the summit of Blue Ridge.

Here we picked up a snowmobile trail taking a circular route up to the northwest approximate ridge. As the trail leveled out, on the left we came to Robert "Dead Eye" Senecal's three mile tree with a number of dates and initials carved on it. At once, leading right, we found some flagging which helped us go approximately south southwest. There was little suggestion of a footpath. A short quarter mile farther, our guide stopped and pointed ahead. There in the side of the mountain was a cave.

Jerry Parker and Doug Thorn were scrambling down the steep sides with Sue Thomas just standing there wishing to go. The fellows reported ice, cold air, and a goodly number of animal tracks in spite of the steep sides.

History has it that this cave was found by Glen Senecal while hunting in his teens. After many years of searching, he relocated it in 1986, when he was in his late 50's.

During and after lunch a discussion was had about the summit. Everything was so indefinite that our guide suggested we return with the idea that later this season he would cut a better trail to the cave, and, with help this fall, continue a path to the summit of Blue Ridge and connect with the Cauty Trail.

If some folks want to visit this cave we can plan a special trip soon. Think I can find it again!

BEACON HILL - LOTTERY LOOP

26 June 1988

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

To judge from the number of phone inquiries your leader received about this modest little excursion, one would have thought he was leading a trip to the lost gold of the Incas. Or was it the bit about a Lottery that drew the attention? Even when showers hit while we were assembling for the hike, eleven members and guests were still game for the trip.

Our hike began where the Long Trail crosses the Lottery Road, which runs west from Shrewsbury village. Churchill Scott told us that, twenty years ago or so, the road, although little more than a trace, could be followed around the hill and north to the Cold River Road.

After picking our way over slippery stones and around cowflops on a misty afternoon, we ascended Beacon Hill, paused for a bit to gather flowers, and then headed down the steep grade to Clarendon Shelter, our snack stop.

The shelter was in good shape, though the register told of hikers who had found it a mess.

From the shelter, we walked up a long-abandoned public road that has been moonlighting as a brook. Once the road and the brook got themselves sorted out and the former crossed the latter on a snowmobile bridge, we soon came to the big barn foundation and the cellarhole of the old Adams place. Churchill filled us in on its history, which can be found in the Smoke & Blazes for March, 1988. Across the road, to the east, we could still see rotting boards from another barn or shed.

Soon we came out onto the Lottery Road and strolled back down it to our cars, passing beautiful views to the east and south as far as Okemo and Equinox. Off we drove, fairly dry and quite contented with our bucolic hike.

Killington Section Dues

Adult	\$ 14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	120.00
Institutional	25.00

PARKER'S GORE, BUT NOT MUCH MORE

9 July 1988

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

This was our second attempt to hike from the Northam - Plymouth road over the Shrewsbury Peaks to Cooper Lodge and then down the Bucklin Trail to Brewers Corners in Mendon. Our first attempt, last fall, failed because snow prevented the car from ascending the Northam CCC road, and we climbed to Cooper Lodge from Brewers Corners. This time, it was suggested to your leader that the trip would make a good overnight hike, and it was scheduled as "Parker's Gore and More," a 8.3 mi. overnight with an optional 3.8 mi. day trip up and down Shrewsbury Peak via the Peak and Black Swamp Trails. What happened was neither, but it was fun anyway.

By the time for meeting in Rutland, it was 85 out, with 95 predicted, and hazy. Still, seven members (no guests) showed up. Nobody wanted to go overnight, though, so your leader left in his car the overnight pack he'd prepared in case anyone wanted to take the full hike as advertised.

All seven of us walked to Newfound Shelter, 0.9 mi. up the Black Swamp Trail. The old CCC shelter was in good shape except for weak support under some of the floor and a missing hinge on the privy door. Nobody wanted to try out the stagnant-looking spring water, though. Churchill told us he'd heard that the Black Swamp Trail was a CCC bridle path, and that there once was a mule shed near the shelter. Does anyone know more about when the trail was built, and why? Write the Editor if you do!

Five of us climbed the additional 0.3 mi to Shrewsbury South Peak. Up there, we enjoyed the breeze and the good Mendon Peak lookout at the end of a 150' blue-blazed spur trail.

Two of us hiked another two miles through Parker's Gore, over Shrewsbury North Peak, across the Shrewsbury-Killington gap, across a ski trail, and up to the Long Trail. There were a number of recent-looking bad blowdowns. We sawed away some of them. The rest could be avoided fairly easily, at least since we didn't have full packs on. Although grown-in in spots and poorly marked at the ski trail crossing, the trail was

generally in good shape. We saw no sign of the Tamarack Shelter lumber pile between Shrewsbury Peak Jct. and the former shelter spring, but lush undergrowth could have hidden it.

None of us went north on the LT. Parker's Gore was as far as we got.

Wildlife sighted included partridge with chicks, woodcock, and an enormous garter snake swallowing a toad. Jerry's attempt to photograph the snake and its dinner caused the snake to drop the dinner, probably, as Jerry said, because the snake thought it would become someone else's dinner if carrying its own dinner would slow its escape. We also saw where a partridge had taken a dust bath in the path.

When we returned, it was 100 degrees in Rutland.

DIRECTORS BEGIN TRAIL PROTECTION FUND CAMPAIGN, FOCUS ON TRAILS, SHELTERS

3 May 1988

from minutes by Wally Rogers

Killington Section directors Ray Catozzi, Herb Ogden, Sue Thomas, Linda Pellerin, Wally Rogers, and Rob Carey followed up the membership's vote at the KS Annual Meeting to use Dorothy Kirk's bequest in memory of her husband George to protect our trail.

The directors voted unanimously to initiate a campaign in memory of George and Dorothy Kirk to solicit funds from our members and our community for the Long Trail Protection Fund. From the Kirk bequest, the Section will add one dollar for every two dollars contributed in this campaign. Checks made out to the Long Trail Protection Fund should be sent to Wally Rogers for matching and forwarding to the main club.

Ray Catozzi agreed to develop a press release and announce the campaign to the main club board, Rob Carey agreed to announce our effort at the main club annual meeting, Wally Rogers agreed to contact R. Lincoln for information on past fund raising from Rutland County businesses, and Sue Carey heads plans for a section rummage sale at the Careys' home in Wallingford. [See outing schedule for 24 September.]

Directors discussed a number of trail and shelters issues. An inventory of

signs is needed, along with a program to improve or replace them with consideration for current club standards. Herb Ogden reported that the Bucklin Trail, one of our responsibilities, needed a work party. The new trail from Route 103 to Clarendon Shelter will be part Long Trail Patrol and part KS responsibility. [See Outing Schedule for 13 August work party.] It was suggested that a trail building workshop be held in the fall. Moving the Tamarack Shelter materials will be a main club project after the annual meeting. Ray Catozzi recommended that the section consider resuming caretaking work at Cooper Lodge and Clarendon Suspension Bridge.

NEW CHALLENGE III

by Roma Pulling

When we reported a year ago, we were 61% of the way to our goal of photographing all the shelters on the Long Trail and side trails. We have now moved further toward our goal, and our project is 78% completed. Most of the shelters visited recently were approached via the Long Trail and were notable only in the case of Buchanan Shelter, which replaces the old Bolton Lodge, no longer on the Trail.

Buchanan is named for Prof. Roy Buchanan, founder of the Long Trail Patrol, and was constructed in 1984, the year after we backpacked through that area. It is a striking structure, made of matching lumber and stained black. The dining area is separated from the bunk room by a sliding door. A rank of five windows provides a view from the front of the shelter at the level of the upper bunks.

I was able to add two more side trails to my list:

Branch Pond Trail: South Bourn Shelter was our goal on our first hike of the new season on 9 October. The hike would have been a pleasant one, but the mud was deep and the streams were high as a result of recent storms. We found two inches of snow on the ground. The shelter needs repair, but, being in a wilderness area, it may not get it. Bob Poole of the Connecticut Section was hiking in the area of Branch Pond.

Forest City Trail: People who have hiked with me know my dread of crossing any stream larger than a trickle. After all, I can't swim, and it's a well-known fact that if you fall into one of these things you can get WET! This trail boasted an abundance of brooks that resembled Otter Creek, but I made it over them and reached Montclair Glen Lodge, which was our goal this day, 23 October. I looked for "Forest City," an old CCC camp, but found only a sort of incinerator.

With fifteen shelters left to visit, we have our work waiting for us in the fall.

NEWS FROM FAR-FLUNG FRIENDS

A member of the S&B staff recently visited Rob, Carolyn and Daniel Badger at their home in Blacksburg, Virginia. KS members of a few years' standing will remember Rob and Carolyn as vigorous and contributing KS members during their Rutland years. Rob was a board member and hike leader.

At present Rob is working on his doctorate in geology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and Carolyn is nursing. They look great, and Daniel is growing fast.

We hope a return to Vermont is in their future.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr.	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Roma Pulling	Article Solicitor
Ray Catozzi	Production and
Irene Hawley	Distribution
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford
110 Merchants Row, Rutland 05701
SEND COPY BY 1 OCTOBER 1988, PLEASE!!!!

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH OLD S&B'S?
To recycle an old copy of S&B, leave it in the waitingroom of a business, where it will introduce others to us.

KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERS, 1988

ex = has not renewed membership for 1988

Amelang, Bob & Theresa
Badger, Robert I.
Barber, David & Audrey
Bernhardt, Donna
Blecich, David
ex Bohlin, Carol
Brennan, Mrs. Dorit
Burke, Jean Enome
Cahee, Hedrick R.
Carey, Rob, Sue & Mara
ex Carman, G. Ann
Catozzi, Raymond
ex Cavnes, Max P.
Chang, Peter
ex Chapman, Carol
ex Charland, Rachel W.
Coffin, Mr. & Mrs. Edmund
Congdon, Audrey C.
Conlon, Diana & George
Coppock, Dave & Clara
ex Crowley, Rose
Crowther, Jack
ex Curtin, Jane
ex Cyrs, Norman R.
Dansereau, Nathan
ex Darling, Alan N.
Davies, Jean
De Gregorio, Slim
Deinzer, Sally & Walter
ex Dolzani, Robert
ex Dicton, Joe, Sr.
Donahue, Bernie
Dube, Janet & Raymond
Dube, Janet & Raymond
ex Dudley, Jane T.
Farrell, T.W./Keaney, M.S.
Florcozak, Benjamin
ex Fleetham, Robert & Mary
Frink, Helen E.
Frink, James
Gibbud, Ruth G.
Griffin, James E.
ex Harrington, Jonathan
Hawley, Irene, Ira & Lorraine
Heisman, Nancy J.
ex Herbert, James C.
Hickey, Margaret & Neil
Highnite, Carol
Howard, John K.
Hughes, John & Emma
Johnson, Willard
Keefe, Susan
ex Keller, Patrick & Normandie
ex Kinkelaar, Rita
ex Kittner, Robert & Nance
ex Krasner, Linda & David
RFD 1, Box 4399, W. Rutland VT 05777
1704 Lark Lane, Blacksburg VA 24060
16 Ballou Road, Hopedale MA 01747
108 Naples Rd., Brookline MA 02146
RFD 1, Box 122, N. Clarendon VT 05759
RFD 1, Box 433, Wallingford VT 05773
P.O. Box 903, Castleton VT 05735
RFD 2, Box 2697, Pittsford VT 05763
179 Union St., Springfield VT 05136
RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773
RFD 1, Rt. 73, Sudbury VT 05733
103 Bellevue Ave., Rutland VT 05701
Box 69, Wells VT 05774
29 Grant Ave., Apt. 3, Rutland VT 05701
101 Brookes Ave., Burlington VT 05401
7 Church St., Apt. 302, Laconia NH 03246
P.O. Box 61, Strafford VT 05072
Sugar Hill Rd., E. Wallingford VT 05742
RFD 2, Sunset Acres, Rutland VT 05701
21 Engrem Ave., Rutland VT 05701
Dale Road, Weston VT 05161
29 Giorgetti Blvd., Rutland VT 05701
P.O. Box 577, Mendon VT 05701
131 Commonwealth Ave., Spfld VT 05156
RFD 1, Box 66F, Danby VT 05739
29 North St., Rutland VT 05701
Camp Betsy Cox, Pittsford VT 05763
70 Summit Station, Mt. Holly VT 05758
RFD 1, Box 291, N. Clarendon VT 05759
89 Barlow Place, Fairfield CT 06430
RFD 1, Sugarwood Hill Rd., Rutland VT 05701
50 Edgerton Road, Rutland VT 05701
RFD 3, Box 7958, Rutland VT 05701
RFD 3, Box 7935, Rutland VT 05701
CSC #277, 10 Elm St., Castleton VT 05735
509 Stuyvesant Ave., Rutherford NJ 07070
P.O. Box 446, Cavendish VT 05142
P.O. Box 95, Rochester VT 05767
10 Elm St., Randolph VT 05060
60 Litchfield Ave., Rutland VT 05701
Drake Road, Bomoseen VT 05732
81 Lincoln Ave., Rutland VT 05701
2 North Quaker St., Granville NY 12832
RFD 3, Box 7264, Rutland VT 05701
101 Dorr Drive, Rutland VT 05701
Green Mt. College, Box 462, Poultney VT 05764
33 South St., Proctor VT 05765
62 Ives Ave., Rutland VT 05701
10598 Jason Court, Columbia MD 21044
18 Ronaldo Court, Rutland VT 05701
RFD 4, Box 251, Abilene KS 67410
49 Forest St., Apt. 2, Rutland VT 05701
P.O. Box 1013, Castleton VT 05735
Grove Terrace, Brattleboro VT 05301
Centerville Road, East Wallingford VT 05742
Star Route, Bomoseen VT 05732

Laird, Olga
Langlois, Dave
LaPenna, Nina
Lemire, James F.
Lubinsky, Peter
ex Manney, Marie B.
Martin, John & Janet
ex Massey, James
Mausolf, Anne
ex Maxim, Karen
ex McNeil, Mary
Missy, Don, & Moritz, Lorna
Newton, Doris
ex Nuffort, John W.
Oertel, Otel
Ogden, Herbert G., Jr.
ex Olson, Judith
Parker, Gerald
ex Parker, Shirley
Partridge, Sanborn
Peck, Peter J.
Pellerin, Linda L.
Perkins, Craig S.
Perkins, Robert & Thelma
Perkins, Vera R.
Pulling, Roma & Al
ex Pulling, Steve
ex Putnam, Betsy
Quinn, Jake
Reichert, Charles R.
Reichert, Katherine
ex Reno, Rebecca S.
Reynolds, George
Rogers, Harold & Alberta
Rogers, W. & Gartlein, D.
Russell, Ellen
ex Ruvera, Sandra J.
ex Sawyer, Brian
Schmidt, Carl & Nancy
Scott, W.C. & Virginia
Sheldon, Marilyn
Shellmer, Doris M.
Shipley, Jo Anna
Sibley, Joan
ex Simonds, William, Jr.
Snyder, Ann & Bill
ex Sugarman, Nancy
ex Taylor, Peter T.
Thomas, Catherine
Thomas, Sue
ex Tumielewicz, William F.
Valiquette, Thelma F.
Vatcher, Steve
Wardwell, Art & Evelyn
Welch, Carole
Weston, Wilbur F.
White, Doris G.
Young, Bernadette
ex Zeman, Carol

RFD 3, Box 4836, Chasanna Dr., Rutland VT 05701
P.O. Box 157, Killington VT 05731
16 Garden St., Proctor VT 05765
39 West St., Lebanon NH 03766
52 Buttonwood Drive, Hollis NH 03049
205 Lincoln Ave., Rutland VT 05701
7 Curtis Ave., Rutland VT 05701
P.O. Box 189, Ludlow VT 05149
RFD 1, Chester VT 05143
86 Cranbury Road, Princeton Jct., NJ 08550
27 Grape St., Fair Haven VT 05743
P.O. Box 6525, Rutland VT 05701
26 Boutwell Rd., Andover MA 01810
453 Victor Way, Wyckoff NJ 07481
43 Route 100, Pittsfield VT 05762
4 Emmett Ave., Rutland VT 05701
P.O. Box 121, Pittsford VT 05763
RFD 1, Box 586, Cuttingsville VT 05738
P.O. Box 194, Wallingford VT 05773
62 Ormsbee Ave., Proctor VT 05765
40 Cleveland Ave, 3rd floor, Rutland VT 05701
79 East St., Rutland VT 05701
SR#34, Box 2162, Rutland VT 05701
4812 Lebanon Road, Charlotte NC 28212
242 South Main St., Rutland VT 05701
RFD 3, Box 7269, Rutland VT 05701
Post Road, Rutland VT 05701
75 Vernon St., Rutland VT 05701
365 Savin Hill Court, Dorchester MA 02125
141 Granger St., Rutland VT 05701
P.O. Box 89, Poultney VT 05764
177 Baxter St., Rutland VT 05701
8 Hillcrest Rd., Springfield VT 05156
38 Kendall Ave., Rutland VT 05701
RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735
21A Ventura Green, LCCR, N. Providence RI 02904
258 Dorr Drive, Rutland VT 05701
RFD 2, West Proctor Road, Proctor VT 05701
1651 Clayborn Circle, Cincinnati OH 45240
RFD 3, Box 4869, Rutland VT 05701
RFD 1, Box 2145, W. Rutland VT 05777
RFD 2, Box 8649, Rutland VT 05701
1706 Tyler Parkway, Louisville KY 40204
Keiffer Road, Cuttingsville VT 05738
18 Terrace Hill, Proctor VT 05765
RFD 1, Fair Haven VT 05743
199 Mussey St., Rutland VT 05701
45 Robert St., Clinton MA 05150
4 Emmett Ave., Rutland VT 05701
35 Burnham Ave., Rutland VT 05701
123 Harrington Ave., Rutland VT 05701
95 Killington Ave., Rutland VT 05701
22 Giorgetti Blvd., Rutland VT 05701
HCR 32, Box 160, Chittenden VT 05737
25 Royce St., Rutland VT 05701
RFD 1, Box 115-A, Holly Springs NC 27540
RFD 2, Box 8604, Rutland VT 05701
HCR 32, Box 284, Chittenden VT 05737
P.O. Box 6074, Rutland VT 05701

ex = has not renewed membership for 1988

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates climb, footing, etc. For more information about a trip, call your trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Guests are welcome!**

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT	LEADER
7 Aug. (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	MYSTERY HIKE. 4 mi. easy.	Ira Hawley 775-4149
13 Aug. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	WORK PARTY. Help reroute Long Trail north of Route 103 in Clarendon.	Steve Pulling 773-6997
20-28 Aug.		INTERSECTIONAL, Sky Acres Girl Scout Camp, Washington. See <u>Long Trail News</u> for details.	
2-4 Sep. (Fri.-Sun.)	6 p.m.	BATTENKILL CANOE WEEKEND, Manchester, Vt. to Greenwich, N.Y. Reservations required. Bring or rent your own canoe. Limited to 10 participants. Fee for camping Fri. night at Sunderland State Park.	Steve Pulling 773-6997
9-11 Sep. (Fri.-Sun.)	6 p.m.	PEMIGEWASSET WILDERNESS backpacking weekend in the White Mts. of New Hampshire. Easy hiking on N. Fork of Pemigewasset River. Climb Mt. Carrigain, weather permitting. Fri. night camp at Quechee.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
18 Sep. (Sun.)	1:00 p.m.	LAKE ST. CATHERINE. Spend afternoon and evening at Doris White's camp on the lake. Possible hikes nearby and a cookout.	Doris White 775-0655 287-9455
24 Sep. (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	LAWN SALE to benefit Long Trail Protection Fund, at the Careys' on Route 7, S. Wallingford. We're looking for donated items to sell and help to staff the sale.	Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
25 Sep. (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	SUCKER BROOK SHELTER. From Middlebury Gap on the Long Trail, then down a side trail to Goshen. 6 mi., moderate, steep.	Churchill Scott 775-1494
1 Oct. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	RATTLESNAKE TRAIL, Salisbury. Climb Mt. Moosalamoo from the Falls of Lana and loop back on North Branch Trail. 8.5 mi., moderate, steep.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
4 Oct. (Tue.)	7:00 p.m.	SCHEDULING MEETING. Come help us plan our next outing schedule. 35 Burnham Avenue, Rutland.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
9 Oct. (Sun.)	9:30 a.m.	MYSTERY HIKE. Climb an unnamed mountain with a surprise at the end! 2.5 mi. easy to moderate.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
15 Oct. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	APPALACHIAN TRAIL from Route 12 to South Pomfret Rd. in Pomfret. 4 mi. moderate.	Roma Pulling 773-6997
23 Oct. (Sun.)	1:00 p.m.	GREAT ROARING BROOK ROAD, Shrewsbury to Plymouth town line. 2 mi. easy.	Bernie Donahue 773-7462
29 Oct. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	HERRICK MOUNTAIN, Ira. Northeast approach, some bushwhacking. 10 mi. difficult.	Herb Ogden (W)775-3368 (H)775-1350
30 Oct. (Sun.)	1:00 p.m.	AFTERNOON HIKE. Easy.	Ira Hawley 775-4149

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
 Rob Carey, President, RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773 446-2830
 Steve Pulling, Vice-President, RFD 3, Box 5192, Rutland VT 05701 775-3361
 Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer, RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735 468-3210

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	120.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

*If you first joined the Killington Section during 1988, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. As a credit for the first part of the year, subtract the following from dues: Adult - 0.75 times month number; Spouse - 0.50 times month number; others receive no credit.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT FOR 1988 TO:

W. Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mt. Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735

W Rogers & D Cartlein
RR 1, Box 363
Castleton, VT 05735

88



KILLINGTON SECTION BOOSTS LONG TRAIL PROTECTION FUND by Ray Catozzi

The Killington Section has voted to substantially aid the parent Club in its campaign to raise \$1.4 million to buy northern Vermont land where the Long Trail passes. Land covering 34 miles of the LT is up for sale, and the Club urgently needs to permanently protect this unique natural Vermont resource.

The late Dorothy Kirk, a member of the Killington Section, bequeathed \$1000 to help preserve the Long Trail, America's oldest long-distance hiking trail and inspiration for the 2100 mile Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia.

Killington Section directors have voted that Mrs. Kirk's \$1000 bequest be donated to the Long Trail Protection Fund in care of the main Club in Montpelier. This amount is to be matched two to one, by combined effort of the Killington Section's own fund raising campaign and funds from the Killington Section's Trails and Shelters budget.

The Section urgently requests donations from all sources -- members, non-members, corporations, groups -- to help meet the local goal of raising \$2000 to match Mrs. Kirk's bequest two to one. The Section recently held a lawn sale that netted about \$500.

Anyone wishing to contribute toward the preservation of our Long Trail up north should make checks or money orders payable to the LONG TRAIL PROTECTION FUND and send them to Wally Rogers, Treasurer, Killington Section, RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735. All donations to this worthy cause are tax deductible.

To date, the Green Mountain Club has raised approximately \$650,000 through donations, grants, and pledges. It has

already acquired title to two parcels of land, covering several of the 34 miles in need of protection. Included in this figure is a \$150,000 technical assistance grant from the U. S. Park Service to aid in mapping and surveying the land in question, and a \$50,000 challenge grant from the State of Vermont that must be matched three to one by the Club and the public.

CHITTENDEN BROOK TRAIL

16 July 1988

by Roma Pulling

It was our luck to have our hike fall in the midst of a prolonged heat wave. Considering that fact, we reversed our original plan and started where the Long Trail crosses Route 73 in Brandon Gap, hiked south to the junction with the Chittenden Brook Trail, and walked downhill to the Chittenden Brook Campground. The higher elevations of the Long Trail were actually cool. The heat didn't hit us until we stopped for lunch near the end of the hike.

It was surprising that this side trail was cleared better many sections of the Long Trail (not including the Killington Section, of course). Someone had been there recently and cut weeds and brush, making a swath at least three feet wide.

Eight people hiked this day. We all got into Jerry Parker's truck, which we had spotted at the Chittenden Brook Campground, and headed back to our cars at Brandon Gap. We made one stop on the way -- at a pull-out east of the Gap where there are exhibits relating to the Mount Horrid Cliffs and a nearby beaver dam.

Al and I hope to see you out again in cooler weather.

WALLINGFORD POND

24 July 1988

by Rob Carey

About a dozen members and guests enjoyed this afternoon hike. Instead of following the old road, we started from Kent Farm Road. From here we followed an old road up a moderate grade for about a mile until we reached the height of land and an important junction. To the left the road goes to Mt. Holly. To the right or straight, the road reaches the Pond in about a quarter of a mile.

We had listed swimming as a possible activity on this trip, but this was one of the few cool weekends of the summer so there were no takers. It was a beautiful day to view the pond and be outside. We saw ashes of small forest fires near the pond. As we left, we met three people fishing. Their luck hadn't been too good.

The return trip was quick, easy, and almost all downhill. While driving back, several hikers stopped to look at the stones in the graveyard on Sugar Hill Road.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr.	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Roma Pulling	Article Solicitor
Ray Catozzi	Production and
Irene Hawley	Distribution
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford

110 Merchants Row, Rutland 05701
SEND COPY BY 2 JANUARY 1989, PLEASE!!!

The Editor regrets the lateness of this issue. It was caused mostly by his absence from Rutland while he represented clients in a three week trial in Orleans Superior Court in Newport.

TAMARACK NOTCH TO GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER

30 July 1988

by Stephen Pulling

I first decided to lead this hike because it would be a perfect winter hike along old logging roads through some beautiful territory. So we scheduled the hike on December 20th. But the weather turned against us about halfway to Governor Clement Shelter as some low flying clouds with rain set in and we retreated to the cars. Popular demand had us reschedule the hike for the summer, so we made it a cookout hike.

July 30th was one of those extra warm days, but the heat didn't affect us too much because we were in a pretty thick forest and shaded from the sun most of the time. A new logging road had been built since my original hike scouting trip, which threw me a bit, but I got oriented quickly and off we went.

Eleven hikers started out from the Rousseau Camp in Tamarack Notch and followed old and new logging roads up over Stone Hill, eventually getting to Bove Camp. At this point Jerry Parker led us along a newly cut snowmobile trail to the Poczobut Camp, which is just up the hill from our destination, Governor Clement Shelter.

Our meals on wheels driver got distracted in Rutland and was quite late arriving with our lunch for the planned cookout. Thanks to the Carey family, who met us at the shelter, no one starved waiting for Al to show up ninety minutes late.

Half of us hiked back to Tamarack Notch after lunch, while the other half of our group rode back to Rutland with Al. I think the cookout hike idea was a good one, and I think we should plan more in the future. The only thing I would do differently is to hire a different driver if one is needed to meet the group!

[Editor's Note: See Vol. 41, No. 1 for a chilling account of the first attempt at this hike.]

G.G.G. WORK PARTY
13 August 1988
by Stephen Pulling

As most active members know, the AMC and GMC are trying to buy the land along the LT for a corridor where development will be prohibited, to protect our hiking trail. Some landowners along the trail are not willing to sell their land so we sometimes move the trail onto lands that can be bought more easily.

The trail between Route 103 and Clarendon Shelter is one of those that had to be moved. We had to move the trail a few hundred yards west of the old location. If you can't picture the new terrain in your mind, let me tell you it's nothing like the old. There is a climb on that new section that is the steepest on our 22-mile stretch of LT including on Killington.

Ray Catozzi named the area "The Great Gorge Gulch" [G.G.G. for short --Ed.] which is very appropriate. The steep climb is worth the effort, as there is a beautiful lookout on top. Views to the southwest include Clarendon Gorge and the Rutland Airport.

We picked the hottest day of the year but much to my surprise a crew organized by the main club did all of the rock step work up the gulch. Our Killington section crew did open up all the rest of the new trail with saws, axes, clippers, and strong muscles. [It was a jungle --Ed.]

My special thanks go to the following members for their hard, unselfish work: Jerry Parker, Churchill Scott, Roma and Al Pulling, Herb Ogden, Sue Thomas, Rob Carey, and Ray Catozzi.

MYSTERY HIKE IN MT. HOLLY
7 August 1988
by Ira Hawley

We left the park at the usual time minus some of the usual hikers that join us there, but three new hikers did go.

We gained three more hikers at the Long Trail crossing at Route 103. Then on to Mt. Holly and the hamlet of Hortonville and the base of Salt Ash Mountain. We left the cars at a small cemetery in the corner of the town of Shrewsbury.

As we started walking into the town of Mt. Holly, we were joined by a friendly dog, possibly a stray, as it had no collar, although we first assumed it belonged to a family of a house that we passed. As we continued along easy walking on a long-discontinued town road, we passed by an unmaintained and ancient cemetery with most of the headstones pushed over flat on the ground by cattle using this area as pasture. Our lunch spot was an active log loading area and our chairs were log piles. Our new friend (the Dog) had her lunch on everyone's handouts. A ten minute walk took us to Lake Ninevah, a pretty piece of water. Other people were enjoying a cooling dip on this very warm day. Also our friend (the Dog) took her dip to cool off.

We retraced our path for about a mile to an intersection of this old road and followed a different route past a cellarhole which must have gone with a large house. Then we went on down grade to a large farm in a quiet setting by itself surrounded by hills and forest. About 100 yards off the road and on a knoll we explored the very old Martin family cemetery.

My pickup truck was waiting to take us back to the beginning of our trek. The thermos jug of cold water was welcome and refreshing. Our new friend (the Dog) was glad to ride with us back to our cars. We hope her home was in this vicinity.

IN MEMORIAM: RUTH A. FOSTMAN

Mrs. Fostman, one of the original members of the Green Mt. Club, died on 5 August 1988 at Pleasant Manor Nursing Home in Rutland. She was 97.

BATTENKILL CANOE TRIP

2-4 September 1988

by Stephen Pulling

There are so many things about the canoe trip that I promised the participants I wouldn't report, that there isn't much to summarize! To say the least, it was a very fun trip with a perfect mix of calm and white water. The weather was perfect on Friday and Saturday, but we got kind of damp on Sunday.

Friday night we pitched our tents in an overflow area for Labor Day Weekend at an Arlington campground. One of the highlights of the weekend was watching a group of flatlanders pitch their tents late Friday. It was a real comedy show for us to watch as we sat around our picnic table making snide remarks.

Our flatland friends kept us awake half the night partying, but we had a long day ahead of us Saturday, so we got up early, broke camp, spotted cars (I won't say where), had breakfast provided by Jerry and Sue, and drove to Manchester, where our trip began.

The Battenkill is a very calm river in Manchester, similar to Otter Creek, with numerous log crossings. Just north of Arlington is a bad set of rapids that Doug and I negotiated but the remaining canoeists walked around not wanting to take a chance.

The remainder of Saturday was spent playing around in the Class I and II rapids. I think everyone had fun enjoying the beautiful scenery, passing people in tubes, and testing their canoeing skills on the tougher turns.

About 6 p.m. we beached our canoes at our "primitive" campsite on the Vermont-New York border. We built a fire, cooked supper, and sat around late into the night shooting the breeze, reminiscing, and giving marshmallows cooking lessons.

Sunday morning came early and with rain in the forecast we hurriedly had breakfast, broke camp, packed our gear away, and took off paddling. The water

was faster than Saturday so we made good time. With the exception of one bad strainer that we carried around, the river was fun and challenging.

The rains came upon us about 10 a.m., just hard enough for us to put on our raincoats. Canoeing in the rain isn't bad if you know the cars aren't too far away. About 11 a.m. we got to East Greenwich, N.Y., where our pick up vehicles were waiting for us just where we spotted them Saturday. All seven of us had a great time and I had four requests for the Battenkill next year!

SWASHING BUCKLIN

10 September 1988

by Herb Ogden

Accompanied by fully half the people who volunteered to work on the Bucklin Trail in response to my notice in the last S&B, I set out from Brewers Corners on the Wheelerville Road on a gorgeous early fall morning. Jerry Parker drove almost to the upper Brewers Brook crossing, using the logging road that branches from the old Coach Road up Killington, and the two of us spent the entire day on the upper 2.2 miles of the Killington Section's longest side trail.

The uppermost half mile needed the most work. We pruned back a lot of brush, dug long ditches to drain the trail, and put in waterbars. The rest of the trail needed less clearing, but drainage was a problem there, too. Jerry moved so many rocks putting in waterbars that his shovel blade finally broke. But, after a long day's work, we left the trail with a good sense of accomplishment at having restored a neglected stretch of trail.

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH OLD S&B'S?

To recycle a Smoke & Blazes, leave it in the waiting room of an office, where it will introduce others to us.

TAG SALE

24 September 1988

by Sue Carey

What a great success! It was a beautiful sunny day and with all the support we received from our members we raised \$500. It was great to see so many Section members pitching in to help. Sue Thomas made some nice posters and Roma worked on the written advertizing. Rob and Herb solicited donations. Wally took care of the change. Linda Pellerin and I marked the items the night before, and on Saturday Linda, Rob, Roma, and Sue set up and worked during the sale. Thanks to all the helpers and donors. A special thanks to Mountain Travelers on Woodstock Avenue and the Army-Navy Store on Center Street in Rutland for their donations to the sale.

CANTY TRAIL WORK PARTY

25 September 1988

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

Since I still had half my volunteers for the Bucklin Trail work party but hardly any more Bucklin Trail to work on, I persuaded the entire remaining volunteers to take on the Canty Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain. The Perkinses, from Tall Timbers, used to maintain this trail for the GMC, but they said they couldn't keep it up any more and welcomed a Killington Section work party. So Ben Florczak (the other half of the Bucklin Volunteers) and I spent a very pleasant day putting the upper two-thirds of this pretty trail back into shape.

Our biggest project was just below the summit, where we cleared out the badly overgrown short side trail to the west vista, and some of the vista, too. Our reward was a beautiful view from Rutland City to the Adirondacks. Just a few hours earlier, we'd met descending hikers who complained about all that

climb for so little view. It's too bad we hadn't told them which branches to scramble through so that they could have enjoyed the view that we later opened up, rather than the much poorer southerly view from the actual summit.

We also dug or redug some ten water-bars, in the process persuading a small brook to get out of our trail and go back where it belonged.

Once the bottom third of the Canty Trail is cleared and the whole thing is reblazed, we'll have a trail to be proud of. Any volunteers for 1989?

MOOSALAMOO (AND LANA FALLS TOO)

1 October 1988

by Sue Thomas

When we assembled at the Falls of Lana parking lot to begin our hike up Mt. Moosalamoo, I gave the group a choice. We could hike up the boring old road the the Falls, or take a new and more ... interesting route. Obviously they haven't learned yet not to follow me because they opted for the new way, and we set off up the north side of the falls -- straight up the rocks, that is! We were rewarded with a different view of the falls, and, a little further along, another rock outcropping that looked out on Lake Dunmore. That's about all we saw though, due to the haziness of the day. As we left the Falls of Lana picnic grounds and started to climb the mountain, October began to feel more like July, and people shed layers of jackets and sweaters.

Because the haze obscured the views and because we had a lot of miles ahead of us, we decided not to take a side trail to Rattlesnake Cliffs, but continued on to the top of Moosalamoo for a well-deserved lunch break, where we were treated to yet another view of the haze while we rested and ate. Someone with sharp, haze-piercing eyes spotted what we thought were cows in a pasture below, but, when they hadn't moved at all by

the time we left, we determined that they were rocks, not cows. For wildlife, we had to settle for a fuzzy caterpillar who tried to share Roma's lunch.

We descended from the summit and crossed over to the North Branch Trail which led us along a brook back to the picnic area, where we found the Hawleys waiting for us. That was a pleasant surprise, and a nice ending to a long and enjoyable hike.

HERRICK MOUNTAIN

29 October 1988

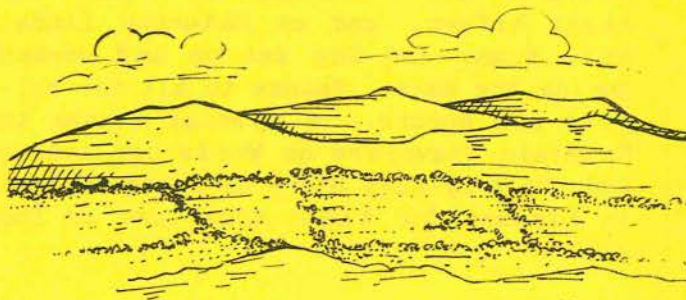
by Herb Ogden, Jr.

Nine hikers turned out in rather raw weather for what was billed as a ten mile difficult hike with some bushwhackking. Actually, it was more like six miles than ten, but there was a little rugged going, and we did have to bushwhack for a mile or so at the top. As far as anyone knew, this was the first Killington Section trip up Herrick Mountain, so we were not sure what to expect. Now that we know, we'll go again!

We drove from West Rutland up the Clark Hill Road. Rather than decorate the road with various undercarriage parts of Sandy Partridge's sedan, we left the cars not far beyond the end of the maintained road, near the height of land. Enjoying nice views from the old road, we descended to the southwest corner of West Rutland, then ascended to the northwest on a long-abandoned Ira town road, retracing in reverse a little of the 1986 Around Herrick Mountain hike.

Branching south on a well-defined woodroad, we ascended the east flank of the 2401' knob north of Herrick Mountain that is known for Ben's Slide on its north face. At this point, the leader had a little fun exploiting his friends' topographic befuddlement, leading them west into the saddle between the Ben's

Slide knob and Herrick itself while they thought they were going east and were sure they ought to be going west -- which they were! In the saddle, we left the last woodroad and simply climbed south along a ridge of fairly open hardwood forest, mostly avoiding a lot of raspberry bushes. Maybe 0.2 miles north of the summit, we found a beautiful view of the Birdseye cliff. It's probably also a beautiful view of the Adirondacks, but we couldn't see much farther than Bomoseen through clouds and an occasional snow shower.



The 2726' summit of Herrick Mountain gave us a fair view to the south and a sheltered (?) place for lunch. We puzzled over the remains of what seemed to be a very small aluminum tower before heading back north along the ridge.

On the way back, we followed the well-defined woodroad around the south side of a 2185' knob, passing an old foundation where even the 1869 Beers Atlas shows no road. We entered the Clark Hill Road south of the torn-up bridge near what the Beers Atlas shows as the J. Mundy place, now only a cellarhole. After locating the J. Mumford cellarhole north of the brook, we headed back up Clark Hill to the cars.

Sandy Partridge graciously invited us to his home in Proctor for refreshment and slides of a hike along the Milford Track on the south island of New Zealand. Perhaps it wasn't quite as out of the way as Herrick Mountain, but the Milford Track was very interesting to see, and Sandy's photography was outstanding. We encouraged him to show his New Zealand slides at a future Killington Section gathering.

MYSTERY HIKE IN CHITTENDEN

30 October 1988

by Ira Hawley

The morning had been a succession of snow flurries and blue sky with bright sunshine and when we assembled at the park more clouds threatened what looked like snow. As this was to be an afternoon hike, we planned a short drive to Chittenden to Casey Road, and were fortunate to have plentiful parking space for the eleven cars.

We proceeded into the woods via a discontinued town road on a moderate downgrade. We came upon a huge boulder at the side of which was a long-abandoned family sedan. Farther along was a cellar hole as evidence of the site of dwellers many years ago. We now came out of the woods to the traveled part of Dugway Road. Our return was by the same route but now it was all uphill.

It did not storm after all, and on arriving back at the start, everyone enjoyed refreshment in the sweet cider awaiting us. The short afternoon had provided some invigorating exercise.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

The hurricane of 21 September 1938 wreaked havoc over a wide area, destroying timber, homes, and means of transportation. One thing that has survived this shocker, several wars, and personal loss, has been the 18 September 1938 marriage of Ira Hawley and Irene Wilder.

Ira and Irene had a family of four children. Lorraine lives with her parents, Lucinda passed away in 1961, Norman works in the graphics department at the Rutland Herald, and Sharon is married to a local excavator.

Ira is one of our hike leaders and has furnished the maple syrup for our sugar-on-snow parties for several years.

We hope your 50th anniversary was a

happy one and that there will be many more golden years.

ENVIRONMENTAL WEEKEND AT SEYON RANCH IN GROTON

by Sue Carey

The weekend of 25-26 February 1989 has been reserved for an environmental learning program at Seyon Ranch. Last year several people I know went and enjoyed it so much that I thought the Killington Section would be interested. The lodge is heated with a furnace so you don't have to worry about getting cold at night. We haven't finalized the program yet, but it could include winter tracking, bird banding, star identification, or Vermont mammals. If you have a preference, let me know.

The cost includes the program, four meals, and a heated lodge. You should bring a sleeping bag and skis. Snowshoes are available at the ranch. Prices are \$45 per adult, \$27 per child under 12, and \$10 per preschooler.

It sounds like a great way to spend an winter weekend. Please let me know at least two weeks in advance if you want to go. Sue Carey 446-2830.

Ray Catozzi spotted the following article in the October, 1988 Berkshire Exchange (Berkshire Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club), which had reprinted it from the AMC Worcester Chapter's Wachusett Views. Do you suppose what goes on in the White Mountains just might have a parallel over here in the Green Mountains?

WHO GOES TO THE MOUNTAINS?

by Mike Makynen

Who goes to the mountains? Well, if the crowds we saw one recent Columbus Day are any indication, then the answer

must be that everybody goes to the mountains.

We saw upwards of a hundred people of all shapes, sizes, and levels of experience. In keeping with this newsletter's recent interest in publishing lists, I offer the following observations on the type of hikers to be found in the mountains.

A. The Veteran. The veteran has been there before, usually more than once, probably even in winter. Still wishes it was possible to get to the mountains more often. Carries quality equipment, most of it well worn. Can always be counted on for good advice and for a good story.

B. The Family. A young couple with young kids. Often seen struggling to make it to the summit -- in fact, maybe they don't always get there. Everyone pitches in to carry gear and lunch. Kids: "Are we almost there?" Parents: Just over the next rise."

C. The Family 15 Years Later. Kids are young adults and look more like their parents than before. Often accompanied by date or spouse. Parents are in even better shape than when in Group B. Whole family is now in Group A and got there without even realizing it. Very comfortable together.

D. Couples. We saw couples from three generations. A good opportunity to get to know each other. The special thrill of the mountains is better when there is someone to share it with.

E. Outing Club. Always interesting to see. Wide variety of equipment and experience. A safe chance to learn from a friendly teacher. Includes AMC, school clubs, church groups, scouts.... The way many of got started.

F. Rambo. Apparently this is an exclusive male group. Carries a "climbing" rope on a ridge hike. Not to be confused with a rock climber, except by another Rambo. Carries very large belt knife. Wears a lot of camouflage. Struts.

G. High Climber. Thinks the mountains are not high enough. Smokes marijuana on the top of Mt. Lincoln.

H. The Indiscriminate Climber. Disregards signs saying no camping within 200 feet of trail or water. Makes large wood fire. Makes large noise. Makes large mess. Excuse: "Other people have camped here before us, and besides, we can carry all this beer only so far."

I. The Refrigerator. Has different thermostat from the rest of us. Wears shorts on Lafayette even though temperature is in the thirties with strong winds. Doesn't wear long pants until snowshoe season.

J. The Backpacker. Strong hiker. Carries pack, tent, food, overnight gear. Cruises over trails where many of us have trouble carrying a sweatshirt.

K. The Model Hiker. Don't get me wrong. I have nothing against fashion. There's no reason why a person's entire outfit, including boots, pack, raingear, socks, underwear (?), and hiking companions shouldn't all be new, clean, expensive, and color coordinated. After all, I get those catalogs too. Maybe it's just envy.

L. The Earnest Talker. Two or more hikers who like and respect each other and who don't get together as much as they'd like. Linked together by non-stop, wide ranging conversation, they talk up one mountain and down the next, for hours on end, but somehow never seem to finish what they have to say.

M. The Rookie. Keeps looking at the last mountain and saying, "I can't believe we hiked all that way." Looks in the hut for a wastebasket to deposit trash. Wonders how they get all that food up there.

Of course there are other categories that are not included here. For example, there are the hikers who always use a walking stick, and there are the hikers who always bring their dog, and there are photographers, and there are guidebook addicts. In fact, believe it or not, there are even people who make up lists as they trudge along.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates climb, footing, etc. For more information about a trip, call your trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Guests are welcome!**

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT	LEADER	
6 Nov. (Sun.)	1:00 p.m.	BALD MOUNTAIN, Mendon. 4 mi. moderate.	Bernie Donahue	773-7462
12 Nov. (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.	HIKING THROUGH HISTORY, Rutland. Tour historic sites in the Rutland area.	Al & Roma Pulling	773-6997
19 Nov. (Sat.)	5:30 p.m.	COVERED DISH SUPPER, Unitarian-Universalist Church Basement, West Street, Rutland	Sue Thomas	773-2185
4 Dec. (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	MT. NICKWACKETT, Goshen. 5 mi. difficult, steep.	Steve Pulling	773-6997
11 Dec. (Sun.)	12:30 p.m.	NATURAL BRIDGE, North Dorset. 3 mi. moderate. Hike from Emerald Lake State Park to a natural bridge spanning a gorge.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
17 Dec. (Sat.)	6:30 p.m.	CHRISTMAS CAROLING, Rutland. Join us for caroling at various locations throughout Rutland.	Virginia Scott	775-1494
23 Dec. (Fri.)	6:30 p.m.	MOONLIGHT HIKE. 3 mi. easy, by the light of a full moon.	Steve Pulling	773-6997
3 Jan. (Tue.)	7:00 p.m.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING, 35 Burnham Ave., Rutland. Come help us plan our next schedule.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
7 Jan. (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.	HANCOCK BRANCH, Hancock. 4 mi. moderate. in from Texas Falls.	Herb Ogden	<u>Ski or snowshoe only.</u> (W)775-3368 (H)775-1350
15 Jan. (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	GILMORE POND, Bristol. 4 mi. moderate. suitable for skis.	<u>Snowshoe only</u> ; not Jerry Parker	775-6208
21 Jan. (Sat.)	12:30 p.m.	RAILROAD BED SKI, Pawlet. 6-8 mi. easy. the Rutland & Washington R.R.	Ski along the old bed of Rob & Sue Carey	446-2830
29 Jan. (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	HILDENE SKI, Manchester. Cross country ski on the grounds of historic Hildene, home of Robert Todd Lincoln. Trail fee.	Ray Catozzi	773-3006

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
 Rob Carey, President, RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773 446-2830
 Steve Pulling, Vice-President, RFD 3, Box 5192, Rutland VT 05701 775-3361
 Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer, RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735 468-3210

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	120.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

*If you first joined the Killington Section during this year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. As a credit for the first part of the year, subtract the following from dues: Adult - 0.75 times month number; Spouse - 0.50 times month number; others receive no credit.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735



W Rogers & D Gartlein
RR 1, Box 363
Castleton, VT 05735

88



Smoke & Blazes

VOL. 41, NO. 4

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

JANUARY, 1989

APPALACHIAN TRAIL, POMFRET

15 October 1988

by Roma Pulling

There were so many dark days this fall that we felt very fortunate to have a partly sunny one, and the temperature was ideal. Nine people met at the park in Rutland, and a tenth hiker met us at the trailhead on Route 12.

With so much driving necessary to get to the section of the AT that we were interested in, we didn't want to plan a long hike and decided on the roughly four miles starting on the Pomfret Road 1.6 miles north of the store in South Pomfret. I grew up not far away but had never hiked this trail. Much of it had been relocated since our guidebook was printed.

Our route led us across Pomfret Brook on rocks, and across Bartlett Brook Road and Barnard Stage Road to Route 12. We crossed at least two hills with sometimes steep ascents. To our surprise the trail was barred in several places by barbed wire and electric fence. In a yard between a dilapidated house and barn we had to clamber over an old wooden gate. And we had what was for most of us a first encounter with a stile. This led up and over a stone wall into a pasture which we shared with a herd of Black Angus cattle while we enjoyed the perfectly gorgeous view. At this point we weren't far from Route 12 and the end of our hike.

On our way back to Rutland we had one more chance to appreciate the fall foliage.

HUNTING THROUGH HISTORY

12 November 1988

by Roma Pulling

Twenty people gathered on a crisp but sunny opening day of deer season. While three hunters checked in at the fire station with their kill, a hostess in pseudo-colonial costume greeted participants in our first-ever historical field trip.

We visited the Fort Rutland marker in front of the Armory and talked about the location and dimensions of the fort and then headed west and south in our cars. At Evergreen Cemetery it was noted that the gravestones of our first settlers, James and Mercy Mead, do not seem to be as old as their death dates would indicate. At Center Rutland Falls we inspected the abutments of former bridges and discussed the location of Fort Ranger. On to the West Proctor Road and

PLEASE RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP
NOW!

To be a member in good standing through the end of 1989, please send in your dues now if you haven't already. There's a renewal form at the end of this issue. A list of 1989 members, with addresses, will be published in the next Smoke & Blazes. (If you don't want your address published, please tell the Secretary when you send in your dues or tell the Editor before the copy deadline.) Stay on board for 1989!

COMING IN THE NEXT ISSUES: The life of Jarvis Snodgrass (short biography). Renew your membership now so you won't miss it!

the site of James Mead's home and then to the grave of a member of Rogers' Rangers off the Middle Road in Clarendon. (continued, p.2)

As it was nearly noon by this time, we stopped beside the road (??!) for lunch and directed our attention north. We were fortunate to have an electrical engineer with us who could add to my limited information on Davenport's invention of the electric motor. The work shop where the motor was built is in Forest Dale. It is commemorated by a granite marker. I was indebted to this same engineer for help at the two iron furnaces we visited in Pittsford and Forest Dale as his study had been extensive.

Other afternoon stops were at Fort Vengeance in Pittsford, the Stephen Douglas birthplace in Brandon, and the restoration of Ann Story's cabin in Salisbury.

This seemed to be a pleasant interlude while we waited for a safe date to enter the woods.

COVERED DISH SUPPER, RUTLAND

19 November 1988

by Sue Thomas

GMC events involving food are traditionally well attended, but this year we had a record number of participants. Perhaps it was because the setting was a bit more civilized than in years past, when we crammed ourselves in among the stored bunks at Rotary Cabin and attempted to eat our dinners with mittens on until the temperamental stove heated up.

In any case, the turnout at the Unitarian Church in Rutland this year was large, which is always a good thing at a pot luck because it means MORE FOOD. If this trend continues, perhaps we'll have to start planning a rigorous moonlight hike after the meal to atone!

Instead, after a wonderful feast, Sandy Partridge took us all to New Zealand, via slides of his recent three day hike on the Milford Track. I'm sure he could have sold plane tickets immediately after the show because his ex-

cellent slides of the spectacular scenery made many of us anxious to head down under. His slides showed a wide variety of climates, from rain forests and spectacular waterfalls to snow covered glaciers and mountain lakes. He even found a Sutherland Falls there, which ironically was the original name of Proctor, Vermont.

All in all it was a great evening of food, new and old friends, and beautiful scenery, thanks to everyone who contributed goodies and especially to Sandy for sharing his New Zealand adventure with all of us.

NICKWACKETT MOUNTAIN, CHITTENDEN

4 December 1988

by Stephen Pulling

I had never been to the top of Nickwackett when I agreed to lead a club hike there. Being the conscientious type, I went to scout out the mountain, but not knowing where I was going, it took me a while to find the top. When I finally got to the summit it was cold, pouring rain, and foggy, but I could clearly see there was no lookout or even a place for a view. Later, my coach in the endeavor, Jerry Parker, informed me the lookout wasn't on the summit but on the west ridge. My second scouting trip was much more successful and after seeing the spectacular views I couldn't wait to lead the club up Nickwackett.

December fourth was a cold, partly sunny morning. perfect for winter hiking. We drove up the Middle Road in Chittenden, left half the cars at the intersection of the snowmobile trail and spotted the rest about four miles away.

We climbed immediately, up an old logging road. I gave everyone the option of climbing to the uneventful summit, but I had no takers, thank goodness. We hiked up and over the south knee of Nickwackett and bushwhacked to a nice lookout just above Rowe's development off the West Road. Beautiful views

of the Rutland valley from the north were displayed there.

We then bushwhacked back to the logging road and followed it for about a mile where we bushwhacked again up to an area called White Pastures. From there, you get the most spectacular views of the valley south to Danby, west to Bird Mountain and Grandpa's Knob, and, believe it or not, north to Brandon. We could have stopped for lunch while taking in the sights but a frigid wind drove us to a more protected spot to start a fire and cook lunch.

After lunch we hiked due north in the general direction of our spotted cars. One more bushwhack to a lookout with views of Brandon, and it was a short quarter mile downhill to the vehicles. If you like easy, short hikes with marvelous views, Nickwackett Mountain - White Pastures is a must.

TO THE DORSET NATURAL BRIDGE IN UNNATURAL TEMPERATURES

11 December 1988

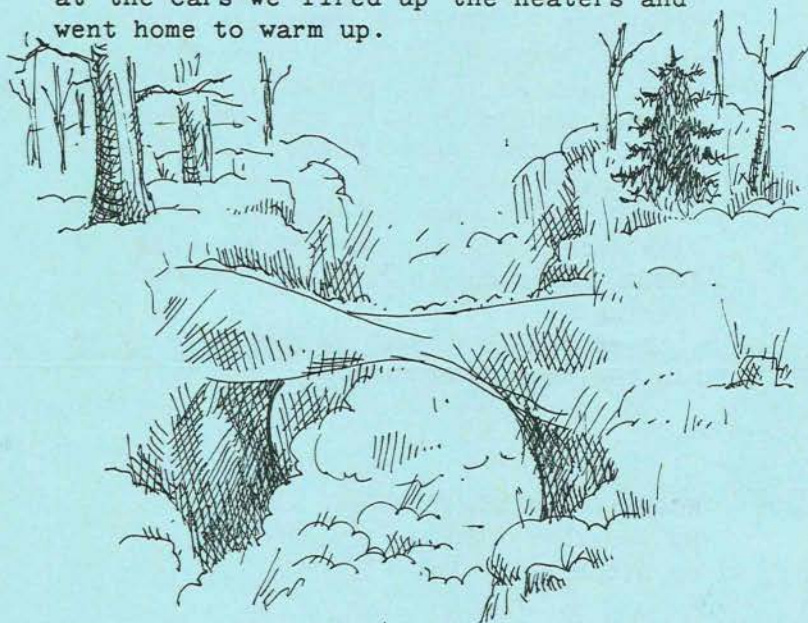
by Sue Thomas

When I saw the thermometer barely reading 0° on the morning of my hike, I doubted that anyone would want to go. This, however, was not the first time the foolishness... er, hardness of the Killington Section has surprised me. Eight people braved the cold to accompany me to the Natural Bridge near Emerald Lake. We parked the cars at the State Park and set out wondering why we were there, where the strong wind made it feel well below zero, and I for one was not sure I'd be able to coax my car to start again when we returned. Once we got into the woods, though, we were sheltered from the wind, bringing the temperature back up to the balmy 0° we expected. Oh boy.

The trail begins easily, but soon starts climbing steeply, and I chose to ignore complaints about the steepness since at least it warmed us up. Fast!

When complaints got more frequent, I had to resort to the old "just around the next bend" and "it's all level from here" trick, which must have worked because everyone made it to the natural bridge, which is small but spans an impressive gorge. We didn't linger long, and voted unanimously not to have a fire because it was just too darned cold to stand around unless actually in the fire.

The return trip was faster but chilly, and after a quick cookie break at the cars we fired up the heaters and went home to warm up.



Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr.	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Roma Pulling	Article Solicitor
Irene Hawley	Production and
Roma Pulling	Distribution
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	

Please send material to the Editor at

Harlow Liccardi & Crawford
110 Merchants Row, Rutland 05701
SEND COPY BY 1 APRIL 1989, PLEASE!!!

CAROLING

17 December 1988
by Virginia Scott

We met at the City Park for our caroling on a beautiful clear but cold night. We were happy to have quite a few men with us. In fact, it was the best turnout for caroling in a while, with 13 or 14 in all.

In three cars, we went to sing to Vera Perkins, who graciously asked us in and joined us in singing the old favorites. Then to Beverly Manor to sing to Doris Phillips. On to Mrs. Al-lard, then on to Mr. and Mrs. Nyiri. We checked at Jim Frink's but they weren't home. Our last place was Thelma Valiquette's.

We closed the evening at my house with cocoa, coffee, tea and munchies. I think everyone enjoyed themselves all evening.

Even though we had no snow I think we had the Christmas spirit.

MOONLIGHT HIKE, PROCTOR

23 December 1988
by Stephen Pulling

I was a little concerned that, so close to Christmas, the turnout on this hike wouldn't be all that great. Much to my surprise fourteen hearty souls [28 hearty soles --Ed.] showed up on what started out to be a cloudy night. All weather forecasts predicted a cloudy night but just as we left the cars the clouds cleared and the most beautiful full moon appeared.

This year's winter moonlight hike was to a place I call Proctor Highledge. It is a cleared area on top of a ledge, high above the village of Proctor west of town. There is a road all the way to the top used by jeeps and ATVs. From the top you can see the villages of Proctor and Pittsford, parts of Rutland and West Rutland, and in the moonlight you could see the summits of Pico Peak,

Mendon Mt., and Killington Peak.

It was fun looking off in the distance and discussing where we thought lights were located. We started a fire to boil water for hot chocolate and ate Christmas cookies. This was one of the first moonlight hikes I've been on that wasn't to one of our shelters on the Long Trail, but I think this was a nice change.

HANCOCK BRANCH TRAIL

7 January 1989
by Herb Ogden, Jr.

Despite only an inch of snow in Rutland and not much more in the nearby hills, everyone showed up with skis or snowshoes as ordered. The 7 skiers were not disappointed; the 3 snowshoers just walked through the half foot of snow that we happily found up in Hancock. Our goal was the logging road that leaves the Texas Gap Road and continues to follow the Hancock Branch of the White River some 2 miles northwesterly.

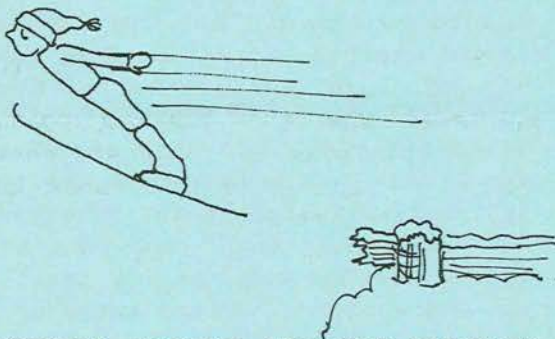
Exbridge was what some of us decided to call the neighborhood we visited. A ski touring guide had listed five bridges on Forest Service Road 212, but the second was missing and the fourth no longer reached all the way across. Luckily, the Hancock Branch was frozen solidly enough that we could cross on the ice. A half-dozen gullies, where culverts had evidently been removed, also presented challenges, but one diehard even made it past the fifth bridge without removing his skis. (This is all by way of explanation why the walkers made it back before the skiers even though they had only 10 minutes head start on the downhill trip.)

A cloudy day with gently falling snow limited our views to a few glimpses toward Kirby Peak, some 1200 feet above us. Nearby views included the track of a turkey that had taken much the same route as we, and a few deer tracks.

After the fifth bridge, which was

well on its way to joining the ranks of the ex-bridges, the road pitched uphill to slab along the east side of the narrowing valley, and became overgrown with saplings. In response, the skiers became walkers too, and we made an exception to the rule that walkers should stay out of ski tracks. As even the walking wasn't good, we soon contented ourselves with a view down the valley and turned around. Lunch soon followed, with hot drinks from the soot-blackened denizen of the Section's pack basket and a few hot dogs roasted over the fire.

On the downhill trip, one of our number unintentionally changed the shape of his ski and went the final half mile tipless. Of course, nobody skied down to Texas Falls, the wonderfully frozen final stop of the trip.



ENVIRONMENTAL WEEKEND AT SEYON RANCH IN GROTON

by Sue Carey

The weekend of 25-26 February 1989 has been reserved for an environmental learning program at Seyon Ranch. Last year several people I know went and enjoyed it so much that I thought the Killington Section would be interested. The lodge is heated with a furnace so you don't have to worry about getting cold at night. We haven't finalized the program yet, but it could include winter tracking, bird banding, star identification, or Vermont mammals. If you have a preference, let me know.

The cost includes the program, four meals, and a heated lodge. You should bring a sleeping bag and skis. Snowshoes are available at the ranch.

Prices are \$45 per adult, \$27 per child under 12, and \$10 per preschooler.

It sounds like a great way to spend a winter weekend. Please let me know by 17 February if you want to go. Phone Sue Carey at 446-2830.

DECISION ON LONG TRAIL RELOCATION AT WALLINGFORD GULF EXPECTED SOON

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

At a 2 December 1988 meeting for landowners, hikers, and other interested parties, the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service announced that their combined decision on relocating the Long Trail / Appalachian Trail at Wallingford Gulf would be made in early 1989. According to a 6 December 1988 letter from the U.S. Forest Service, the Environmental Assessment recommendation was to be made later in December.

At the meeting at the Wallingford School, where the Killington Section was represented by President Rob Carey and a half-dozen other members, discussion centered on the best route for the Trail from the Wallingford Gulf Road (Vt. 140) to the top of the Keewaydin Trail on White Rocks Mountain. This segment, within the Green Mountain National Forest purchase boundary, is the responsibility of the Forest Service. The planned relocation north of the Gulf Road, over Bear Mountain, is the responsibility of the National Park Service, which has bought a large tract where the northerly part of the relocation is planned.

The fifty-odd people present proposed a number of alternatives including (described northbound)

1. rerouting the Trail onto or near the Keewaydin Trail to the White Rocks Picnic Area, then generally north, crossing the Gulf Road not far east of the Sugar Hill Road;

2. rerouting the Trail onto the upper part of the Keewaydin Trail, then east along Bully Brook and then through

the Wilson property (west of the present LT) to Sugar Hill Road, then along an existing 200' wide easement (just west of the present LT) through the Bluhm property, then west along the Abatiell property line to a Gulf Road crossing at an old dam substantially west of the present crossing;

3. rerouting the Trail from east of Greenwall Shelter onto the McClure property, then onto the 200' easement;

4. keeping the Trail where it is south of Sugar Hill Road, then using the 200' easement.

Some of the problems presented were:

1. the present location is bad because it entails using a public road north of the Gulf Road;

2. the present location is bad because, from the Butterworths' to Sugar Hill Road, the easement is only the width of the Butterworth private road, along which there might be development (McClures and Butterworths say at most two lots could be made from the McClure property facing the Butterworth Road, and the best building sites would be away from the road; the Forest Service seems less sure);

3. as Rob Carey and Herb Ogden pointed out, relocation on the Keewaydin Trail is bad because the steep grade promotes erosion and discourages casual day hikers, and because the Trail then passes nowhere near Greenwall Shelter;

4. Abatiell will not sell a mere easement across his crucially important property but insists the government buy the entire property south of the Gulf Road (the U.S.F.S. said Abatiell had been "intransigent, to a certain degree"; it prefers not to exercise its power to condemn property like this);

5. Some Wallingford taxpayers want to minimize the government's outright purchase of land because that land is then removed from the town's tax rolls;

6. Some people don't realize that the Trail easement need not be the full 1000' wide that is authorized.

Although those present were reluctant

to speak up at first, they soon found their voices and a lively discussion ensued. Some had very different views, but they were generally courteous to one another and attempted to understand others' views.

Congratulations to the Forest Service, to the Park Service, and to those present for a productive evening.

MAIN CLUB PROJECTS IN OUR AREA

FOR 1989

from a letter by Ray Auger,
G.M.C. Field Supervisor

Early Spring: Spring Lake Clearing Prescribed Burn. Joint project with the G.M.C., A.T.C., U.S. Forest Service, and National Park Service. Volunteers are needed to assist, but the burn depends on the weather, so a firm date cannot be set.

Spring (date to be set): Clarendon Gorge area cleanup, bank stabilization, etc., with volunteers from the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. "Pioneers."

6 May: Ray Auger and the A.T.C.'s Kevin Peterson will hold a trail scouting and corridor monitor workshop in the Sherburne River Road (Quimby Mountain) area. Details in February Long Trail News.

29 June - 3 July and 6 - 10 July: Route 103 to Clarendon Shelter reroute. G.M.C./A.T.C. volunteer crew will complete major construction begun last summer and open the reroute. This is a priority, so the crew will stay as long as it takes. The Main Club would like the Section to finish any brushing, blazing, etc., and to build two fence stiles just north of Route 103.

Mid to late summer: Scouting potential LT reroute from Route 140 in Wallingford Gulf to Minerva Hinchey Shelter over Bear Mountain. Construction may begin in 1990.

Volunteers should call Steve Pulling, Killington Section Trails & Shelters Chairman, at 773-6997.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates climb, footing, etc. For more information about a trip, call your trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Guests are welcome!**

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT	LEADER	
4 Feb. (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.	OFF THE WHEELERVILLE ROAD, Mendon. Most suitable for skis or snowshoes. 4 mi. moderate.	Herb Ogden	(H) 775-1350 (W) 775-3368
11 Feb. (Sat.)	12:30 p.m.	SLEDDING PARTY, Brandon. Bring a sled or toboggan if you have one.	Steve Pulling	773-6997
19 Feb. (Sun.)	9:30 a.m.	GLEN DAM, Rutland. Ski or snowshoe. 2 mi. easy; option for longer trip.	Churchill Scott	775-1494
25 Feb.- 26 Feb. (Sat.- Sun.)	9:00 a.m. on 25th	WINTER WEEKEND at Seyon Ranch, Groton. Join us for a weekend of skiing and snow- shoeing, with nature programs. See p.4 for details. \$45/adult, \$25/under 12, \$10/preschooler. <u>Reserve by 17 February.</u>	Rob & Sue Carey	446-2830
4 March (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	MEETINGHOUSE ROCK, North Shrewsbury. Prepare for Town Meeting Day by visiting site where early settlers held meetings in Northam. Ski or snowshoe. 5 mi. easy.	Roma Pulling	773-6997
12 March (Sun.)	2:00 p.m.	SUGAR ON SNOW, Unitarian-Universalist Church, West St., Rutland. Our annual seasonal treat. Fee. Very easy.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
19 March (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	WALLINGFORD-MT. TABOR AREA. Looking for cabin rumored once used by escaped convict. 4-5 mi. moderate.	Jerry Parker	775-6208
1 April (Sat.)	11:11 a.m.	JARVIS SNODGRASS MEMORIAL EXCURSION. Delve into background of Gazebo namesake. 3 mi. moderate; optional longer route.	Herb Ogden	(H) 775-1350 (W) 775-3368
4 April (Tue.)	7:00 p.m.	OUTING COMMITTEE MEETING, 35 Burnham St. Rutland. Come help plan next schedule.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
9 April (Sun.)	9:30 a.m.	MYSTERY HIKE. 3-4 mi. moderate.	Churchill Scott	775-1414
16 April (Sun.)	9:30 a.m.	WHITE ROCKS, Wallingford. Hike to ice beds or Keewaydin Trail to cliffs if weather permits. Bring cookout food. 2-4 mi. moderate.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
22 April (Sat.)	11:00 a.m.	ROCKY POND, Rutland. 3½ mi. easy. Rain date Sunday the 23rd.	Ira Hawley	775-4149
29 April (Sat.)	7:00 p.m.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING at Unitarian-Universalist Church, West St., Rutland. Meeting and elections followed by program and refreshments. Everyone welcome!	Rob & Sue Carey	446-2830

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
 Rob Carey, President, RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773 446-2830
 Steve Pulling, Vice-President, RFD 3, Box 5192, Rutland VT 05701 775-3361
 Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer, RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735 468-3210

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	120.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

*If you first joined the Killington Section during this year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. As a credit for the first part of the year, subtract the following from dues: Adult - 0.75 times month number; Spouse - 0.50 times month number; others receive no credit.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735



Robert and Thelma Perkinsxx88
4812 Lebanon Road
Charlotte, NC 28212



Smoke & Blazes

VOL. 42, NO. 1

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

APRIL, 1989

THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE KILLINGTON SECTION
BEGINS AT 7 P.M. ON SATURDAY
29 APRIL IN THE UNITARIAN-
UNIVERSALIST CHURCH BASEMENT,
117 WEST ST., RUTLAND. BUSI-
NESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF
OFFICERS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A
PROGRAM AND REFRESHMENTS.

COME TO THE MEETING. GUESTS
ARE WELCOME, TOO.

MOUNTAIN TOP HIKE

29 January 1989

by Bernie Donahue

We went from the Stuart Reynolds property to the Chittenden - Mountain Top Road. Six made the hike, circling around the east side of the Chittenden Reservoir by Lefferts Pond and then back to the Reynolds property. It was a warm and sunny day, unlike most late January days in this locality. Boots were the footwear of the day.

Jerry Parker persuaded some of the group to leave the trail to observe trees clawed by bear. Then back to the trail to meet up with the rest. About five miles were covered in this delightful hike on such a splendid Sunday in mid-winter.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr.	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Roma Pulling	Article Solicitor
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Roma Pulling	
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	

WHEELERVILLE ROAD AND EAST

4 February 1989

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

My luck in scheduling ski tours on the few weekends of this year when we had skiable snow continued to hold, though the cover was a mite thin in places where sun or wind had gotten at the snow. And my skis are a little thinner in places as a result, probably.

Our party drove in about a mile on the Wheelerville Road from Route 4, parking just short of a bridge. We skied northeasterly up a well-defined woodroad through nice evergreens, eventually reaching some ski touring trails maintained (at least formerly) by the Cortina Inn. We then encountered a welter of dog tracks and finally the dog, a very happy little beagle, and its master, apparently hunting rabbits.

We next encountered some abandoned machinery and realized our sylvan sojourn was at an end when we wound up behind the state highway garage on Route 4. At least that gave Sue Thomas the chance to photograph some old cars for a photography class scavenger hunt. Heading more to the south, we followed another woodroad across a brook and up onto a shoulder with a few views of Blue Ridge to the north for our lunch spot.

Retracing our route a good deal faster on the downhill, we recrossed what seems to be the old ski trail from the Wheelerville Road to Sherburne Pass, slid through the evergreens, explored a side road that ended at the brook, where the bridge was long gone, and finally came out on the Wheelerville Road safe, sound, and invigorated.

Please send material to the Editor at

Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
P.O. Box 147, Rutland VT 05702
!!!SEND COPY BY 1 JULY 1989, PLEASE!!!

"SLIDING" (?) PARTY

11 February 1989

by Steve Pulling

This year's sliding party was quite different, to say the least. As in most winter activities this year, we had to change our plans a bit. We tried sliding down a hill on the Miner Farm in Brandon, but a lack of good snow cover caused us to lose interest very fast. We stood around talking more than sliding, so I talked people into taking a hike around Fern Lake and Lake Dunmore. For some reason, hiking on lakes is almost fun as hiking around them.

We found more snow on the lakes than we did on the sliding hill, which surprised most of us. We stopped and talked to some ice fisherman, and Mara Carey saw her first fish caught through the ice on Fern Lake. A leisurely walk across Fern Lake among the fishing shanties and up over the hill to Lake Dunmore and back completed our sliding party day.

MEETINGHOUSE ROCK

4 March 1989

by Roma Pulling

Morning brought some unpleasant, sleety weather, and late afternoon brought rain. But for several hours between storms we enjoyed fine weather for our hike.

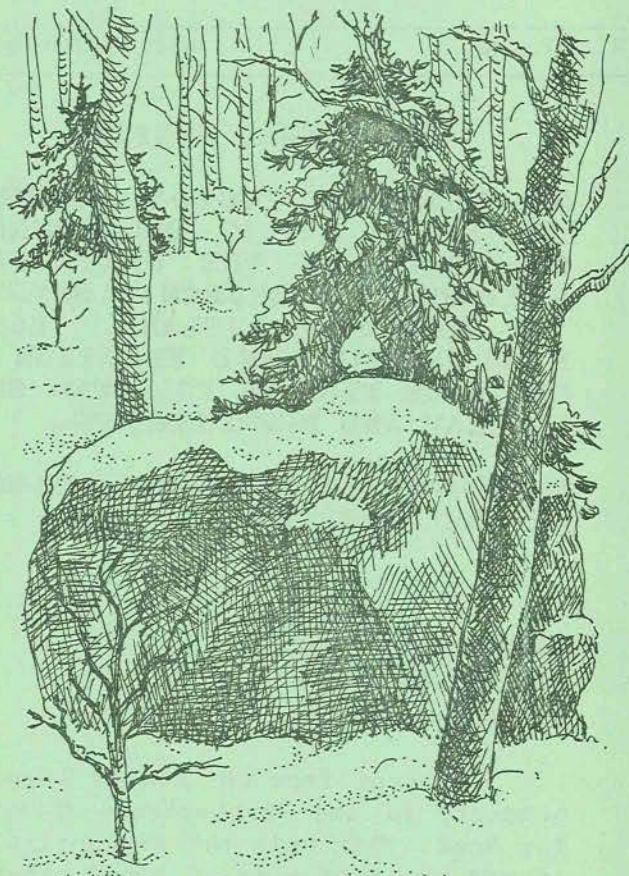
Eight people gathered at the park for the ride to Shrewsbury. We drove the North Shrewsbury - West Bridgewater Road as far as it was plowed and parked there. There was enough snow for skiing, and two people did.

At the rock, we briefly reviewed the history of the place. Two of the men obligingly climbed to the top of the rock so we could see what it was like in 1818, when Elder Abiatha Knapp stood on the rock and conducted church meetings in good weather. It is reported that baptisms and even a wedding were performed there.

After our short history lesson, Jerry Parker showed us another route back to our cars which was much more interesting than retracing our steps would have been. Near the end of the hike, we found an ice sculpture which provided a

photo opportunity. An overflowing well had frozen into an interesting formation at least ten feet high.

At the conclusion everyone seemed to have enjoyed our trip back in time.



SUGAR ON SNOW

12 March 1989

by Sue Thomas

After several years of writing up the Sugar on Snow party for Smoke & Blazes, it's hard to find anything new to say. We came, we ate, we went home vowing to do 300 situps before bedtime. But year after year the sugar on snow party continues to be a popular event, drawing a good crowd including several participants who attend no other club activities.

Once again this year we all owe thanks to Jan and John Martin. Jan does such a good job of boiling down the sap every year that I'm afraid there's no escape for her! We're all very grateful for her continued dedication and for all of John's help with the setting up and dismantling.

MOUNT TABOR TOUR

19 March 1989

by Jerry Parker

Rain was the forecast for Saturday and Sunday, which was more or less what I expected, since everyone knows it always rains when Jerry leads a hike, but the last day of winter turned out to be a beautiful day for a hike. Eight of us arrived at the Mt. Holly - East Wallingford section of the Green Mt. National Forest Mount Tabor Area, where we parked.

We were headed to a small log cabin with a peculiar reputation. The first time I saw this cabin was on a snowmobile ride. I was told that an escaped convict had built it and lived there for over a year before he was captured.

In early February I decided to find the direct trail to the cabin. I met some snowmobilers who gave me directions. I was cross country skiing, so it seemed like a nice easy hike. There were a few more snowmobiles at the cabin. I mentioned the story of the convict. They told me "someone was pulling my chain," then they told me their version. A young carpenter from Weston decided to give up working for a living, so he built this cabin and lived off the land for over a year, until word got around. The state found out and made him move. He then pitched a tent in a different area. He was then caught burglarizing homes. With winter coming on, he asked to be put in jail. If he wasn't a convict, he is now!

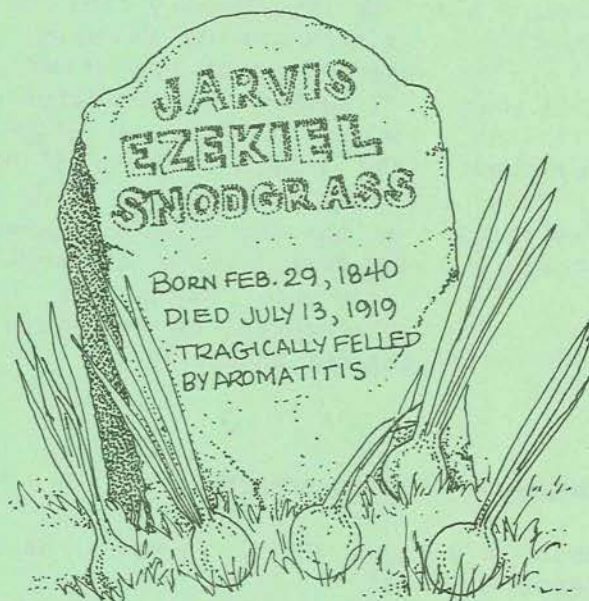
We got on our way and met the snowmobiler who gave me directions in February. He was giving his dog a ride in a home-made trailer, a plastic barrel mounted on skis. [Jerry has a great photo of this. --Ed.]

The trail was icy. Roma put on creepers that she brought. The rest of us wished we had some too. We arrived at the cabin, which has a sign "Out Law Camp," about 1 p.m. I started a fire which went out because of wet wood. It was restarted by Helen, a new hiker claiming she was a "Girl Scout." With five packs of matches, a Swiss Army knife, and food enough for a week in her pack, I think she was a survivalist. We ate lunch and enjoyed our hot drink.

On our way back, on the first

small hill we came to, Bernie had a board he took from the cabin. (Doesn't this make him an outlaw, too?) He used it as a sled and beat us down the hill. We called it a "Bernie Board," and other hikers young at heart used it until they found pieces of plywood, their own "Bernie Boards." Roma and I were busy trying to get pictures of them whizzing by.

We did make it back all in one piece. The hikers all agreed that it was a great hike. Hope my luck continues with good weather on any future hikes I lead.



JARVIS SNODGRASS MEMORIAL EXCURSION

1 April 1989

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

At 11:11 a.m. on the first day of April, a drizzly-looking morning, almost twenty hikers gathered for what may become an April Fool's tradition honoring one of the less-known names in the pantheon of Vermont political luminaries.

Leaving our cars on the Upper Cold River Road in Shrewsbury, we hiked up the old public road to the Percival W. Clement Memorial Shelter. We could have skied, as a few inches of very dense snow covered the ground up there. Luckily, the snow was not sloppy, and even the out-of-state guest with the low

Snodgrass Excursion (Cont'd from p. 3)
sneakers, whom I had warned to expect soggy socks, had no trouble on the road.

On the way up, the Excursion Executive (known as Hike Leader except on April Fool's) pointed out the remains of a house where Jarvis Snodgrass did **not** sleep, as well as a ditch that was probably the millrace for a sawmill that shows on the 1869 Beers Atlas map..

Somebody nice, perhaps the shade of Snodgrass himself, had left a fire burning merrily on the hearth, cheering up the inside of the cavernous shelter and letting us have our hot chocolate and soup much faster than usual.

The group then gathered around the Lieutenant Governor Jarvis Snodgrass Memorial Gazebo to pay its respects. Just then, the sun came out for the only time on the trip, providing a fine photo opportunity at this unusual monument.

The venerable outhouse seems in good shape. My father, Herbert Ogden of Hartland, bought it from an elderly Shrewsbury lady around 1966 for \$5.00, or \$2.50 per hole. We hauled it up to the shelter on the bed of a Volkswagen pickup, no easy task -- it's hardwood.

The Excursion Executive illuminated the obscurity of Snodgrass's life by passing out this article:

SNODGRASS, JARVIS EZEKIEL

Born in Avery's Gore, Vermont, on 29 February 1840;

died in Mendon, Vermont, on 13 July 1919.

Lieutenant Governor of Vermont, 1919.

Snodgrass's early life is obscure. His parents were Gideon Uriah Snodgrass and Belinda U. Snarkhunter Snodgrass. They earned a meager living by travelling around northern New England digging ramps (wild onions), which they sold to Millerites, misanthropes, and others who wanted to avoid wordly society.

The place of Snodgrass's birth is unknown. While the family bible records that he was born in Avery's Gore, there were at the time of his birth Avery's Gores in Addison, Washington, Franklin, and Essex Counties, the result of the General Assembly's attempt to compensate

a certain Avery for its failure to find a whole town to grant him. It is not known which of these Avery's Gores was Snodgrass's natal non-town. Because his parents' odiferous occupation kept them constantly on the move, they were in later years unable to remember in which gore they made their abode when their second son, Jarvis Ezekiel, first saw the light of day. Unfortunately, no one else was ever located who could state where Snodgrass was born, as the Snodgrasses' vile-smelling vocation encouraged few people to make their lasting acquaintance.

Snodgrass's youth and schooling were largely unremarkable insofar as they are known at all. His only youthful accomplishments of note were his ability to play the left-handed ocarina and his second prize in the South Northfield, Vermont, grammar school's annual declamation contest. Snodgrass won this prize for his stirring recitation of President William Henry Harrison's inaugural address. Critics later alleged that he won the prize only because none of the judges wanted to sit through Harrison's inaugural, which was then the longest presidential inaugural on record. It is said the judges fled the hall after declaring young Snodgrass the winner for second place and reminding the aspiring orator of the fate that befell President Harrrrison after he delivered that inaugural, namely death. It is also said that, in their haste, the judges not only forewent hearing the other speakers who were to follow Snodgrass and thus awarded no first prize, but even forewent the refreshments that were to follow the declamations. The truth of this charge cannot be verified. The record reveals only that no first prize was awarded that year.

Keen ambition, and a keen sense of smell, led Snodgrass to leave the family business after finishing school. He became a clerk, then a partner, and finally sole owner of a haberdashery in the village of Wilder, catering to the dashing Dartmouth students of the post-Civil War era. The business, Wilder Fashions, failed soon after he assumed sole control, reputedly because Snodgrass, who was extremely bowlegged, stocked only those pants and breeches that fitted himself.

Snodgrass (cont.)

Soon, however, Snodgrass moved to Corinth and established a successful printing business, securing the exclusive franchise to print posters for Colonel Frump's Gargling Oil for Horses and other popular patent medicines of the day. Snodgrass also printed a newspaper, the Orange County Oracle, with its main office in Goose Green.

Snodgrass soon became active in politics. He was elected to the Corinth School Board after a campaign in which he pledged to save voters' money by demolishing the old Corinth Free Academy by using materials from the old Academy to build its replacement, and by building the new Academy before tearing down the old one. In succeeding years, he was elected Fence Viewer, Weigher of Bark, Justice of the Peace, and, finally, State Representative (1887-1919). As State Representative, he almost singlehandedly defeated a vicious bill in the General Assembly that would have made all privies comply with a strict building code calling for, among other things, separate compartments for each sex. Snodgrass's campaign against separate but equal (and equally cold) accommodations and his championing of traditional unisex outhouses led his admirers to call him "the Privy Counselor"; his detractors preferred to deride him as "Old One-Holer."

Privy politics had brought Snodgrass statewide prominence by 1918. In that year, Percival W. Clement, the Republican candidate for governor, who was from western Vermont, sought a running mate from the eastern part of the state. As the Orange County Oracle (now dubbed the "Outhouse Oracle" by Snodgrass's admirers) pointed out, Snodgrass was the natural candidate for lieutenant governor.

As Lieutenant Governor, Snodgrass had the briefest tenure in Vermont history. On the day he took the oath of office, those whom he had employed in the election campaign discovered (from bitter personal experience with their bankers) that Snodgrass's chief source of funds had been five and ten dollar bills produced in his print shop. Snodgrass protested that this had been done by employees without his knowledge. Few believed his assertion of innocence, however, for he was the sole employee.

Snodgrass nevertheless refused to resign. With his presence in the State House a growing embarrassment to the Grand Old Party, Republican leaders soon found a way to remove him from office. Noting that, because he had been born on 29 February, he had had only 19 birthdays when elected to the lieutenant governorship and was thus two years short of the age of majority, required for officeholding, the Republican leaders asked the General Assembly to nullify his election. Snodgrass protested that he was in fact 78 years old. That claim rang hollow, however, when, charged with counterfeiting the five and ten dollar bills with which he had remunerated his election staff, he asserted that he could not be prosecuted as an adult felon because he had not passed his twenty-first birthday. Charges were, in fact, dismissed.

Relieved of his office and of prosecution, and feeling young at heart, Snodgrass decided to use his involuntary retirement to make a hiking tour of the recently-begun Long Trail along the Green Mountains. Tragedy struck, however, as Snodgrass ascended the south slope of Little Killington. Finding a large crop of ramps near the path, and apparently reliving his childhood, he feasted on the plants to such an extent that he succumbed to what was later diagnosed as the first case of terminal aromatititis. The place of his passing was for years thereafter known as Consultation Point, so called because his physicians consulted there regarding the best treatment for this novel malady.

Snodgrass is memorialized today only by the Lieutenant Governor Jarvis Snodgrass Memorial Gazebo, a sanitary annex to the Governor Percival W. Clement Memorial Shelter in Shrewsbury, Vermont, a short distance down the Long Trail from where Snodgrass breathed his last. A scentful sentry, Snodgrass's memorial stands beside the memorial to the governor beside whom Snodgrass briefly served, white, majestic, and, fittingly, somewhat odiferous.

Herbert G. Ogden and Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.

REFERENCE: See articles on Aromatititis, Avery's Gore, and Vermont (History).

MAIN CLUB PLANS AREA PROJECTS

from letters by Ray Auger,
G. M. C. Field Supervisor

1. Spring Lake Clearing Prescribed Burn

This is a joint project with the Appalachian Trail Conference, the U. S. Forest Service, and the National Park Service. Volunteers are needed, but the burn depends on the weather, so no firm date can be set. To volunteer, please call Killington Section Trails & Shelters Chairman Steve Pulling or the G.M.C. office at (802) 223-3463.

2. Clarendon Gorge

American Tel. & Tel. Pioneers may return in May to plant trees and control erosion. The Pioneers would like to find a Killington Section member to volunteer as bridge and gorge area adopter. [Just who is responsible here? --Ed.]

3. Little Killington Reroute

The Long Trail must be moved off the land of Killington, Ltd. by 1 July 1989, according to National Park Service's agreement with Killington, Ltd.! The G.M.C. will probably do this unplanned major project. Consequently, all other planned crew projects may have to change. Kevin Peterson and Ray Auger will lay out a reroute as weather permits. [Killington Section input? --Ed.]

4. Route 103 - Clarendon Shelter - Beacon Hill Reroute

Long Trail Patrol crew will complete this project at least as far as Clarendon Shelter between 29 June and 10 July. Killington Section participation is invited, especially on the two weekends. Killington Section is to build two stiles as well as brush and blaze the reroute.

The National Park Service has bought Beacon Hill, so the reroute may be extended north from Clarendon Shelter to the top of the hill this summer. Killington Section is invited to participate in planning, cutting, and blazing the reroute.

5. Wallingford Gulf (Route 140) to Minerva Hinchey Reroute

Scouting may begin in mid to late summer. Construction may begin in 1990. [From Ray's March update of his January letter, status is not clear. --Ed.]

SMOKE & BLAZES EDITOR'S REPORT

9 April 1989

by Herb Ogden, Jr, Editor

Because my wife Cathy Thomas and I will be in Germany -- maybe even hiking in Germany -- on the day of the Annual Meeting, I submit this report to apologize for my absence and explain what I've been up to since 1987.

First, I want to thank my predecessor, Carol Chapman, for developing a good format for Smoke & Blazes, for handing over the files in apple-pie order, and, above all, for all the work she put in. Until becoming editor, I had only a vague idea of the hours that this little publication demands. I also want to thank Jake Sherman, past Assistant Editor - Typist, for the time and care he put into this publication. Even with a word processor, it's a lot.

Second, I want to thank the volunteers who pretty much take over when the word processing is done. Sue Thomas, our very talented and seemingly tireless illustrator, puts little miracles in the blank places that I leave in the text. She then takes the copy to the printer. After I get it back from the printer, I turn it over to four or five volunteers, most of whom are listed in this edition, and they collate the bulletin, stick on the address labels supplied by Secretary-Treasurer Wally Rogers, stamp the bulletins, and take them to the post office. Then we all have tea, coffee, and snacks at my house. Many hands really do make light work.

Third, I want to thank the hike leaders and others who write the articles. Thanks also to Roma Pulling, who reminds those who are inclined to keep their doings a secret. I know many of the hike leaders don't have little time to write up their hikes, but that's the only way we know what happened. When I rearrange your articles, please understand that the reason is usually either too little or too much space on a page. And when I join Roma in remind you to get your copy in -- only I don't remind, I nag --remember that I need at least a week to edit the bulletin once I have all the reports. As a lawyer, I have to work my schedule around court appearances and deadlines, and S&B can't come first. So please, please, pay attention to copy deadlines!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates climb, footing, etc. For more information about a trip, call your trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Guests are welcome!**

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT	LEADER	
6 May (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	WALK-THROUGH. Help us with our spring cleanup from Wallingford Gulf (Vt. 140) to Governor Clement Shelter, Shrewsbury.	Steve Pulling	773-6997
7 May (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	FOLLOW-THROUGH to take care of major blowdowns and whatever else we missed on the walk-through the day before.	Steve Pulling	773-6997
13 May (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	BRISTOL NOTCH. 6 mi. moderate, with bushwhacking and several surprises!	Jerry Parker	775-6208
20 May (Sat.)	12:00 noon	WORK PARTY. Help build a stile at start of new LT north of Vt. 103 in Clarendon.	Jerry Parker	775-6208
26 May - 28 May (Fri. - Sun.)		GMC ANNUAL MEETING at Johnson State College. See <u>Long Trail News</u> for details.		
3 June (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	WALK-THROUGH from Gov. Clement Shelter to Sherburne Pass (U.S. 4).	Steve Pulling	773-6997
4 June (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	FOLLOW-THROUGH to take care of major blowdowns and whatever else we missed.	Steve Pulling	773-6997
10 June (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	LITTLE ROCK POND & GREEN MOUNTAIN, Wallingford & Mt. Tabor. 7 mi. moderate. A beautiful spot!	John & Emma Hughes	775-4078
18 June (Sun.)	1:00 p.m.	WHIPPLE HOLLOW - HUBBARDTON over abandoned gap road. 4 mi. moderate. No lunch.	Herb Ogden	(H) 775-1350 (W) 775-3368
25 June (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	MYSTERY HIKE. Moderately short and moderately hard.	Ira Hawley	775-4149
1 July (Sat.)	11:30 a.m.	BURNT HILL TO SKYLINE LODGE, Ripton. 7 mi. moderate, steep in places. We'll have supper at the new Skyline Lodge. Anyone not wanting to hike the whole distance can hike up the Skylight Pond Trail (2 mi.) and meet us.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
5 July (Wed.)	7:00 p.m.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING, 35 Burnham Ave., Rutland. Come help plan next schedule.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
9 July (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	KILLINGTON PEAK via Bucklin Trail. 7 mi. steep, difficult brook crossings.	Bernie Donahue	773-7462
22 June ^{July} - 23 June ^{July} * (Sat. - Sun.)		END-TO-END. Arlington-W. Wardsboro Rd. to Vt. 9 or up West Ridge Trail and down the Long Trail. *call for details.	Roma & Al Pulling	773-6997
30 July (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	GOLD MINES, Bridgewater. Explore several abandoned gold mines from mid-1800s.	Churchill Scott	775-1494

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
 Rob Carey, President, RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773 446-2830
 Steve Pulling, Vice-President, RFD 3, Box 5192, Rutland VT 05701 775-3361
 Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer, RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735 468-3210

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	120.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

*If you first joined the Killington Section during this year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. As a credit for the first part of the year, subtract the following from dues: Adult - 0.75 times month number; Spouse - 0.50 times month number; others receive no credit.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735



Smoke & Blazes

VOL. 42, NO. 2

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

JULY, 1989

WET WALK TO NOWHERE

16 April 1989

by Sue Thomas

My hike to White Rocks in Wallingford was meant to be a quick jaunt out to the cliffs to enjoy the view before the trail was closed for the season. Every year young peregrine falcons are raised on the cliffs in an effort to reestablish the species in Vermont, and the trail is closed so that they won't be disturbed. The falcons had nothing to worry about that day -- my merry band never got near enough to disturb them!

We started out in the rain up a trail marked 1.6 miles. As we climbed, the rain gradually turned to sleet and the mud underfoot to ice, then snow. We passed the 1.6 mile point on Jim's trusty pedometer with still no sign of the Long Trail junction, the hikers getting wetter, and the falcons no doubt getting amused.

By the time we reached the Long Trail, the pedometer read 3.2 miles and my soggy group revolted. We decided it wasn't worth continuing on to the cliffs to look at the insides of clouds, so we slogged back down and had a wet lunch at the picnic area, while the peregrines had a good laugh.

P.S. - I reported the discrepancy in mileage to the Forest Service, who maintain the Keewaydin Trail. Haven't been back to see if they've changed the sign.

DID THEY MEAN NOT TO RENEW?

Are people you know listed as **ex** members on the list at the end of this issue? Call them! Urge them to renew.

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701
!!!SEND COPY BY 5 OCT. 1989, PLEASE!!!

SMOKE & BLAZES ENDS

FOR YOU, IF YOU DON'T RENEW your Killington Section GMC membership. Yes, this is the LAST ISSUE you will receive if you don't send in your 1989 dues soon. For your convenience, there's a membership application at the end of this issue. Your address label tells you if Treasurer Wally Rogers has received your 1989 dues. If you don't see an 89 by your name, please send dues now!

ROCKY POND, PINE HILL

22 April 1989

By Ira Hawley

The destination was familiar to many hikers, but the route to get there this time was different for most. One does not at first think of starting a hike through a cemetery, but we did this time. We passed through one of the older sections of Evergreen Cemetery and continued on through the western portions of Rutland City. The wind was strong and with an air temperature of 35 there was a wind chill factor 15 which is uncomfortable for late April.

On a gradual upgrade we crossed a power line and then went into a pleasant wooded area, continuing upgrade easily. At a half mile more, we crossed a second power line with a nice view to the west, of a portion of Route 4B and Hanley and Herrick Mountains. The trailing arbutus along the way was admired and carefully protected by everyone. It was too early for many wildflowers to appear but we came across a good display of coltsfoot in the early bloom stage.

A cold breeze coming across Rocky Pond was certainly no invitation for an

Rocky Pond (continued from page 1)

early swim. We continued on to Muddy Pond and a short bushwhack to another power line, which was to be our lunch stop. As we approached this area a sudden snow squall caused an almost white-out which lasted about twenty minutes, and the ground was white. As we were finishing lunch in the protection of a small spruce thicket the snow stopped and the sun came out to dry our clothing and provided us with a good view to the east and west.

We returned via the same route and were overtaken again by several small snow showers. Sorry, Emma, for the wet feet, but it is still too early for wading in the brook.

SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

29 April 1989

Because your editor lacks the minutes of the meeting and was in Germany at the time himself, the President's Annual Report will have to suffice, along with the news that Directors Rob Carey, Ray Catozzi, and W. Churchill Scott were reelected. The S&B Editor's Report appeared in the last issue of S&B.

ANNUAL REPORT 1988

The Killington Section completed another successful year. Under Steve Pulling's leadership, our Walk-Throughs and other work parties got the Trail in shape for the hiking season. Also we were able to help with the relocation north of Route 103 and at Kieffer Road in Shrewsbury.

The Kirk Fund continues to provide money for Trails and Shelters expenses, allowing the Section to finish the year with a surplus. Treasurer Wally Rogers suggested retaining the present dues structure. The Yard Sale profited \$500 for the Long Trail Protection Fund, which was matched. Also matched was a donation by Central Vermont Public Service Corp. through their Employee Service Fund.

Our outings are well attended, about 10 - 12 people per trip. We schedule a variety of activities, one almost every week, including hikes, work parties, canoe trips, ski and snowshoe hikes.

This year an overnight canoe trip on the Battenkill was a highlight for many members.

Roma Pulling retired as Publicity Chairman after several years of excellent service in that function. That task is now ably being done by Olga Laird. Our newsletter, Smoke & Blazes, edited and word-processed by Herb Ogden, Jr., keeps all Section members well informed about upcoming events and past activities.

Looking ahead, perhaps this year or next we'll have a final agreement on Killington and Pico that we can all be content with.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr.	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Roma Pulling	Article Solicitor
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Roma Pulling	
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	

BRISTOL NOTCH

13 May 1989

by Jerry Parker

After some confusion because of a flower walk scheduled to meet at the same location, ten hikers left South Main Street Park in Rutland and we picked up two more in Middlebury. We parked one half mile up the Bristol Notch Road. We decided to take the hard way up and go down the easy way. We had to walk 1/4 mile down the road to an overgrown logging road. One of the new hikers seemed tired out after the first incline, but she assured us she would make it all the way.

As we were slowly treading our way up, we heard a terrible scream from behind. Roma was startled by a garter snake and screamed, and the new hiker ran past everyone.

We had our own flower walk. Several kinds were in full bloom. Red and painted trillium, hobblebush and spring beauties were abundant.

Shortly we crossed the boundary marker of the Federal Wilderness at a lookout. There, the haze was lifting and the Middlebury hiker pointed out several landmarks. We ate lunch at the

Bristol Notch (continued from page 2)

site of an abandoned loggers' camp that operated from the late 1800s to the early 1900s. Jim started a fire to roast hot dogs next to the old cookstove from the camp kitchen.

We continued on to the site of the 1944 airplane crash. We walked around the site, which covers 100 yards, checking the different parts. One can detect the path of the plane. One old tree was sheared off 25-30 feet and had a growth of new limbs. Behind this tree all the growth was much younger.

Next stop was a cave used by surveyors five years ago with bunks and an installed door. We then proceeded to a huge boulder that has an overhang. I managed to do some videotaping with my camcorder. Jim suggested that I should be in it too, so I climbed the rock for my debut.

We then stopped at a beaver dam that had signs of activity. We came across fresh moose tracks too. We noticed where they chewed bark off trees. Next to Gilman Pond; it was getting late. We came to the camp, which was occupied for the weekend by a father and two children. He let us have a look inside. He told us they saw a moose earlier. On our way out we came across tracks of a running moose. It probably stopped and watched us trudging by. Jim's odometer registered 6.6 miles when we got to the cars.

WORK PARTY: CROSSED-UP CROSSING

20 May 1989

by Jerry Parker

The Sunday of the special work party turned out to be a very hot day. I was a few minutes late and found John and Emma waiting by their car. We were discussing whether just the three of us should attempt installing the stiles when Al pulled in. We then left and parked across from the site near Clarendon Gorge. I drove my loaded truck to the field so the tools and lumber would be handy.

Since much of the work was done during the week, we only had to do some chiseling out of the tread mortise on the stringers. The pre-cut pieces fit perfectly, like a puzzle.

We had the four stringer sections partly assembled when the landowner came over. I told him who we were and what we were doing. He asked us to clean the area before we left. At 3:30 we had the first stile almost completed and figured the second one would go faster, as we were experienced. The landowner came back with his wife and son. They asked if we had a map marking the spot and so on. The wife even tried the steps and commented that they were nice but were in the wrong place and had to be taken down. The son found a survey pin about 25' from where we were and said another should be 200' up the fence. The space between was the right-of-way, and we were slightly off the site. We had to dismantle the stile and packed everything back in my truck.

On the Fourth of July I checked to see whether the crossing was marked. The markers were there, 25' from our original site.

The main club should have sent a map or information about the survey pins. If it had, we would have completed the stiles that day.

After Ray Auger called Steve Pulling, people from the main club and I put up both stiles on 9 July.

NOTE OF THANKS

by Steve Pulling, Trails & Shelters

The Killington Section has a new job designation -- Builder of Stiles -- and it has been awarded to Jerry Parker.

When the Park Service acquired a mere right of way across land just north of Route 103 instead of buying it outright and the owner chose to continue to use the land as pasture, the Killington Section had the task of finding someone capable of building two stiles to get hikers over the fences. Whereas most people had never even seen a stile, Jerry Parker was our man on the spot. He not only did an expert job of construction but endured considerable aggravation in the process.

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH OLD S&B'S?

To recycle a Smoke & Blazes, leave it in the waiting room of an office, where it will introduce others to us.

GREEN MOUNTAIN AND LITTLE ROCK POND

10 June 1989

by John & Emma Hughes

The weather was cloudy and showers were forecasted when the group of seven hikers met at Main Street Park. We drove to the parking lot picnic area on U. S. Forest Service Road 10 in Mount Tabor and headed north.

A moderate climb to Green Mountain starts here and one reaches the top overlooking Little Rock Pond in about 4 miles. Along the way we saw views of Danby, Dorset Mountain, and the Great Valley of Vermont. The lower part of the trail was in hardwoods and as we reached the top it was thick softwood trees.

We reached a clearing which would normally have good long distance views, but they were limited because of overcast and fog. We went to another lookout where we had lunch. It was on some large rock ledges and we could see Little Rock Pond.

After lunch we had to descend along large rocks and ledges which were wet, so it took a little longer than usual. The lower end of these rocks has a detour which we all used. A book, Fifty Hikes in Vermont, by Ruth and Paul Sadlier describes this part as follows: "The way passes over a long rocky spine of ledge at 2.4 miles. To those who share our habits of imagination, this ledge resembles the back of some fairy tale monster. You'll have to hoist yourself up, using both arms and legs, over the continuing series of ledges. There are intermittent views to the east from open ledged areas as the trail twists through thick evergreen scrub growth."

The book described the trail up, while we were descending and now getting near the pond. The pond trail crosses a dam at its outlet and then joins the Long Trail.

At the Pond we saw a fisherman getting ready to use waders with a small raft. We visited Eric, the caretaker, at his campsite and watched a rabbit. After this we returned to the parking lot via the much used Long Trail, which was muddy from recent rainy weather.

While driving home on Route 7, we could look up and see the mountain we hiked on. I hope all enjoyed the hike.

WHIPPLE HOLLOW TO HUBBARDTON

18 June 1989

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

On a humid and not very promising-looking day, some ten hikers entrusted their fates and their dry clothes to me. I guess they returned with their fates in reasonably good shape, but not their dry clothes.

Our caravan passed through West Rutland and turned north on the westernmost road up Whipple Hollow. After what seemed like a long drive to those who hadn't been there before, we finally turned left from the main road to Florence, crested a hill, turned left again at a four corners, and parked near a house where the Town of Pittsford road maintenance ends. Our parking spot had a fine view east to the Green Mountains.

We ascended steeply out of Whipple Hollow on the old public road to Hubbardton, apparently long-disused by all but jeeps and trail bikes. Leading just south of a large camp, it took us past huge old trees and up a dugway to a dogleg. At a smaller camp next to a brook, the road became even less passable. The grade lessened, however, before we reached the crest of the Taconic Range.

Right about there, the rains came. We nevertheless plodded along the muddy road to the head of a pasture with what I described as a fine view west to the Adirondacks. The view had to be taken on faith, however. We then descended into Hubbardton, passing where the 1869 Beers Atlas shows a house. Dripping wet underbrush dissuaded us from trying to find it. Where Hubbardton starts to maintain the road (called Pittsford Road there) at a house, we said hello to the lady of the house, who was trying to persuade the rainwater to run somewhere else besides down the middle of the road that connected her with the rest of the world. She wasn't having great success.

Turning our backs on Hubbardton, we ascended back over the Taconic Range. The climb was enlivened by the passage of a jeep. Maybe it didn't deserve to make it all the way over, but apparently it did! Too bad about the ruts it left.

We didn't see much fauna. By way of flora, however, we found quantities of berry bushes, which would be very tempting on a drier day later in the season.

MYSTERY HIKE IN PLYMOUTH

25 June 1989

by Ira Hawley

Having become familiar with some of the trails in the Coolidge State Park in Plymouth, I became inquisitive about another trail I had seen on the map that became the "mystery" to me. I took a "look-see" myself and thought more people would enjoy what I found. Of the eleven hikers who met at the park, about half were my immediate family.

We passed through the north section of the park, which is north of Slack Hill. The terrain was mostly easy and the shady forest was most welcome on a warm, sunny day. Lunch spot was in nice quiet open woods. We soon came to an interesting trail that led us back down to the Bradley Hill Road, which we crossed into the open shelter area. We went on to another intersecting trail that took us on downhill to a ravine which some thought would be difficult. But with relative ease we went down, crossed a pretty brook, and mounted the other side.

Most spring flowers had blossomed earlier and were gone by now. The various ferns were in their prime with abundant growth and shades of green. An easy down hill walk on a clear trail returned us to our cars to complete a pleasant loop. The refreshing ice water from the thermos jug was welcome. We had a good time.

BURNT HILL AND SKYLINE LODGE:

THEY WERE THE SIZE OF CROWS, I SWEAR IT!

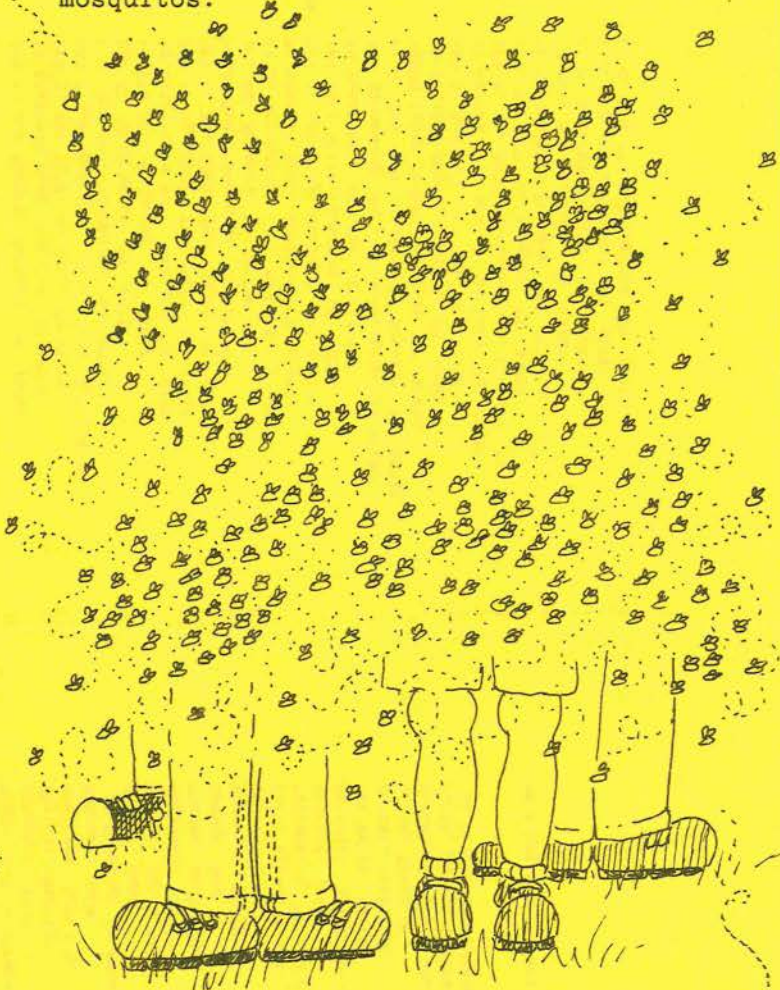
1 July 1989

by Sue Thomas

The Burnt Hill to Skyline Lodge hike started out benignly enough -- we dawdled at the trailhead picking strawberries, then set off merrily through the woods, little knowing that THEY were out there, watching and waiting for their chance. The trail began a gradual ascent, and we began to slow our pace -- just what THEY were waiting for to make their move. Out of nowhere they struck: the SHARKS OF THE AIR!! We were surrounded in seconds and it was all over in no time. We admitted defeat, and, having heard that they take no

prisoners, we decided that the wisest course of action was a dignified retreat.

It was the first time I can recall a hike being called on account of bugs, but we decided we really weren't having fun. At least I think that's what we decided. It's a little hard to understand people with their mouths full of mosquitos.



Back down we went and three people went home to nurse their bites, but the rest of us decided to take a shot at the Skylight Pond Trail. Amazingly, the bugs weren't as bad there. (Not amazing actually; I think every mosquito in the state was on the Burnt Hill Trail!) We startled John and Emma Hughes by coming up behind them; they were on their way up to meet us at the lodge. We had a nice hike up, enjoyed supper on the porch of the lodge, and were just starting back down when the Careys arrived -- Mara climbed all the way up in a pink dress and an Indian Princess crown.

KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERS, 1989

ex = has not renewed membership for 1989

Allen, Peter
ex Amelang, Bob & Theresa
Badalment, Eric
Badger, Robert L.
Barber, David & Audrey
ex Bernhardt, Donna
Blais, Jim & Juanelle
ex Blecich, David
Brennan, Mrs. Dorit
ex Burke, Jean Enome
Cahee, Hedrick R.
Carey, Rob, Sue, Mara & Seth
Carr, Patrick
Catozzi, Raymond
Charland, Rachel W.
ex Coffin, Mr. & Mrs. Edmund
Congdon, Audrey C.
Conlon, Diana & George
Coppock, Dave & Clara
Coton, James & Deborah
ex Crowther, Jack
Dansereau, Nathan
Davies, Jean
De Gregorio, Slim
Deinzer, Sally, Walter,
Jay & Charles
Dicton, Joe, Sr.
Donahue, Bernie
ex Dube, Janet & Raymond
ex Farrell, T.W.
Florczak, Benjamin
Friedman, Al
Frink, Helen E.
ex Frink, James
Furland, Delores & Bob
Gabos, Ben
Gibbud, Ruth G.
Gorman, Mary
Gorman, Paul Hebert
Griffin, James E.
Hawley, Irene, Ira & Lorraine
ex Heisman, Nancy J.
Hickey, Margaret
Hignite, Carol
Hodgin, Charley
ex Howard, John K.
Hughes, John & Emma
Johnson, Willard M.
ex Keefe, Susan
Laird, Olga
ex Langlois, Dave
LaPenna, Nina
ex Lemire, James F.
Lubinsky, Peter
Martin, John & Janet
McGinnis, James B.
21 Nason Rd., Hudson NH 03844
RFD 1, Box 4399, W. Rutland VT 05777
1509 Sherbrooke W # 69, Montreal P.Q. H3G 1M1
Canada
16 Grant St., Potsdam NY 13676
16 Ballou Road, Hopedale MA 01747
108 Naples Rd., Brookline MA 02146
125 Commonwealth Ave., Springfield VT 05156
RFD 1, Box 122, N. Clarendon VT 05759
P.O. Box 903, Castleton VT 05735
RFD 2, Box 2697, Pittsford VT 05763
179 Union St., Springfield VT 05136
RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773
24 South Main St., # 6, Rutland VT 05701
103 Bellevue Ave., Rutland VT 05701
128 West St., Apt. E 117, Essex Jct. VT 05452
P.O. Box 61, Strafford VT 05072
RFD 1, Box 273, E. Wallingford VT 05742
RFD 2, Sunset Acres, Rutland VT 05701
21 Engrem Ave., Rutland VT 05701
RFD 1, Box 1196A, Cuttingsville VT 05738
29 Giorgetti Blvd., Rutland VT 05701
RFD 1, Box 66F, Danby VT 05739
Box 37, Pittsford VT 05763
70 Summit Station, Mt. Holly VT 05758
RFD 1, Box 37, N. Clarendon VT 05759
RFD 1, Box 3999-3, Rutland VT 05701
50 Edgerton Road, Rutland VT 05701
RFD 3, Box 7958, Rutland VT 05701
509 Stuyvesant Ave., Rutherford NJ 07070
P.O. Box 446, Cavendish VT 05142
Box 57, Chittenden VT 05737
10 Elm St., Randolph VT 05060
60 Litchfield Ave., Rutland VT 05701
RFD 2, Box 2082, Pittsford VT 05763
RFD 2, Box 6800, Fair Haven VT 05743
Drake Road, Bomoseen VT 05732
Box 62, Belmont VT 05730
49 E. Washington St., Rutland VT 05701
81 Lincoln Ave., Rutland VT 05701
RFD 3, Box 7264, Rutland VT 05701
101 Dorr Drive, Rutland VT 05701
33 South St., Proctor VT 05765
D-4 Stonehedge Dr., S. Burlington VT 05403
P. O. Box 1099, Station A, Rutland VT 05701
10598 Jason Court, Columbia MD 21044
18 Ronaldo Court, Rutland VT 05701
RFD 4, Box 251, Abilene KS 67410
49 Forest St., Apt. 2, Rutland VT 05701
RFD 3, Box 4836, Chasanna Dr., Rutland VT 05701
P.O. Box 157, Killington VT 05731
16 Garden St., Proctor VT 05765
39 West St., Lebanon NH 03766
P. O. Box 289, Hollis NH 03049
7 Curtis Ave., Rutland VT 05701
P. O. Box 67, Wallingford VT 05773

Meany, Marjorie V.
Newton, Doris
Nuffort, John W.
O'Brien, Jean & Gene
Oertel, Otel
Ogden, Herbert G., Jr.
Oldenburg, Sally V.
Olson, Judith
Parker, Gerald
Partridge, Sanborn
ex Peck, Peter J.
Pellerin, Linda L.
Perkins, Craigie S.
Perkins, Robert & Thelma
Perkins, Vera R.
Peterson, Charlene H.
Pulling, Roma & Al
Pulling, Steve
ex Quinn, Jake
Raved, Roy
Reichert, Charles R.
Reichert, Katherine
Reynolds, George
Richardson, Peggy
Richthammer, Mary F.
Rodriguez, Deb
Rogers, Harold & Alberta
Rogers, W., & Gartlein, D.
Russell, Ellen
Schmidt, Carl & Nancy
Schneider, James
Scott, W.C. & Virginia
Sergeant, Bill
Sheldon, Marilyn
Shellmer, Doris M.
Sherman, Jake
ex Shipley, Jo Anna
Sibley, Joan
Snyder, Ann & Bill
Sugarman, Nancy
Thomas, Catherine
Thomas, Sue
Thompson, Harry L.
Thorne, Doug
Vale, Robert & Ann
Valiquette, Thelma F.
Vatcher, Steve
Wardwell, Art & Evelyn
ex Welch, Carole
Weston, Wilbur F.
White, Doris G.
Wooten, Samuel & Ann
Yates, David, Janice & John
ex Young, Bernadette
300 N. Grove St., Rutland VT 05701
26 Boutwell Rd., Andover MA 01810
1893 Cherryvale Court, Toms River NJ 07481
Box 616, Wells VT 05774
43 Route 100, Pittsfield VT 05762
4 Emmett Ave., Rutland VT 05701
51 Gloria Ave., Rutland VT 05701
P.O. Box 121, Pittsford VT 05763
RFD 1, Box 586, Cuttingsville VT 05738
62 Ormsbee Ave., Proctor VT 05765
40 Cleveland Ave., 3rd floor, Rutland VT 05701
79 East St., Rutland VT 05701
SR#34, Box 2162, Rutland VT 05701
4812 Lebanon Road, Charlotte NC 28212
242 South Main St., Rutland VT 05701
RFD 1, Box 3169, Rutland VT 05701
RFD 3, Box 7269, Rutland VT 05701
RFD 3, Box 5192, Rutland VT 05701
365 Savin Hill Court, Dorchester MA 02125
58 Circle Ave., Larchmont NY 10538
141 Granger St., Rutland VT 05701
P.O. Box 89, Poultney VT 05764
8 Hillcrest Rd., Springfield VT 05156
P. O. Box 1001, Middletown Springs VT 05757
P. O. Box 263, W. Rutland VT 05777
59 Brook St., Brighton MA 02135
38 Kendall Ave., Rutland VT 05701
RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735
21A Venturi Green, LCCR, N. Providence RI 02904
1651 Clayborn Circle, Cincinnati OH 45240
108 South St., Rutland VT 05701
RFD 3, Box 4869, Rutland VT 05701
Box 1500, Fort Dodge IA 50501
RFD 1, Box 2145, W. Rutland VT 05777
RFD 2, Box 8649, Rutland VT 05701
48 Morse Place, Rutland VT 05701
1706 Tyler Parkway, Louisville KY 40204
Keiffer Road, Cuttingsville VT 05738
RFD 1, Box 3390, Fair Haven VT 05743
199 Mussey St., Rutland VT 05701
4 Emmett Ave., Rutland VT 05701
35 Burnham Ave., Rutland VT 05701
Campbell Rd., Rutland VT 05701
R.F.D. 1, Box 12-A, Killington VT 05751
712 South St., Middletown Springs VT 05757
95 Killington Ave., Rutland VT 05701
22 Giorgetti Blvd., Rutland VT 05701
HCR 32, Box 160, Chittenden VT 05737
25 Royce St., Rutland VT 05701
202 Skyland Drive, Apt. 118, Smithfield NC 27577
RFD 2, Box 8604, Rutland VT 05701
2 Hilltop Terrace, Rutland VT 05701
367 Beacon Heights, N. Clarendon VT 05759
HCR 32, Box 284, Chittenden VT 05737

ex = has not renewed membership for 1989

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates climb, footing, etc. For more information about a trip, call your trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. Guests are welcome!

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT	LEADER	
1 Aug. (Tues.)	5:30 p.m.	SUPPER HIKE, Chittenden. 1.5 mi. Short, steep, and beautiful view. Bring supper and a flashlight in case we stay for sunset.	Sue Thomas	(H) 773-2185 (W) 775-0765
5 Aug. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	WORK PARTY between Upper and Lower Cold River Roads, Shrewsbury. LT maintenance.	Steve Pulling	775-3361
13 Aug. (Sun.)	1:00 p.m.	SHREWSBURY AFTERNOON. 2.5-3 mi, easy.	Jerry Parker	775-6208
19 - 26 Aug. (Sat. - Sat.)		GMC INTERSECTIONAL, Camp Betsy Cox, Pittsford. Hikes and activities all week long with all sections of the Green Mountain Club. See the <u>Long Trail News</u> for details.		
3 Sept. (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	INMAN POND, Fair Haven. 4 mi. easy.	Ira Hawley	775-4149
9 - 10 Sept. (Sat. - Sun.)		BATTENKILL CANOE TRIP. Canoe and camp on the Battenkill River. Registration required; call for details.	Steve Pulling	775-3361
16 Sept. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	BIRD MOUNTAIN, Castleton. 6 mi. moderate. From east side. Great views!	John & Emma Hughes	775-4078
24 Sept. (Sun.)	12:30 p.m.	SLACK HILL, Plymouth. 3 mi. easy.	Sue & Mara Carey	446-2830
30 Sept. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	MENDON PEAK, Mendon. 7 mi difficult. Bushwhacking with rewarding views.	Rob & Sue Carey	446-2830
3 Oct. (Tues.)	7:00 p.m.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING, 35 Burnham Ave., Rutland. Come help schedule.	Sue Thomas	(H) 773-2185 (W) 775-0765
8 Oct. (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	HALFMOON POND TO GLEN LAKE, Hubbardton. 5.5 mi. moderate. By way of Moscow Pond. Beautiful area!	Sue Thomas	(H) 773-2185 (W) 775-0765
15 Oct. (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	BLACK MOUNTAIN, New York. 8.5 mi. mod- erate - steep. Great views of Lake George and the Adirondacks.	Bernie Donahue	773-7462
22 Oct. (Sun.)	9:30 a.m.	MYSTERY HIKE. 4 mi. moderate.	W. C. Scott	775-1494
28 Oct. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	LAKE TRAIL, Mt. Tabor. 7 mi. moderate, steep. Hike to Griffith Lake.	Roma & Al Pulling	773-6997

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
 Rob Carey, President, RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773 446-2830
 Steve Pulling, Vice-President, RFD 3, Box 5192, Rutland VT 05701 775-3361
 Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer, RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735 468-3210

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	120.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

*If you first joined the Killington Section during this year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. As a credit for the first part of the year, subtract the following from dues: Adult - 0.75 times month number; Spouse - 0.50 times month number; others receive no credit.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735



Robert and Thelma Perkins #989
4812 Lebanon Road
Charlotte, NC 28227



Smoke & Blazes

VOL. 42, NO. 3

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

OCTOBER, 1989

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

29 April 1989

Minutes by Wally Rogers, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by the president, Rob Carey. Twenty members were present. The minutes of the last annual meeting and a directors meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report for the Killington Section and the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund were approved.

Steve Pulling reported that the prescribed burn of Spring Lake Clearing occurred last week. Trail relocation work for the Section and the Long Trail Patrol is planned for the Route 140 to Minerva Hinchey and Route 103 to Clarendon Shelter stretches. More work is also necessary at the Clarendon Gorge Bridge. Plans for the spring 1989 walk-through were announced. Shelter caretakers-adopters are needed at Tucker-Johnson, Governor Clement, and Minerva Hinchey Shelters. Cooper Lodge and Clarendon Shelter are presently cared for.

Smoke & Blazes: Herb Ogden was absent [on a long-planned trip to Germany and submitted his report in the previous Smoke & Blazes. --Ed.]

Outings: Sue Thomas reported the need for the regular transfer of basket and supplies between leaders without her involvement. Plans will be made.

Main Club: Director Ray Catozzi was absent. Brian Fitzgerald, main club president, gave a report. The main club annual meeting is Memorial Day weekend at Johnson. New guide books and maps are out. The trail coordinator for the USFS is changing. Clarendon Shelter will probably be moved closer to the relocated trail. Action against the announced Killington relocation will continue on three fronts -- public information, legislator contact, and Freedom of Information Act requests.

The Section President's report was made by Rob Carey. [See last Smoke & Blazes. --Ed.] Jean Davies announced the intersectional was to be August 19-27 at the Betsy Cox Camp in Pittsford.

Nominated and elected unanimously for three year terms as directors were Rob Carey, Churchill Scott and Ray Catozzi.

The directors met and re-elected officers: Rob Carey - President, Steve Pulling - Vice-President, and Wally Rogers - Secretary-Treasurer. All other positions remain the same except that Roma Pulling asked to be relived of the publicity job. Persons will be sought for this position [and Olga Laird was found. --Ed.]

Refreshments were served, followed by a Gartlein/Rogers program of their recent Arizona trip.

BUCKLIN TRAIL TO KILLINGTON PEAK

9 July 1989

by Bernie Donahus

The two brook crossings on the Bucklin Trail were less of a challenge than expected. No one experienced wet feet. [Jerry Parker has since bridged the lower Brewers Brook crossing. --Ed.]

This particular Sunday was bright and calm. The view along the trail was obscured by heavy foliage until the last stretch. Thereafter, the members enjoyed the usual exciting views closer to the Killington pinnacle.

Once at the top, the usual groups and couples from other states were found. Leisurely eating lunch and visiting with first time Killington hikers passed 45 minutes or so. On return, the group stopped at the Cooper Lodge. Several out of state hikers were there. A short visit, and then back on the trail to Brewer's Corners. It was a delightful day.

GOLD MINES, BRIDGEWATER

30 July 1989

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

On a fine summer day, Churchill Scott led a caravan of some thirty hikers through Bridgewater Center and up the dirt road that heads west up a brook from there, to the main Bridgewater Gold Mines area. Many of these mines appear in the 1869 Beers Atlas of Windsor County. They were a by-product of the 1849 California Gold Rush. People in Bridgewater and Plymouth, including some who had returned from California, found gold in local streams. With visions of bazillions in bullion bubbling in their brains, they began to dig. They didn't find much gold, but they did leave some pretty impressive holes, and Churchill took us to what may be the best of them.

We puffed uphill on a well-engineered but now abandoned road, which merged in from the right. We bore left at a junction and right at another, passed a decaying shed, and soon found ourselves in the huge three-quarters stone foundation of a building that reportedly once housed animals and equipment for the mines. A few hundred feet east of there, Churchill led us to a horizontal mineshaft extending a couple hundred feet into the hillside.

Most of us explored the shaft to its end. It was damp and a little muddy in places, but the footing was pretty good and there was plenty of headroom. A few of the small fry were apprehensive about the big dark hole in the earth, but they, too couldn't resist following the flashlight beams into the mine.

After lunch in the huge old foundation, most of us backtracked a few feet to the road and then continued uphill to a height of land with several more mines on both sides of the road. The most impressive, west of the old road, was a wide vertical shaft with water in the bottom. A very rickety primitive ladder led from the rim down into the murky water. Nobody tried it out, thank goodness! At least three other mines lay at or just down (south) from the height of land. One, just east of the road, appeared to be a large, shallow pit, but maybe a submerged shaft opened off it.

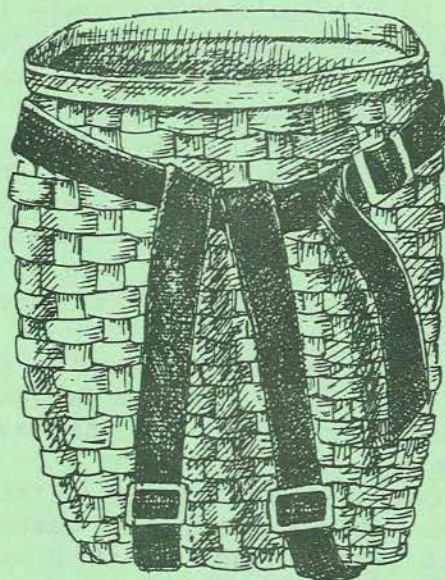
We had a pleasant hike back down to the traveled road, grateful to Churchill for a day of unusual adventure.

THE HIKE THAT SORT OF WASN'T

1 August 1989

by Sue Thomas

The Killington Section Covert Operations Division staged a drill on August 1, cleverly disguised as a "supper hike." The purpose of the drill was to have a hike without telling anyone, then compile a list of all those inexplicably absent. I am able to report that the operation was a resounding success. [Only one person besides the Leader failed to be absent for the trip to a wonderful lookout over Chittenden Reservoir, which appeared in the Outing Schedule only after the hike took place, thanks to my slowness in finishing the S&B. --Ed.] A large list of names was compiled. Be advised everyone (and you know who you are) that this will be entered into your permanent record, which of course means that each and every one of you will be expected to take turns writing my hike reports from now on. Thank you.



SHREWSBURY

13 August 1989

by Jerry Parker

My hike was scheduled the same day as "Arts in the Park," so finding a spot to park near the fire station was almost impossible.

It rained all day Saturday. Finally it started clearing Sunday morn-

continued on p. 3

Shrewsbury (continued from p. 2)

ing around 11 a.m. I decided to change my original route because we would have had to walk through a meadow of long grass. We went to a fire road off the CCC road which turned out to be perfect for a children's hike. I scheduled this easy hike especially for my niece Andrea, who at four loves the outdoors. Her brother Ross fell asleep on the way so my sister stayed in the car with him. Andrea and Mara lagged behind, busy exploring everything. Andrea caught a toad that she let go because, she said, "It was getting mad at me." Both sides of the road had plenty of raspberries so we made frequent stops to sample them.

We walked to the end of the road. It started to rain so we headed back. Luckily, it lasted only a few minutes. We met Andrea and Mara, who seemed to be best of friends.

John's odometer registered 3.4 miles when we got back to our cars.

INMAN POND, FAIR HAVEN

3 September 1989

by Ira Hawley

If, in fact, we really did miss the young lady who called and wanted to join this hike, we now offer an apology. We thought we had a good understanding about the meeting place in Fair Haven. We are real sorry we missed you.

Due to the Bicycle Race in Rutland City our escape route got fouled up and some of us got separated. However, everything came together at Fair Haven and we proceeded to Inman Pond. At once we got a good view of the Pond and traveled along the shore for a distance and then into the open along a service road. There were many mullion plants along the road that anyone might be able to imagine as cactus plants.

We had lunch in a shady area near the outlet of the pond. After this, we traveled through a pleasant area of open woodlands, then through an overgrown meadow taken up with goldenrod being enjoyed by numerous honeybees. There were also several trees with had been felled by beavers, as we were now near a large marsh. We came onto a woodland road being developed by the state and saw

several Cardinal Flowers (somewhat rare, also a good display of a flower the flower guides named pale corydelis, which I had never heard of previously. This somewhat resembled a miniature columbine with pale pink flowers rather than the red as seen in the columbine. Along the roadside as we returned to our cars, we were treated to generous samples of delicious ripe blackberries. The weather had once again been a beautiful late summer day.

BATTENKILL CANOE TRIP

9 - 10 September 1989

by Stephen Pulling

Every once in a while in this hectic world we live in, you just have to let loose and let the kid in you shine through. If you could have seen the eight "adults" on the canoe trip having water fights you might have questioned their sanity. We all had lots of laughs and most of us got real wet.

The weather was just perfect both Saturday and Sunday, which helped make this year's Battenkill Canoe Trip a great success. Six people canoed the distance while we had one day apssenger on Saturday and four Careys joined us for the Sunday trip.

We started out trip just south of Manchester and we had to fight a flock of geese for water space as we put in. A very leisurely ride from Manchester through Sunderland to Arlington was enjoyed by everyone as the weather was just perfect. West of Arlington our pace was picked up a bit as the river flows a bit faster there.

We found our campsite at the Vermont - New York border about 4:30 p.m, set up camp, cooked supper, and sat around the campfire roasting marshmallows late into the night. Al Pulling stoped in for supper and picked up our day passenger Roma. The Careys also met us at the campsite and spent all day Sunday with us.

After numerous water fights and several swim stops we found our vehicles just south of Salem, New York, at a fishing access. I hope everyone on the trip had a great time and didn't get too wet.

BIRD MOUNTAIN, CASTLETON

16 September 1989

by John and Emma Hughes

Even though it was a sunny day, the weather forecasts were for showers late in the day, but it stayed clear most of the time and we finished by 2:30 p.m.

Eleven hikers met in the park and three more met us at the turn to the gravel road at Route 4A near the mountain. We drove as far as we could on this road and parked.

We started hiking on a jeep road which climbs gradually for about 1.5 miles. Then we made some turns on logging roads that got steeper, leading to the base of the mountain. At this point you leave the road and go a short distance in the woods to a short, steep climb to a low spot along the ridge of the mountain. From this low area, we hiked along a trail which climbs to the high point at the south end of Bird Mountain, which has good views.

After lunch we went back along the trail to the low area and then hiked to the north end along a trail where everybody was helping me find the markers along the way. The lookout point at this end is lower, but we could look down and see our cars. From this lookout another logging road descends back to the jeep road we started on, and along the way you could see where logging had been done recently.

We hope everyone enjoyed the hike as much as we did and thank you for coming.

MENDON PEAK

30 September 1989

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

Rob Carey led us on the real bushwhack of the season to a peak that many of us see every day but few visit. The Appalachian Mt. Club "New England Hundred Highest" register at the westernmost peak of Mendon (the true summit) shows only a trickle of visitors to this trailless peak.

A baker's half-dozen of us (I pick that expression because I'm not sure how many there were) left our cars at Brewers Corners, on the Wheelerville Road, and walked up the old Killington Carriage Road past a camp and the road

that branches over to the Bucklin Trail. We then left the Carriage Road, keeping to the more traveled woodroad that drops down to cross Eddy Brook on a bridge and goes on up to Stovepipe City. Just after crossing Eddy Brook, we turned left on the well-traveled woodroad and then right on a less-traveled one that headed uphill on more or less the southerly compass bearing that Rob knew would take us partway up the mountain. When that road decided to follow a different bearing, we did not, and the bushwhack began.

After crossing a fairly well-traveled woodroad, we pushed uphill through fairly open hardwoods and then skirted the east edge of a former clearing now grown up to a thicket of saplings. Changing course where both Rob's memory and Herb's altimeter said we should, we headed southeast up the peak, still in open hardwoods with occasional boulders.

The final steep ascent was through a tangle of mossy evergreens, or, as one member put it, "carniverous trees." They didn't eat us, but they did slow us down. Some of us found a faint trail marked by red surveyor's tape, which led over the treetrunks and boulders to near the westernmost peak of Mendon, then over to the middle peak.

From the middle peak, only slightly lower than the westernmost peak, the view was spectacular on this warm, clear day. We could see beyond Mansfield to the north and all the way to Wachusett, in Massachusetts, to the south. To the west, East Mountain appeared to be a mere plateau, and the parallel ridges of the Taconics were beautiful. To the east, we had a whole new perspective on Pico, Killington, Little Killington, and Shrewsbury. All agreed that the view was well worth the bushwhack.

There was some talk of the group splitting so the more adventurous of us could hike over the easternmost peak into the Little Killington saddle and descend to Stovepipe City, high in the Eddy Brook valley. But we spent so much time soaking up the view and the sun from the south-facing summit rocks, and Rob spoke so persuasively of the evergreen thicket that lay between us and the Stovepipe City road -- maybe those trees really were carniverous -- that the secessionists succumbed. We may try the other route in the future.

NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST ISSUE:

Charles, Dennis & Corey
RFD 3, Box 8002, Mendon VT 05701

Colutti, Dominic, Jr.
240 Lincoln Drive, Rutland VT 05701

Kelley, Philip
56 Church St., Rutland VT 05701

Kerr, Ann T.
P. O. Box 123, Castleton VT 05735

Kulka, Edythe
32 Nichols St., Rutland VT 05701

Latzer, Alex
Lake Road at Baker Street
Morris Township NJ 07960

Reohr, Janet R.
8 Church St., Poultney VT 05764

Saltiel, Maurice
92 Forest St., Rutland VT 05701

Silvin, Darius D.
289 Baltic St., Brooklyn NY 11201

Thibault, Barbara
358 62nd St., Newport Beach CA 92663

Williams, Kristina
P. O. Box 322, Castleton VT 05735

ARRIVALS

by Sue Thomas

Rob and Carolyn Badger, wandering Killington Section members, have sent word of the birth of their second son, Dylan Christopher, in September. Along with big brother Daniel, the newest Badger is residing in Potsdam, N. Y., where his dad accepted a teaching position at the State University. We hope to plan some Adirondack hikes in the future. Maybe we can meet halfway!

Once again the Killington Section is faced with the problem of how to slip a congratulatory note past our editor. If he doesn't stop having "significant events," we'll have to request that he type Smoke & Blazes blindfolded. [From some of the typos Sue finds, one might think I already do that. --Ed.] Anyway, we'd all like to congratulate Herb Ogden and Cathy Thomas on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Ruth Ogden, on 14 August. Best wishes to you all, which are sincere even if lacking the element of surprise!

The Editor and wife wish to report that, at the tender age of 1½ months, their daughter Hannah had her first Long Trail trip, over the relocation north of Route 103, with a nursing stop at the splendid view above Great Gorge Gulch. Maybe Hannah is the youngest person to pass over Jerry Parker's fine new stiles, though doubtless not for long.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr.	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Roma Pulling	Article Solicitor
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Roma Pulling	
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701
!!!SEND COPY BY 5 JAN. 1990, PLEASE!!!

COME BACK SOON!

The entire Killington Section wishes a speedy recovery to long-time member W. Churchill Scott, who recently had surgery. We miss you, and we look forward to seeing you back on the trails as soon as possible.

FROM THE PAGES OF OLD VERMONTERS

On the next page is a 1928 article printed in The Vermonter, the privately published former "State Magazine." Our copy came from W. Churchill Scott's collection and was selected by Ray Catozzi. Ray also found several other articles from The Vermonter of the 1930's, dealing with topics like the Long Trail Lodge, an end-to-end in the mid-1930's, flora and fauna along the trail, and one entitled "Long Trail Safe for Women Hikers." There is also a multi-page poem that seems almost as long as the entire Long Trail from Massachusetts to Canada, all about a hiking experience.

If you enjoy the following selection, let the Editor know, and he will print some more of these. In fact, the Editor quite fancies them and will probably print more unless readers object anyway.



Vol. 33, 1928

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VERMONT

No. 10

The Vermont Trail

By RACHEL V. CONNAL

I have often wondered how much Vermonters enthused about their own state, if at all, when in the west and south. I have known resident Vermonters who, while among us, steadily depleted our population by flagrantly advancing the claims of other states, in which, for similar zeal, offenders are severely chastized. But now comes a worthy emissary, Rachel Connal, 14, born in Vermont, who published the following in the high school paper of Aberdeen, Washington, after residing on the Pacific Coast five years. Few of her age know our state's history, legends and wood lore as well. She is an omniverous reader, a splendid little housekeeper and a good cook. She has been from Vermont to the Pacific Coast five times—the last time going alone from Montreal.



HERE'S a long, long trail awinding into the land of my dreams. This becomes a fact and not poetical fancy if you happen to be dreaming of old Vermont, for in that state the Long Trail runs the entire length of the Green Mountains to Canada. Vermont is only about 160 miles long in an air-line, but the trail climbs and twists in and out, along the ridges, up and down until it measures 250 miles.

Because of its combination of wilderness and accessibility, you may spend a day or a month on the trail without covering any ground more than once. No tent will be needed, as there are shelters every six or eight miles. There are caretakers at only three of these shelters and at the others the law of the woods prevails: To leave as much dry wood as you find, keep the frying pan clean and to be more than careful about fire. Do these things and you are welcome.

Occasionally there are hotels. At the top of the highest peak, Mt. Mansfield, you come abruptly out of wilderness to a place of electric lights, hot and cold baths, and automobiles.

But the trail itself—nothing so well describes it as the official designation, "a foot-path in the wilderness." Leave the highway

and turn into any trail and you will find your guide post. You hear an automobile pass, turn your back and in five minutes the walls of the great trees shut out the sounds of the world. To all appearances there might be Indians in the forest and the Green Mountain Boys might well be merry making in their caves.

At Griffith Lake which is on a mountain top, there once was a man who had the means and fancy to collect almost every wild flower which would survive. His home has fallen into decay, but the woods about it, through which the trail winds, are still a vast garden.

Every part of the trail has its picture. "A long aisle carpeted with moss and lined with columns of dark pines, gray beech, and shining yellow birch, through which floats the voice of a hermit thrush like the song of a nun in a cathedral; a turn and you pause on a granite step to hold your breath and look down upon a little wild meadow of asteris, a tiny blue sea close-rimmed by whispering green cliffs." Thus has it been described by one author.

For a hundred miles in every direction the cup of beauty is full to the brim. Yes, "There's a long, long trail a winding into the land of my dreams."

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH OLD S&B'S?

To recycle a Smoke & Blazes, leave it in the waiting room of an office, where it will introduce others to us.

Whether you hunt or not --
Best wishes for a safe hunting season.
Wear safety colors and avoid the woods when visibility is poor. We want you with us after Thanksgiving!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates climb, footing, etc. For more information about a trip, call your trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Guests are welcome!**

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT	LEADER	
4 Nov. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	BOILING SPRING, Chittenden. 6-7 mi, moderate, part on Catamount Trail.	John & Emma Hughes	775-4078
11 Nov. (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.	FAIRBANKS MUSEUM, PLANETARIUM, St. Johnsbury. A safe hunting season trip: natural science, history, archaeology exhibits, planetarium show. Admission fee. Reservations to Sue by 5 Nov., please!	Sue Thomas	773-2185
18 Nov. (Sat.)	6:00 p.m.	POTLUCK, Unitarian-Universalist Church basement. Join us for annual hunting season supper; bring a dish to share.	Roma Pulling	773-6997
2 Dec. (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.	SHERBURNE PASS TO OLD TURNPIKE ROAD, Sherburne - Mendon. 5.5 mi. moderate. Follow Long Trail north, then descend old turnpike past huge beaver pond.	Herb Ogden	(W) 775-3368 (H) 775-1350
10 Dec. (Sun.)	6:00 p.m.	MOONLIGHT HIKE to Pine Hill, Rutland. 3 mi. moderate. Almost full moon.	Steve Pulling	775-3361
16 Dec. (Sat.)	6:00 p.m.	CHRISTMAS CAROLING, Rutland. Our traditional old hikers' serenade.	Bernie Donahue	773-7462
2 Jan. (Tues.)	7:00 p.m.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING, 35 Burnham Ave., Rutland. Come help schedule.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
6 Jan. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	RAILROAD BEDS, Pawlet. 6 mi., moderate. for cross country skis or snowshoes.	Rob & Sue Carey	446-2830
14 Jan. (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	MOUNT TOM, Woodstock. 3 mi. moderate. Snowshoe or walk.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
20 Jan. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	FIFIELD POND, WILDER MOUNTAIN AREA, Mount Tabor. 7 mi. moderate.	John & Emma Hughes	775-4078
28 Jan. (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	SKI HILDENE, Manchester. Cross country ski on the grounds of historic Hildene. Trail fee charged.	Ray Catozzi	773-3006

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
 Rob Carey, President, RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773 446-2830
 Steve Pulling, Vice-President, RFD 3, Box 5192, Rutland VT 05701 775-3361
 Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer, RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735 468-3210

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	120.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

*If you first joined the Killington Section during this year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. As a credit for the first part of the year, subtract the following from dues: Adult - 0.75 times month number; Spouse - 0.50 times month number; others receive no credit.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735

Smoke & Blazes

VOL. 42, NO. 4

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

JANUARY, 1990

SLACK HILL, PLYMOUTH

24 September 1989

Leader: Sue Carey

No report, but a drawing by an unknown artist possibly related to the Leader:



SASHA TAKES A STAND:

HALFMOON POND TO GLEN LAKE, HUBBARDTON

8 October 1988

by Sue Thomas

Our hike to Glen Lake didn't get off to a very good start. Sasha the dog looked over the situation at the park and decided she wanted nothing to do with this expedition. So, while we waited for late arrivals, Sasha took action and locked herself into a van. Thus she and her owner had to skip the hike, while the rest of us set off for Half Moon State Park, where several hikers were waiting for us. Also waiting for us was a park ranger who refused to let us into the park! At this point I began to wonder if maybe Sasha was right! I managed to convince the ranger that we wouldn't vandalize their newly-painted leantos or sue them if hanging

SMOKE & BLAZES ENDS

FOR YOU, IF YOU DON'T RENEW your Killington Section GMC membership. Yes, this is the LAST ISSUE you will receive if you don't send in your 1990 dues soon. For your convenience, there's a membership application at the end of this issue. Your address label tells you if Treasurer Wally Rogers has received your 1990 dues. If you don't see an 90 by your name, please send dues now!

limbs fell on us, so despite our disreputable appearance he let us through.

The trail we took from there to Glen Lake was built by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps in 1987, and though not consistently blazed it's a very pretty hike. We took a lunch break on some ledges overlooking Moscow Pond, then descended to the pond and continued on toward Glen Lake. Ira took us on a short side trip to a ledge with a beautiful view, from which we could see black clouds rolling in, so we didn't linger.

Further along we came to another trail marked "Crown Point Road," which presents a mystery. Several in our group are familiar with the old military road and all agreed that it couldn't possibly be there!

From another rock ledge we watched several fishermen below on Glen Lake, then followed the prettiest part of the trail as it wound its way down to the lake and followed the shoreline. We finished the hike at the ruins of what looked to have been a large building, of which only the fireplace and the dock

continued on p. 2

remain. Despite a few hitches, somewhat moody weather, and one of those dad-blasted pedometers that always read twice the mileage I put in the schedule, Sasha missed a nice hike!

BLACK MOUNTAIN, NEW YORK

15 October 1989

by Bernie Donahue

No better time to view the Green Mountain skyline than in mid-October! Black Mountain, north of Whitehall, offers a grandstand seat to this beautiful opportunity. A panoramic view of Lake George, Fort Ticonderoga and the southern tip of Lake Champlain is a colorful bonus.

The fall was again the season selected to experience this, as a small group of Killington Section hikers climbed to the top. On arrival, a thick fog greeted our group. Visibility had been reduced to perhaps one hundred feet or less. No one climbed to the top of the abandoned but accessible fire tower. After a leisurely lunch, part of the group, upon descending the trail, rode over to Hulett's Landing on Lake George for more pleasant viewing from the shore. By mid-afternoon the fog lifted. We felt it was too late then to ascend the mountain once more.

We look forward to making this hike a reality next October. Barring a return to a spell of inclement weather, it would offer the great viewing we missed this time.

MYSTERY HIKE

22 October 1989

by ?? (no report)

GLASTENBURY BACKPACK

26-27 October 1989

by Roma Pulling

Talk about not being able to get it together! When we weren't foiled by discouraging weather forecasts, we had conflicts with other activities (in Sue's case one of them was called "work") but the last week in October we

realized that if we didn't go before the time change and early darkness, the trip would have to be postponed until spring. Fortunately this realization coincided with a spell of fair and unseasonably warm weather, and we were off.

Sue Thomas accompanied us because she needed this section of the Long Trail for her End to End. We left Rutland at 6:30 a.m. At Route 9 in Woodford we parted company for the day, and while Sue labored up the Long Trail we hiked the Bald Mountain and West Ridge Trails to Goddard Shelter. We had a good climb up to the summit of Bald Mountain and found the West Ridge Trail virtually level, but I couldn't seem to make any time on it. Sue arrived at the shelter several hours before us. Some might say it's because I'm no longer 32!

When we hiked this section of the Long Trail in 1982, we stayed in the old Glastenbury Shelter. Goddard was new to us, and we enjoyed our stay a lot. Sue liked sitting in a lounge chair with which the shelter was provided, but when I sat down it was hard to get up again. It's a log leanto with the front raised above the ground, perhaps to discourage porcupines, which were a nuisance at the old shelter. We did hear piercing screams from some animal after dark, and Alfred and Sue got up in the night to chase mice out of their packs. The clever little beasts had gotten in even though we hung our packs before retiring.

Friday I made a little better time. The three of us took the Long Trail as far as Story Spring Shelter, stopping at Kid Gore and Caughnawaga Shelters to take pictures. We met the only two hikers we saw in two days of hiking, just north of Caughnawaga Shelter and heading south. When Alfred and I stopped for lunch near the summit of the "Unnamed Peak," he pointed out the sound of a grouse drumming on a distant log. I was thrilled as I had heard it before only on TV. At Story Spring Shelter Sue took the Long Trail to the road while Alfred and I took the shorter Branch Pond Trail.

Sue took us to Woodford to pick up our car, and we stopped in Bennington for supper at Papa Gino's. Fast food never tasted so good. We have only twelve more shelters to photograph, all in the northern part of the state.

LAKE TRAIL TO GRIFFITH LAKE

28 October 1989

by Roma Pulling

Leading a seven mile hike the day after returning from a twenty mile backpack might not be good judgment, but the morning of the 28th we appeared at the park with aching bodies and, in my case, sore feet. The fog was so thick it was eerie but it burned off later for a beautiful, warm day.

Seven people accompanied us up the Lake Trail, which is the carriage road, badly eroded now, that led to the former Griffith Lake House. With three major crossings of McGinn Brook and several minor stream crossings plus areas of black ooze, it seemed as though we waded to the lake and back.

Everyone agreed the lake was worth the effort. We ate lunch at the tent area and relaxed before retracing our steps. We met several other hikers enjoying the summerlike weather.

BOILING SPRING, CHITTENDEN

4 November 1989

Leaders: John & Emma Hughes (no report)

FAIRBANKS MUSEUM & PLANETARIUM

11 November 1989

by Sue Thomas

During hunting season this year we went to St. Johnsbury to visit the planetarium at the Fairbanks Museum. After a chilly lunch on the porch, we had some time to tour the museum before the show started. It's a fascinating place with a wide variety of exhibits from an extensive collection of animals and birds (they claim to have every species that has ever lived in Vermont), artifacts from around the world, and a room devoted to the Fairbanks Scale Co. Downstairs is the Vermont Weather Station where forecasting and recordkeeping are done for the state. Broadcasts heard on Vermont Public Radio originate from there. I tagged along with a bunch of Cub Scouts who were getting a guided tour of the weather station, so I heard all about it.

The Planetarium was packed for the

afternoon show, where we saw the planets and stars that were visible at that time of year and heard the myths associated with some of the constellations. Too bad that I'll have forgotten it all by the time we have a moonlight hike!

POT LUCK SUPPER

18 November 1989

by Roma Pulling

This year's hunting season supper was one of the better ones in recent years, with approximately 30 people in attendance in the basement of the Unitarian Church. And the food! Our Killington Section cooks are the greatest. With hot dishes ranging from macaroni and cheese to Spanish rice and delicious salads, and topped off with pie, cake, cookies, and ice cream, everyone was stuffed to capacity.

One thing this writer liked to see was that we had people in every age bracket.

Following this repast, John Martin showed slides of a trip he and Jan took in June up the Inside Passage to Alaska and through Yellowstone National Park. We all thank John for providing this excellent entertainment.

If there has to be a deer season, this is the way to spend it!

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr.	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Roma Pulling	Article Solicitor
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Roma Pulling	
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701
!!!SEND COPY BY 6 APRIL 1990, PLEASE!!!

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH OLD S&B'S?
To recycle a Smoke & Blazes, leave it in the waiting room of an office, where it will introduce others to us.

SHERBURNE PASS TO OLD TURNPIKE ROAD

2 December 1989

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

This could have been a snowshoe hike. While there was only a thick dusting of snow down in the city, the Green Mountain spine north of Sherburne Pass had six to eight inches of snow. This slowed us down a little, not so much because of poor footing, but more because the lack of recent blazes from Tucker-Johnson Shelter to a point just south of The Elbow made the leader stop rather often, bobbing his head around like a flamingo trying to spot the next faded patch of white. After a while, spotting the Forest Service's antique and misshapen blazes turned into a bit of a game: we would come up to a tree which looked like it might once have been blazed and scrutinize the bark closely, occasionally triumphing in the discovery of a few flakes of white paint. USFS, please note!

We cheated a little at the start. To avoid possibly slippery going on the Long Trail just north of Sherburne Pass, we left our cars at the north end of the Robinwood development, near the site of Tucker Lodge, and took the former Long Trail north to Willard Gap.

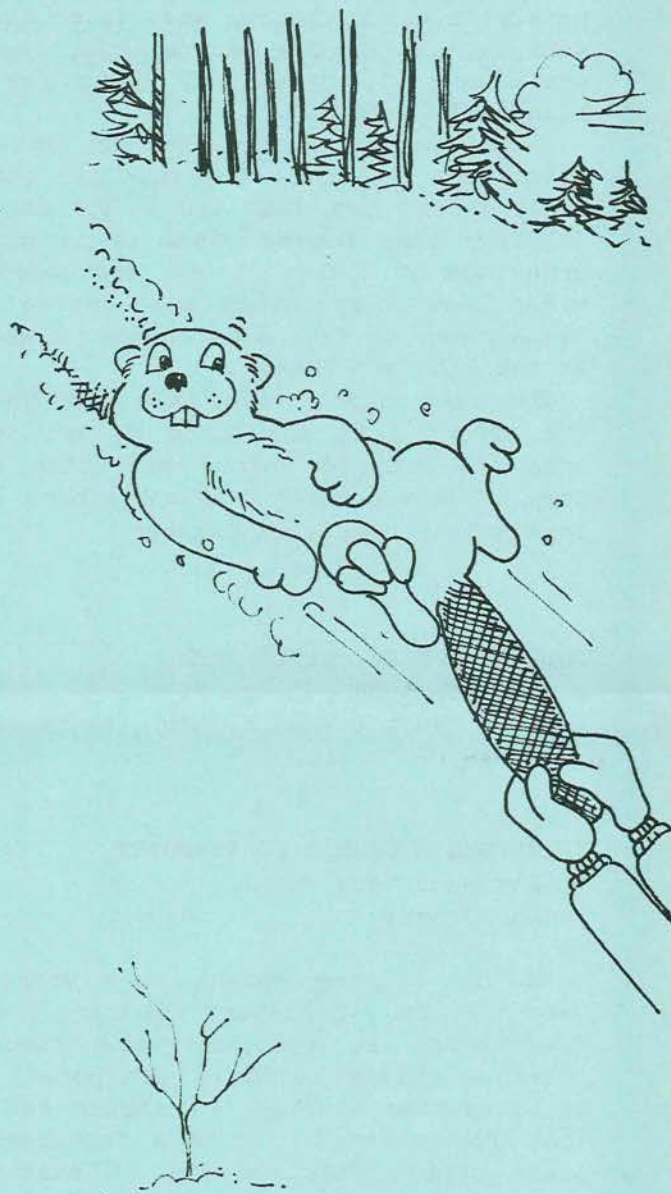
At Tucker-Johnson Shelter, we surprised John and Emma Hughes, who were just starting a fire for lunch. They had come in the same way as we, but of course expected us to come in by the longer and slower Long Trail and arrive long after them. Instead, we were nearly on their heels.

South of The Elbow, we puzzled over a (presumably) animal track which looked as if someone had dragged a beaver downhill. The track was simply a groove in the snow, about eight inches wide.

At The Elbow, where the old turnpike from North Sherburne to Mendon and Chittenden crosses the ridge, we found a well-snowmobiled track leading from North Sherburne and turning north on the LT. It was our first sign of recent human travel since leaving Tucker-Johnson.

Crossing the former bridge on the little causeway over an arm of the big beaver pond, we had one small casualty. Sue Thomas got a very wet foot when some snow and ice gave way and she went in over her boot top. Rather surprisingly,

the rest of us made it through the marshy part of the old turnpike dryshod. We lunched overlooking the big beaver pond, near where the turnpike divided. Leaving the Chittenden branch behind, we climbed up the Mendon branch past a few very solid looking seasonal dwellings.



The leader apologizes for advertising the final point on the hike as a "mystery." Had he looked very carefully in the Beers 1869 atlas of Rutland County, he would have seen that the puzzling square mass of rock drymasonry just south of the old turnpike near the height of land was once a lime kiln.

MOONLIGHT HIKE TO PINE HILL

10 December 1989

by Steve Pulling

Seven hearty souls showed up for our annual December moonlight hike. It was a cold night, as was much of the month of December, which probably scared away some potential hikers on this traditionally popular event. The full moon was also a no-show as the clouds won the battle of the skies.

Our destination this evening was Pine Hill Park, in particular Rocky Pond. We hiked up the road which is the extension of Evergreen Avenue. There was only six inches of fresh powder snow on the ground, which made walking fairly easy. In no time we were at the picnic area at Rocky Pond.

Here we built a fire, drank hot beverages, and ate delicious sweets made by some of the ladies of the group. Each chef promised that all calories were removed! After an easy downhill walk back to the cars, I got home and missed only one quarter of the late game.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

16 December 1989

Leader: Bernie Donahue

Editor's Note: In January, around the time excursion reports were due, Bernie was involved in a serious car accident on Route 7 south of Rutland, suffering a concussion, breaking several ribs, and enduring other unpleasantness. Fortunately, Bernie is recovering well and should be back on the trails in several months. Despite being laid up, Bernie was conscientious about getting in his Black Mountain hike report, printed on p. 2. As for the caroling, I understand it was poorly attended, probably because of the extreme cold.

LONG TRAIL SOUTH OF WALLINGFORD GULF TO RUN ALONG TOP PART OF KEEWAYDIN TRAIL

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

On 10 January 1990, the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service issued their long-promised deci-

sion on the fate of the Long Trail / Appalachian Trail between White Rocks and Route 140 in Wallingford Gulf. After a public meeting in Wallingford on 2 December 1988, six alternatives were considered, including leaving the trail in its present narrow corridor.

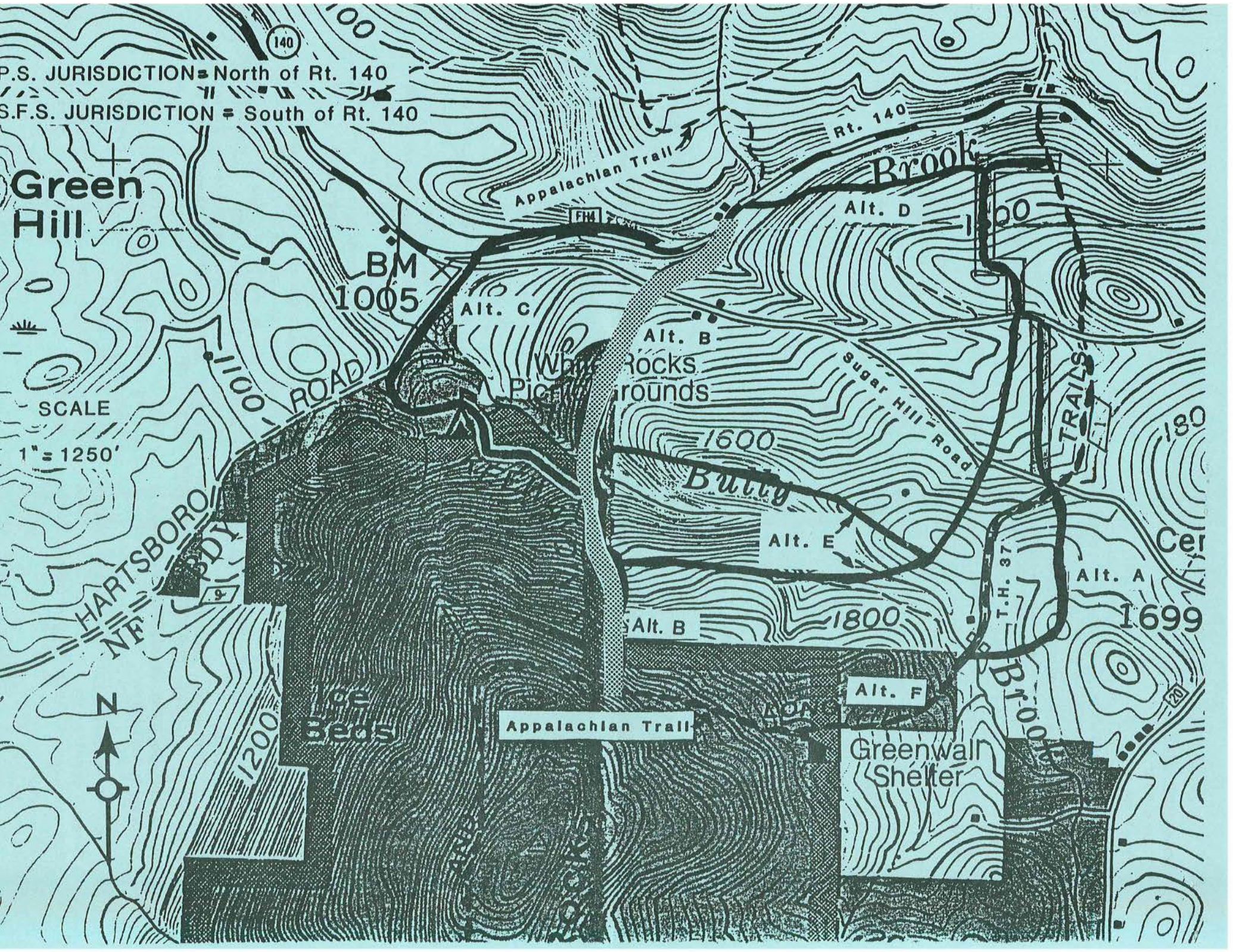
The Forest Service's choice, Alternative B, is shown on the map on page 6 of this issue. The Forest Service says this alternative "would relocate the trail partially onto the Keewaydin Trail crossing 3 private parcels (Bruneau, Butterworth, and Persse), as well as Green Mountain National Forest, and then continue north over the Allen property, until reaching an old skid road on the Roberts property. Following this abandoned road east-northeasterly, the trail would cross Rt. 140 at a point with safe sight distances and easy grades. Portions of the Keewaydin Trail would be redesigned and reconstructed (due to excessive grades and inadequate drainage, and to bring the trail up to standard for the higher use level), and a side trail linking the White Rocks parking area would be constructed." From this last comment, it appears the lower part of the Keewaydin Trail might be abandoned, as it is the present link to the White Rocks parking area.

There is no mention of retaining the present Long Trail as a side trail at least as far east as Greenwall Shelter. There is also no mention of relocating or replacing Greenwall Shelter, however.

Rejected alternatives included using existing narrow rights of way just west of the present LT between Sugar Hill Road and Wallingford Gulf, swinging west through the White Rocks parking area to the Hartsboro Road, following Bully Brook east after descending part of the Keewaydin Trail, and leaving the LT/AT where it is.

The Forest Service says that further information is available from Bob Pramuk or Ann Mates at P. O. Box 519, Rutland VT 05702, telephone (802) 773-0300, or Michael Schrotz, Manchester District Ranger, RFD 1, Box 1940, Manchester Center VT 05255, telephone (802) 362-1251.

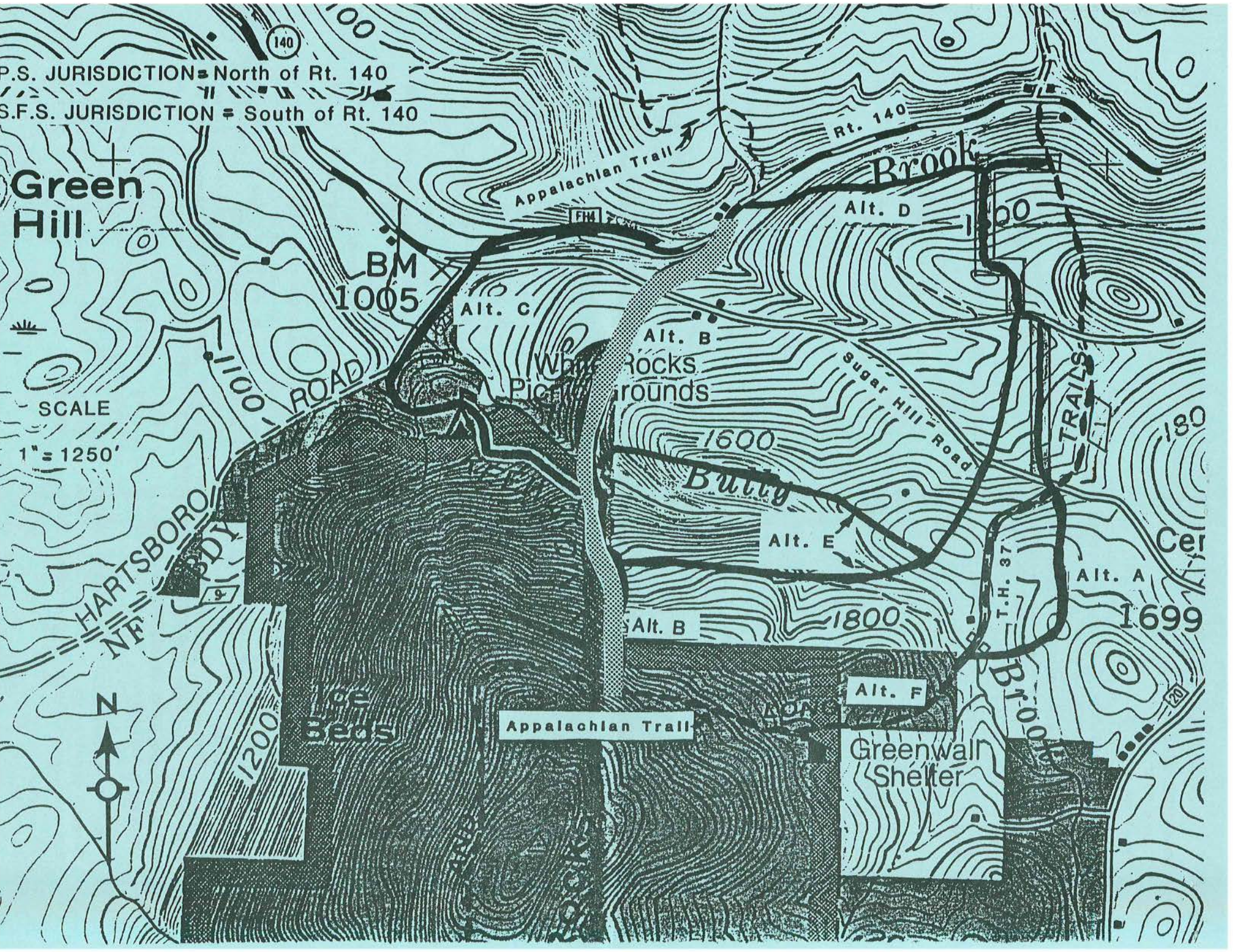
The decision may be appealed administratively through the Forest Service within 45 days of its issuance. Smoke & Blazes has heard of no plans to appeal.



P.S. JURISDICTION = North of Rt. 140
S.F.S. JURISDICTION = South of Rt. 140

Green Hill

SCALE
1" = 1250'



P.S. JURISDICTION = North of Rt. 140
S.F.S. JURISDICTION = South of Rt. 140

Green Hill

SCALE
1" = 1250'



KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates climb, footing, etc. For more information about a trip, call your trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. Guests are welcome!

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT	LEADER	
3 Feb. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	PINE BROOK TRAIL, Rochester and Hancock. Ski or snowshoe. 5 mi. moderate.	Herb Ogden	(H) 775-1350 (W) 775-3368
9 Feb. (Fri.)	6:30 p.m.	SKATE BY MOONLIGHT, ELFIN LAKE, Wallingford. Weather-dependent. Call for conditions.	Rob & Sue Carey	446-2830
11 Feb. (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	BALD MOUNTAIN, Mendon. Snowshoe. 4 mi. moderate.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
17 Feb. (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.	SLEDDING PARTY, Rutland. Join us for an afternoon of sliding in Ira's back field, weather permitting.	Ira Hawley	775-4149
25 Feb. (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	GLEN DAM, Rutland. Ski or snowshoe. Mileage variable, 2 mi. or more.	W. C. Scott	775-1494
3-4 March (Sat.-Sun.)		MERCK FOREST WINTER WEEKEND, Rupert. Come for the day or a weekend of cross country skiing and snowshoeing in 2700-acre forest preserve. Enclosed shelter with woodstove heat. Fee charged. Call Sue Thomas for details.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
11 March (Sat.)	2:00 p.m.	SUGAR ON SNOW, Unitarian-Universalist church, West St., Rutland. A New England spring tradition! Fee Charged. Program to follow.	Rob & Sue Carey	773-2185
17 March (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.	SUNRISE SHELTER, Chittenden. 2 mi., moderate. Walk, snowshoe or ski.	Roma & Al Pulling	773-6997
25 March (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN, Mendon. 5 mi. moderate; steep in places. Snowshoe or walk; not suitable for skiing.	Steve Pulling	775-3361
1 April (Sun.)	12:30 p.m.	SECOND ANNUAL JARVIS SNODGRASS MEMORIAL EXCURSION. Not too far, not too hard!	Rob & Sue Carey	446-2830
3 April (Tues.)	7:00 p.m.	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING, 35 Burnham Ave., Rutland. Come help us plan.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
7 April (Sat.)	5:30 p.m.	POTLUCK, Unitarian-Universalist Church, West St., Rutland. Bring dish to share.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
	7:00 p.m.	followed by ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KILLINGTON SECTION: Elections, reports, issues for the year.		
22 April (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	RAILROAD BED MYSTERY HIKE, 4 mi., moderate, maybe wet in places.	Herb Ogden	(H) 775-1350 (W) 775-3368
29 April (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	BEAR MOUNTAIN, Clarendon. 5 mi., moderate with one very steep place.	Jerry Parker	775-6208

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
 Rob Carey, President, RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773 446-2830
 Steve Pulling, Vice-President, RFD 3, Box 5192, Rutland VT 05701 775-3361
 Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer, RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735 468-3210

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	120.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

*If you first joined the Killington Section during this year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. As a credit for the first part of the year, subtract the following from dues: Adult - 0.75 times month number; Spouse - 0.50 times month number; others receive no credit.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735



Robert and Thelma Perkins 9989
4912 Lebanon Road
Charlotte, NC 28227



Smoke & Blazes

VOL. 43, NO. 1

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

APRIL, 1990

BOILING SPRING, CHITTENDEN

4 November 1989

by John & Emma Hughes, Leaders

We were fortunate when Sue Carey came with her truck and offered to give us a ride from the parking lot at Mountain Top Inn to the beginning of the old New Boston Trail. This road is quite rough and we thought we would be walking the extra distance because it is not good for cars. Thank you, Sue!

We started walking on an old road which then became log and jeep trails. It was cold enough so that some of the wet areas were frozen. We had to cross several small brooks.

The spring is about twelve feet in diameter and has about one or two feet of clear water. It feeds an outlet which is one of the sources of Kiln Brook, which flows into Furnace Brook. The spring moves the sand in the bottom and makes it look like boiling water. The silt has been washed out of the sand so the water above it stays clear and the sand just moves around. We took a long stick and were able to shove it down into the spring about six feet.

After returning to the truck by the same way we had lunch.

RAILROAD BEDS, PAWLET:

THE FORLORN SKIING TRIP

6 January 1990

by Sue Carey, Leader

There was snow during the month of December and I was optimistic that this year we'd be able to ski on the railroad beds. Alas, the snow melted the week before, and we had to walk.

Of course we enjoyed the hike anyway. We spotted cars at the old train station in Granville and started hiking in West Pawlet. There were many icy spots along

the way but they were easily avoided by walking in the snow along the edge. The level bed made for fast and easy hiking.

When we got to Granville we had to make a detour at the telescope furniture factory: down a side track through another factory's parking lot, along a residential street until we picked the bed up at Agway.

For some people the scariest part of the trip was crossing an old train trestle. You could look down through the ties to the roaring stream twenty feet below. Others thought that was fun.

There was an old caboose at the Granville station and you could climb up the back porch. Two year old Seth found it delightful to climb up on a real train and he didn't want to leave.

Next year maybe we'll try skiing (hiking) from Granville to Poultney. One of these years we should have some snow.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr.	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Roma Pulling	Article Solicitor
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Roma Pulling	
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	
Ray Catozzi	

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701
!!!SEND COPY BY 6 JULY 1990, PLEASE!!!

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH OLD S&B'S?
To recycle a Smoke & Blazes, leave it in the waiting room of an office, where it will introduce others to us.

SLIDING DOWN MT. TOM
14 January 1990
by Sue Thomas, Leader

As everyone knows, I have a tendency to lead hikes into unexplored territory, so it probably came as no surprise to anyone that we ended up by sliding down a practically vertical cliff on the ice. I was ready to apologize for not having scouted the route ahead of time, but as it turned out we were on the right trail all along, it was just a tad steeper than the map in the guidebook indicated!

Since we had no casualties on the cliff, I can report that it was a very nice hike. [New success criterion? -- Ed.] Mt. Tom is a great place to be on a beautiful winter day, with views of the surrounding mountains and valleys, white snow and blue skies. We treated ourselves to ice cream on the way home, always a fine ending for any hike!

FIFIELD POND AND WILDER MOUNTAIN
20 January 1990
by John & Emma Hughes, Leaders

After having several days of warm and rainy weather during the week before the hike, the snow was packed down and you could walk easily around the woods.

We parked our cars on a gravel road off Route 155 and walked uphill, entering the Green Mt. National Forest. It didn't take long to get to the pond, which was frozen. After walking on the ice we went on trails toward Wilder Mountain. Along the way we passed a beaver dam which is filling in the old log road with water. This area is a mixture of evergreen and deciduous trees and as you gain in elevation it becomes clear hardwoods. We passed several cellrholes and stone walls along the trail.

We left the trail at about its highest poing in elevation and "winter bushwhacked" to the top of the mountain. It was cold enough so the snow supported your weight and was easy walking.

At the top Jerry built a fire and we had lunch. We were able to see surrounding mountains and a ski area toward the south. We reutrned about the same way except for using some other trails which lead back to Fifield Pond.

**SKI HILDENE IN SHREWSBURY, OR
DID LINCOLN EVER MAKE IT TO NORTHAM?**
28 January 1990
by Ray Catozzi, Leader

Karen only went a short way with us, then returned to her home, where we were graciously allowed to park our car. The four remaining had a delightful 3 + mi. ski-hike-talk in Shrewsbury.

KILLINGTON SECTION DIRECTORS MEETING
3 April 1990, Sue Thomas's home
from minutes by Wally Rogers, Secretary

Meeting began at 6:30 p.m. All nine directors were eventually present, and several guests attended.

We discussed the main club membership assessment increase for 1991 and its effect on our dues. We plan no KS dues increase in 1990.

We discussed KS life memberships. We recommended for Section approval an immediate KS Life Membership dues increase to \$200, to cover provision of all services for life.

We decided to allow main club life members (not necessarily the same people as KS life members) a discount on their KS dues equal to the avoided cost of the main club assessment.

We instructed our director on the main club board to work toward holding the line on assessment increases and eliminate fees for attending annual meetings of the main club.

We instructed the Secretary to write the main club Trails and Shelters Committee that (1) we urge signs be placed to close or warn of the danger on the Deer Leap Trail from Sherburne Pass and (2) we have adopted the Cauty Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

LAST CHANCE TO USE OUR SECTION'S KIRK MATCHING FUNDS FOR LONG TRAIL PROTECTION

The KS will give the GMC our remaining Dorothy Kirk bequest on 1 June. Until then, the Section adds \$1 in Kirk funds to every \$2 donated to the LT Protection Fund. Send to Treasurer Wally Rogers.

PINE BROOK TRAIL, ROCHESTER - HANCOCK

3 February 1990

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

February did have a few proper winter days, and four of us took advantage of one of them to make a nice 4.3 mile circuit in snowy woodlands. Our starting point was the last house on the Bingo Road, which keeps going straight in the hamlet of Robinson where Route 73 turns sharp left to head up Brandon Gap.

Crossing Bingo Brook -- BINGO, you got it: yes, the area is called Bingo; there's a Bingo School and a Bingo Cemetery too -- on an unplowed public road, we quickly left the improved road, which doglegged back to a camp, and slabbed along easterly on the old road. Next, a sharp left turn in National Forest land sent us steep uphill and occasioned some binding-tightening among the snowshoers while the two skiers herringboned up. After following Pine Brook uphill for some distance and crossing several gigantic waterbars, we turned left at a clearing and began a series of tricky, unbridged brook crossings. Although the Forest Service advertises this trail as a ski touring trail and has marked it well with blue lozenges, its bridging leaves something to be desired. Some of us thought that something was dry feet. One snowshoer decided to turn around and meet the rest back at Bingo Brook.

Crossing Pine Brook on a bridge (the only one, and very necessary this time of year), we soon came to a clearing below an old foundation. We had climbed 400 feet from Bingo Brook. Maps from the last century show houses even higher up than this 1600 foot elevation.

Following a broad, well-graded Forest Service road, we soon came to some areas of experimental forestry that afforded a view west toward Romance Mountain, good views to something that looked like Pico in the south, but probably wasn't, and a place for a quick lunch. Not far from there, Jerry Parker pointed out old moose tracks. Soon, with the two skiers gliding along comfortably and Jerry doing a snowshoe sprint, we returned to the Bingo Brook valley and entered another good Forest Service road. This, the Bingo Brook Road, dead-ends several miles west up toward Romance Gap. We followed it east downhill to the car.

BALD MOUNTAIN WITHOUT BERNIE

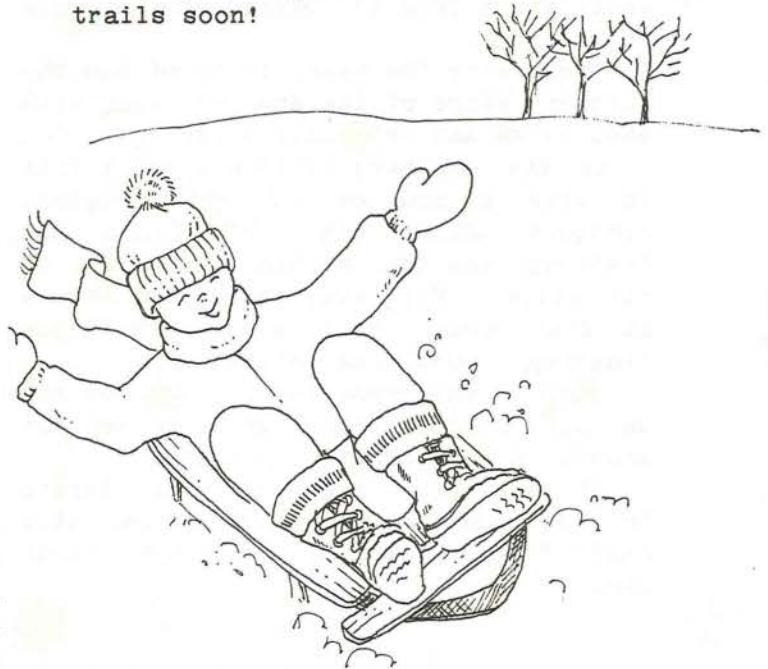
11 February 1990

by Sue Thomas, Substitute Leader

Since Bernie Donahue was still recuperating from an accident, we headed up Bald Mountain in Mendon without him. I climb the mountain often in the summer and fall, but this was the first time I'd done it in winter. It was well worth it, too, because in winter it seems like a completely different place. I usually run up and down pretty quickly in the summer, trying to make the whole loop between the time I get off work and sundown. In winter, however, views that are obscured by summer leaves tempt you to stop more often, as do animal tracks in the snow and that fact that most of us move a little more slowly in February.

We enjoyed lunch with a view overlooking Rutland, then when the rocks we sat on began to seem a bit cold we went on to the airport lookout and completed the loop.

Everyone wishes Bernie a speedy recovery -- hope to see him back on the trails soon!



SLEDDING PARTY

17 February 1990

by Roma Pulling, Leader

Ira warned us. And if that wasn't enough proof, the fact that we could hardly stand on the thick, icy crust should have indicated that sliding was hazardous. But seven of us assembled in Ira Hawley's field just the same, prepared to make the most of it. (cont.)

SLEDDING PARTY (cont. from p. 3)

Almost the first thing that happened was that Emma Hughes fell off her sled and hurt her ankle. We learned later that she had broken it! She will be in a cast until about the end of March. The rest of us slid for a while and then headed back for hot chocolate and cookies.

Ira had built a fire in one of his outbuildings -- for this occasion known as the "warming hut" -- where we enjoyed the warmth and refreshment. Here we were joined by three other club members who dropped in to say "hi."

We all felt badly about Emma's accident and wish her a problem-free recovery. And many thanks to Ira and Irene for their generous hospitality.

GLEN DAM, RUTLAND

25 February 1990

by W. Churchill Scott, Leader

On a cold and wintry February day a small group took the annual winter walk to Glen Dam.

There were the usual tales of how the northern slope of the area was bare with sand banks and enjoyable swimming.

On the way back we took a short trip to view a section of the original penstock which the 1947 flood had destroyed and thrown into the middle of the woods. Virginia, who lived nearby at that time, told about the pipes floating around like matchsticks.

Back at the house the pot was hot and we all enjoyed our lunch as we sat around to talk about many things.

It was very good to see Bernie Donahue with us again and to see Al's hands finally warm up from the bitter wind.

MERCK FOREST WINTER WEEKEND, RUPERT

3 - 4 March 1990

Sue Thomas, Leader

Reports out of the murk of Merck suggest that most had a good time, except for Mara Carey, scalded by an overturning pot. At least before that happened, there were nine overnights and three day hikers. Mara has recovered well.

SUGAR ON SNOW

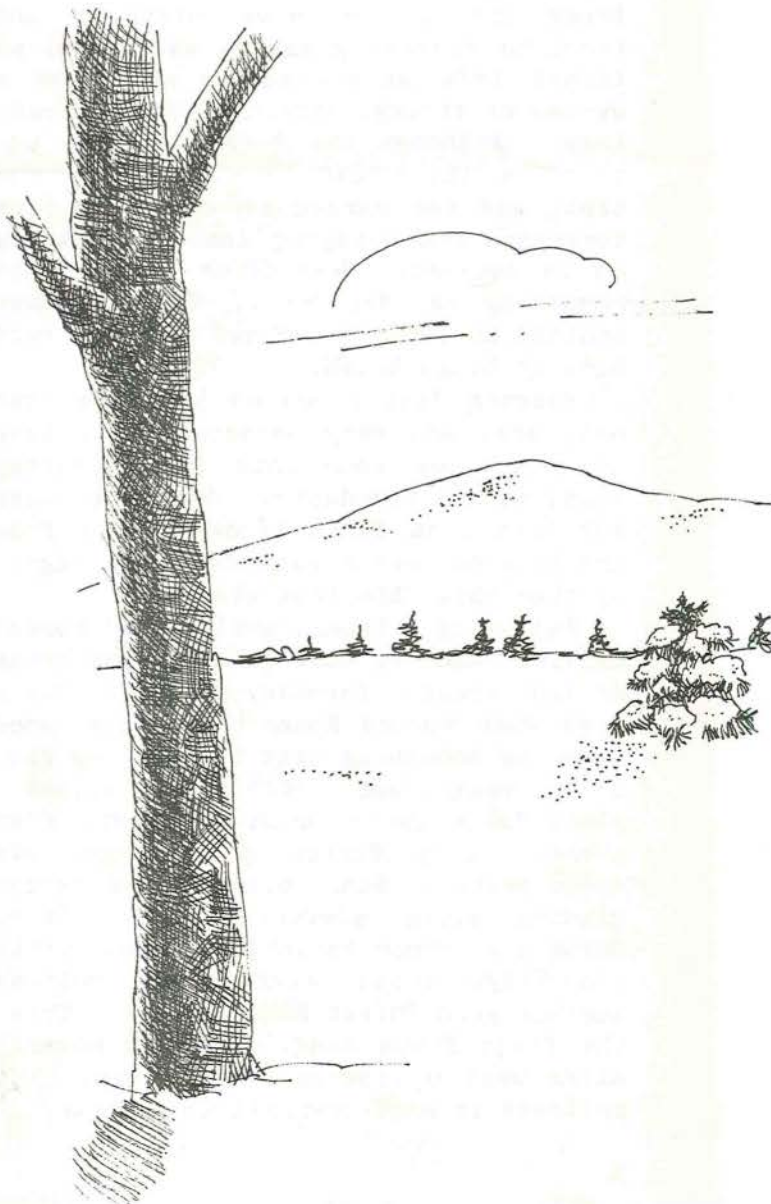
11 March 1990

by Sue Carey, Leader

The annual sugar on snow party was held at the Unitarian Church and was attended by 32 people. We dined on the traditional feast of maple syrup on snow, pickles (to take away the sweetness) and donuts.

Jerry Parker provided the afternoon entertainment with a videotape of various Killington Section outings. We were able to relive several hikes and a canoe trip. Jerry captured on film different styles for crossing logs that had fallen across the trail. Also, he recorded different techniques for starting and putting out campfires. The scenes were very nice and we all enjoyed the tape.

Thanks go to Jack and Janet Martin for preparing the syrup and Jerry Parker for sharing his video.



SUNRISE SHELTER, CHITTENDEN

17 March 1990

by Roma Pulling, Leader

March 17 is memorable as the day when we honor the patron saint of Ireland and this year as the day we led a hike to Sunrise Shelter and one other thing. It was the day a fellow named Sean Allain reportedly murdered two people in Bondville. This wouldn't be worth mentioning here if it weren't for the fact that we drove past the spot where Allain was apprehended a short time later and while the badly battered car was still being guarded by the state police. Fortunately we didn't know what we had seen until the next day.

Six people besides my husband and me turned out for this hike, which wasn't bad for a showery day. But the luck of the Irish must have been with us, even though there probably wasn't a drop of Irish blood in the group, because despite the fact it rained before we met and on our way home, we had no rain during the hike. The sun even came out for a while.

After an easy mile-long walk to the shelter, we lunched there and returned over a trail that was muddy and icy in spots. We noted that it needs blazing. And yes, we did celebrate St. Patrick's Day. A hiker well-known for her delicious home-baked cookies brought sham-rock cookies for this occasion.

Sunrise Shelter was constructed in 1964 by the Long Trail Patrol using funds contributed by Mortimer Proctor. It replaced the old Sunrise Camp, one of only a few steel structures on the Trail, built in 1925.

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN

25 March 1990

by Stephen Pulling, Leader

Our illustrious outings committee picked yet another perfect day for hiking. Clear, sunny skies and temperatures around 45°F at the base of the mountain and 35° at the summit made for a nice early spring hike. Knowing what to wear for a coat is always a guessing game this time of year especially when climbing a mountain. Wearing a light layer and carrying a couple of extra

layers on your pack is the only answer for this type of hike.

Eight hearty soles [or eight souls with sixteen soles? --Ed.] showed up for this moderate ascent up Blue Ridge Mountain. The lower part of the trail was covered with large blowdowns although the higher we we climbed the fewer there were. But the higher we climbed, the deeper the snow became. There was almost a foot of snow at the summit.

The views off the summit were spectacular! We could see the whole Rutland valley from Clarendon to Pittsford and as far west as the Adirondacks with a clear view of Bird Mountain. A beautiful view of Pico Peak with all of the snow-covered ski trails is unequalled anywhere. We could also see Killington, Little Killington, Mendon Mountain, Shrewsbury Peak, Bromley, Stratton Mountain, Magic Mountain, and Dorset Peak.

The descent was much faster than the ascent because the wet, heavy snow was well-packed on the trail, much easier than breaking trail on the way up. In some places on the way down we could see skiers way off in the distance on Pico's trails.

SECOND ANNUAL JARVIS SNODGRASS MEMORIAL EXCURSION, HARTSBORO ROAD, WALLINGFORD

1 April 1990

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

A good crowd assembled at Main Street Park, doubtless drawn by the grandiloquence of this excursion's name and the vernal auspiciousness of its date.

Under not altogether promising skies, we drove to Wallingford Gulf and headed west on foot to Hartsboro. That vicinity's only previously known connection with this hike's namesake was the presence of feral onions around the damper parts of some of the abandoned farmsteads there. The Careys were really stretching it, some thought, to merge this excursion with the Snodgrass moniker. Little did those critics know!

The mystery cleared only when we came to an old cellarhole marked with a stone on which an inscription read:

DISCOVERY OF FEBRUARY 29TH

In this house, in the year 1816, February 29th was discovered by Abigail Wood in a pile of old newspapers.

(cont. on p. 6)

SNODGRASS (cont. from p. 5)

APRIL FOOL! Now for the real story:

Maybe it was the zany date, maybe it was the promise of an easy mystery hike, or maybe it was the relatively balmy weather -- something brought out a big crowd just like last year. After two mysterious regroupings, we left our cars at the entrance to White Rocks and headed secretively southwest.

When we left the Forest Service road and headed up the abandoned Hartsboro Road, some of us decided the Careys' destination was the White Rocks ice caves. As Rob was mum about the goal, Mara very mum, and Seth even mummer, nobody was sure, though. We navigated (many places were wet) the road in suspense. The small fry, and one small dog, were indeed occasionally suspended over the wettest places and generally stayed in good humor. Our smallest fry, Hannah Ruth Ogden, age 7½ months, was permanently suspended in a pack and stayed in very good humor on her first Killington Section hike.

Eventually we passed the blue-blazed trail to the ice beds and realized that was not our destination. After a tricky brook crossing, some began to feel uneasy about having to return the way we came. Only then was the mystery solved: the Careys had secretly spotted a truck at the last house off the Hartsboro Road with just enough space to take all the drivers back to the start.

ANNUAL KILLINGTON SECTION MEETING

7 April 1990, Unitarian Church

from minutes by Wally Rogers, Secretary

The meeting began with a potluck supper attended by 34 members and guests.

President Rob Carey called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The minutes and financial reports by Secretary-Treasurer Rogers were approved.

Trails and Shelters Chair Steve Pulling reported that the Section has 22 miles of Long Trail and 6 shelters to care for from Vt. 140 to U.S. 4. Projects completed in 1989 were listed, including several relocations of trail and construction of stiles by Jerry Parker. 1990 projects include relocating an outhouse at Clarendon Shelter, two walk-through hikes, a bridge to

build near Gov. Clement Shelter, trail work south of Pico Camp, work on Pico Camp, work on the newly adopted Canty Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain, and a possible bridge over Sargent Brook between the Upper and Lower Cold River Roads. Shelter adopters are needed. The relocation south of Vt. 140 needs to be decided on [see article elsewhere] and the LT north of 140 adjusted to fit.

For the Outings Committee, Sue Carey reported on many successful hikes.

Smoke & Blazes Editor Herb Ogden reported that the newsletter will use white recycled paper in the future. He asked for comments on letters to the editor, reprints of historical articles, and inclusion of information sent by the main club.

Green Mt. Club Director Ray Catozzi reported on main club activities. The Long Trail Protection Fund is doing well in raising money to buy and protect 67 miles of LT presently privately owned in northern Vermont. The Intersectional campout will begin August 18 at Camp Thorpe in Goshen. Many hikes and evening activities are planned, in which the Killington Section is very involved.

Rob Carey made a brief President's Report. The need to change dues was discussed. [See report on Section Directors' Meeting elsewhere.] A motion was made to approve increasing the fee for KS life membership to \$200 effective immediately. It was mentioned that a delay would be appropriate to allow members to join at the present lower rate, but also that the KS would lose money on each such member. The motion passed.

Directors Linda Pellerin, Bernie Donahue and Wally Rogers had reached the end of their terms. They were elected to new three-year terms.

The Directors met and elected Rob Carey president, Steve Pulling vice-president, Wally Rogers secretary and treasurer, Sue Thomas and Sue Carey Outings Committee co-chairs, Steve Pulling Trails and Shelters chair, Herb Ogden, Jr. Smoke & Blazes editor and main club director, and Ray Catozzi alternate main club director. A Publicity chair was not selected; volunteers are welcomed and should contact an officer. The Directors decided to donate the balance of our Long Trail Protection Fund matching money to the main club as of 1 June.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

TALC MINE RAILROAD, ROCHESTER

22 April 1990

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

This was billed as a "railroad bed mystery hike." Once we parked our cars near the Rogers Brook bridge on Route 100 south of Talcville and almost immediately began a steep climb up a woodroad, obviously no railbed, some may have thought it was a mystery how I could have ever called this hike what I did. So I had to break the secret: this railroad never did reach the valley floor. Instead, it brought talc ore from the mines (mostly north of the Bethel Mountain Road) down over five switchbacks to a transfer point at the 1140' elevation on the west side of Rogers Peak halfway between Emerson and Talcville. There, the ore was loaded into the little cars of a funicular that brought it down about 300' in about 800', mostly at about a 45° angle. The ore was processed at a mill which stood in the field between the Rogers Brook bridge and the foot of the funicular. It was then loaded onto railroad cars again and shipped out via the White River Valley Railroad. This railroad had a double track siding running from near its Rogers Brook bridge southeasterly across the field, toward a boxy house with an overhanging roof, which used to be the talc company's office. On it, six to eight talc cars could be loaded. The talc company was owned by two Bostonians who sold it in the mid-1920s to a company which owned mines in East Granville and was trying to get a talc monopoly. That company favored the East Granville mines over its newly-acquired Rochester mines even though the product was not the same and some customers did not like it. The Rochester mines closed in 1927, the year of the great flood. All the above information is courtesy of the gentleman who lives just north of the Rogers Brook bridge and kindly let us park next to his barn.

The White River Valley Railroad, the talc mine railroad's link to the outside, opened around 1900. Its track from Bethel to Rochester was so crooked that it was called the "Peavine." The 1927 flood shut down the White River R.R., which had some seven bridges over its namesake. After some time the White River Valley R.R. was rebuilt with state

aid, but it did not survive the Great Depression of the 1930s.

After the steep climb up the woodroad, we welcomed the easy grade of the old railroad, climbing eastward high above Rogers Brook. Where the woodroad joined the talc mine railbed, a pile of railroad spikes and a few tie plates showed what used to be. No rails remain, but, farther up, one can still see indentations where the ties were.

Shortcutting the first switchback, we came out at the second. We crossed several little brooks, some of which still ran through old railroad culverts. At one crossing, we found a square catchbasin which might have been used to water the locomotives. We then entered a sort of plateau and stopped at the third switchback. Beyond it, the railbed is full of scrub and blowdowns until one reaches the fourth switchback. From there, it is good going over embankments and through cuts to the Bethel Mountain Road. Most of the mines are on overgrown spurs north of the Bethel Mountain Road. Maybe we'll visit them another year.

After some frog eggs were collected for Heather Moore, our youngest hiker, we lunched in the warm sun, with a view of Corporation Mountain in Chittenden. On the way down, we also saw Philadelphia Peak and possibly Burnt Rock Mountain, over which the Long Trail runs.

Partway down, ten of the thirteen hikers explored a very overgrown spur track which must have crossed Rogers Brook on a long-vanished trestle. It ended at a large mineshaft shown on both the 1915 and 1970 U.S.G.S. quadrangles. Apparently a short horizontal shaft joined a longer vertical shaft. There was ice in both, and neither seemed suitable for exploration. Nearby, we found talc ore, very pleasing to touch, and concentrated on that instead.

While most of the group waited at the woodroad junction, I took a contingent farther down the railbed to the top station of the funicular. On the way, Jerry Parker pointed out old moose droppings. All that remains of the funicular are two concrete piers, some thick steel cable which probably went around a bull wheel at the top, an inclined plane wide enough for the double track of the funicular, and some scraps of metal.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates climb, footing, etc. For more information about a trip, call your trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Guests are welcome!**

DATE	HOURL	DESTINATION OR EVENT	LEADER	
6 May (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	WORK PARTY. We need extra hands to build a bridge on the Long Trail in Shrewsbury. Engineering degree not required.	Steve Pulling	775-3361
13 May (Sun.)	4:00 p.m.	CEDAR SWAMP, Rutland. 2 mi. easy. Wear waterproof footgear, bring supper.	Ira Hawley	775-4149
20 May (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	GROUT POND, Stratton. Easy hiking with as much or little mileage as you want. Picnic area, cellarholes, sawmill site.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
26 May (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	WALK-THRU SOUTH. Help clear brush and do spring maintenance on the Long Trail, Vt. 140 to Gov. Clement. Tools provided.	Steve Pulling	775-3361
26 May (Sat.)	all day	Main GREEN MT. CLUB ANNUAL MEETING. See <u>Long Trail News</u> for information.	GMC Office	223-3463
3 June (Sun.)	8:30 a.m.	APPALACHIAN TRAIL, River Rd. in Sherburne to Chataugay in Bridgewater. 7 mi. moderate.	Roma & Al Pulling	773-6997
9 June (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	WALK-THRU NORTH. Help clear brush and do spring maintenance on the Long Trail, Gov. Clement to U.S. 4. Tools provided.	Steve Pulling	775-3361
16 June (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	OKEMO MT., Ludlow. From Healdville, Mt. Holly. 6 mi. difficult.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
23 June (Sat.)	8:30 a.m.	TACONIC CREST TRAIL, Petersburg Pass to N. Pownal. 8 mi. moderate. Come enjoy the wildflowers. June Pinks should be spectacular. Visit the Snow Hole, too.	Ray Catozzi	773-3006
1 July (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	BOILING SPRING, Chittenden. 5 mi. moderate. Churning pool; interesting natural phenomenon.	W. C. Scott	775-1494
8 July (Sun.)	1:00 p.m.	MYSTERY HIKE, Shrewsbury. 2 mi. easy.	Jerry Parker	775-6208
14 July (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	LITTLE ROCK POND, Mt. Tabor. 5 mi. moderate. Up Homer Stone Brook Trail from South Wallingford. Beautiful spot, swimming.	Rob & Sue Carey	446-2830
22 July (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	MT. EQUINOX, Manchester. 7 mi. difficult. Up Burr & Burton Trail, down Beartown Gap Trail.	Herb Ogden	(H) 775-1350 (W) 775-3368
28 July (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	WORK PARTY, Sherburne. Pico Camp needs help. We need you.	Steve Pulling	775-3361

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
 Rob Carey, President, RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773 446-2830
 Steve Pulling, Vice-President, RFD 3, Box 5192, Rutland VT 05701 775-3361
 Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer, RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735 468-3210

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEDOMETER VERSUS GUIDEBOOK

I would like to make a couple of comments (constructive, I hope) to you as editor concerning items appearing in recent issues of Smoke & Blazes.

The first concerns the membership application form. In the January, 1990, issue, the form is printed on the last page. This puts it on the reverse side of the paper from the schedule. Thus if you use the form to renew your membership, you lose half the schedule. If you retain the schedule, the printing of the form is a waste of space.

The second item concerns the continual mention of pedometers in the trip writeups and the implication that since pedometer readings do not agree with listed trail mileages, the listed mileages are incorrect.

However, listed trail mileages are usually established by a measuring wheel which someone has laboriously pushed the entire length of the trail. Despite rocks, roots, etc., I have found measuring wheel readings to be very accurate when compared with distances established by surveyors with chains.

The problem is not with the ... listed mileages, but with the pedometer. What is not obvious is that a pedometer does not measure distance, it counts steps. However, since no one would buy a device that reported how many steps one took, a pedometer requires one to input a conversion factor (length of pace) and the pedometer then displays an output in "distance" (miles).

The pedometer is accurate in its counting of steps, but the problem occurs in the conversion to miles. Normally, the owner measures his pace and sets that into the pedometer. If he then walks around the neighborhood on nice roads to compare the setting to a known or measurable distance all seems to be well. But when you enter the woods, a problem occurs. Namely, one's pace changes.

If you think about it, in our New England woods, the steeper the trail becomes the more rocks, roots, and other obstacles are encountered. Even a smooth uphill trail requires closer steps. Many times on a rough footway several steps may be required to advance one normal pace.

The pedometer faithfully counts each

of these extra steps and multiplies them by the preset (but now inaccurate) conversion factor and displays an output that says it is distance. But since the conversion factor has become inaccurate, so has the output. The incorrect output does, however, match out normal feeling that steep hills are endless.

So please stop trying to tell all that trail mileages are inaccurate because pedometers say so.

For my pace, I find a watch to be a better indicator of progress allowing an hour for every two miles and an added hour for every 1000 geet of elevation gain. Of course this has to be adjusted for roughness of footway, pack load, weather, and general condition.

David G. Barber
Hopedale MA

ADD RECOGNITION

I would like to make a suggestion to you, as Editor of S&B, to further our cause of publicity for the Killington Section, G.M.C.

At the bottom of our hike schedule are listed the officers of the Section and their addresses and phone numbers, for those interested in inquiring about more hike and/or Club information.

The section's director is just as much an officer as are the President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer, not because I'm the director, but because the director is bound, I think, to also have pertinent information to impart to new hikers and potential club members.

And, even though he holds no office at the present time, his longevity with the club and all the work he has done for the club and the public in general would seem to me to be sufficient reason to add to that list, also, the name of W. Churchill Scott. I will leave it to your exemplary editorial skills to come up with a suitable title for him (ex-officio ... perhaps?).

Ray Catozzi
Rutland VT

THANKS

Thank you for the cards and gifts I received after my recent injury.

Emma Hughes
Rutland VT

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	200.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

*If you first joined the Killington Section during this year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. As a credit for the first part of the year, subtract the following from dues: Adult - 0.75 times month number; Spouse - 0.50 times month number; others receive no credit.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735

**BEAR MOUNTAIN, CLARENDON**

29 April 1990

by Jerry Parker, Leader

Six hikers arrived at the Spencer farm in Clarendon at 9:35. It was a perfect hiking day, cool and windy. Rain was forecasted but never came.

We started up a farm road and along a cornfield, then entered the woods. We followed a snowmobile trail. Ray pointed out several wildflowers. One hiker wondered if there were any leeks so she could make some soup. The wind worked to our advantage, keeping our noise down. I stopped to point out a turkey that flew up at less than 25 feet. I checked for a nest but found none. Sue and I watched the others dig leeks.

Sometimes it pays to be up front. Sue and I got a fleeting glimpse of a deer and then saw a pileated woodpecker.

Bear Mountain seemed a lot steeper walking than by snowmobile. The one steep spot mentioned in the schedule was more straight up, but we took it easy and everyone kept their nasty remarks to themselves. We stopped and ate lunch and continued to the top.

As we continued, we came to a beaver dam. Bernie suggested walking around it. On the south side of the pond we saw about 15 pair of newts (salamanders) mating. Newts lay their eggs in water. They look like polliwogs when they hatch, then transform themselves into efts and live on land for 2½ to 3½ years. (That would explain so many on our hikes.) They then return to water as adults and never leave the water.

We continued on a logging road until we came to the Long Trail and stopped at Minerva Hinchey Shelter. Ray filled a bag with garbage and Sue swept out the shelter. We hiked back to the power lines. The view was beautiful from this point.

When we got back to the farm I had a surprise for everyone. We toured Herb Spencer's Antique Car Museum, about 12 cars ranging from a Model A to a 1965 Mustang Convertible. Some of the group remembered when they or their parents owned cars like those. Most of the cars were built before Sue and I were born.

Since the hike, the State has picked this farm as a possible site for the future Rutland Solid Waste District Landfill.

BRIDGE BUILDING, SHREWSBURY

6 May 1990

by Stephen Pulling, Leader

For you people who can't remember what the old bridge just south of Governor Clement Shelter looked like, you're lucky, but let me refresh your memory. It was a makeshift affair built by Dad and me. We cut a couple of hemlocks down and laid pallets across the top for decking. We figured it would last for a year until we got time to build a new bridge. Well, five years later we finally got it together and built a real bridge.

My special thanks again go to Jerry Parker, who engineered the project. Without Jerry's guidance we wouldn't have gotten the professional looking job we did. Thanks to Jerry we now have a sturdy, massive treated bridge with handrails, supported by three steel I-beams. This bridge had better last longer than five years!

Participating in this project were section members Jerry "Project Engineer" Parker, Al Pulling, Churchill Scott, and myself, and non-members Jim and Matt Dans and Matt Pitts. The last two names listed are members of Scout Troop 105 of Rutland, who were working to achieve service hours for their next rank.

CEDAR SWAMP WASHOUT

13 May 1990

by Ira Hawley, Leader

We didn't go -- we got (washed) out. Four people were thinking positively in the morning, to the point of inquiring by phone. I was there at the appointed meeting place and time and had no difficulty finding parking space to await arrivals. I knew that (even) those (regular) dedicated hikers were (also) sensible people about starting a hike in the rain. I did not need to put my car through the car wash that day. I hope all MOMS enjoyed Mothers Day despite the weather.

GROUT POND, STRATTON

20 May 1990

by Sue Thomas, Leader

It was a bit of a challenge on 20 May to tell which was the pond and which was the trail. Our rainfall that month exceeded the yearly maximum for some western states, and almost all of it was sitting on the trails at Grout Pond. Hip waders were the proper attire for the hike but none of us had the foresight to bring any, so we waded along in our usual footgear, which may possible never dry out.

Just to be absolutely sure that we were wet enough, it began to rain shortly after we arrived. We put on an assortment of ponchos and the ever popular garbage bag, but, bombarded with water from above and below, I think we were all equally waterlogged by the time we stopped for lunch at a leanto overlooking the pond. It really is a beautiful sight. We saw a heron and lots of moose signs -- no actual moose; they all had the brains to stay home and read a good book on such a day! We retreated to Friendly's for hot soup instead. Maybe we'll try it again sometime and hope for better weather.

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH OLD S&BS?

To recycle a Smoke & Blazes, leave it in the waiting room of an office, where it will introduce others to our section.

SPRING WALK-THROUGHS SOUTH AND NORTH

26 May and 9 June 1990

by Stephen Pulling, Leader

Normally I write a report on each segment of our spring walk-through but this year it will be condensed into one report.

The lack of Killington Section participation in this year's walk-throughs prompts me to copy a paragraph from the book Green Mountain Adventure: Vermont's Long Trail:

The Long Trail continues to delight hikers who love the woods, streams and mountain peaks of Vermont, and the Green Mountain Club will see that this unique resource will remain, as it has from its beginning, "a Foot-path in the Wilderness."

If it weren't for some very dedicated section members our trail still wouldn't be open. I don't think anyone can say they really enjoy cutting and hauling trees and brush off the trail but it is one of those dirty jobs that has to be done. I am one of those trail workers that doesn't really enjoy it, but I do like to hike on cleared trails so I feel I'm paying my dues by participating in work parties.

Enough bitching! I would like to thank Ira Hawley and Ray Catozzi for doing way, way more than their share of work again this year, Roma and Al Pulling and Jerry Parker for participating in both walk-throughs, and Wally Rogers for his much-needed help on Pico and Killington Mountains.

The next work party is 28 July at Pico Camp. The place needs lots of T.L.C. so I hope to see you there. Remember, many hands make light work!

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

26 May 1990

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Director

I was the only Killington Section member I saw at the main club's annual meeting, so I don't know what excuses the remaining approximately 120 of you had for not helping out at the walk-through held the same day.

About seventy people attended the general membership meeting on Saturday morning, including five staff. From

reading the handouts, I was amazed to see that the Killington Section had 152 voting members and 161 members total, more than I could remember for many years. GMC total voting membership was shown as 5,331 and total membership as 5,534, of whom 2,790 and 2,979 respectively were at-large. In voting membership, the fourteen sections in order of size were Burlington (475), New York (382), Ottauquechee (239), Montpelier (240), Worcester (168), Killington (152), Connecticut (145), Bennington (128), Bread Loaf (124), Brattleboro (128), Pioneer Valley (92), Manchester (72), Laraway (60), and Sterling (58). Using these statistics, our section has a little under 3% of the voting membership.

The formula for allotting section directors is one director per hundred voting section members, rounded to the nearest hundred. Because we were shown with over 150 voting members, we were supposedly entitled to two directors rather than the one elected at our own Annual Meeting, namely me. Nevertheless, my familiarity with our mailing list made me sure the GMC's figures (for us, anyway) were too high, and I reluctantly told the meeting that we were entitled to only one director. Perhaps the error crept in because different sections have different membership years and the GMC office may be misled into counting lapsed members from a past year in the current year's total.

The morning membership meeting included these items of special interest to our section: The U. S. Forest Service plans to "rehabilitate" the Long Trail from Sherburne Pass to Lincoln Gap. Purchases around Deer Leap may be in the offing and might allow us to substitute an easterly approach to the peak for the present dangerous southern one. South of Wallingford Gulf, Route B has been chosen for the LT/AT relocation. This was the Forest Service's proposal. The main Club wants to improve coordination of signage. Finally, the Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks & Recreation, under Paul Hannon, is willing to help Killington, Ltd. grow if it doesn't step on our toes in the process. He may not outlast the change of administration in January, 1991, however.

The afternoon Directors Meeting

produced one large item of local concern. Killington, Ltd. mediation regarding an Environmental Impact Statement was to begin 6 June. The Killington Section should probably step up its maintenance to forestall any claim by Killington, Ltd. that the Long Trail is unimportant because it is not well-maintained, even though the Montpelier office has had no complaints from Killington, Ltd. regarding the Killington Section yet. The main Club would prefer not to add a chair to the talks for our Section but will keep us posted on the talks and seek our advice. (It did.)

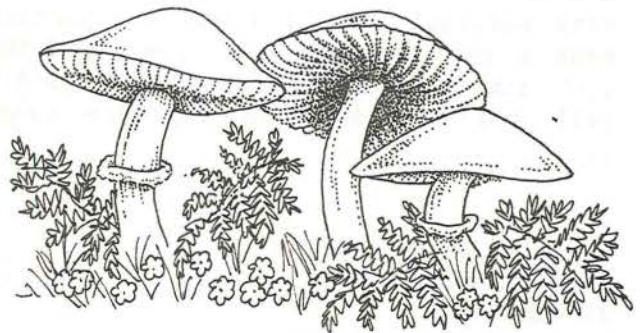
APPALACHIAN TRAIL, SHERBURNE EAST

3 June 1990

Roma & Al Pulling, Leaders

Herb Ogden, Jr., Loser of Report

Doggone it, I know Roma gave me the report, but I've searched the files several times and can't find it. So I'll have to go from memory and relay that the hike was a success but the party never did reach the Chateaugay Road over the relocation.



Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Roma Pulling	Article Solicitor
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.

92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701

!!!SEND COPY BY 4 OCTOBER 1990 PLEASE!!!

OKEMO MOUNTAIN

16 June 1990

by Sue Thomas, Leader

I've found that although we're a club full of rugged, outdoorsy folk, it's usually best not to mention the fact that our destination could be reached by car until everyone has hiked up there. That way mutiny is avoided and the hike leader has an actual hike to write about for the newsletter. We had a hot and sticky day for our Okemo hike, and longing glances were cast at the cars parked at the top, but by then of course it was too late and I had them committed to hiking all the way.

If you can disregard the ski tows (the chair lift makes a dandy seat for lunch), the top of Okemo is well worth the climb. Views from all sides are spectacular, especially from the top of the old firetower. They've enclosed it with chicken wire and removed the bottom steps to keep people off, so of course we law-abiding hikers wouldn't think of climbing it . . . er, anyway, the view is spectacular!

The trail is very overgrown, obviously hasn't been used recently, so I was very glad I'd done something uncharacteristic and scouted it out the week before. Should I say I'm turning over a new leaf and will never lead the club somewhere I've never been? Did I tell you the one about the fire tower ...?

TACONIC CREST TRAIL

23 June 1990

by Ray Catozzi, Leader

We should have been prudent enough to cancel this hike down in Massachusetts - New York - Vermont border country, with the forecast for thundershowers over northern New England that day. But eight of us were adventuresome enough to ignore the forecast and hope for the best, so off we went to Petersburg Pass on Massachusetts Route 2.

The best was a dry drive on Route 7 (except for one short hard warning shower), then arriving at our starting point with the weather dry again. It looked like a go for the whole 7½ miles

worth, so off we went, over a well-used (and also motorbike-abused) trail.

The best ended about two miles north, with darkening skies and thunder to the west. In very short order the rain was upon us, and soon it was pouring. Most of us had raingear, but even so we took refuge under some trees that proved to be more leaky than leafy. I went on ahead but soon came back saying the trail was a rushing brook and almost impassable. That did it, along with the danger of lightning crackling around us, so unanimously we voted to return to our cars in Petersburg Pass.

Needless to say, the rain had mostly stopped by the time the cars were in sight, but because it continued to rain on and off all the way home we were glad we had aborted this one. We'll try again some other time, to view those mountain laurel flowering shrubs on the last mile north into North Pownal.

BOILING SPRING, ALIAS MT. HANLEY

1 July 1990

by Walter Churchill Scott, Leader

A day before the scheduled hike to Boiling Spring in Chittenden, the leader took a quick trip to see if it could be located. In 15 minutes I was soaked to the skin from mud, water, wet knee-high grass and nettles. Plus black flies and mosquitos. The spring was found but the outlet looked as if dug away, allowing the spring to be less than half the former depth. Conditions were so poor that on the day of the hike the group agreed to go to Mt. Hanley instead.

The locked gate at the parking area just beyond the railroad crossing in West Rutland forced us to leave our cars on the Whipple Hollow Road. Where we formerly began to switch back after a spell of level walking, by a small stream, we now continued straight a short distance where we came to the cable television road. Plodding up this road, we had a few good views to the east as we went under the wires.

When we got near the ridge we could see the television road switch back one more time and the hang glider road go south to the takeoff spot.

The view was very good under the

Below is a 1929 article printed in Vol. 34, No. 5 of The Vermonter, the privately published former "State Magazine." Our copy came from W. Churchill Scott's collection and was selected by Ray Catozzi. Ray also found several other articles from The Vermonter of the 1930's, dealing with topics like the Long Trail Lodge, an end-to-end in the mid-1930's, flora and fauna along the trail, and a multi-page poem that seems almost as long as the entire Long Trail.

The Long Trail Safe for Women Hikers

By EDITH M. ESTERBROOK



STRIKING feature of the development of outdoor recreation, in the form of hiking and climbing trails, is the way women and girls are taking to them. It is a common thing nowadays to meet along the paths above timber line on Mount Washington in New Hampshire or on Mansfield and Camel's Hump in Vermont, groups of girls from some summer camp in the foothills who are taking a mountain hike of a few days or a week in the higher altitudes. The extension of the recreation service of these trails by the construction by private and public agencies of numerous shelters of varying degrees of comfort, even of luxury, relatively speaking, has brought out yearly more of these feminine groups to share with menfolk the thrill and uplift of the skyline ridges.

The Long Trail of the Green Mountain Club of Vermont, extending two hundred and fifty miles over the highest ridges of the state from the Massachusetts line to within a few miles of the Canadian border, is especially well suited for women's hiking groups, because it is so thoroughly provided with conveniently placed shelters, inns and boarding houses, on the trail or close by it. More than forty shelters are directly on the footpath, some in the valleys, others high up on the ridges, above three thousand feet, some still higher, and on Killington and Mansfield, above four thousand. They are spaced so that hikers of every degree of experience and endurance and every capacity for pack weights, can find a temporary home in the forest or near the mountain top along in the afternoon about the time one begins to think of supper and a fire and a bed in the fir boughs.

The initiation of three women into the joys of the Long Trail has been told with enthusiastic appreciation of this exceptional recreational feature of the Green Mountain State, by Miss Edith M. Esterbrook of Boston, a member of the board of trustees of the Green Mountain Club. It was a bold undertaking, she admits, to venture into the wilds with untried trail trampers, "but they were known to be good walkers, 'good sports' and in good health; add to these characteristics, boundless enthusiasm, and all other

qualities necessary can pretty safely be counted on."

"Three of us," says Miss Esterbrook, "carried rucksacks and were provided with light weight rubberized grey mohair fishing shirts which go over the head and snap together on the under side of the arms and down the sides, thus making a garment much like a butcher's smock, whole in front, and with a collar which snaps closely about the neck, thus keeping one absolutely dry from chin to below the knee. This with a duxbak hat afforded complete protection against rain. The fourth member used a canvas coat with ample pockets which accommodated a large part of her effects so that her pack was a small one."

The party started at the Massachusetts-Vermont line, spent the first night in Bennington, and the second on the Trail at Hell Hollow Camp. "After a refreshing dip in two fine pools in the stream below, we ate our supper on the piazza, looking at the sunset-sky back of the Bald Mountain, and having at one side a vista through a notch, while the ovenbird sang his flight song very close to us and the hermit and Wilson thrush added their beautiful melodies to the woodland choir."

Next morning, the trail led up Hell Hollow Brook, to Little Pond, where "two great blue herons flapped silently away at our approach and left the spot entirely to us. We took our way across a 'beach' of sawdust left by some bygone sawmill, and up through deep woods, over the mountain to camp 11.

We saw several spikes of the lovely white orchis, *Habenaria dilatata*, frequently found on boggy parts of the Trail.

Toward the end of the day we emerged at Somerset Bridge, a wild little glen, with its encircling hills; just one house visible around a corner.

There were three families in Somerset, six voters, and we were fortunate in being entertained by one of them. Our host and hostess were selectman and selectwoman, and held other town offices besides."

The next day included Somerset dam, the second largest earth dam in the world, and in the evening to the Trail camp at the "Grout Job," abandoned lumber settlement. They spent the night in a large barn, in the

The Vermonter

loft, defended by a trapdoor.

In the morning the four women climbed Stratton mountain, meeting all along the Trail anxious mother partridges with half grown young. Usually the parent birds dragged slowly along the ground, whining and crying, while the young flew off.

On the way down the other side of the mountain, to Manchester, they passed two other abandoned lumber camps, the "Du-Fresne Job" and the "Buck Job," and followed the old Rootville Road for the view in Downer Glen. Evening brought them to Manchester, after 53 miles on the Trail.

Another trip on the long Trail related by Miss Estabrook covers a more northern section, from Emily Proctor Lodge to Camel's Hump.

Emily Proctor lodge had its usual effect, and all who know it will join her saying "A more romantic spot it would be hard to imagine, than this wild little glen, the New Haven River tumbling through it, in a series of beautiful falls and pools, two falls uniting above the camp, so that we had the murmur of the rushing waters in our ears all night as we lay snugly rolled in our blankets on the soft straw-strewn bunks at the rear of the camp."

"But the night was not to pass without its thrills, for about midnight an ominous gnawing sound was heard, and the flash revealed a large fat porcupine chewing the doorstep where some salt had been spilled.

A few stout blows with a stick soon put a quietus on Mr. Hedgepig, and the end of him was—that we ate him for breakfast. And very good he tasted after he had

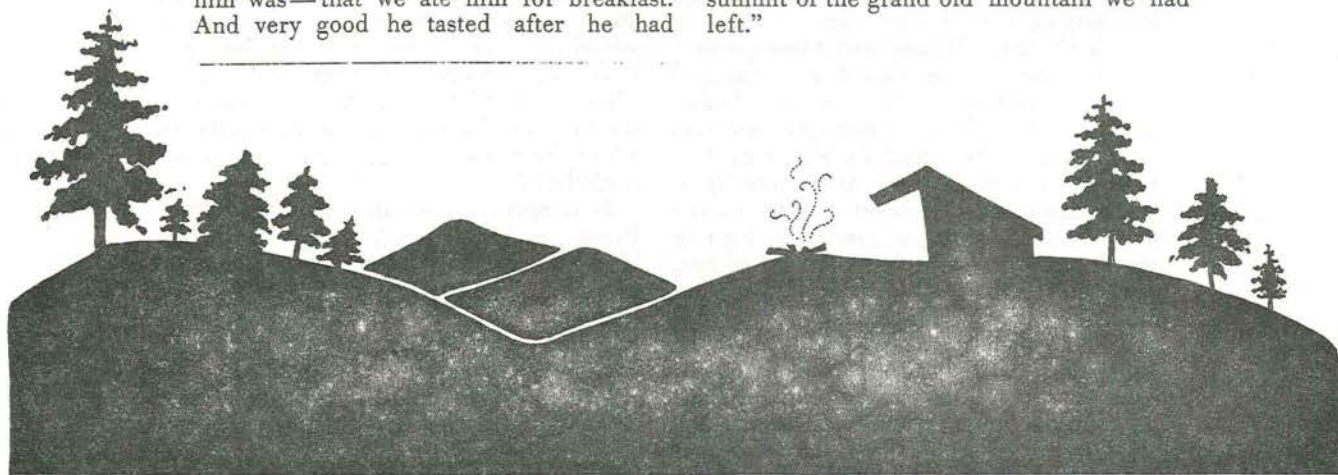
been boiled for an hour and then fried, and his liver resembled the nicest calf's liver."

Beane Farm, was another stop, for this was a "de luxe" tramp, the party spending alternate nights at farmhouses and having blankets and supplies carried to the open camps for the other nights.

On the last evening they reached Camel's Hump and found a hospitable caretaker, with stores for sale to climbers. "Next morning," says the writer, "we ascended the Hump and in reminiscent mood I searched out the high ledge whence I had years before watched a sunrise, and there found my old friend, the Labrador Tea, in full bloom, such great fluffy white balls of pungent aromatic scent that at first I didn't recognize them for the flower I was seeking, which I had before seen only when past its glory and with only a few of the flowerets remaining on each spike."

Descending the Trail in the morning "emerging from the dim woods, at the clearing our eyes were dazzled by a radiant mass of color rivalling the carnation fields of Southern France.

Great waves of orange hawkweed rippled over the hillsides, varied by masses of white daisies and oceans of buttercups. Sometimes the three were blended, and sometimes two of them mingled their bright colors, while the hot sun sent waves of the fragrant heliotrope-like perfume of the hawk-weed. It was a rare sight to look back and have in the foreground a round hill red and yellow with blossoms, and directly behind it the summit of the grand old mountain we had left."



MT. HANLEY (continued from p. 4)

The view was very good under the overcast sky, but Black Mt. was not visible. After lunch we explored around a newly constructed wooden building, about 20 by 20 feet with loft and one big southern window there. We all figured it was an overnight place for weekend hang gliders. At the same time a truck, men, and hang gliders arrived.

Returning to the cars, some of the hikers made the cardinal mistake of walking a different path without notifying others, which resulted in one hiker having to locate them.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant foot-gear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call your trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Guests are welcome!**

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT	LEADER	
1 Aug. (Wed.)	6:00 p.m.	SUPPER HIKE. Picnic on a high overlook. Bring flashlight as we may stay to enjoy sunset. Rain date Thursday 2 August.	Ray Catozzi	773-3006
12 Aug. (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	SHREWSBURY AIRPORT LOOKOUT. 4 mi. moderate, nice views.	Jerry Parker	775-6208
18-25 Aug. (Sat. - Sat.)		INTERSECTIONAL, Camp Thorpe, Goshen, Vt. This all-GMC event includes the following, <u>Long Trail News</u> all leaving from or happening at Camp Thorpe:	See May 1990	
19 Aug. (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	LONG TRAIL, SHERBURNE PASS TO ELBOW ROAD in North Sherburne. 6 mi. moderate.	Herb Ogden	775-1350
20 Aug. (Mon.)	TBA	MT. INDEPENDENCE, ORWELL. Remains of fortifications, views of Fort Ticonderoga, N.Y.	Al & Roma Pulling	773-6997
21 Aug. (Tue.)	TBA	ORIENTEERING LESSON in evening. (Day hike is Middlebury Gap - Brandon Gap.)	Steve Pulling	775-3361
22 Aug. (Wed.)	TBA	ORIENTEERING HIKE. (Evening is square dance with Long Hill Band.)	Rob Carey	446-2830
23 Aug. (Thu.)	TBA	LT, UPPER COLD RIVER RD. TO VT. 103, (Evening is spaghetti supper.)	W.C. Scott	775-1494
24 Aug. (Fri.)	TBA	BIRD MT., CASTLETON. 5 mi. moderate. (Also Mt. Horrid work party; evening auction.)	Ray Catozzi	773-3006
25 Aug. (Sat.)	TBA	SHERBURNE PASS - KILLINGTON - BREWERS CORS. LT and Bucklin Trail. 9.2 mi., moderate.	Steve Pulling	775-3361
	TBA	BRISTOL NOTCH AREA: seek out WW II plane wreck, moose, beaver pond.	Jerry Parker	775-6208
	TBA	"HIKING IN GERMANY," evening slide show.	Herb Ogden	775-1350
1 Sep. (Sat.)	12:30 p.m.	HUBBARDTON AREA. Explore Taconic Mts., mileage variable. Choices include waterfalls, ledges, marvelous views. Refreshments follow.	Kit Davidson	273-2982
8-9 Sep. (Sat.-Sun.)	Call the leader.	APPALACHIAN TRAIL OVERNIGHT, Norwich to Happy Hill and back via side trail. 9 mi. moderate. Call leader for time.	Ray Catozzi	773-3006
15 Sep. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	MT. ASCUTNEY: up new Weathersfield Trail, down Windsor Tr. 5.5 mi. difficult.	Herb Ogden	775-1350
22 Sep. (Sat.)	Call the leader.	CANOE TINMOUTH CHANNEL. Bring your own or rent through Club. Reservations required and deposit on rented canoes.	Steve Pulling	775-3361
30 Sep. (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	SNAKE MT., ADDISON. 5 mi. moderate, some steep climb, to spectacular views west.	Ray Catozzi	773-3006
2 Oct. (Tue.)	7:00 p.m.	SCHEDULING MEETING to help plan future outings. 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland City.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
6 Oct. (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.	APPALACHIAN TRAIL, SHERBURNE. Kent Pond to River Road. 2 mi. easy.	Sue Thomas	773-2185

(continued on p. 8)

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB, HIKE SCHEDULE (continued)

14 Oct. 9:00 a.m. BLACK MT., NEW YORK. 5 mi. moderate, Bernie Donahue
(Sun.) some steep. Beautiful views of Adirondacks 773-7462
and Lake Champlain.

20 Oct. 12:30 p.m. ETHAN ALLEN CAVE. Explore the cave where Roma & Al 773-6997
(Sat.) Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys Pulling
supposedly hid from the British. One-half mi.
easy; option to go on to Silver Lake or the
Falls of Lana. Bring a flashlight.

27 Oct. 9:00 a.m. BAKER PEAK, MT. TABOR. 5 mi. moderate. Rob & Sue 446-2830
(Sat.) Excellent view over Great Valley of
Vermont, some climbing.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

Rob Carey, President	RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773	446-2830
Steve Pulling, Vice-President	RFD 3, Box 5192, Rutland VT 05701	775-3361
Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treas.	RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735	468-3210

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult \$14.00

Adult Spouse 11.00 ADDRESS: _____

Junior (under 18) 2.50

Family Junior 1.00 _____

Senior (over 65) 7.00

Life 200.00 TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

Institutional 25.00

I would also like to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

*If you first joined the Killington Section during this year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. As a credit for the first part of the year, subtract the following from dues: Adult - 0.75 times month number; Spouse - 0.50 times month number; others receive no credit.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735



Smoke & Blazes

VOL. 43, NO. 3

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

OCTOBER, 1990

FUTURE OF LONG TRAIL OVER KILLINGTON AND PICO IS TOPIC OF NOVEMBER MEETINGS IN RUTLAND

KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND ON 8 AND 12 NOVEMBER

The future of the Long Trail/Appalachian Trail from near Shrewsbury Peak Junction in Mendon north over Killington and Pico Peaks to Sherburne Pass (U.S. 4) may well be shaped by meetings to be held in Rutland in the next few weeks.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MEETING ON LT/AT CORRIDOR ACQUISITION

On Thursday 8 November from 7 - 10 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Holiday Inn on Route 7 south in Rutland, the National Park Service (NPS) will meet with the public to receive comments on the NPS's acquisition of a corridor for the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (here, the AT/LT) through the Killington and Pico Ski Areas. The Park Service wants public comment "concerning the level of ski area development, if any, that would be appropriate within and adjacent to the Appalachian Trail Corridor, and what mitigating measures should be included in that ski area development," according to the NPS's news release. The NPS goes on to say that "public comment on the potential environmental impacts of the federal action to acquire the Appalachian Trail corridor is specifically requested. A presentation of preliminary alternatives developed to date will be made."

The Park Service invites individuals to sign up at the lobby of the Holiday Inn Ballroom "in order to present their views orally at the meeting. Written comments are also welcome." For more information, contact Pamela Underhill, Appalachian National Scenic Trail, at (304) 535-2346.

VERMONT ACT 250 PUBLIC HEARING ON KILLINGTON-PICO PLANS

On Monday 12 November at 7 p.m., also at the Holiday Inn on Route 7 south, Rutland, the District Act 250 Commission will hold an unusual hearing on the ski area expansion plans filed by Killington and Pico in connection with their proposed merger. This meeting is broader in scope than the NPS meeting in that the Act 250 permit process more clearly involves the impact on the whole area, not just on the trail corridor, and therefore includes such items as ski area parking and water use. At the same time, it is narrower in that the Commission typically does no studies of its own but instead only weighs whatever the parties to the permit process submit to it.

This meeting is a rare opportunity for people who are not parties to participate. Parties are typically the landowners

involved. While the Green Mountain Club and the Appalachian Trail Conference anticipate being parties to the Act 250 process on the Killington-Pico applications, neither individual sections of the GMC nor individual hikers will be.

KILLINGTON SECTION STAND; MAIN CLUB POSITION

This summer, section directors voted 7-1 to ask the GMC to refuse any ski area plan that essentially would relocate most of the LT/AT north of Pico Jct. (where the trail presently touches the ski trail) or have over a tenth of a mile of the LT/AT run under ski lifts.

Accordingly, at the next GMC directors meeting, the Killington Section's director moved that the GMC's negotiator be instructed not to sign any such agreement. Although many GMC directors favored our stand, the motion failed by about 15-8. Instead, the directors left the decision up to the president after consultation with a group of a half-dozen GMC members specifically formed to deal with the plans of Killington and Pico and the NPS mediation process that has continued since the spring. Central club director Herb Ogden, Jr., is a member, and former director Ray Catozzi has also attended one meeting. Herb has also attended two of the many NPS mediation sessions, assisting new GMC Executive Director Fred Preston.

MEDIATION ENDS

The position that the central GMC took in the mediation sessions must remain secret under the terms of the mediation, signed by all of the over 40 parties involved. Mediation has ceased because the mediator and the parties have concluded that, at least at present, they cannot come up with an agreement acceptable to trail, conservation, ski area, and other landowner interests. The preliminary agreement announced in August was as far as the process got.

Now that mediation has ended, possibilities include hotly contested and costly Act 250 hearings involving not only trail issues but also animal habitat (especially bear in Parker's Gore), ski area water taking, parking at the new base area apparently planned between Sherburne Pass and the Killington Access Road to serve the lifts to be built from there to near Pico Junction, traffic, and the economic viability of the Pico ski area.

At the federal level, possibilities also include a full-blown Environmental Impact Study (EIS), maybe required before Killington-Pico can begin to build the new trails and lifts even if they get all the state Act 250 permits they want. The EIS may be required not only under an act of Congress that specifically addressed Killington's old bargain with the NPS, but also under general federal law requiring an EIS when a federal project will have substantial environmental impact. Here, the federal project is acquisition or nonacquisition of various possible corridors. Reportedly, Sen. Jeffords favors a less stringent Environmental Assessment (EA) involving less public input, and Sen. Leahy stands by the special statute requiring the broader EIS.

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS VITAL

Green Mountain Club President Brian Fitzgerald and Killington Section President Rob Carey urge all Killington Section

members to attend both the 8 November National Park Service meeting and the 12 November Act 250 meeting. If you know non-members who are interested in the future of the Long Trail in this area, bring them! The ski interests are expected to be out in force at both meetings, saying that their plans will have little impact on what hikers really need, and that disapproval or even delay of the ski areas' plans means economic trouble not only for them but also for the region. --HGO, Jr.

MYSTERY HIKE IN SHREWSBURY

8 July 1990

by Jerry Parker, Leader

We usually have a very good turnout on easy Sunday afternoon hikes. This one was no exception, with 21 hikers. (Actually there were 20 on foot; Nancy's ten week old baby Noah came along for the ride.)

We parked at a sandpit on the Upper Cold River Road and then walked back a short distance to an old road with stone walls bordered by overgrown fields and pastures, which was the Balch farm.

My nieces and nephew were happy with all the frogs and toads we saw. We took a break at a spot with a 10-12 sided foundation. We thought it would prove to be a round barn. Since the hike I found out it was built in the late 60s by a girl who spent the summer there. This land is owned by her father.

After that, we headed up a logging road to a small cellarhole. It must have been a very old one as it had trees growing in it that were at least 50 to 75 years old.

We then headed back to the cars, where I had a watermelon on ice which was a perfect end to the hike and enjoyed by all.

DIFFERENT PATHS TO LITTLE ROCK POND

14 July 1990

by Rob & Sue Carey, Leaders

We have hiked in to Little Rock Pond from Forest Road 10 via the Long Trail and we've hiked in along the Homer Stone Brook Trail but today we took a different path. We parked our cars at the end of the Wallingford Pond Road. Instead of walking to Wallingford Pond, we then took another Forest Service road.

The road was weedy and overgrown. We received complaints about this from two hikers who were less than four feet tall. They solved their problem by insisting on being carried.

We used a map so we knew which way to turn. The trail was not well marked and other roads branched off from it. We met the Long Trail where the Homer Stone Road intersects it. During the 1800s this road connected South Wallingford with East Wallingford but it has since been abandoned.

We continued along the Long Trail until we got to Little Rock Pond, where we had lunch. After lunch Jerry Parker, Rob Carey and I went swimming. The water was so clear you could see the bottom clearly through eight feet of water.

On the way back we descended along the Homer Stone Brook Trail to the Little Red Schoolhouse, where we had a truck parked. Everyone squeezed inside the truck and we headed back to the cars.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters and reports of your own unusual excursions.

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701
!!!SEND COPY BY 4 JANUARY 1991 PLEASE!!!

MOUNT EQUINOX, MANCHESTER
22 July 1990
by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

This highest peak of the Taconic Range had one advantage on this hot day: once we reached about the halfway point, the air cooled delightfully, almost making us forget how we'd sweated and puffed up the lower steep portions of the Burr & Burton Trail. Unfortunatley, on the way down, the heat returned at about the same elevation. I've seldom experienced such a sudden temperature shift within so few feet.

The first half mile or so of the Burr & Burton Trail is a little hard to follow. As always, the beginning is elusive, even once one finds the playing field mentioned in the Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont. Then logging has created some confusion and possibly obscured the spur trail to Equinox Spring. (At least that's the Leader's excuse for not taking the group to the spring.)

Beyond the logging area, the trail was brushy but well-used. Once the grade lessened near the top, we enjoyed the spectacle of a forest floor covered with ferns and wood sorrel. Nearer the top, we encountered a swath of fairly recently downed trees. Apparently a gust of wind hit the mountain just right (or wrong).

After lunch and views at the top on marble benches apparently provided by the summit hotel, we headed for Lookout Rock. We noticed that the top of the Burr & Burton Trail would be hard to find if one hadn't come up it. From Lookout Rock with its good view of Manchester, we backtracked a few feet to head down the Beartown Gap Trail, the old carriage road to the summit. Unfortunately, a motorbike had just traversed it, but it was still a pleasant ramble down to Beartown Gap on the old public road from Manchester to Sandgate. This is now passable only by four wheel drive vehicles, it appears.

On the Beartown Gap Road, some of us feasted on blackcaps and raspberries, and we were all entertained by partridge flushing.

So that we wouldn't have to make a trip back to the Beartown Gap trailhead after retrieving the car we'd spotted at Burr & Burton Seminary, Bernie Donahue

invented a new part of a Saab 900 3-door: the rear solarium. This let us fit all six adult hikers in one car.

WORK PARTY TO PICO SHELTER

28 July 1990
Steve Pulling, Leader
by Herb Ogden, Jr.

This work party finally drew a bigger group than the ones earlier this year. Many hands indeed made light work, too.

While one truckload (precisely) of us bounced up the Pico Peak service road to the summit, the rest walked up the Long Trail from Sherburne Pass. The truckload group carried preservative, spray guns, chickenwire, and plexiglass down the Pico Peak Trail (ex-Pico Loop Trail), and the hiker group cleared trail and improved some confusing spots where travelers had left the trail regularly. By the time we met north of Pico Camp, the first group had sprayed the camp and the privy with preservative, replaced broken windows in the camp, and renewed the chickenwire at both to keep out the gnawing beasties. The second group had done a first-rate job of clearing and marking the trail.

With some ten people working, the whole thing took only about four hours from the time we got to the trail. Let's hope future work parties follow this pattern!

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH OLD S&BS?

To recycle a Smoke & Blazes, leave it in the waiting room of an office, where it will introduce others to our section.

SUPPER HIKE

1 August 1990
Ray Catozzi, Leader

Rumor has it this hike had great weather but poor attendance. Maybe folks guessed Ray was going up Deer Leap and overestimated the difficulty of the trail. Since it was a mystery, I won't say where it actually went. --Ed.

SHREWSBURY AIRPORT LOOKOUT

12 August 1990

by Jerry Parker, Leader

We parked at the end of Lottery Road. Nine hikers headed up a snowmobile trail. It was nice to see familiar faces which I haven't seen on recent hikes.

This hike should be called the Fern Hike, as we were knee high in them most of the way. There were at least five different kinds and they were covered with dew, so we got a little wet.

Halfway up we came across a spiderweb that was spun between two tree branches with a large spot of air in the center. It was also covered with dew. With the sun shining, it made a beautiful picture. I hope mine came out as good.

We got to the lookout about 10:45. It was a little early but we sat down to rest and eat our lunch. We watched a plane take off at the airport.

Two large hawks flew overhead doing some fancy acrobatics. They flew off after a few minutes, but it was a good show.

On the way down we took a shortcut and got back to our cars at noon. I should have scheduled this hike an hour or so later. Maybe it would have been a little drier.

HUBBARDTON AREA

1 September 1990

Kit Davidson, Leader

I've heard this was a good outing, but the promised report from one participant didn't reach me in time for this issue. --Ed.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL OVERNIGHT

8 - 9 September

Ray Catozzi, Leader

A combination of low interest in an overnight and the Leader's business obligations canceled this hike. How about a few letters to the editor on whether we should schedule overnights, and, if so, where, when, and how frequently? --Ed.

MOUNT ASCUTNEY

15 September 1990

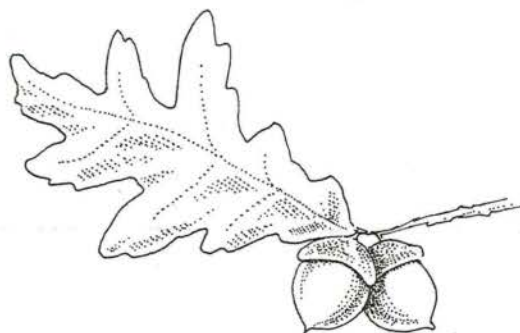
by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

Several people phoned hopefully to inquire about this hike on the new Weathersfield Trail up Vermont's premier monadnock, but the morning of the hike was so damp and cold that I canceled it. Naturally, the weather was pretty nice by afternoon. I have rescheduled this for December. We'll see what happens then. Probably it will be an ice storm.

CANOE TINMOUTH CHANNEL

22 September 1990

Steve Pulling, Leader



SNAKE MOUNTAIN, ADDISON

30 September 1990

Ray Catozzi, Leader

CHANGES

Steve Pulling has resigned as Trails and Shelters Chair effective 31 December. Sue Carey and Jerry Parker will co-chair in Steve's place.

Sue Thomas resigned as Outings Chair on 1 August. Linda Pellerin and Herb Ogden, Jr. will co-chair in her place. Sue also resigned as director. Her spot on the board will be vacant until the annual meeting next spring.

All the directors thank Sue and Steve for their years of service.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant foot-gear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call your trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Guests are welcome!**

DATE	HOOR	DESTINATION OR EVENT	LEADER	
4 Nov. (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	MYSTERY HIKE. 3 - 4 miles, moderate.	W. C. Scott	775-1494
10 Nov. (Sat.)	9:30 a.m.	MONTSHIRE MUSEUM, Norwich. Science and nature trails, aquarium.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
17 Nov. (Sat.)	5:00 p.m.	POTLUCK SUPPER at Unitarian-Universalist Church basement, 117 West St., Rutland. Bring a dish to share. Entertainment.	Linda Pellerin	773-7779
1 Dec. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	MOUNT ASCUTNEY, up new Weathersfield Tr., down Windsor Trail. 5.5 mi. difficult. Prepare for snow at higher elevations.	Herb Ogden, Jr.	(H) 775-1350 775-3368
8 Dec. (Sat.)	9:30 a.m.	MOUNT PEG, Woodstock. 2 miles easy.	Roma & Al Pulling	773-6997
16 Dec. (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	OLD ROARING BROOK ROAD, North Shrewsbury. Ski or snowshoe. 2 - 3 miles easy.	Bernie Donahue	773-7462
6 Jan. (Sun.)	12:30 p.m.	SKATING AT ELFIN LAKE, Wallingford.	Rob & Sue Carey	446-2830
8 Jan. (Tues.)	7:00 p.m.	SCHEDULING MEETING to help plan future outings. Ogdens', 4 Emmett Avenue, Rutland. (First right off State St. after Pierpoint Avenue, on Pine Hill.)	Herb Ogden, Jr.	(H) 775-1350 775-3368
12 Jan. (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.	SUNRISE SHELTER, Rochester. Ski or snowshoe. 2 mi. moderate.	Herb Ogden, Jr.	(H) 775-1350 775-3368
20 Jan. (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	MYSTERY POND HIKE. Ski or snowshoe. 2-3 mi. moderate.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
26 - 27 January (Sat. - Sun.)		WINTER WEEKEND AT SEYON RANCH, Groton. Ski, nature program, nature hike. Break-fast, lunch & dinner served. \$50 per person. Reserve by 12 November, please!	Rob & Sue Carey	446-2830

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
 Rob Carey, President RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773 446-2830
 Steve Pulling, Vice-President RFD 3, Box 5192, Rutland VT 05701 775-3361
 Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treas. RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735 468-3210

HIKEATHON

The Green Mountain Club is planning a Hike-A-Thon, organized by Kate Donaghue, to raise money for the Long Trail Protection Fund (LTPF) in August and September 1991. Section presidents are being asked to help, and the Killington Section is urged to sponsor two hikes. Two leaders and co-leaders are needed.

Any hike can be chosen. There is no attempt to cover the whole Long Trail, although at least part of each hike should be on the Long Trail.

The hikeaton gives people who have not yet participated in the Long Trail Protection Fund several ways to get involved. Besides leaders and co-leaders, hikers and sponsors are needed.

GMCers should not underestimate the importance of the educational aspect of sponsor recruitment. This past summer Jan Edwards raised money for the LTPF by finding sponsors for a hike. She says people listened when she explained the need to protect the Long Trail. For more details on her hike, see the August Long Trail News.

The hikeathon will be a very positive and unifying force for the GMC and may very well result in raising the funds to protect a seriously endangered stretch over Laraway Mountain.

Interested hikers should contact Sue or Rob Carey at 446-2830.

LONG TRAIL PROTECTION FUND NEEDS SUPPORT AT PUBLIC HEARING ON 29 OCTOBER

On Monday 29 October from 7 to 9 p.m. the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and the Green Mountain Club will hold a public hearing at City Hall, Montpelier, on the expenditure of the \$450,000 appropriation for acquisition of Long Trail properties. These funds will significantly increase the Green Mountain Club's ability to protect land along the LT in northern Vermont. Title to these lands will be held by the State of Vermont.

Please come to the public hearing and voice your support for the Fund. A background report is available from the GMC office. For further information, please call Susan Shea at 223-3463.

HIKING TRAILS IN TOWN PLANS?

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

If your town contains hiking trails, shouldn't they be in your town plan? In fact, if your town contains old public roads that may soon be "thrown up" or abandoned, shouldn't they be in the plan, too, to keep them open as trails? Maybe your town plan should also consider potential future trails, bike paths, or scenic waterways. You live in your town, so if anything is to be done, **you** may have to do it. Don't expect someone else to, especially if that someone else is from out of town.

This issue emerged recently when the Rutland County Solid Waste District considered a farm on East Road in Clarendon a site for its new landfill. This farm could be seen from Spring Lake Clearing, and, indeed, part of the site is National Park Service property, acquired to protect the LT/AT.

It turned out that the solid waste district siting criteria included resources that were identified in the town plan, and that the LT/AT were not in the town plan.

KILLINGTON SECTION HAS VOICE ON GMC EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Killington Section's member of the central GMC Board of Directors has been appointed to the GMC Executive Advisory Council. Former GMC board member Ray Catozzi says the Killington Section has never before been represented on this council.

The GMC Bylaws provide for an Executive Advisory Council to advise the GMC president. It has not more than nine members, including the president and secretary of the central club. Two-thirds of the members must be present or former directors.

The Executive Advisory Council meets in those eight months when there is no general directors meeting. (The full board of directors usually meets quarterly.) Meetings are in Montpelier.

The Killington Section's member on the Executive Advisory Council for 1990-91 is Herbert Ogden, Jr. Rumor is that he is busier than he wants to be.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	200.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

* The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. If you first joined the Killington Section during last year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735



Craigie G. Perkins
SR #34, Box 2162
Rutland, VT 05701



GREEN MOUNTAIN BOYS' CAVE

20 October 1990

by Roma Pulling, Co-Leader

The weather man favored us with perfect hiking conditions and a good turnout -- 19 people of all ages.

In eight cars, we drive to Salisbury and parked off Rt. 53 across from Brantbury Beach, from which point it is only a short hike to Ethan Allen's Cave. Near the cave the trail is poorly marked, and we bushwhacked for a short distance. The DAR in 1906 had an inscription cut into the stone above the entrance to the cave, indicating that this was one used by the Green Mountain Boys. I read a quotation from Daniel Thompson's historical novel, The Green Mountain Boys, which described the cave, and in some respects it seemed different. It told of "recesses that appeared to extend far into the rocks," which our cave doesn't have. We decided to trust the DAR.

For those not native to Vermont, the Green Mt. Boys fought for the property rights of early settlers in Vermont as well as capturing Fort Ticonderoga from the British. They are said to have hid in the cave from the British and hostile Indians.

After everyone had inspected the interior of the cave, a majority seemed to be in favor of hiking to Lana Falls. As the trail connecting our location with the falls is narrow and treacherous and there were several children with us, we drove south on Rt. 53 to another parking lot, from which point it is only about half a mile to the falls. This is a picturesque area with a lovely cascade, a bridge over Sucker Brook, and a picnic area.

As the sun was sinking toward the horizon at this point, we decided against further exploration and returned to the cars.

POTLUCK SUPPER

17 November 1990

Linda Pellerin, Organizer

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Eater

Once again, the pre-Thanksgiving season saw the Killington Section pouring out its culinary corucopia at the Unitarian-Universalist Church basement in Rutland City. It's a good thing we're walkers as well as eaters, otherwise our own good cooking might be too much for us. We all enjoyed renewing old acquaintances or making new ones, sitting around the tables -- and we used up all the tables and almost had standing room only!

After the meal, Herb Ogden, Jr., showed slides of a three-day climb up Mt. Whitney, in the southern Sierra Nevada in California. Before Alaska joined the Union, this was the tallest mountain in the United States.

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH OLD S&BS?

To recycle a Smoke & Blazes, leave it in the waiting room of an office, where it will introduce others to our section.

SMOKE & BLAZES ENDS

FOR YOU, IF YOU DON'T RENEW your Killington Section GMC membership. Yes, this is the LAST ISSUE you will receive if you don't send in your 1991 dues soon. For your convenience, there's a membership application at the end of this issue. Your address label tells you if Treasurer Wally Rogers has received your 1991 dues. If you don't see an 91 by your name, please send dues now!

MOUNT PEG, WOODSTOCK

8 December 1990

by Roma Pulling

The weather for the 8th was better than predicted, with partly sunny skies and 40° temperatures.

Five hikers left Rutland, where the ground was bare, and were surprised to find about four inches of crusty snow on the east side of the mountains. En route to Woodstock from Bridgewater, we had a thrilling sight. A flock of about 14 wild turkeys were feeding in a field south of the Ottauquechee River.

Mt. Peg, in the southeastern part of Woodstock Village, was a new area for a Killington Section hike. We followed switchbacks to the summit at 1040 feet with a picnic table in place. As it wasn't yet lunchtime, we continued through the woods to an open area, where we climbed to a ridge with an L-shaped bench. From this point we had extensive views over a wide area with Mt. Tom, the Rockefeller mansion, and Billings Farm Museum visible. This viewpoint warranted a stop of several minutes while we took turns with a pair of binoculars. Among other things we saw horses and a conveyance ferrying passengers to the museum during Woodstock's wassail celebration.

After leaving the lookout, we followed cross country ski trails for a while, emerging from the woods in back of the golf course, where we ate lunch near another bench in view of Kedron Brook.

We finished lunch at an early hour, so I proposed another short hike -- an access road to The Pogue from the west, a route not taken by the Killington Section before to my knowledge. This was an old carriage road, part of a system built by Frederick Billings in the 19th century on Mt. Tom and now integrated into a network of cross country ski trails. We met no skiers but did meet a woman walking four Samoyeds, which we all admired.

The Pogue, on the lower slopes of Mt. Tom, has been dammed and appeared to have been drained recently to allow work to be done on the dam. It was partially full. We circled it and then headed for the car and home, after a satisfying day of outdoor activity.

SKATING

6 January 1991

by Sue Carey, co-Leader

The only people who showed up for the skating hike were the Careys so instead of going to Elfin Lake we went to RAHA (nicely heated changing rooms). It was Seth's first time on skates and he did really well until he tried to jump with them on. He fell. Mara has been taking skating lessons so she showed the rest of us how to skate.

We had a very good time. Maybe next year the skating on the lake will be better.

CLUB NEEDS PICO AND KILLINGTON PHOTOS

In order to moderate Killington and Pico's plans to build ski lifts and trails from Pico Peak northeasterly to Route 4 just east of Sherburne Pass, the GMC needs to make a good Act 250 presentation. Slides of Pico and Killington are needed, especially views of the Long Trail in that area, the general terrain near the trail, and Pico from the northeast. The Club needs photos from all four seasons, and it may need some photos from years ago as well.

If you can lend some photos for GMC President Brian Fitzgerald to show at Act 250 hearings, please leave him a message at GMC headquarters in Montpelier, 223-3463.

NEW CHALLENGE - 1990

by Roma Pulling

Last year we couldn't find two sunny days when we could drive north to further our hobby of photographing Long Trail shelters. So this fall Alfred and I started as soon as conditions seemed favorable. Fortunately, Alfred has a cousin living in Morrisville, and we made his house our base.

Having driven north Monday afternoon, 29 October, we were ready to hit the trail early on the 30th. Our first goal was Tillotson Camp, which we reached via the 2-mile Frank Post Trail in Lowell.

(continued on p. 3)

We were accompanied by a friendly dog from a nearby house, who acted as though he had made the trip many times. The upper reaches of this trail gave us a chance to really stretch our legs but was worth the effort. I had forgotten how lovely the view is from the camp. We found about two inches of snow on the ground there.

To photograph **Ritterbush Camp** we drive to Ritterbush Pond, and we ate our lunch there. The camp is a short bushwhack uphill from the pond, and before leaving I seized the opportunity to hike into Devil's Gulch, one of my favorite places on the Long Trail. We hiked to **French Camp** that afternoon by following the Long Trail south from Rt. 15 in Johnson.

Our plan for 31 October was to follow the Beaver Meadow Trail in Morristown to **Beaver Meadow Lodge**, the Whiteface Trail to **Whiteface Shelter**, and return the same way. Finding the trailhead, off a narrow dirt road, was itself a challenge, but we were successful after asking directions several times. Only an avid trail bagger would follow the Beaver Meadow Trail. A logging operation using heavy equipment had whipped a naturally wet logging road into the consistency of chocolate pudding. Where the road wasn't muddy, it was under water. But I was really thrilled to see the Lodge, which we had never seen as it is a mile off the Long Trail. It is a comfortable log cabin with four bunks in a pleasant location about 0.4 mile away from the muddy lane.

The Whiteface Trail from the Lodge to **Whiteface Shelter** was rocky, precipitous, and somewhat treacherous with snow on the ground. Exercising my usual caution, I arrived safely; we ate our lunch at the shelter enjoying the fine view of Madonna Peak.

On this trip we photographed five shelters, and I hiked three new side trails to promote a hobby of mine. There are seven more shelters we would like to visit, not including Corliss, which was built this year.

Several hikes from the last schedule were canceled because of bad weather.

HIKEATHON

The Green Mountain Club is planning a Hike-A-Thon, organized by Kate Donaghue, to raise money for the Long Trail Protection Fund (LTPF) in August and September 1991. Section presidents are being asked to help, and the Killington Section is urged to sponsor two hikes. Two leaders and co-leaders are needed.

Any hike can be chosen. There is no attempt to cover the whole Long Trail, although at least part of each hike should be on the Long Trail.

The hikeathon gives people who have not yet participated in the Long Trail Protection Fund several ways to get involved. Besides leaders and co-leaders, hikers and sponsors are needed.

GMCers should not underestimate the importance of the educational aspect of sponsor recruitment. This past summer Jan Edwards raised money for the LTPF by finding sponsors for a hike. She says people listened when she explained the need to protect the Long Trail. For more details on her hike, see the August Long Trail News.

The hikeathon will be a very positive and unifying force for the GMC and may very well result in raising the funds to protect a seriously endangered stretch over Laraway Mountain.

Interested hikers should contact Sue or Rob Carey at 446-2830.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters and reports of your own unusual excursions.

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Luccardi & Crawford, P.C.
92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701
!!!SEND COPY BY 4 APRIL 1991 PLEASE!!!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant foot-gear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call your trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Guests are welcome!**

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT	LEADER	
2 Feb. (Sat.)	2:00 p.m.	FIRESIDE PARTY at 4 p.m. after optional 2 mi. easy hike. Bring snacks to share; we supply hot beverages.	Roma and Al Pulling	773-6997
10 Feb. (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.	GREAT ROARING BROOK ROAD, Shrewsbury. Ski or snowshoe 2 mi. easy.	Bernie Donahue	773-7462
17 Feb. (Sun.)	9:30 a.m.	WALLINGFORD POND TO LITTLE ROCK POND SKI JOINT OUTING WITH OTTAUQUECHEE SECTION 6 mi. moderate. Planned for skiing; check with leader if conditions are questionable. Other meeting places: Ludlow Grand Union at 9 a.m.; E. Wallingford Stove Shop at 9:45 a.m.	Glen Wheelock	885-4215
23-24 Feb. (Sat.-Sun.)		MERCK FOREST WEEKEND, Rupert. Ski, snowshoe, relax. Call leaders for reservations. Leave Rutland at 10 a.m. on Saturday.	Rob & Sue Carey	446-2830
2 Mar. (Sat.)	6:00 p.m.	MOUNT INDEPENDENCE BY MOONLIGHT, Orwell. 2 mi. easy, on Revolutionary War fort site overlooking Lake Champlain.	Sue Thomas	773-2185
9 Mar. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	WILDERNESS POND, Castleton. Ski or snowshoe. Bring skates. Can build lunch fire.	Charlie Hanley	422-3271
10 Mar. (Sun.)	8:15 a.m.	BLUEBERRY HILL SKI TOURING, Goshen. 10-12 mi. moderate ski tour, partly on groomed trails. Trail fee. Ski rentals available. JOINT OUTING WITH OTTAUQUECHEE SECTION beginning at 9 a.m. at Blueberry Hill center.	Ken Hatch	234-6220
23 Mar. (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	BINGO BROOK TRAIL, Hancock. 6 mi. moderate ski or snowshoe tour up dead-end road. JOINT OUTING WITH BREADLOAF SECTION, meeting in Robinson (W. Rochester) 10 a.m.	Herb Ogden, Jr.	775-1350
2 Apr. (Tues.)	7:00 p.m.	SCHEDULING MEETING to help plan future outings. Ogdens', 4 Emmett Ave., Rutland.	Herb Ogden, Jr.	775-1350
7 Apr. (Sun.)	9:30 a.m.	MYSTERY OUTING. 3-4 mi. moderate.	W.C. Scott	775-1494
13 Apr. (Sat.)	5:30 p.m.	POTLUCK SUPPER followed by ANNUAL MEETING at 6:15 or so. Unitarian-Universalist Church basement, 117 West St., Rutland. We should be done in time to join the Breadloaf Section for their Barn Dance at the Congregational Church in Middlebury at 8. Call Kelly Beach, 388-6544, for information.	Linda Pellerin	773-7779

(over)

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB, HIKE SCHEDULE (continued)

28 Apr. 1:00 p.m. MYSTERY HIKE. 2 mi. easy. (Sun.)	Jerry Parker	775-6208
4 May 8:40 a.m. PICO SLOPE, Sherburne. View suggested new (Sat.) routes for Long Trail between Sherburne Pete Pass and Pico Camp area to minimize contact Richardson with proposed Pico/Killington expansion. 4 mi., difficult in places.		649-5250

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
Rob Carey, President RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773 446-2830
Steve Pulling, Vice-President RFD 3, Box 5192, Rutland VT 05701 775-3361
Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treas. RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735 468-3210

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

<u>DUES*</u>		NAME: _____
Adult	\$14.00	
Adult Spouse	11.00	ADDRESS: _____
Junior (under 18)	2.50	_____
Family Junior	1.00	_____
Senior (over 65)	7.00	
Life	200.00	TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____
Institutional	25.00	

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

* The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. If you first joined the Killington Section during last year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735

Majority favors shared use of trail

By John P. MacHardy

Should the Appalachian Trail be for the select few? This is the big question that remains unanswered for the U.S. Forest and Park Service. On Thursday evening, November 8, an open forum was held at the Holiday Inn in Rutland, by the Forest and Park Service, to allow public opinion into their deliberation on how to proceed with requests by the Killington Ski Resort and the Pico Ski Resort to cross the Trail. This is the first step for fact finding/information gathering by the Service. The single use of the trail is the only issue. Fifty-five citizens were allowed to speak their minds at the forum, so, for three hours, all interested parties listened to the reasons for, and against, the intervention of alpine skiing facilities at one or more points of the Appalachian Trail.

90% of the speakers were for the co-existence of the hiking trail and the ski trails; and 10% were against any intervention along the "green tunnel". A young spokesman for the Farm and Wilderness Camp described how his organization depends totally on offering children a unique outdoor experience, and that the section of the Appalachian Trail in question was an integral part of that experience. He felt that it was a natural growth area for the ski area, and that the development that takes place must be sensitive to that wilderness. He suggested alternative three would be more than adequate to retain that sensitivity.

Jay Kenlan, local attorney speaking for Rutland Region Coalition for Responsible Development, contended that neither hiker nor skier has the right to use the land for his exclusive enjoyment. Historically, all public recreational lands have

been open to a mixed use. It has been recorded in legislature that two industries will be compatible with the Appalachian Trail, skiing and lumbering. In 1967, Senator Aiken was quoted in legislature as warning "... carefully consider skiing as a major economic base. Legislative history protects ski areas and development of such."

Long time skier and hiker, Charlie Wise, described the trail crossings as a positive experience for the hiker, whereby the sensitive cutting of trees "would open up vistas to offer a high mountain experience". Lynn Gallipo stated that it was her experience that the majority of hikers preferred open areas such as ski trails for the views and fresh air. In response to the opening of vistas, Mr. Gibson, of the Sierra Club, questioned, "Why don't we clear cut the trail from Maine to Georgia?" For him, the establishment of the trail was to create a communion with nature, and offer a separation from human activity. Secondly, the Service should study the economic impact that the merger would have on the region. And, thirdly, find the most harmonizing alternative.

The spokesman for the V.N.R. took the hard line. It was recommended that the secondary impact be studied, statewide growth would be affected. "Please consider the No Development Alternative ... Killington touts itself as having the largest snowmaking capabilities in the world, what would happen if the merger went through?" Still, the majority who attended the meeting were in favor of the shorter environmental impact process, because of time constraints and because of a duplication of some of the other work.

From:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mt. Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735

TO:

Robert and Thelma Perkins 9990
4812 Lebanon Road
Charlotte, NC 28227



ATTENTION ALL KS-GMC MEMBERS ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK SUPPER
UNITARIAN CHURCH, RUTLAND, VT ON APRIL 13, 1991 at 5:30 PM
AGENDA TO INCLUDE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, BYLAWS CHANGES, DISCUSSION
OF DUES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS-HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE WALLY

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
BY-LAWS

(Submitted by Section Directors for ratification at 1991 Annual Meeting)
Proposed deletions in brackets, additions underlined.

1. The purposes of the Killington Section of the G.M.C. shall be to maintain that part of the Long Trail, along with side trails and shelters, [assigned to it by] which it agrees to maintain for the G.M.C.; [to arrange for group hikes and other social and appropriate activities]; to encourage proper trail and shelter use throughout its section of the Long Trail; and to arrange for group hikes and other social and appropriate activities.
2. Membership in the Killington Section is open to anyone who supports the purposes of the Killington Section and pays the annual dues. All voting members shall be at least 18 years old.
3. [Persons under 18 years of age may be admitted as Junior Members, but they may neither vote nor hold office.] The Killington Section shall conduct all activities without prejudice in regard to race, gender, religion, national origin, or sexual preference. We shall encourage persons with disabilities to participate according to their limitations.
4. The activities of the section shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of nine members [over 21 years of age]. The Directors shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the Annual Meeting.
5. The terms of office of the Directors shall be three years, with three Directors elected each year. A Director who has served two full consecutive terms may not be re-elected until one year has passed.
6. The absence of a Director from two consecutive meetings of the Board, without a valid reason accepted by the Board, shall terminate [his] membership on the Board and create a vacancy. Vacancies on the Board, created thus or through resignation, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, subject to approval of the Section at the next Annual Meeting.
7. Officers shall be elected by the Directors from among their number at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual Meeting. They shall consist of a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer, with the last two being combined if found desirable. The term of office shall be [for] one year.
8. Whenever necessary, t[T]he Directors shall elect , preferably from their number, G.M.C. Directors and alternate Directors [to the G.M.C.] as allocated by the G.M.C. By-laws. [In the event that Director candidates for the office of G.M.C. Director are found lacking, t] The Directors may [seek candidates] at their discretion elect G.M.C. Directors and alternates from the general Section membership.
9. The By-laws may be amended by [a 3/4] the affirmative vote of [the Board of] seven Directors, [subject to approval] , effective upon ratification by a [majority] two-thirds vote of [the] those Section members who attend [the] an Annual or Special Meeting, following a notice of at least two weeks.

10. The Board shall meet at least twice a year, upon the call of the President or at the request of three or more Directors. A quorum for all business of the Board [, other than amendment of the By-laws,] shall be a majority of the total number of Directors.

11. A quorum for all business of the Section shall be one-tenth of those members eligible to vote.

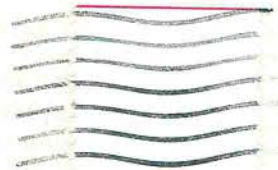
[11] 12. The [a]Annual [m]Meeting shall be held no later than the end of April to nominate and to elect Directors, hear reports of the Officers and G.M.C. Director(s), plan for the coming year, and [to] transact any other appropriate business.

13. Within fourteen days after a vote of a majority of the Directors or a petition of ten per cent of the members, the President shall set the date of a Special Meeting of the Section and give at least fourteen days notice, with an agenda, to all members.

[12] 14. Annual dues, to cover the G.M.C. assessment, trail and shelter work, social and other appropriate activities [,] including publication of a newsletter, shall be set by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by [a majority vote] a majority of those present at [the] an Annual or Special Meeting.

15. If the Section is dissolved or otherwise ceases to function, all of its property of every kind shall pass to the Green Mountain Club, Inc., or the G.M.C.'s designated successor.

END



Robert and Thelma Perkins 9991
4812 Lebanon Road
Charlotte, NC 28227





COME TO THE SECTION ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY G.M.C. PRESIDENT TO REPORT ON PICO, KILLINGTON

By-Laws, Section Autonomy and Dues Are Other Topics for Membership Discussion

by the Editor

Our Section's Annual Meeting at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday, April 13 at the Unitarian-Universalist Church Basement, 117 West Street, Rutland, should be unusually eventful. All members are urged to attend. (Any waverers might note the potluck before the meeting, starting at 5:30 p.m., and recall the scrumptiousness of the food at earlier potlucks, in deciding whether to attend.)

Green Mountain Club President Brian Fitzgerald has been invited to attend our meeting and plans to update the Killington Section on the G.M.C.'s role in protecting our section of the Long Trail, especially that part from Killington to Sherburne Pass, in view of the merger and expansion plans of the Killington and Pico ski areas. He can not only supply more detail on the now-completed mediation regarding the National Park Service's possible routes through the ski areas, but he can also report on the ongoing Act 250 proceedings that may determine whether ski lifts and trails will be built over the Long Trail between Pico Junction and Sherburne Pass.

The Green Mountain Club has run a deficit and incurred about \$10,000 in legal and other fees in trying to scale back the ski areas' expansion plans and eliminate the lifts and trails between Pico Junction and Sherburne Pass. This effort especially benefits our Section. Therefore, a motion for us to give the G.M.C. special financial aid this year is expected.

By-Laws changes, sent to all members a few weeks ago, will be voted on. Some of these changes are very important.

Another topic will be the role of the Sections, especially the Killington Section, in light of efforts by some of the G.M.C. directors and others to centralize the club, eliminate the Sections' dues autonomy, and make all members, whether Section or At-Large, pay the same total dues. Herb Ogden, Jr., the Killington Sections's representative on the Board of Directors, will report on this. A possible response is that our Section members, at least, deserve the dues break they now receive because our Section does a good job maintaining our part of the Long Trail and its shelters. But this response is becoming harder to make, as fewer members attend work parties and the Section has trouble finding volunteers for even such light duties as publicizing our excursions so that people can read about them in the newspapers.

Finally, the meeting will probably hear a recommendation from Treasurer Wally Rogers regarding the amount of dues.

BARN DANCE WITH BREADLOAF SECTION TO FOLLOW KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

All Killington Section members are invited to a Barn Dance put on by the Breadloaf Section on Saturday evening, April 13, at the Congregational Church in Middlebury. (That's the large white church near the Middlebury Inn, at the head of Middlebury's main street.) By the time our Annual Meeting ends, the Breadloaf Section's Barn Dance should be in full swing -- and an opportunity to work off the pounds we Killington Section folk may have gained by indulging in our own pre-meeting potluck.

For information, call Kelly Beach, Breadloaf Section Outings Co-Chair, at 388-6544.

SECTION DIRECTORS OPPOSE G.M.C. CENTRALIZATION, SUPPORT SPENDING CUTS from minutes by Secretary Wally Rogers

Killington Section Directors Rob Carey, Linda Pellerin, Ray Catozzi, W. Churchill Scott, Bernie Donahue, Wally Rogers, and Herb Ogden, Jr., met on 7 March at the home of Linda Pellerin. (Director Steve Pulling was away on business; resigned Director Sue Thomas's seat has not been filled.)

The By-Laws Committee, composed of Herb Ogden, Jr., Delight Gartlein, Rob Carey, Sue Thomas, and Wally Rogers, presented its suggested revisions. After discussion of each article and some amendment, the Directors unanimously proposed the revision that has now been mailed to all members.

G.M.C. Director Herb Ogden, Jr., reported that the G.M.C. as a whole expects to end this fiscal year with a deficit of about \$10,000, mostly because of the cost of monitoring and opposing the expansion plans of Killington and Pico. The Long Trail Patrol was canceled for this summer, although the field personnel based in Montpelier will remain active and the club will continue to employ camp caretakers and a few ranger-naturalists on Mts. Mansfield, Camel's Hump, and Stratton.

Killington Section directors generally preferred that the club cut expenses rather than raise dues for us.

Herb reported that the G.M.C. directors would probably be asked to increase the section assessment to \$12 per individual and \$18 per family for 1992. He also anticipated a move to have all members, section and at-large, pay the same total dues, with the G.M.C. Directors then voting on how much to return to Sections to support their activities. Some At-Large directors and others feel that the present dues and section assessment structure gives section members undeservedly low dues.

The Section Directors unanimously voted to (1) instruct Herb to oppose the centralized dues proposal strongly, (2) instruct Herb to oppose any assessment increase over \$10 per individual for 1992, (3) instruct Herb to oppose by-law changes that would accelerate or ease changes in the dues structure, and (4) communicate with other Sections regarding these matters.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB INCREASES SECTION DUES ASSESSMENT, ACCEPTS NO MORE "THIRTY YEAR LIFE MEMBERS" AFTER 1 MAY

by Herb Ogden, Jr., G.M.C. Director

At its 16 March meeting, the Board of Directors of the G.M.C. voted to increase the sections' assessment from \$7.50 to \$12 for individuals and from \$15 to \$18 for families, effective with the January, 1993 payments from sections. The Board also voted to increase At-Large dues from \$22 to \$24 per individual and from \$30 to \$32 per family, effective 1 May 1992. A motion to abolish the requirement that a dues change be published in the Long Trail News before the fiscal year in which it could take effect was defeated by my one vote. It was a by-laws change, and by-laws changes by the Board of Directors must be unanimous.

I joined other directors in voting to get rid of a curiosity that has been around since 1977. In that year, the board voted to exempt from dues payment anyone who had paid adult dues continuously for thirty years. This rule made no financial sense and ends 1 May. No one who becomes a thirty year continuous adult member before then need pay main club dues, however.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street, at the time shown. Please bring **lunch** unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the listed trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Guests are welcome!**

Sunday 5 May, 10:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830.

WALK-THROUGH FROM ROUTE 140 (WALLINGFORD GULF) TO UPPER COLD RIVER ROAD, SHREWSBURY. This combines easy hikes of various lengths with the opportunity to note trail conditions or clear away winter blowdowns and debris. For those interested in trail maintenance, the Section has clippers, saws, axes, weed cutters, paint, and paintbrushes.

Saturday 11 May, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830.

WORK PARTY AT CLARENDON GORGE. The short piece of trail between Vt. 103 and the Clarendon Gorge Bridge needs erosion control. Bring a shovel or grubhoe if possible; the Section will supply some equipment. Rain date is Sunday 12 May.

Saturday 18 May, 9 a.m. Leader: W. Churchill Scott 775-1494

AROUND BALD MOUNTAIN FROM TAMARACK NOTCH TO STRATTON ROAD, RUTLAND. Moderate 4 mile hike on old woodroads.

Sunday 19 May, 8 a.m. Leader: Ann Foley (Ottawaquechee Section, G.M.C.) 649-2038. Killington Section coordinator: Linda Pellerin 773-7779. **JOINT HIKE WITH OTTAUQUECHEE SECTION TO GILE MOUNTAIN, NORWICH.** Moderate 5 or 10 mile hike on snowmobile trails, depending on interest, to summit with spectacular view from fire tower. Ottawaquechee Section's meeting place is Howard Johnson's Restaurant in White River Junction, on U.S. Route 5 near intersection of I-89 and I-91, at 9 a.m.

Saturday 25 May, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830.

WALK-THROUGH FROM UPPER COLD RIVER ROAD IN SHREWSBURY TO SHERBURNE PASS. This combines moderate hikes of various lengths with the opportunity to note trail conditions or clear away winter blowdowns and debris. For those interested in trail maintenance, the Section has clippers, saws, axes, weed cutters, paint, and paintbrushes.

Saturday 1 June. **GREEN MT. CLUB ANNUAL MEETING, FAYSTON.** See Long Trail News.

Saturday 8 June, 9 a.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208

BRISTOL NOTCH This is a repeat of Jerry's popular hike in the area behind the Bristol Cliffs, where an airplane went down years ago. Moderate 6 mile hike.

Saturday 15 June, 10 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368.

MOUNT ASCUTNEY: UP THE REOPENED WEATHERSFIELD TRAIL, DOWN THE WINDSOR TRAIL. 5½ mile hike, sometimes steep, but with good footing. See 80 foot Crystal Cascade, Gus's Lookout, and the hang gliding platform on the way up, the Stone Hut remains, Blood Rock, and Gerry Falls on the way down the 1906 version of the Windsor Trail, originally built in the 1850's up Vermont's premier monadnock.

Sunday 23 June, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

AROUND CHITTENDEN RESERVOIR: UP NEW BOSTON TRAIL TO LONG TRAIL, THEN SOUTH FROM MT. CARMEL TO OLD TURNPIKE ROAD. The New Boston Trail is easy, but the rest of this 12.6 mile hike will probably be difficult unless the Forest Service has improved its maintenance of this part of Long Trail. See David Logan and Rolston's Rest Shelters, Chittenden Reservoir from above, and cross historic Telephone Gap.

Saturday 29 June, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830. **WORK PARTY T/B/A**

(continued on page 4)

Tuesday 2 July, 7 p.m. **SCHEDULING MEETING** at the Ogdens' 4 Emmett Ave., Rutland (next right off State St. after Pierpoint Ave., 775-1350. Help us plan the next three months of outings. For Outings Committee and all others who are interested.

Sunday 7 July, 9:30 a.m. Leader: W. Churchill Scott 775-1494
MYSTERY HISTORY HIKE, 4 miles, moderate. **Joint outing with Breadloaf Section.**

Saturday 13 July, 10:30 a.m. Leader: Roma Pulling 773-6997
POTLUCK AT CLARENDON SHELTER Hike in the old Long Trail, out the new Great Gorge Gulch route, about 2½ miles total. Bring a dish to share; we can have a fire.

Friday 19 July through Friday 26 July: **APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE MEETING AND OUTINGS**, Williamstown, Massachusetts. See Long Trail News for details.

Saturday 27 July, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185.
BRANCH, BOURNE, AND STRATTON PONDS. Joint hike with Ottauquechee Section. Moderate hike of 3 or 8 miles depending on interest. See Southern Vermont's wilderness ponds.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
Rob Carey, President RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773 446-2830
Steve Pulling, Vice-President RFD 3, Box 5192, Rutland VT 05701 775-3361
Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treas. RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735 468-3210

MYSTERY POND HIKE

20 January 1991
by Sue Thomas, Leader

A common theme of recent hike reports has been weather that can best be described as ..., well, weird! A few days before my hike, I went to scout out the route and had a very enjoyable day skiing across Glen Lake on 8" of fresh powder. By the day of the trip, however, every bit of snow was gone from the lake. We looked the situation over and decided that if the ice fishermen were able to stay afloat with their shanties, snowmobiles, and coolers of beer, we'd probably be able to make it across, so we set off gingerly at first, skateless ice skating. We slithered and slid all the way, talked to some fishermen, and enjoyed the company of our youngest member Noah, who was along for his first winter hike. He enjoyed our company too, as long as one of us kept his sled moving. A man of action, he had little patience with rest stops or overly long inspections of animal tracks.

After crossing the lake, we climbed briefly up a road then set off through the woods where we found lots more animal tracks to bore Noah: turkey, deer, and raccoon. We had lunch by a small beaver pond, which I suspect is Moscow Pond, but no one else seemed sure either so it will remain a mystery.

By the time we returned, the sun had melted a layer of slush on the lake, which made the walking much easier. Nice hike, and was good to have former member Carol Chapman back for a visit.

FIREPLACE PARTY / HIKE

2 February 1991
by Roma Pulling, Co-Leader

A friend of ours once said the way to beat winter was to party it to death. I'm not a party animal but decided to try a small dose of his prescription to see if it worked.

On a lovely, sunny day, Alfred and I met 14 hikers at the park at 2 p.m. We drove to the end of Bellevue Avenue Extension and parked the cars, then followed cross country ski trails and power line rights of way over mostly easy grades to our back porch. One person was on skis. This route led through a swamp, so we were lucky that there had been freezing temperatures for several nights. Ray Catozzi remembers two attempts to lead this hike that had to be canceled because of a thaw. A layer of snow covered the ice which had made walking tricky when Ray led us on a dry run the previous week.

Everyone was invited in to sit by the fire and enjoy hot beverages, popcorn and cookies.

WALLINGFORD POND TO LITTLE ROCK POND

17 February 1991

by Sue Thomas

Since I was the only Killington Section member to take advantage of this joint outing with the Ottauquechee Section, I guess I got the honor of writing the hike report. I also get to gloat about what a great trip everyone else missed, so it's an even trade!

I went prepared to walk. We had no snow in Rutland so I expected to find it sparse at best there. What a pleasant surprise to find 5" of powder covering the crust -- easily the best conditions I've skied on in the last couple years.

Gary Wheelock, from the Ottauquechee Section, was our leader. He led us down a logging road, then onto a shortcut through the woods to the Long Trail, which we followed with pleasant ups and downs to Little Rock Pond. I think this was my first winter visit to the pond, a spot I like to hike to often in the summer and fall. We expected to have it to ourselves, but were surprised to find a large group of Boy Scouts from New York City camped for the weekend. They seemed to be having an amazingly good time considering what a cold night they'd had, though we did notice as we were leaving that all the boys elected to stay at the campsite while the leaders hiked up Green Mountain!

We had lunch at Lula Tye Shelter (obviously a winter home for porcupines; shelter maintenance will require a shovel this spring) then started back, detouring round to the top of a hill for a beautiful downhill run to the cars. All in all it was a great trip, and nice to meet some members of another section. Let's do it more often!

MERCK FOREST

23 - 24 February 1991

by Sue Carey, Co-Leader

The weekend started off cold (10°) and it didn't get any warmer, but that didn't stop us from enjoying the weekend. There were four day hikers (Linda, Tim, Jim and Olga) and four overnight campers (Rob, Sue, Mara and Seth along with their faithful dog Lady).

We stayed at the supper barn shelter.

This year it had a good stove with two dampers; however, it was so full of ashes that you could only get about three pieces of wood in at a time. There weren't any metal tools for cleaning it. It was nice to see a shelter that was swept clean and had very little graffiti.

During Saturday afternoon we had visitors from a southern New Jersey outing club. Also, our day hikers stopped by to warm up.

We did some sliding on some very fast trails. The children called it a roller coaster trip. After being bumped around on the sled we visited the barn where we met two American Belgian horses, Molly and Charlie. The children were thrilled to feed the horses carrots.

We returned to the shelter for a dinner of hotdogs and broccoli. We decided to skip spaghetti this year.

After supper we went on a moonlight hike. We tried to call an owl but it ignored us. However, Molly and Charlie came to the fence to greet us..

The stove had to be fed several times during the night. At the 4:30 feeding I had the brilliant idea of stirring the ashes with a coat hanger so we could get more wood inside. Coat hangers get hot very quickly and it burned a hole in my mitten. Fortunately this was the only casualty of the trip.

Sunday was very windy and cold. While crossing a meadow our plastic sled almost blew away, but we managed to retrieve it and retreat to the car.

PINE'S POND

9 March 1991

Charlie Hanley, Leader

by Sue Thomas

Not wanting to scare him off, when I asked my friend Charlie to take us to his property in Castleton I didn't tell him about hike reports. Therefore I guess it's up to me.

I've been anxious to see Charlie's "piece of paradise" and it's every bit as wonderful as he said it was. The pond sits in the middle of 372 acres of undeveloped land and is named for a man named Pine who operated a mill there. The foundations and some of the piping are still visible downstream of the dam.

(continued on page 6)

Pine's Pond

(continued from page 5)

We crossed a small bridge out to an island which we decided would be an ideal lunch spot, so we unloaded our packs and continued hiking the perimeter of the pond. On the far side we climbed to an overlook, then wound back down to the shore and crossed the ice to what Charlie believes is an old military road.

We returned to the island for lunch and a fire. We shared our coffee with a couple from the Civil Air Patrol who were there to dismantle a log structure they'd built in a training exercise. They entertained us with stories of hiker rescues and the search for the plane that crashed on Killington a couple months back till they were called away on an emergency.

Thanks to Charlie for sharing his very special place with us.

OUR FORMER SHELTERS

by Roma Pulling

Articles have been published in Smoke & Blazes highlighting my interest in Long Trail shelters, and while reading about them I have become fascinated with information about former shelters. Perhaps readers would like to know more about those in the Killington Section.

While far more than a shelter, the old **Long Trail Lodge**, through which the trail ran, was the property of the Green Mountain Club, given to the organization in 1923 by Mortimer Proctor, a president of the club. It was a rustic building that blended into the wooded setting south of Route 4 and one I longed to see from the inside. This step was postponed too long. In 1968 the lodge, which has been described as the enchanted lodge, burned to the ground.

Pico Camp was preceded on the same site by an open-front shelter built in 1924.

Killington was home to several former shelters. The first, to my knowledge, was a frame leanto about which little is known. Future research may reveal the date of its erection, the name of the builder, and its eventual fate. Presently the only clue is a picture said to have been taken in 1915 showing

this structure standing near the **Tin Hut**. It may be significant that at this time the old hotel on Killington had ceased operations and was falling into disrepair.

Killington Steel Shelter, popularly known as the **Tin Hut**, was located on a flat, grassy area east of the present Cooper Lodge. The date of its erection is also in doubt, but it was torn down about 1938. Parts of it were used as forms in construction of Cooper Lodge.

In 1927 a family named Bucklin erected a stone shelter known to many as **Porky Lodge**. Some of our existing shelters could compete for this title! The shelter fell down over a period of years.

In 1969 an open front shelter was constructed 1.1 miles south of Cooper by Farm and Wilderness Camps to house the overflow of visitors to the top of the mountain and named **Tamarack Shelter**. In the early 80s a nordic ski trail was laid out in front of Tamarack. Hoping to find a more remote location on a relocated Long Trail, members of the Killington Section dismantled the shelter in 1984 and bundled it up in anticipation of its removal. While various parties argued over the best route for a relocation, the parts of our shelter disappeared.

Northeast of Governor Clement Shelter on the bank of the Cold River once stood **Blue Triangle Camp**. It was built in 1930 by a girls club from Burlington. As two camps in that area seemed superfluous, Blue Triangle was taken down in 1951 and parts of it were used to construct a camp in Spring Lake Clearing. This was named **Spring Lake Camp**. The landowner considered it a nuisance and asked that it be removed. So in 1954 it was removed half a mile south to lands of Spring Lake Ranch and named **Sunnyside**. It burned in 1968. A new Sunnyside, since renamed for Miss Minerva Hinchey, a longtime Executive Secretary of the Green Mountain Club, was erected on the same site.

An open front shelter was built in 1921 on the site of the present **Clarendon Shelter**. When the new shelter was built in 1951 it was a closed lodge, but it was opened up in 1971 in an attempt to discourage squatters. This has been only partially successful.

(continued on page 7)

Former Shelters

(continued from page 6)

The last of the former shelters known to me was named **Buffum** and was located 0.8 mile north of Route 140. The first structure on the site was an open front shelter built in 1922. In 1961, largely through the efforts of Craigie Perkins of our section, a lodge was built. Unfortunately, it burned in 1966.

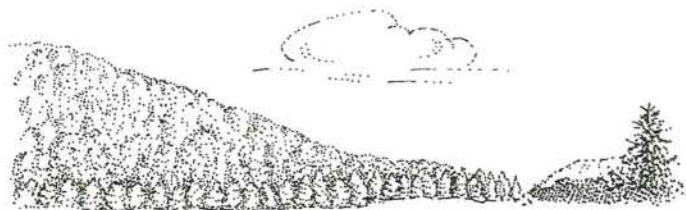
In preparing this article, I relied on information obtained from Churchill Scott and old issues of the Long Trail News. [If anyone knows of other old camps, please write! --Ed.]

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH OLD S&BS?
To recycle a Smoke & Blazes, leave it in the waiting room of an office, where it will introduce others to our section.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Wally Rogers	
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701
!!!SEND COPY BY 5 JULY 1991 PLEASE!!!



HIKEATHON

(information supplied by the G.M.C. office in Montpelier)

The Long Trail Protection Fund (LTPF) Committee hopes all section members will set aside September 7, 1991, for a major fundraising effort: the "Save the Long Trail Hike-A-Thon." This is also the Club's major event in celebration of the Vermont statehood bicentennial.

The Hike-A-Thon offers active members a chance to hike and help the trail at the same time. Hikers are asked to obtain pledges from family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

A suitable pledge might be one dollar per mile, with a suggested minimum of \$50 per hiker. For a short five-mile hike just ten pledges reaches that level. Longer hikes have the potential for raising more money. If ten members participate on each hike, each outing can raise at least \$500, although any amount will be welcome. There will be prizes for the hikers who obtain the most contributions and a raffle for all participants.

Each hike will be limited to ten people, to avoid over-use of the Long Trail. For the same reason, the hikes will be spread out along the length of the Long Trail with no two hikes planned for the same stretch. (The GMC office will keep track.) Hikes can also take place off the Long Trail. The idea is to get as many people out as possible.

In addition to an army of hikers, the Hike-A-Thon needs area leaders and co-leaders who can organize the event on the local level. The LTPF Committee hopes each GMC section will see it as a fun-filled rallying point and get as many people out as possible. It is also a golden opportunity to raise local consciousness about the Long Trail; a fact sheet about the Long Trail Protection Campaign will be provided as a hand-out for those who pledge.

For more information about being a hiker in this event, see the may Long Trail News.

If you can participate as a leader of a hike or a hiker, please contact Sue or Rob Carey at 446-2830.

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters and reports of your own unusual excursions.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	200.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

* The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. If you first joined the Killington Section during last year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735



TO:

Robert and Thelma Perkins 9991
4812 Lebanon Road
Charlotte, NC 28227

**SECTION ANNUAL MEETING, 1991**

13 April 1991

from minutes by Wally Rogers, Secretary

The Killington Section Annual Meeting began at 5:30 with a potluck supper, followed by a business meeting with 29 members present.

Trails and Shelters Committee Chair Sue Carey reported that she had met with Sue Lester of the GMC central office to discuss work needed on the Clarendon Gorge erosion problem at the north abutment and other bridge maintenance. She announced the need for more shelter adopters and completion of a signage project.

Outings Committee Co-Chair Herb Ogden, Jr. asked for more volunteer hike leaders and discussed the possibility of going to outings every two weeks when necessary. The consensus was to keep weekly outings when possible, scheduling an open date as a rain date for the previous hike if agreeable to the leaders.

The Publicity Committee new Chair, Bernie Donahue, discussed plans for better coverage in the media.

G.M.C. Director Herb Ogden, Jr. reported on G.M.C.-wide activity. Participating in the Killington-Pico merger negotiation has contributed to the club's deficit and need for dues increase. At a recent Directors Meeting, only Herb's veto prevented a by-laws change that would have permitted fast dues increases, with which the sections might not have been able to cope in time. (By-laws amendments by the Directors must be unanimous, while 2/3 of those members present at an annual meeting can amend the by-laws of the G.M.C.)

President Rob Carey led a discussion of amendments to the Killington Section's own By-Laws, proposed by the By-Laws Revision Committee (Delight

Gartlein, Herb Ogden, Jr., and Sue Thomas, chaired by Wally Rogers), and then by the Directors with some changes. The amendments were approved unanimously and are now in effect. They are printed elsewhere in this issue.

Sue Carey announced the intersectional meeting for 18-25 August at the Mt. Morris Boy Scout Camp in Eden. She also explained G.M.C. fundraising, with a hikeathon on 7 September. A motion was passed to hold a yard sale to benefit the G.M.C. at the Careys' home during September, 1991.

G.M.C. President Brian Fitzgerald explained Pico-Killington negotiations and displayed various visuals used in the Act 250 hearings.

Treasurer Wally Rogers spoke on section dues for 1992. Given the 1992 G.M.C. assessment of \$12 per adult and \$18 per couple, our current dues, and our current membership, the section will run a \$500 deficit in 1992. Given that the section has a balance of over \$1000 in the general fund, Wally recommended keeping section dues at the current level for 1992. This was accepted unanimously. Herb Ogden, Jr. then moved to donate \$1000 from the Kirk Fund to the central G.M.C. in recognition of its costly efforts to protect the Long Trail in our area. This would not inhibit Killington Section maintenance of our trails and shelters, given the Fund's large balance. The motion passed, and the donation will be made as funds become available over the next three months.

Elected to three year terms as Killington Section directors were Roma Pulling, Herb Ogden, Jr., and Timothy Welch. Ray Catozzi was elected to be our second G.M.C. Director if needed and to serve as alternate until then.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. The

directors met briefly to elect Rob Carey president, Linda Pellerin vice-president, and Wally Rogers secretary-treasurer.

MYSTERY HIKE

28 April 1991

By Jerry Parker, Leader

Sunday afternoon hikes usually draw a good turnout. It was a beautiful day so I wasn't surprised to have 33 people show up.

Several cars headed toward Pittsford. I kept checking in my rear view mirror hoping no one took a wrong turn. When we finally got all the cars parked, we were just over the Pittsford town line into Brandon. There were several beaver dams across the road in a swamp. I am familiar with this area, growing up in Pittsford. I spent a lot of time exploring the Sugar Hollow and the surrounding mountains.

The first stop was an old cemetery with gravestones dating back to 1800. We proceeded up a logging road. It was then that I realized the leaders of this hike were five children way ahead of everyone, and we were following them. At this pace it didn't take us long to get to the Sugar Hollow Pond. Everyone seemed pleased with the mystery. The pond is quite large, in a secluded area. I kept busy catching newts for the kids to hold. After twenty minutes we started down again at the children's wishes.

The hike was enjoyed by all even though it was shorter than two miles.

TWO WALK-THROUGHS AND A WORK PARTY

5 May, 11 May, and 25 May 1991

By Sue Carey, Leader

There were three work parties during the month of May. We managed to walk through the entire 22 miles of Long Trail on our section, visited all six of our shelters, and completed some badly needed waterbar work.

On 5 May, we walked through the section from the Upper Cold River Road to Wallingford Gulf. It was a pleasant

sunny day and the walking was enjoyable. We ran into the usual blowdowns and clipper work but managed to get through it.

On 11 May we worked on erosion control on the section from Route 103 to Clarendon Gorge. This is a very short piece of trail, probably only 200 yards, but it is the most heavily trafficked in our section. We replaced waterbars and dug ditches. It was a hot day and we did an impressive amount of work, but more will have to be done, including major cribbing work next to the bridge abutments. You'll be seeing more work parties scheduled for Clarendon Gorge.

On 25 May the northern walk through was held. I drove a group of people with clippers and saws in hand up Killington. Some went north and the rest went south. Another group put in some waterbars on the first half mile south of Sherburne Pass. The forecast called for a couple of showers and it turned into a chance of where you were. It showered north of Killington but the people described the weather as pleasant for working.

Special thanks to everyone who came out for the work parties. It couldn't have been done without you.

BRISTOL NOTCH

8 June 1991

by Jerry Parker, Leader

We got off to a good start and were at the camp by Gilmore Pond at 11:00. We took a short break at the pond and ate our lunch at the big rock overhang. The deerflies and mosquitoes decided on a change of menu from deer and moose to human blood. They were out in swarms so we didn't enjoy a leisurely lunch.

June is too late in the year to have a hike in the mountain with all the foliage and ferns three feet high and no beaten trail to follow. I got a little off track in this jungle. We were at the ridge where the airplane wreckage was. I have been up there several times in early spring or late fall, and it looked totally different with all the vegetation so overgrown. I guess we were not more than 50 yards from the site, but we didn't locate the wreckage.

It was getting late, so we decided to start down. We came across the loggers camp with two woodstoves. By now the bugs were really bad, so we didn't waste any time getting out.

There were pink Lady Slippers blooming in abundance. I guess we could say that was the highlight of this hike. We were glad to get back safely to our cars.

MOUNT ASCUTNEY: UP THE WEATHERSFIELD TRAIL AND DOWN THE WINDSOR TRAIL

15 June 1991

by Herb Ogden, Leader

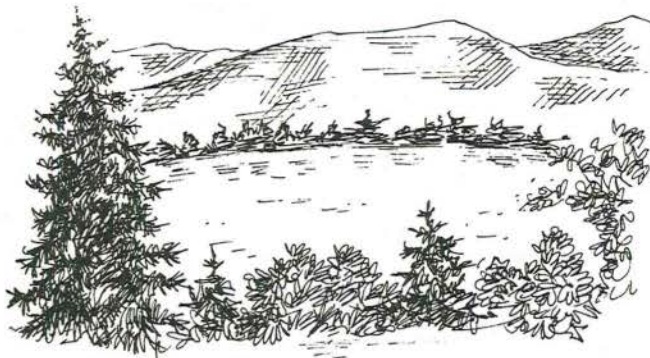
After several attempts to have this excursion, foiled by things like ice storms, I finally succeeded. The weather did play a trick on us at the summit, where a thunderstorm chased us off the nice new observation tower. Luckily, Jerry Parker found us a rock overhang and nearby cave, where we stayed pretty dry in the downpour.

The new Weathersfield Trail is a beauty, and we all thought the Ascutney Trails Association deserved much praise for it. From the new parking lot, it heads gently uphill for a while, then ascends steeply to a smaller version of the Crystal Cascade. In this dry season, it had no water, and the Cascade was but a trickle. Uphill from the small cascade, the trailbuilders found a genuine flume, a long, squared-off cleft in the rocks left when weaker rock eroded. It is spectacular. So are the giant wood stairs just up the trail. The new trail then wends very pleasantly along a nearly level stretch with views to the south before coming to the Crystal Cascade, where we enjoyed lunch and a view.

From the Cascade, the trail now stays to the east of the brook in a fine evergreen forest. It finally crosses the brook at about the "Halfway Brooks" and rejoins the old trail for the rest of the way. We stopped to admire Gus's Lookout and deplore the theft of the Aldrich memorial plaque some years ago. We enjoyed the view from the West Peak and admired a huge hobblebush Ray Catozzi located.

On the way down, Thor persuaded us to

forego the Brownsville Rock view rather than suffer one of his bolts. We did stop at the Log Shelter and Gerry Falls while descending the Windsor Trail to end a pleasant outing.



CHITTENDEN RESERVOIR RIDGE RAMBLE

23 June 1991

by Herb Ogden, Leader

I wasn't surprised to see only a small group show up for this 13 mile hike that I had labeled "difficult." Actually, the Forest Service had improved the LT so it was much better than I expected, but it was still a long day.

We left our cars at the last new house on the New Boston Road, preferring not to leave parts of the cars farther on. The New Boston Trail had apparently been adopted by some very conscientious snowmobilers, and they have improved it with a fine new bridge. In what seemed like no time we were at David Logan Shelter.

The Long Trail from there to the old Mendon - North Sherburne stage road had fresh paint blazes, some new erosion control work, and a generally much nicer aspect than anticipated. We liked the view by the former North Pond Trail junction and the later views of Chittenden Reservoir and Lefferts Pond.

After passing Rolston's Rest Shelter, we got off the LT at the Elbow and took the old stage road down past the beaver ponds, now growing up to meadows in places. This is very pretty country.

The hike ended with a surprise. The branch of the stage road that led from the beaver ponds to Wildcat, in Chittenden, has been made passable! Had we known, we could have driven that part.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street, at the time shown. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the listed trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. Guests are welcome!

Sunday 4 August, 1 p.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208.

THE BIGGEST ROCK IN SHREWSBURY. Easy 3 mi. hike.

Saturday 10 August, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185.

LONG TRAIL FROM BRANDON GAP TO MIDDLEBURY GAP. Moderate to difficult 10 mi. hike. See Mt. Horrid Cliff, go through Romance Gap, admire (and cool feet in?) Lake Pleiad.

Saturday 18 August - Sunday 25 August. Contact: Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB INTERSECTIONAL, MT. NORRIS BOY SCOUT CAMP, EDEN. Camp out with folks from the rest of the G.M.C. Daily and nightly activities.

See May Long Trail News for details.

Monday 26 August - Friday 30 August. Contact: Sue Carey 446-2830.

VOLUNTEERS FOR PEACE WORK PARTIES. See article elsewhere.

Thursday 29 August, 6 p.m., Ogdens', 4 Emmett Ave., Rutland (on Pine Hill; first right off west end of State St. after Pierpoint Ave.) Contact: Sue Carey 446-2830.

VOLUNTEERS FOR PEACE POTLUCK AND ENTERTAINMENT. Come share a dish and meet our Volunteers for Peace. (See article elsewhere.) Slide program afterward.

Saturday 7 September, 9 a.m. (9:30 a.m. at Route 103.) Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830.

SAVE THE LONG TRAIL WALKATHON. Route 140 (Wallingford Gulf) to Route 103, with stop at Minerva Hinchey Shelter. See Clarendon Gorge Suspension Bridge, Airport Lookout, Spring Lake Clearing and generally enjoy a 5 mi. moderate hike over pretty trail. See article for general Walkathon information.

Saturday 14 September, 9 a.m. Leaders: Sue Thomas 773-2185 and Herb Ogden, Jr.

(H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

ANCIENT POST ROAD FROM NEW BOSTON PAST NORTH POND TO PITTSFIELD. This is part of our bicentennial celebration. The road shows up on a map from the 1790's and had disappeared from the map by 1869, but it's still there, ascending eastward from near the Chittenden Reservoir, crossing the Long Trail, passing tiny, beautiful North Pond, and following Townshend Brook down into Pittsfield. 8 mi. moderate except one steep ascent to the ridge.

Saturday 21 September, 1 p.m. (bring no lunch). Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982.

SECOND ANNUAL TACONIC MOUNTAINS RAMBLE. Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east and west, a Japanese garden, and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. Easy to moderate. Rain date is Sunday 22 September; call the leader if in doubt.

Saturday 28 September, 8:30 a.m. Leader: Roma Pulling 773-6997.

SHREWSBURY PEAK VIA BLACK SWAMP TRAIL. Beautiful woods road, stop at Newfound Shelter, built by the CCC, nice ascent up a peak with wonderful panorama. 6.2 mi. moderate to difficult.

Thursday 3 October, 7 p.m. Contact: Linda Pellerin 773-7779.

SCHEDULING MEETING at the Ogdens', 4 Emmett Ave. (off west end of State St., on Pine Hill, Rutland City), 775-1350. Help us plan the next three months of outings. For Outings Committee and all others who are interested or even just curious.

Saturday 5 October, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185.

BREADLOAF MOUNTAIN VIA SKYLIGHT POND TRAIL. See Skylight Pond, new camp there, and, of course, one of Vermont's major peaks. Pass the half-way point on the Long Trail, too. 7 mi. moderate.

Sunday 13 October, 9:30 a.m. Leader: W.C. Scott 775-1494.

MYSTERY HIKE. 4 mi. moderate walk to destination known only to the Leader.

Sunday 20 October, 10:30 a.m. Leaders: Rob and Sue Carey 446-2830.

ALDRICHVILLE. Hike to abandoned town in Wallingford along the Long Trail. Part of our bicentennial historical celebrations. 5 mi. moderate.

Saturday 26 October, 10 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368.

SIDE TRAIL WORK PARTY. Help prepare one of our side trails for winter by cleaning out waterbars and doing light maintenance. Views should be good with the leaves gone. Feel free to come along just for the hike if you don't mind waiting while we play with waterbars, etc. 5-7 mi. moderate hike.

Sunday 3 November, 10 a.m. Leader: Wally Rogers 468-3210.

BALD MOUNTAIN - GALICK PRESERVE, WEST HAVEN. Includes interesting Nature Conservancy land in an out-of-the way corner of Vermont at the south end of Lake Champlain. Moderate.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
Rob Carey, President RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773 446-2830
Linda Pellerin, Vice-President 79 East St., Rutland VT 05701 773-7779
Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treas. RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735 468-3210

CLARENDON GORGE WORK PARTY

29 June 1991

by Sue Carey, Leader

The 28th was hot and humid with temperatures in the nineties but Saturday was much cooler and less humid. Our original aim was the Clarendon Gorge bridge area. Earlier in the week I had made arrangements for a load of stones to be dropped there so we could fill in holes along the path and cover some spots that are badly eroded. Unfortunately the driver didn't deliver the stones as planned.

Of course there was plenty of other work to do. John Hughes and Bill Robichaud hiked south from Route 103 and did some minor rerouting. Chris Davis, Herb Ogden and I picked litter at Clarendon Gorge and then headed for Minerva Hinchey.

Herb hiked north on the trail with a swizzle stick and practiced his golf swing [huh? --Ed.] on the weeds along the trail. Chris and I nailed flashing along the bunks to discourage the porcupines, cleaned out the spring, fixed holes in the outhouse, and put in a new

toilet seat. We also replaced the table with a new model and varnished it.

Everyone met at the shelter for lunch and most of us called it a day then.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Wally Rogers	
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	
Ray Catozzi	

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701

!!!SEND COPY BY 3 OCTOBER 1991 PLEASE!!!

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters and reports of your own unusual excursions.

**EVERY \$6 BUYS ONE FOOT OF TRAIL AND \$50
EARNS A NEW PAIR OF SOCKS!**

by Sue Carey

Yes, it's true! You can help save the Long Trail and earn a new pair of socks at the same time. It's the Save the Long Trail Hike-a-thon which is set for 7 September 1991. Our Section's part is from Route 140 to Route 103. Just 5.1 easy miles. We need volunteers to get sponsors and donations, and others to help shuttle hikers.

If your socks are worn and need replacing, you'll want to raise enough donations for a new pair. Every hiker who raises \$50 in pledges gets a free PAIR OF SOCKS! But don't be satisfied with just a pair of socks. By raising \$100 you get a fanny pack. \$250 brings you a Jansport Taos pack, \$500 a day and a half pack, and, for the real go-getter, \$1000 gets you a Big Frog Tent from North Face. Oh, yes, the fine print: everyone gets the socks but you only get one of the other prizes.

So hurry and tell Rob or me that you want to participate in the hike-a-thon. Just remember that in order to get your SOCKS you have to raise \$50 in pledges and register before 23 August. Call us today. We'll rush you a pledge form so that you can start bugging your friends, neighbors, relatives, and co-workers about sponsoring you. Call 446-2830.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR PEACE WORK PARTY AND
COVERED DISH SUPPER**

by Sue Carey

During the week of 26 August a group of people from Volunteers for Peace will be working on the Long Trail. Volunteers for Peace is an organization based in Belmont that sponsors workcamps around the globe. Some examples of their work include building a school in South America, working on the Dismas House in Rutland, an Environmental Center in Maine, various projects in Europe, and working at children's camps in Russia. The Volunteers pay for their own transportation to and from the host country.

The Volunteers will help us complete projects that aren't routinely done each year. This might include clearing and blazing side trails and doing stone work

at Clarendon Gorge. They have people to head up the work parties, but I thought it would be nice to have some Killington Section members involved. If you are interested, call Sue Carey at 446-2830.

Also, the Volunteers have asked us to put on a social activity. We have scheduled a covered dish party and slide show at Herb Ogden's house at 4 Emmett Avenue in Rutland at 6 p.m. on Thursday 29 August. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Bring another main dish, a side dish, or dessert to share.

CHALLENGE COMPLETE AT LAST!

by Roma Pulling

After several people asked us if we hadn't completed our project yet of photographing all the Long Trail shelters, we decided to finish it this spring. Before the leaves were fully developed, after which lighting in these wooded areas would not be as good, we made five trips north in six weeks and photographed the last eight shelters, including the new Corliss Camp.

While visiting Corliss Camp, I hiked the Davis Neighborhood Trail to add to my list of side trails completed. The trail follows an old logging road and was not difficult except for being very muddy when we walked it in April. We were pleased to find Parker Camp, which we heard was going to be dismantled last summer, still standing and in use. It was like visiting an old friend, as we had camped there in 1983 on a backpacking trip from the Johnson-Waterville Road to Route 118.

The other seven shelters were approached via the Long Trail. Our greatest effort was our last hike, from lake Mansfield to Puffer Shelter and back, ten miles over rugged terrain. As I don't attempt that much frequently these days, I wondered what effect it would have on me, but I pulled through and even had enough strength to do a walk-a-thon the next day. The hobblebush grew beside the trail all the way and was incredibly beautiful.

So, what will our next project involve? Perhaps we will hike more side trails and add some segments to our coverage of the Appalachian Trail. Keep tuned.

HOW WE STACK UP: Below is the G.M.C. membership as of 15 March 1991.

Section	Voting Members	Total Memberships	Indiv +								
			Indiv.	Family	Sponser	Defend.	Life	Life	Jr.	Group	Busin.
AT LARGE	2629	2209	1372	481	0	0	3	293	12	38	10
BENNINGTON	146	124	97	24	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
BRATTLEBORO	145	116	35	29	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
BREAD LOAF	144	111	66	41	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
BURLINGTON	472	373	235	36	1	4	1	46	0	1	0
CONNECTICUT	141	120	90	27	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
KILLINGTON	117	99	67	14	0	0	3	14	1	0	0
LARAWAY	56	44	29	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
MANCHESTER	71	49	27	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MONTPELIER	267	220	173	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEW YORK	387	338	185	34	0	0	3	116	0	0	0
OTTAUQUECHEE	233	178	119	57	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
PIONEER VALLEY	102	79	52	24	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
STERLING	75	64	49	12	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
WORCESTER	174	125	54	44	0	0	2	25	0	0	0
TOTAL	5159	4249	2700	956	1	4	13	502	22	41	11

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB PRESIDENT THANKS
KILLINGTON SECTION FOR \$1000 DONATION**

Herb Ogden, Jr., G.M.C. director, received the following after the Killington Section Annual Meeting:

April 19, 1991

Dear Herb:

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Killington Section's Annual Meeting on Saturday. It was good to chat with folks from the Section and have a chance to bring everyone up to date on the Killington/Pico situation. I'm pleased that the central Club and the Killington Section have been able to work so closely on this issue.

I also thank you all for the generous donation of \$1000 to help defray the costs associated with mediation and Act 250 in the Killington matter. We do need your support if we are continue our effort to protect the LT/AT across the Coolidge Range. The Sections' donation demonstrates that the Killington Section is truly committed to the Long Trail.

Please pass my thanks along to your members.

Regards,
Brian T. Fitzgerald
President

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH OLD S&BS?

To recycle a Smoke & Blazes, leave it in the waiting room of an office, where it will introduce others to our section.



KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
BY-LAWS

(Including amendments ratified at 1991 Annual Meeting)

1. The purposes of the Killington Section of the G.M.C. shall be to maintain that part of the Long Trail, along with side trails and shelters which it agrees to maintain for the G.M.C.; to encourage proper trail and shelter use throughout its section of the Long Trail; and to arrange for group hikes and other social and appropriate activities.
2. Membership in the Killington Section is open to anyone who supports the purposes of the Killington Section and pays the annual dues. All voting members shall be at least 18 years old.
3. The Killington Section shall conduct all activities without prejudice in regard to race, gender, religion, national origin, or sexual preference. We shall encourage persons with disabilities to participate according to their limitations.
4. The activities of the section shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of nine members. The Directors shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the Annual Meeting.
5. The terms of office of the Directors shall be three years, with three Directors elected each year. A Director who has served two full consecutive terms may not be re-elected until one year has passed.
6. The absence of a Director from two consecutive meetings of the Board, without a valid reason accepted by the Board, shall terminate membership on the Board and create a vacancy. Vacancies on the Board, created thus or through resignation, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, subject to approval of the Section at the next Annual Meeting.
7. Officers shall be elected by the Directors from among their number at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual Meeting. They shall consist of a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer, with the last two being combined if found desirable. The term of office shall be one year.
8. Whenever necessary, the Directors shall elect, preferably from their number, G.M.C. Directors and alternate Directors as allocated by the G.M.C. By-laws. The Directors may at their discretion elect G.M.C. Directors and alternates from the general Section membership.
9. The By-laws may be amended by the affirmative vote of seven Directors, , effective upon ratification by a two-thirds vote of those Section members who attend an Annual or Special Meeting, following a notice of at least two weeks.
10. The Board shall meet at least twice a year, upon the call of the President or at the request of three or more Directors. A quorum for all business of the Board shall be a majority of the total number of Directors.

11. A quorum for all business of the Section shall be one-tenth of those members eligible to vote.

12. The Annual Meeting shall be held no later than the end of April to nominate and to elect Directors, hear reports of the Officers and G.M.C. Director(s), plan for the coming year, and transact any other appropriate business.

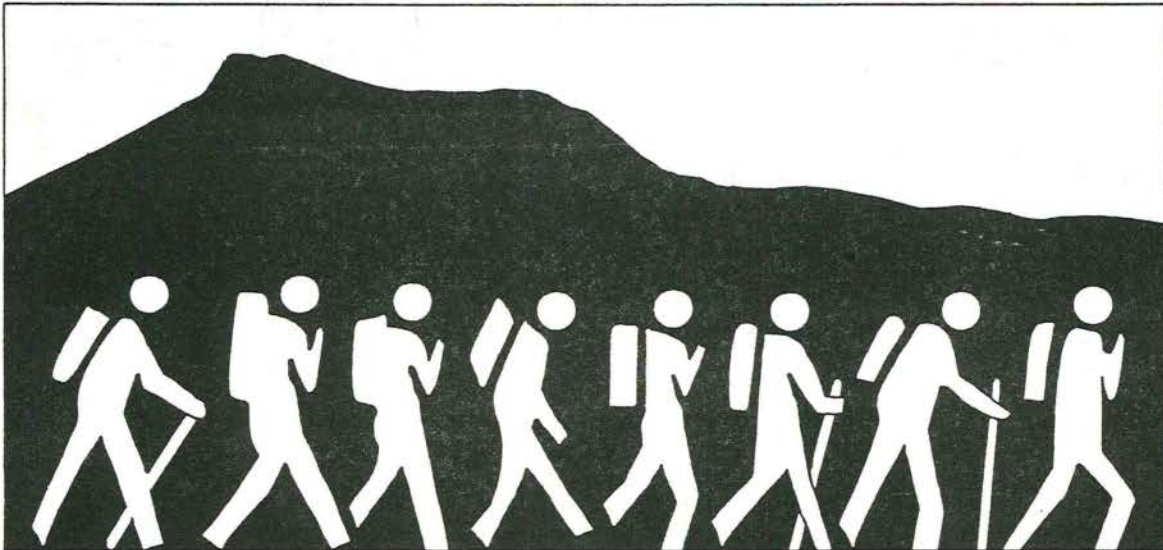
13. Within fourteen days after a vote of a majority of the Directors or a petition of ten per cent of the members, the President shall set the date of a Special Meeting of the Section and give at least fourteen days notice, with an agenda, to all members.

14. Annual dues, to cover the G.M.C. assessment, trail and shelter work, social and other appropriate activities including publication of a newsletter, shall be set by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority of those present at an Annual or Special Meeting.

15. If the Section is dissolved or otherwise ceases to function, all of its property of every kind shall pass to the Green Mountain Club, Inc., or the G.M.C.'s designated successor.

END

THE TIME TO SAVE THE LONG TRAIL IS NOW!



WITH YOUR HELP THE LONG TRAIL WILL BE PROTECTED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS!

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	200.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

* The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. If you first joined the Killington Section during last year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735



TO:

W Rogers and D Gartlein 91
RR 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735

**MYSTERY HISTORY HIKE**

7 July 1991

by Roma Pulling, Co-Leader

Those who expected Churchill to report on this are already disappointed. He was kind enough to change hikes with Al and me when a conflict developed on our original hike date (July 13). Then the Clarendon Shelter cookout scheduled for that date was rained out. Our "mystery history" hike nearly suffered the same fate.

Six hikers left Main Street Park, but only five arrived at our parking spot at Big Branch. One had correctly forecast stormy weather and returned home. By the time we were ready to take the Long Trail south we had picked up four more hikers in the parking area by prearrangement and were hiking in light rain, which gradually increased until at Big Branch Shelter we took refuge from a heavy downpour. This continued for over half an hour, accompanied by thunder and lightning which seemed to strike in our immediate vicinity. As long as we were inside, looking out, it was almost enjoyable.

My purpose in hiking in the Big Branch area was to explore the history of S. L. Griffith's lumber empire. Griffith became "Vermont's first millionaire" with saw mills and charcoal kilns in Danby and Mt. Tabor. The section of Mt. Tabor into which we hiked was once known as Mill Glen. When the storm abated, we followed the trail a short distance to explore the site of a Griffith mill and waterwheel. If walking conditions had been drier, I planned to bushwhack into the woods to Greeley Cemetery. The history of Mt. Tabor tells of Griffith buying the "Greeley Mill." I like to think there is a con-

nection. From there we would have gone south on the trail to Old Job, site of timber operations in the past and of an enormous sawdust pile. But as bushwhacking would have been like taking a shower, we stopped at the suspension bridge and turned back. The trail, which had been crossed by one stream on the way in, was now interrupted in a dozen places by runoff, some of it fast and deep.

On the way home three of us stopped at Griffith's grave in Danby's Scottsville cemetery and admired his house, now an inn and restaurant in Danby.

**PLEASE SEND DUES TO TREASURER
WALLY ROGERS BY YEAR'S END!****THE BIGGEST ROCK IN SHREWSBURY**

4 August 1991

by Jerry Parker, Leader

We parked at the picnic area on the CCC Road. Fourteen hikers and two dogs proceeded a short distance down the road until we came to a logging road which we followed, stopping to pick raspberries.

We then turned off onto a snowmobile trail. We found a toad which kept five children happy. A little while later we came to the so-called "Biggest Rock in Shrewsbury." Some of us and the children climbed a makeshift ladder to the top, which made me a little uneasy with a 25 foot sheer drop on the back side of the rock.

We decided to take a different route down so we bushwhacked a short distance until we came to the Shrewsbury Peak Trail. It was a little steeper and rockier, but slowly we made our way down and got back safely to our cars.

VOLUNTEERS FOR PEACE

26 - 29 August 1991

by Sue Carey, Trails & Shelters Chair

There always seems to be some work to do on our section of trail. So when the Volunteers for Peace showed an interest in working on the Long Trail, I was enthused. The Volunteers for Peace is an organization that does volunteer work on projects located around the world. The volunteers pay their own traveling expenses and usually are housed and fed by the Volunteers for Peace.

They helped us on three different days. During two days at Clarendon Gorge, they put in new water bars and replaced some that had been vandalized, did some reblazing, and finished a minor reroute around a wet section.

Helping on the work parties were Gemma from Philadelphia, Peter from Germany, Elena from France, and Vladimir, Vladimir and Victor from Siberia. The three Russians were very good at cutting away blowdowns with hand saws. In fact the three of them could cut away a tree faster than one person with a chain saw. They pointed out to me that the saw they were using had broken teeth and couldn't be tightened. That was embarrassing. I'll have to work on tool maintenance. Even with a poor quality saw, they did a good job.

On Wednesday Sue Thomas took them trail clearing on the Bucklin Trail. This must have worn them out because they refused to work the next day. They also were impressed with the view from Killington Peak.

On Thursday we had a pot luck supper at Herb Ogden's house. This gave us a chance to socialize and learn more about what they thought about Vermont. We also learned that Gemma and Vladimir were planning on getting married and moving to Siberia. We wish them luck!

EDITORIAL AND WORD-PROCESSING HELP URGENTLY NEEDED TO CONTINUE PUBLISHING SMOKE & BLAZES

Editor Herb Ogden has urgently requested help in editing our Section's quarterly newsletter. Ideally, we need someone who can use WordPerfect. Please call 775-1350 evenings or 775-3368 days.

HIKE-A-THON

7 September 1991

by Sue Carey, Section Leader

The Hike-a-thon was very successful. We raised \$519 for the Long Trail Protection Fund. This will buy, on the average, two acres of land for trail protection. Also, several people who came out hiking with us enjoyed it so much that they joined our Section.

We met at the park at 9 a.m., then regrouped at Clarendon Gorge at 9:30. What a nice day for a hike -- cool and sunny. The hikers were shuttled to Bear Mountain Road and started hiking north.

Rob and Seth Carey manned the snack stand at Minerva Hinchey Shelter. We had the usual hot beverages plus soda, water and lemonade. Also, there was soup, cheese and crackers, and numerous desserts -- quite a spread.

We regrouped at the shelter, lunched, then headed north again. Rob and Seth were ready to start packing when a group of Massachusetts Boy Scouts also on the hike-a-thon appeared. They helped finish the leftovers.

Mara and I lagged behind the group. When she started to ask "how much further is it?" I taught her fractions -- $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way. Everyone got back safely and at least three new people have joined the club since the hike.

GREENE ROAD, CHITTENDEN TO PITTSFIELD

14 September 1991

by Sue Thomas, Co-Leader

Sometimes accidents result in happy discoveries. A couple of years ago, while hiking around Chittenden, I got lost. I didn't know how lost till I emerged on Route 100 in Pittsfield. Though I was far from pleased at the time and staggered back to my car after dark, I had inadvertently stumbled onto an old way called the Greene Road, which in the early 1800s was the only local way over the Green Mountains. By reading Chittenden's history and talking to several members of its historical society I learned that it had originally been an Indian trail. It passed across German Hill and through the New Boston

continued on p. 3

GREENE ROAD, continued from p. 2

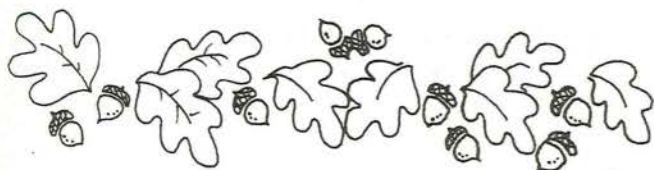
area, then by a mill and Greene's Tavern before heading up to North Pond.

It seemed an appropriate hike for the bicentennial year but, due to the logistics of spotting cars as far apart as Chittenden and Pittsfield, I was reluctant till Herb Ogden offered to co-lead. That way he could share the blame if we had more hikers than cars, which is exactly what happened when sixteen people came!

We had beautiful weather, and set out from Mountain Top Inn on the relatively flat portion of the hike. After a brief stop at New Boston to discuss the history of the area (we were fortunate to have Jean and Charlie Davies along from the Pittsford Historical Society), we continued on and soon began the rather vicious climb up the ridge. Our group ranged from two teenagers to hikers in their mid-seventies, and I'm happy to report that everyone made it, and remarkably cheerfully! I'm not happy to report that two weeks before we got there loggers bulldozed through the area so that it bears little resemblance to the quaint old road I got lost on.

Everyone was relieved after the climb to reach North Pond, where we stopped for lunch amid lots of moose tracks. After lunch we meandered down the other side of the ridge, where Jerry spotted bear claw marks on a beech tree and some moose hair on an overhanging limb. The only after-lunch challenge was getting all sixteen of us in two vehicles. By squooshing nine into Ray's we were able to do it -- not very comfortably, but it worked.

One postscript: Jean called to say that she and Charlie went back later and she counted "thank-you-marms" on the way up to the pond. I've unfortunately lost the paper I wrote the exact number on, but she explained to me that a "thank-you-marm" is a level space long enough to accommodate a horse and wagon on the way up a hill. Thanks, Jean, for my new fact for the day!



SECOND ANNUAL TACONIC MOUNTAINS RAMBLE

21 September 1991

Kit Davidson, Leader

by Linda Pellerin

The older children said it was their best hike ever and Jerry's nephew Ross can't wait to go back, so I would say Kit's delightful scenic hike was a great success.

Thirty-two of us started out under a bright blue sky to hike about three miles and enjoy views in every direction. Everyone marveled over Kit's man made waterfall and Japanese type garden.

I led a small group back the "escape route" that Kit sent us on, not knowing the steers would be in the pasture. The children kept mooing as the steers mooed back. You can imagine my surprise when a large number of horned bovines came charging through the woods toward us. Luckily they were called back by another steer. They stood glaring at us as I ran to get over the barbed wire fence, not exactly your fearless leader.

Once we reached Kit's trailer, we helped ourselves to drinks, cheese and crackers, compliments of our generous host. Our sincere thanks to Kit.

SHREWSBURY PEAK TRAIL

28 September 1991

by Roma Pulling, Leader

The climb up the Black Swamp Trail was pleasant and the view from Shrewsbury Peak superb, but my goal for this hike was to complete the Shrewsbury Peak Trail from the summit to where it intersects the Long Trail. This we did.

On a cool day of mixed sunshine and clouds, eight people met at the park, more than I expected at the designated hour of 8:30. We met two more hikers at the foot of the mountain.

The Black Swamp Trail is a shorter alternative to the Shrewsbury Peak Trail, with a steady but moderate ascent to a point just north of the peak. On the way we visited Shrewsbury Peak Shelter, or, as we like to call it, Newfound Shelter, a log leanto for about six hikers, on a short side trail. From here Margaret Henkel showed us a direct

continued on p. 4

SHREWSBURY PEAK, continued from p.3

route back to the main trail, eliminating any backtracking. We were soon on the summit, admiring views of Mt. Ascutney and Mt. Monadnock in the far distance. From here three hikers returned to their cars, using the Shrewsbury Peak Trail to the former Northam Picnic Pavilion site, where with foresight we had spotted two cars.

The rest of us continued north on the Shrewsbury Peak Trail. We were fortunate to have a director from Farm and Wilderness Camps, David Martin, with us, who could set the leader straight whenever she strayed from the trail! It was actually very well defined and had been cleared this past summer by workers from the Farm and Wilderness Camps. I was pleased to find this part of the trail in such good condition after having been warned on two occasions that it was difficult to follow and obstructed by blow-downs. On the way we ate lunch on a nordic ski trail before completing the trail at the site of the former Tamarack Shelter, removed in 1984. David Martin assured us that his workers were ready and willing to build a replacement for Tamarack as soon as a location has been determined.

From this point we returned to our cars the way we had come. On reaching the ski trail where we had lunched, I was surprised to see two cyclists pedaling along it. We met four other hikers on the trail, and two more arrived at the trailhead as we left for home. The drive was a delight due to the colored foliage, which seemed to be at its peak at that elevation.

MYSTERY HIKE, GLEN LAKE AREA

13 October 1991

by Walter Churchill Scott, Leader

On a perfect October day our section had its quarterly mystery hike and to tell the truth even the leader was not sure where to go.

At 9:30 Ed Riley was there; a couple of minutes later Bernie Donahue arrived. Then six members of the Telemark Ski Club, located in Pittsford, joined us after calling Saturday evening to con-

firm our walk.

The whole group looked pretty fit, so we chose to visit the Glen Lake area. Leaving the boat launching area, we walked along the Moscow Road, then cut off onto a woodroad going over the causeway at the north end of Glen Lake.

Next we took a short side trip to Said Pond, a Soil Conservation project of 1930-40. A pretty spot and nearby in one of the clearings we heard and saw some geese going south for the winter.

As we went on uphill and swinging around to the west side of the lake, we made the usual one mistake as always, by turning west for about five minutes. Realizing our error, we turned around, got on the correct trail, and soon came to the overlook.

At this point, as long as most of us had not brought a lunch, we decided to return via the blazed trail which skirts the lake most of the way, rather than continue around the lake, hitting Scotch Hill Road and returning to our cars.

A new dam is being built at Glen Lake that results in high water. We were able to walk along the shore. Ed pointed out some mussels to us, plus a number of other interesting sights.

It was a pleasure to have the folks from the Telemark Ski Club with us, and we are sure to send a new schedule to them in hopes they will join us again.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	
Ray Catozzi	

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.

92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701

!!!SEND COPY BY 4 JANUARY 1992 PLEASE!!!

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters and reports of your own unusual excursions.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street, at the time shown. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the listed trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. Guests are welcome!

Saturday 9 Nov., 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368.

PICO BUSHWHACK. Hike the Long Trail from Sherburne Pass to a little south of Pico Camp, then follow the flagged -- but not cleared -- "West Ridge Route" to Route 4 proposed by Killington/Pico as a way to avoid contact between the trail and the ski areas. Some interesting vistas and natural features. About 6½ mi. Moderate on the L.T., but difficult on the bushwhack.

Thursday 21 Nov., 7 p.m. President: Rob Carey 446-2830.

KILLINGTON SECTION DIRECTORS MEETING at Linda Pellerin's, 79 East Street, Rutland (773-7779).

Saturday 23 Nov., 5 p.m. Leader: Linda Pellerin 773-7779.

POTLUCK SUPPER at Unitarian-Universalist Church, 117 West St., Rutland. Program: Useful and Edible Wild Plants, by Jean Davies (slides and tasting).

Saturday 7 Dec., 1 p.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185.

SHERBURNE PASS TO GIFFORD WOODS on Vt. Route 100, past Ben's Balcony view north to Pico. 1.7 mi. moderate, with a few steep places.

Sunday 15 Dec., 9 a.m. Leader: Jean Davies 483-6623.

TRAILS AT CAMP BETSY COX AND CAMP SAGAMOND, PITTSFORD. Hiking, cross country skiing, or snowshoeing on old logging roads and hiking trails. Lunchtime fire. Up to 4 mi. easy or moderate.

Saturday 21 Dec., 6:30 p.m. Leaders: Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830.

WINTER SOLSTICE MOONLIGHT HIKE in Little Red Schoolhouse area, Wallingford. 1 mi. easy.

Thursday 2 Jan. 1992, 7 p.m. Co-chairs: Linda Pellerin 773-7779 and

Herb Ogden (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368.

OUTINGS COMMITTEE SCHEDULING MEETING at Linda Pellerin's, 79 East St., Rutland. Help us plan the next three months of outings. For Outings Committee and all others who are interested. Refreshments.

Sunday 5 Jan., 9:30 a.m. Leader: Bernie Donahue 773-7462.

OLD ROARING BROOK ROAD, SHREWSBURY. Original road from North Shrewsbury to Plymouth Union. Cross country ski, snowshoe, or walk. About 3 mi. moderate.

Sunday 12 Jan., 10 a.m. Leader: W. C. Scott 775-1494.

GLEN DAM, RUTLAND TOWN. Cross country ski up to the dam; cocoa and coffee afterward. 2 mi. easy.

Sunday 19 Jan., 1 p.m. Leaders: Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830.

ELFIN LAKE, WALLINGFORD. Skating party. Call leaders for alternative rink location if weather prevents use of the lake.

continued on p. 6

Saturday 25 Jan., 10:30 a.m. Leaders: Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997.
OLD ROAD IN BRANDON. Ski, snowshoe, or hike. 1½ mi. easy.

Saturday 1 Feb., 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368.

CARYL BROOK TRAIL AROUND THOUSAND ACRE HILL TO MICHIGAN. Despite that last name, this is all in Pittsfield and Chittenden. We will follow old and new logging roads that have probably been snowmobiled, into a beautiful and remote area. **For intermediate or expert cross country skiers;** on the long downhill at the end, walkers and snowshoers will not be able to keep up, and the leader will not be responsible for them. 8 mi. moderate.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
Rob Carey, President RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773 446-2830
Linda Pellerin, Vice-President 79 East St., Rutland VT 05701 773-7779
Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treas. RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735 468-3210

CANTY TRAIL WORK PARTY

26 October 1991

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

I think this was the best turnout for a side trail work party in the last six years. A half-dozen people spent a pretty fall day on the trail up Blue Ridge Mountain. We completely cleared it, dug out old waterbars, and put in a dozen or so new ones. The trail needs more than that, especially on the middle third, but some of the needed drainage on the old woodroad entails major earthmoving. It's not perfect yet, but it's in the best shape it's been in for about the last decade.

We stopped for lunch at the falls, a very pretty place with a view. Farther up, we noted where Churchill Scott said the old Hellebore Trail went north of the brook. It used to cross the Old Turnpike Road and hit the Long Trail near where Tucker Lodge once stood, now at the edge of the Robinwood development. Churchill recalled the Hellebore Trail once had a branch north to the Wildcat Road in Chittenden, but the top part of this has disappeared and even the bottom is hard to find.

This seems to be a very popular trail. We met a dozen or so hikers. We hope the bottom part, across Craigie Perkins's Tall Timbers Camp land, will remain open to the hiking public despite the many new survey flags we saw. (The top part is Green Mountain National Forest.) We also talked about extending the trail to the middle summit of Blue Ridge, which has a nice view over the south summit and Pico.

KILLINGTON, LTD., PICO PEAK SKI RESORT, AND THE LONG AND APPALACHIAN TRAILS

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

Some may recall that, back last winter when Killington, Ltd. still had an agreement to buy the Pico ski area, these ski areas signed a well-publicized agreement with the Green Mountain Club and other trail and environmental groups. This was the result of many mediation sessions that began in the summer of 1990. Under the agreement, some 4,000 acres west of the Coolidge Range was to remain undeveloped. In exchange, the G.M.C. and others agreed that Killington/Pico would not be opposed in their application for an Act 250 permit to link their ski areas with a few lifts and trails, mostly just south of Pico Camp. Pico Camp lay in the way of two ski trails and was to be moved at least partly at the ski areas' expense. The parties agreed to disagree about ski development along the LT between Pico Camp and Sherburne Pass.

The Green Mountain Club and the Appalachian Trail Conference have appealed the Act 250 permit granted this summer because it does not make clear whether the mediated agreement is a condition of the permit. In other words, the permit may allow Killington or Pico to build the connector trails, plus trails over part of the Long Trail between Pico Camp and Sherburne Pass, without giving up development west of the Coolidge Range. The Green Mountain Club also opposes the new lifts and trails that the permit would let Pico or Killington build between Pico Camp and Sherburne Pass.

GENEROSITY OR OBLIGATION?

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

Members may be interested to compare the following excerpts from deeds to parts of the land between Sherburne Pass and Killington Peak traversed by the Long Trail, with Killington, Ltd.'s propaganda about being there first and allowing the Trail to cross its land through sheer generosity. Nevertheless, note that the deeds do not cover all the land in question and do not create a protected corridor. The deeds are (1) Mortimer Proctor to Pico Peak, Inc., 7 May 1948, (2) Vermont Marble Co. to Pico Peak, Inc., 23 November 1946, (3) Vermont Marble Co. to State of Vermont, 29 December 1945, and (4) Vermont Marble Co. to Green Mountain Club, Inc., 22 January 1945.

Killington has argued in the Act 250 proceedings that these conditions mean only that the Long Trail has the right to go **somewhere** over these lands. If, however, Killington is wrong (as I think), we have the right to use the trail unless we move it. Moreover, the deeds say nothing about summer use only. Do hikers have the right to use this route in winter, too? If so, what effect would an exercise of that right have? Would skiers enjoy avoiding hikers or snowshoers who moved slowly across the ski trails? What would this situation do to a ski area's liability insurance premiums? This was not an issue before Killington began to run Pico and made plans to build ski lifts and trails on a substantial part of the Long Trail.

September 3, 1946, so far as the same affects said premises. (e) A right for the public and others to use the Long Trail, so-called, as now and hereafter used and laid out. This deed is also upon the following conditions:

(e) A right for the public and others to use the Long Trail, so-called, as now and hereafter used and laid out; (f) The annual rental due the Town of Sherburne

on the plan of the Town of Sherburne. Subject to the right of the public and others to use the Long Trail, so-called, as now and hereafter used and laid out. Subject also to the stone and mineral rights and other easements

by the grantor, its successors and assigns to. Subject to the rights of the public and others to use the Long Trail, as now or hereinafter used and laid out, the rights and easements of others in the Brad Mead Burial Lot, so-called, the rights for the highway crossing said premises, the right for power and pole lines now crossing said premises, and the telephone line to Pico Tower, and all other easements of record. Reserving to the Grantor, its successors and assigns, the right in common with others to use the wood road crossing the above described premises. To Have and To Hold the above remised, released and quit-claimed premises, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said grantee, its

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

MEMBERSHIP LIST--1991

Allard, Daniel and Darrel, Bump Road, Box 260A Clarendon, VT 05759	Davidson, Kit, P.O. Box 537 Castleton, VT 05735	Heyl, Phillip J, COMLANTAREA(AP), Bldg 125 Govis, NY 10004
Althoff, Otto, P.O. Box 554 Middlebury, VT 05753	Davies, Jean, Box 37 Pittsford, VT 05763	Hickey, Margaret, 33 South Street Proctor, VT 05765
Badger, Robert L., 16 Grant Street Potsdam, NY 13676	Deinzer, Sally, Walter, Jay,, RR 2, Box 291 North Clarendon, VT 05759	Hughes, John and Emma, 18 Ronaldo Court Rutland, VT 05701
Barber, David and Audrey, 16 Ballou Road Hopedale, MA 01747	Dicton, Sr, Joe, RR 1, Box 3999-3 Rutland, VT 05701	Johnson, Phil, RR 2, Box 1690 Poultney, VT 05764
Bassett, Marcia, RR 1, Box 1001 Pittsford, VT 05763	Donahue, Bernie, 50 Edgerton Road Rutland, VT 05701	Johnson, Willard M., RR 4, Box 251 Abilene, KS 67410
Bell, Mike, Castleton Health Associates Castleton, VT 05735	Drumm, Sarah S., 79 Main Street, # 6 Ludlow, VT 05149	Kapitan, Therese, 99 Thrall Avenue West Rutland, VT 05777
Brzoza, Bruno, RR 1, Box 518 D Ludlow, VT 05149	Estes, Jim, 56 South Main Street Rutland, VT 05701	Katz, Deana R., 159 Forest Street Rutland, VT 05701
Burrows, William and Mary, 41 Beman Street Poultney, VT 05764	Ferraro, Michael, 95a Frisby Hill Road Castleton, VT 05735	Klein, Wally, 68 Selma Court Weatogue, CT 06089
Carey, Rob, Sue, Mara, Seth, RR 1, Box 340 Wallingford, VT 05773	Florczak, Benjamin, P.O. Box 446 Cavendish, VT 05142	Knox, Kent Yucel & Tams, P O Box 62 Chittenden, VT 05737
Catozzi, Raymond, 103 Bellevue Avenue Rutland, VT 05701	Frink, Mrs. Helen E., 10 Elm Street Randolph, VT 05060	LaPenna, Nina, 16 Garden Street Proctor, VT 05765
Charland, Rachael, 139 South Third Street Apt. Harrisburg, PA 17101	Garfinkel, Bernard and Maxin, PO Box 135 Wallingford, VT 05773	Lord, Robert and Mary B, RR 2, Box 2086-1 Brandon, VT 05733
Charles, Dennis, Corey, an, RR 3, Box 8002 Mendon, VT 05701	Gartlein, W Rogers and D, RR 1, Box 363 Castleton, VT 05735	Loseby, Mary F., 23 Ronaldo Court Rutland, VT 05701
Conlon, Diana and George, 9 Sunset Drive Rutland, VT 05701	Gibbud, Ruth, Drake Road Bomoseen, VT 05732	Martin, John and Janet, 7 Curtis Avenue Rutland, VT 05701
Coton, James and Deborah, RR 1, Box 173 Cuttingsville, VT 05738	Griffin, James E., 81 Lincoln Avenue Rutland, VT 05701	Maynes, Barbara, 4 Dartmouth Street Rutland, VT 05701
Darrow, Robert P., RR 2, Box 7562 Rutland, VT 05701	Hawley, Irene, Ira, and Lo, RR 3, Box 7264 Rutland, VT 05701	Meany, Marjorie V., 300 N. Grove Street Rutland, VT 05701
	Heaton, David K, RR 1, Box 3485 Rutland, VT 05701	Michel, Kathy, 65 Wall Street Springfield, VT 05156

Miller,Helen A.,
29 Mount Vernon Street
Springfield, VT 05056

Nelson,Harry,
P.O. Box 48
Middlebury, VT 05753

Nelson,Sue,
Box 64
Forestdale, VT 05745

Newton,Doris,
26 Boutwell Road
Andover, MA 01810

Oldenburg,Sally V.,
RR 3, Box 4635
Rutland, VT 05701

Parker,Gerald,
RR 1, Box 586
Cuttingsville, VT 05738

Partridge,Sanborn,
62 Ormsbee Avenue
Proctor, VT 05765

Pellerin,Linda L,
79 East Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Perkins,Robert and Thelma,
4812 Lebanon Road
Charlotte, NC 28212

Perkins,Vera A.,
242 S. Main Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Proulx,Dennis,
PO Box 1102
Castleton, VT 05735

Pulling,Roma,
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland, VT 05701

Pulling,Steve,
RR 1, Box 3425-3
Rutland, VT 05701

Rabe,Norman and Kathry,
RR 1, Box 593
Wallingford, VT 05773

Robichaud,William T.,
P O Box 457
Rutland, VT 05701

Ruppe,John,
RR 1, Box 527
Ludlow. VT 05149

Pussell,Miss Ellen,
21a Venturi Green, LCCR
North Providence, RI 02904

Schmidt,Carl and Nancy,
1651 Clayburn Circle
Cincinnati, OH 45240

Scott,W. C.,
RR 3, Box 4869
Rutland, VT 05701

Sessock,Joe,
P.O. Box 166
Bomoseen, VT 05732

Shattuck,Ted,
69 Allen Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Sheldon,Marilyn,
RR 1, Box 2145
West Rutland, VT 05777

Sherman,Jake,Deborah,Rebe,
48 Morse Place
Rutland, VT 05701

Sibley,John,
Keiffer Road
Cuttingsville, VT 05738

Sickley,Ted,
RFD, Box 292
Danby, VT 05739

Sugarman,Nancy,
199 Mussey Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Swanson,Ernie,Tim,Andrew,,
RR 2, Box 8531
Rutland, VT 05701

Thibault,Barbara,
358 62nd Street
Newport Beach, CA 92663

Thomas,H. Ogden, Jr. & C.,
4 Emmett Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701

Thomas,Sue,
27 Clinton Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701

Tinker,Patricia,
10 Seabury Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Vale,Robert and Ann,
P.O. Box 1565
Castleton VT 05735

Welch,Timothy,
P.O. Box 35
Center Rutland, VT 05736

Weston,Wilbur F.,
202 Skyland Drive, Apt 11
Smithfield, NC 27577

Williamson,Dot,
HCR #65, Box 3B
Pittsfield, VT 05762

Wright,David P,
P.O. Box 1001
Middleton Springs, VT 057

Wright,William G.,
Rt 100, P.O. Box 64
Plymouth, VT 05056

Young,Donald R.,
145 Main
Ludlow, VT 05149

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	200.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

* The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. If you first joined the Killington Section during last year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. From your 1992 dues (due on 31 Dec. 1991), you may deduct 50_ for each month in 1991 during which you were @FONT MX9B;not yet a member.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735

TO:

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Binder #1	1948 - 1954
Binder #2	1955 - 1962
Binder #3	1963 - 1975
Binder #4	1976 - 1983
Binder #5	1984 - 1991
Binder #6	1992 - 2001
Binder #7	2002 - Date

A Note About Numbers

Smoke and Blazes started in 1948 as a monthly publication and continued so until about 1959 when it became a bimonthly. In about 1967 it switched to quarterly publication. Occasionally issues were skipped, especially in 1970 and 1971.

In general each calendar year was assigned a new "Volume", and "Numbers" were assigned consecutively from "1" through each year.

There is some lack of consistency in the months of publication, and there are some out-and-out errors in the numbering.

The following Table of Contents lists the issues in this binder showing the Volume, Number, and Date as printed and, where different, what the Volume, Number, and Date probably should have been,

Dedication

This set of copies of *Smoke and Blazes* is donated to the Rutland Historical Society in memory of my parents, Mary and Craigie Perkins and my aunt, Vera Perkins. They conceived the idea for a Killington Section newsletter in 1948 and served as editors and publishers for the first several years of its existence, cutting stencils, and running mimeograph copies in our living room. They continued as frequent contributors to the publication and as active members of the Club for over a half century. Fortunately, Dad had a pack rat proclivity which I seem to have inherited. By combining his collection of *Smoke and Blazes* with mine, I have been able to put together this complete run of the publication.

Bob Perkins
Rutland, VT
April, 1999

**BALD MOUNTAIN - GALICK PRESERVE**

3 November 1991

by Wally Rogers, Leader

Fifteen members and friends met at The Nature Conservancy parking area for the Galick-Bald Mountain Preserve in West Haven, Vermont. You have to cross through New York to reach this little known area of Vermont on Lake Champlain, just across the lake from South Bay. The lot was filled with others enjoying a company hike, but we didn't see them during the day. Climbing the trail from the lot, we registered at the log book and hiked across the open fields to a large barn. Vandals and weather have damaged the structure and rusted the spare parts inventory of the Galicks-wizard mechanics.

We found fall apples still clinging to the trees and being enjoyed by porcupines. They were ten feet up in the trees about 100 meters apart and tolerated our delight and close inspection of their lunch spot. Following braided paths in grass and scrub junipers, the group met at an abandoned hillside house above the lake for our lunch. Below on the shore was a rock pier. The people who lived in the house probably used the lake as a major route into their farm.

We separated into several groups according to interests and energy levels with eight continuing, mostly by trails, to the ridge SE of the Bald Mountain peak, south along the cliff tops, circling the dens of venomous animals and returning to our cars a bit later than the projected time. The warm sunny late fall day and views of Lake Champlain and Black Mountain helped me to appreciate the first Americans, farmers and natural area preservationists who have lived and worked in this area.

**PLEASE SEND 1992 DUES TO
TREASURER WALLY ROGERS NOW!****PICO BUSHWACK**

9 November 1991

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

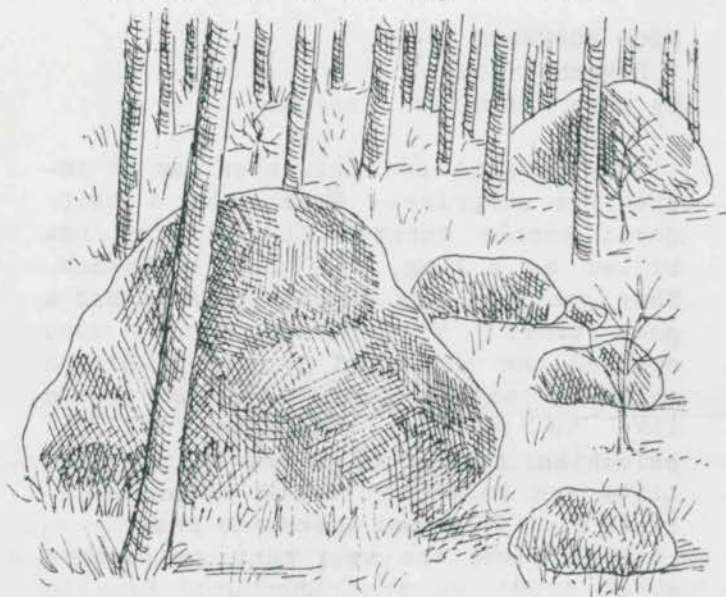
The turnout for this hike was an impressive surprise. More than a half-dozen people turned out for what was billed as a long, difficult bushwhack. They got what was advertised and had a good time! Their participation also doubled the number of people to hike a route to which Pico Ski Resort would like to relocate the Long and Appalachian Trails to avoid the new ski lifts and trails it wants to build between Pico Camp and Sherburne pass.

First came the easy part: we climbed about 1400' up from Sherburne Pass to Pico Junction along the snow-dusted Long Trail, then sidled along to Pico Camp. Vandals have hit the windows again; Lexan replacement should be considered. After enjoying the view of Ascutney, we continued south on the LT until it hit the ridge.

Next came the moderately hard part with the nice woods and views. Heading westerly around Pico's cone, we followed various colors of flagging through dense evergreens. Those who had been there before us left us plenty of branches to break as we went, and a continuous crackling sound accompanied us. Fairly soon the woods opened up and we entered a pleasant area of mossy rocks and old growth, with nice views toward Killington and Mendon Peaks. We picked a particularly nice one around the 3400' elevation for our lunch stop, warmed by the late fall sun. To judge from the 1940 Guidebook, we were about on the route of the long-abandoned west spur

that used to rejoin the Long Trail and the Pico Loop at Pico Junction.

Occasionally zigzagging, we followed a generally pleasant route down a ridge extending about due west from Pico. It looked like a good place for berrying in the summer, but also a difficult stretch to keep cleared at that time of year. We then headed north, crossed a few little brooks, and entered a large, flattish open area with lovely birches. It ended at a 2920' knob crowned by a glacial erratic. This shows on the USGS map, west northwest of Pico Peak. We were about 2/5 of the way to Route 4.



Now came the unpleasant part. We descended steeply to a brook and waded through saplings north of it. We did catch sight of a cliff to our east, and briefly skirted another to our very immediate west, but most of the scenery was uninteresting second growth. An old logging road brought us to the dead-end "dump" where Pico Ski Resort stores the Alpine Slide off-season. Descending from there, we entered a wettish area of second growth containing first a field of small boulders and then a field of large ones. This was very slow going, and we wondered whether a decent trail could be built here. We also increasingly noticed road noise from Route 4 as well as a vacation chalet perched above us and other Pico resort buildings.

The tired group almost rebelled when I went straight uphill to go from one flagline to another near a big ledge. But they made it, they slabbed along the

rocky, brushy slopes south of the Beaver Pond, and they emerged, tired but satisfied, on Route 4 midway between the Beaver Pond and Robinwood. The final walk up paved roads to the Pass was a pleasant change from the rocky, thickety terrain at the bottom of our bushwhack.

We did not hike Pico Ski Resort's proposed final link to the Long Trail. It goes north through a very wet area just west of Fox Run, then slabs easterly along the base of the steep, bouldery slope to Willard Gap.

All the hikers concluded that a very pretty trail could be built from the Pico-Killington saddle to the 2920' knoll. After that point, however, we lost enthusiasm. If there was any way we could keep the present route more or less as it is, we decided we would prefer to do that.

SMOKE & BLAZES ENDS

FOR YOU, IF YOU DON'T RENEW your Killington Section GMC membership. Yes, this is the LAST ISSUE you will receive if you don't send in your 1992 dues soon. For your convenience, there's a membership application at the end of this issue. Your address label tells you if Treasurer Wally Rogers has received your 1992 dues. If you don't see a 92 by your name, please send dues now!

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Phil Johnson	Loyal Typist
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	
Ray Catozzi	

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701
!!!SEND COPY BY 3 APRIL 1992 PLEASE!!!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street, at the time shown. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the listed trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. Guests are welcome!

Saturday 8 Feb., 9 a.m. Leader: Trish Handly 775-4806
Mosses Pond - Weston. Hike, snowshoe or cross country ski. Mileage and difficulty dependent on interest and conditions.

Sunday 16 Feb., 12:30 p.m. Leaders: Rob and Sue Carey 446-2830
Scouting Hike in Shrewsbury. Scouting for possible alternatives for rerouting of LT/AT through Shrewsbury. Hike or snowshoe depending on conditions. 4 miles moderate.

Saturday 22 Feb., 9 a.m. Leaders: Phil Johnson 287-9607; Linda Pellerin 773-7779
Texas Falls off Route 125 in Hancock. Ski, snowshoe or hike. Fire at the end for coffee, cocoa and marshmallows. 3-6 miles easy

Saturday 29 Feb., 10 a.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997
Leap Year Hike North Shrewsbury CCC road to the stone hut. 3 miles easy.

Saturday 7 March, 9 a.m. Leader: Tim Welch 483-2085
Merck Forest hike. Mileage and difficulty depends on interest. Possible overnight stay. If interested in overnight, contact leader. Dayhikers welcome.

Sunday 15 March, 1 p.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006
Castleton to Poultney Old RR. 4 miles easy.

Sunday 22 March, 9:30 a.m. Leader: W. C. Scott 775-1494
Mystery Hike. 5 miles moderate.

Sunday 29 March, 2 p.m. Vice President: Linda Pellerin 773-7779
Sugar on Snow. Come join us for our traditional winter treat. At the Unitarian Universalist Church on West Street. \$3.00.

Thursday 2 April, 7 p.m. Co-chairs: Herb Ogden (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368
Linda Pellerin 773-7779
Outings Committee Scheduling Meeting at Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.) Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months. For Outing Committee members and any others interested. Refreshments!

Sunday 5 April, 9 a.m. Leader: Jean Davies 483-6623
Trails at Camp Betsy Cox and Camp Sagamond, Pittsford. Hiking, cross country skiing, or snowshoeing on old logging roads and hiking trails. Lunchtime fire. Up to 4 miles easy or moderate.

Saturday 11 April, 6 p.m. Contact: Linda Pellerin 773-7779
Annual Meeting and Potluck. Unitarian Universalist Church, West Street.
Bring a dish. Meeting to start at 7:00 p.m..

Sunday 26 April, 1 p.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208
Brandon. Short 3 mile easy hike off route 7.

Saturday 2 May, 10 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185
Lily Pond "or thereabouts" to the floating bridge in the Glen Lake area.
2-2½ miles easy.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
Rob Carey, President RFD 1, Box 340, Wallingford VT 05773 446-2830
Linda Pellerin, Vice-President 79 East St., Rutland VT 05701 773-7779
Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treas. RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735 468-3210

FROM THE PAGES OF OLD VERMONTERS

Below is a 1935 article printed in the July issue of The Vermonter, the privately published former "State Magazine." Our copy came from W. Churchill Scott's collection and was selected by Ray Catozzi. Ray also found several other articles from The Vermonter of the 1930's, dealing with topics like the Long Trail Lodge, an end-to-end in the mid-1930's, flora and fauna along the trail, and a multi-page poem that seems almost as long as the entire Long Trail.

The Inn Spectacular

Long Trail Lodge Landmark to Great Vermont Architect

By MARK G. PIERCE

NATURE became a hostage, and a willing one, when Paul W. Thayer created the Long Trail Lodge. The rustic architecture is almost more natural than nature itself.

To build a truly rustic hostelry so natural that one can hardly discern it from its enveloping foliage, to make use of standing trees and immovable boulders for supporting pillars and walls of an attractive and comfortable hotel, and to design a hostelry so universal that every student of nature will consider himself as much at home as in his own clubhouse once seemed a fantastic dream. To suggest that the originator's vision was eccentric is untenable for such a criticism is everywhere refuted: we must admit that it is *outstanding*.

"Leaves that Sleep. Did you know that leaves of a number of our common plants go to sleep at night? Examine the leaves of our common clovers and of the lupines some dark night. You will find them folded up in a resting position. Wood sorrel or oxalis also sleeps.

LODGE LORE

The Long Trail Lodge joins superbly the primitive and the refined, courtesy and quality, all recognized in the planning of the unique lodge in Sherburne Pass, hardly a hundred feet back from the main hardsurfaced road between Rutland and White River Junction, route U. S. 5.

The most effective way in which to acquire an understanding of this amazing and fascinating inn is to make a personal stop-over there yourself. You will find a genuine and hospitable welcome, a choice of comfortable rooms within the main lodge or in separate buildings. There are four very popular and almost continuously occupied adjacent cabins, each with living room, bed rooms and large fireplace, built in the same novel and attractive design as the main lodge. They are formed right into the rocks, wired with electricity, and obscured from general observation by trees. Many fixtures including the lamp shades are of bark, waste basket of wood, candle holders from small wooden blocks, mirrors framed by

narrow sticks, and where doors are numbered or labeled, forked and twisting sticks form the numerals or characters.

The living room has an interest at every turn. The fireplace is enjoyed from rocking chairs or a four-seater swing suspended from the rafters. The chandeliers are inverted trees with an electric light glowing at the end of each branch. A bird-recognizing game, built by the resident naturalist, Maurice Broun, inveigles everyone: if the light does not blink it isn't the fault of the device—no, you are pointing to the name of some other bird, so just keep trying! The magazine table is well stocked, and a remarkably fine set of hiking photographs taken by M. L. Joslin of Waitsfield and assembled by him in two albums awaits inspection. The door handles indicate the fantastic angles at which branches have grown, and stuffed animals will startle you as they peer from obscure corners in exceedingly lifelike positions. Both well-marked trails of the Appalachian Mountain Club and the Green Mountain Club lead through the Long Trail Lodge.

The new spacious dining hall affords accommodation of many guests and offers an excellent outlook upon Deer's Leap mountain, the pool, and surrounding grounds. The superior merit of the food has been developed to the degree of national recognition and increasing favor. The dining room service has been developed to such a point that it is the pride of all patrons.

In no other place have I seen such a wealth of nature lore supplied in a more intriguing manner. Three inch signs, hardly noticeable at first, blend with the landscape but suggest by pithy phrases the unlimited amount of study one who appreciates and understands the sciences might make. Forty trees, from the hemlock to ironwood, are found near the

"Lady Fern. Very common and grows in almost any location. It is extremely variable in form. You may tell it easily from other ferns, however: look on under surface of their fronds for double row of curved sori as no other native fern has this characteristic.

LONG TRAIL LODGE PHILOSOPHY

"Pokin' 'round 'mid ferns and mosses, like a hoptoad or a snail, somehow seems to lighten crosses where my heart would elsewhere fail."

lodge, and a small display in front shows the characteristic of each for the novice, and for most of the rest of us. If you generally make fancy bird houses, you will find why paint and fancy designs will frighten rather than attract birds. And although you and I once knew the ten-letter word for plant-eating animals, we won't have to recall carnivores, herbivores, or rodents to understand the exhibits here; yet this is just where you would want to come if your eye-glasses were an inch thick and you were dedicating your life to the study of the saltatorial gryllus niger orthopterous insect that others were satisfied to call the "cricket." You will probably want to take pencil and paper with you when you hike about the environs of the Long Trail Lodge.

"Wasps make paper by chewing but they do not scatter it along roads and through the woods as humans do.

"It takes sixteen acres of spruce trees for one Sunday edition of a Metropolitan newspaper."

Cars from all over, and all the New England states bring visitors to this unusually attractive inn. Approaching the front door, just as you pass the fireplace uniquely located on the front porch, you may read: "Twenty-five species of ferns have been found within a half mile of the Lodge, and fifty-two species of birds were recorded in the immediate vicinity last month." Within, you begin to notice things that escaped your observation before—the hall trees are real trees, some of the walks are illuminated at night, a store is fitted with hikers' supplies including films, flashlights, moccasins, socks, canes, woodsmen's tools, powdered milk, maple syrup, coffee, and pancake meal; the tables have "tree legs," the rustic extends even to the furniture of the kitchen, the radio music is coming from a birdhouse, and the mail-box is a birch log.

The history of the Long Trail Lodge dates back to 1923, when Mortimer R. Proctor and his mother, Mrs. Fletcher D. Proctor, chose this sightly section of Vermont for a spectacular edifice. Deer's Leap is a sheer cliff where a century and a half ago, according to the legend, a deer resting on the rocky precipice was driven over the ledge to its death by a hound. Across the pass, to the south, lies Pico Peak, and down between these two summits the main building, set between moss covered ledges in the midst of sweeping woods, was reared. It was a real masterpiece of woodland architecture, a structure of unique beauty

"Summer comes with such a weal of fragrances we need almost no other nurture. Leaves of sassafras and spicebrush reek with exotic aroma. Pennyroyal, crushed beneath our steps, protests in scented phrases that make the air expressive, wild grape and honeysuckle become the season's thurifers and lend the evening breezes their essences for admiration far and wide.

"The breathing process of leaves is continuous, both day and night, but the manufacture of plant food is dependent on sunlight.

expressive of the true wilderness spirit. It was fondly preened by the devoted architect, readily accepted by the sponsors, and Mr. Proctor and his mother presented it to the Green Mountain Club. At first a caretaker and his wife operated it for the specific use of Club members, but later it was opened to the general public. The G. M. C. was able to interest Mr. Treadway, manager of the L. G. Treadway Service, who came personally to supervise the development of the Lodge so that it would be on a par with the other "Real New England Inns" which extend westward as far as Dearborn, Michigan, and whose acclaim reaches far beyond. Unlike some of them, it does not operate the year around, but is open from the middle of May until the middle of October.

This achievement in rustic design, large rooms with beams and columns made from yellow birch logs still clothed in their shining bark, comfortably furnished rooms, meals of unexcelled quality, the happy songsters flying through and singing in the enveloping foliage that so perfectly blends, the gorgeous sunrise awakening the natural sanctuary, or the stillness of the evening and folding leaves . . . what a creation . . . The Inn Spectacular.

"The study of entomology is one of the most fascinating of pursuits. It takes its votaries into the pleasure house of nature and explains some of the wonderful links which form the great chain of creation. It lays open before us another world of which we have been hitherto unconscious, and shows us that the tiniest insect, so small perhaps that the unaided eye can scarcely see it, has its own work to do in the world, and does it."—Rev. J. G. Wood.

LODGE LORE

KILLINGTON SECTION DIRECTORS MEETING

21 November 1991

by Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting opened at 5:10 pm at Linda Pellerin's home. Those present were Sue and Rob Carey, Ed Reilly, Herb Ogden, Linda Pellerin, Phil Johnson, Tim Welch, Ray Catozzi, Sue Thomas, Brian Fitzgerald (for the GMC Killington Committee), Bernie Donahue and Wally Rogers.

Sue reported for Trails and Shelters: Tim Welch agreed to be co-chair and they are looking for someone to be in charge of the various side trails we maintain. She discussed a replacement for the Clarendon shelter. A group in Wallingford wished to help with labor and \$700. It was agreed that we should go ahead with site selection, anticipating replacement in 2 or 3 years.

Herb reported that the Main Club is having a fund drive for their headquarters project. He reported that Wes Weston had left some old photos for review and the group agreed, in the absence of organized section archives, that the photos would be sent to the Main Club archives if they wished to have some of them. He has copies of Main Club minutes available if members wish to see them. He is currently secretary for the Main Club.

Rob Carey reported that the Canty Trail lower access may soon be changed due to property sales. A work party recently improved the trail.

With information provided by Herb and Brian, the entire group discussed Killington-Pico trail options. Motions were made and passed as follows:

The Killington section does not wish to commit to maintain both the present LT route and an additional new LT route.

The Killington Section supports investigation of the proposed western route for relocation of the AT-LT and preservation of access to the present route as part of a composite agreement that would protect the trail from the north boundary of Coolidge State Forest (south of Little Killington) to Willard Gap.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

POTLUCK SUPPER

21 November 1991

by Linda Pellerin

As usual we had a veritable feast from everyone's contributions. The night's selections ranged from Jerry Parker's venison stew to Ed Reilly's acorn bread.

Our thanks to Jean Davies for her informative and enjoyable slide show and talk on useful and edible wild plants. We all learned what to look for in the woods and Jean brought sample of various kinds of ferns, trees and other edibles.

CLIMBING DIAMOND HEAD

by Roma Pulling

On our recent trip to Hawaii, Alfred and I stood on the beach at Waikiki, posing for a picture with Diamond Head in the background like many tourists; but I wanted more. I wanted to climb it. So one afternoon we caught a city bus going in that direction and got off at the entrance to the state park.

"Head" in my Random House dictionary is defined, among other things, as "a projecting point of a coast, esp. when high". In this case, 761 feet high. The name of the head came about by accident when British sailors found calcite crystals there and mistook them for diamonds. Even when the truth was revealed, the name stuck. The inside of the head is an ancient crater used from 1904 through World War II for coastal defense but now owned by the state.

At the bus stop we were still some distance from the trail head and proceeded to walk up a paved road and through a tunnel into the crater, where the .7 mile trail starts near a military installation. It begins on an easy incline to a lookout and from there climbs three flights of concrete stairs, one comprising exactly 99 steps. Next, one walks through a long, unlighted tunnel. In spite of a warning at the trailhead that "flashlights are required", most came without and felt their way through.

Hikers who still weren't discouraged faced another challenge: a long staircase spiralling up a vertical shaft. Those who survived this hurdle emerged onto the summit and to a fine vantage point with views of the shoreline to the

east and of Waikiki to the west. It was well worth the effort, and we were amazed to find a steady stream of people each way. I would recommend this hike for all healthy visitors to the islands.

RAINY RICHARDSON LAKE

by Carol Chapman (Our previous editor, now a member of the Burlington Section.)

Memories of a perfect July weekend at Upper Richardson (one of Maine's Rangely Lakes) prompted us to plan this summer outing. Fourteen of us set out early Friday morning, August 9, hoping that the prediction of a rainy weekend would prove incorrect.

After a dry and scenic trip over, we paddled out to Big Beaver Island in waves large enough to splash over the gunwales. We found there was a shelter over the picnic tables. Tents were up before the rain arrived. Steady rain came down that afternoon, evening, and all night long, finding its way into some tents. The winds blew, and we awoke to more of the same.

Saturday, after breakfast, four of our party left in heavy seas, escorted the mile across to the mainland by Peter Alden and Clem Holden. A noon potluck feast kept us in good spirits, and tarps tied around the sides of the shelter kept the wind from blowing everything away. Reading, walks, watching loons, naps, and encounters with a friendly mallard occupied us for the day. By late afternoon, the consensus was that it would be wisest to pull up stakes and leave after an early supper.

The ten of us headed in various directions, several to Olga's camp in the Northeast Kingdom, some home, others to visit elsewhere in Maine. Sunday's weather was vastly improved with sun enough to dry out wet cloths and gear.

It doesn't sound like the kind of weekend one would want to remember. But two weeks later we had a reunion at the Holdens' camp on Coates Island with another delicious potluck, this time in warm sunshine.

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters and reports of your own unusual excursions

PICO CAMP LOGBOOK

By Sue Thomas

One of the joys of adopting a Long Trail shelter is the opportunity to read the log books. Here's a sampling of entries made by hikers at Pico Camp this winter and spring:

12/30/90 - My buddy and I purchased snow shoes for the big trip to the Green Mountains. We should have brought water skis. As I write this it is 50 degrees and raining like hell. Some winter wonderland.

5/8/91 - Started at Route 103 yesterday, stayed at Governor Clement shelter last night when my boyfriend proposed to me. I accepted of course, and this is the best hike I've ever been on!

5/25/91 - Thank you, Thank you, THANK YOU to the trail maintainers!!! You make this happen. To those who aren't, clear a blowdown on your way out, clean a water bar with your boot heel. And remember, no matter where you go, there you are.

5/25/91 - My first weekend back on the trail after the thru hike in '89. When I awoke in a shelter on Glastenbury Mtn. this morning, D.J., Snakebite Tom, Bungalow Bill, Laurie the Traveling Wilbury and Uncle Ed were all there standing over me saying things like "He took a nasty bump on the head when he tripped on that root back there" and " You remember me dontcha Shepard?" Laurie smiled her lovely smile and put a cold rag on my forehead saying "We thought he was going to leave us there, for awhile". I tried to sit up and told them that I HAD left them - I finished my hike, climbed Katahdin in October of '89. I told them that I went on planting trees for awhile and then moved to a place called Rochester - Some of it wasn't very nice, but most of it was beautiful. Laurie said "there, there now" and everybody nodded knowingly and smiled. Just then the Traveler came walking up, stuck his head in and said "I was just passing by - on my 10th consecutive thru hike ... , wanted to see if he was alright." Nobody seemed to understand, I'd gone to another world - of type A personalities, concrete, technocomplexity, anthropocontricity, human arrogance, hatred, war, McDonalds, and the whole time I kept saying "I want to go home". Who says there is no such thing as trail magic?

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	200.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

* The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. If you first joined the Killington Section during last year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. From your 1992 dues (due on 31 Dec. 1991), you may deduct 50_ for each month in 1991 during which you were @FONT MX9B; not yet a member.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735



TO:

Robert and Thelma Perkins 92
4812 Lebanon Road
Charlotte NC 28227



Smoke & Blazes

VOL. 45, NO. 1

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

APRIL, 1992

ELFIN LAKE SKATING PARTY

19 January 1992

by Sue Carey

It was a very cold day with a high of 8 degrees so we didn't have to worry about falling through the ice. Eight people came on the outing: my family plus Jerry Parker and Sue Thomas. Walt and Sally Deinzer came later with their two dogs.

The ice had been cleared off in spots, but with shovels Sue and Jerry were able to make a maze of skating paths through the snow. In places the ice was crystal clear. You could look down and imagine shapes in the ice: sleeping cats, stars and jelly fish. In the cold temperature the ice was constantly freezing. Throughout the afternoon you could hear the low rumbling of pressure cracks breaking the ice.

Rob had started a fire so we were able to warm our toes and toast marshmallows and drink hot beverages.

OLD BRANDON ROAD

25 January, 1992

by Roma Pulling

On a frigid winter day when the afternoon "high" was 12 degrees, twelve daring people ventured out to hike an old road in Brandon. The name of the road, which wasn't publicized as it is on private property, is, fittingly, the Old Brandon Road. Access is from Carver Street on the northern end and from the

athletic field at Otter Valley School from the south. We parked at the school and after a brief conference decided it would be easier and just as quick to walk the entire distance, which we estimated to be about a mile, up and back rather than spotting cars.

We didn't have to ponder whether to ski, snowshoe or hike as the decision had been made for us. A few days before, there had been rain followed by freezing temperatures, rendering the trail either bare or a sheet of ice. Some of us took to the woods frequently to avoid the more treacherous spots.

Our route led into the area of the oldest settlement in Brandon, then known as Neshobe. To this part of town came Amos Cutler, a blacksmith, in 1772, closely followed the next year by John Ambler and wife with their daughter and her husband, David June. The Amblers and Junes are buried in a cemetery on Hawk Hill on this road, and we visited it. Jean Davies told us of the connection by marriage between the Junes and the Cox family, early settlers of Pittsford, commemorated in the naming of a mountain in that town and by Camp Betsey Cox.

We inspected one cellar hole, and there must be others. Jerry Parker will lead another hike in this area April 26, at which time we may be able to explore further under better conditions.

Jean and her husband, Charlie Davies, invited us to stop at their house in Pittsford on the way home for coffee, and we all

accepted enthusiastically. With a fire in the wood stove, coffee, tea and hot chocolate, sandwiches we brought with us and cookies supplied by the hostess and another cook, as we browsed through books from their library, it was the perfect ending to a grand outing. Thanks, Jean and Charlie.

TEXAS FALLS - HANCOCK

22 February 1992

By Phil Johnson

Nine people turned out for our hike/ski north from Texas Falls off Rt 125 between Hancock and Middlebury Gap. We started at the falls but found so much ice on and around the falls that only the braver (read less wise) of us walked down to see the falls. The ice formations in the ravine were beautiful. From the falls we took the Texas Brook Trail following the brook right up to Texas Gap, a trip of about 3 miles one way. During the winter this is used as a snowmobile trail and sure enough, we did meet a few snowmobilers. Two of these came whipping around a blind corner in front of us causing quite a scare, but no injuries.

At the top of the gap we stopped for lunch and one of our group promptly built a nice little fire and pulled out his hot dogs for lunch. It was rather pleasant to be able to enjoy the fire at the mid-point of the hike.

After lunch we started the trip back down to the cars. Two people had chosen to ski the day and spent all morning struggling up the valley, but on the way back they got their fair reward. The whole trail is a relatively even grade which seemed perfectly suited for skiing down. The biggest hazard seemed to be the two dogs hiking with us who kept jumping in front of the skiers and trying to bite the skis.

Back at the picnic area by the falls we started a fire, heated water for coffee and cocoa and roasted marshmallows. The perfect way to finish a winter hike.

STONE HUT - NORTH SHREWSBURY

29 February 1992

by Roma Pulling

Our Leap Year hike didn't have much going for it at the beginning. It was a bitterly cold and windy day with snowy roads in Shrewsbury, but four intrepid people met us at the park at the appointed time and we were off. It was nice to have Christine Cahee back with us, and George Reynolds drove up from Springfield to join us along with two of our regulars.

A short distance from our goal, our small car wasn't negotiating the snowy roads well; so Jerry Parker came to our rescue. He found us an alternative parking space and ferried us to the trail head in his 4 X 4.

There was snow on the ground in Shrewsbury! We didn't take an exact measurement, but when Sue Thomas stepped off the snowmobile track she sank in up to her knee. The scenery on the CCC road (North Shrewsbury to West Bridgewater) was fantastic.

On our way to our destination we paused briefly at two landmarks. The first was Meetinghouse Rock, where starting in 1818 church services were held until an appropriate building could be erected. The second was the site of the former picnic pavilion in Calvin Coolidge State Forest. This structure also used to be a popular destination for hikers but unfortunately burned a few years ago. Only the tall stone chimney still stands.

A short distance beyond the pavilion site our trail veered to the left and we were soon at the attractive stone building which I have heard referred to

as the "stone hut". I was recently told that it was built as a cottage for the caretaker of this part of the state forest. Now, with windows broken out and the inside trashed, it is a favorite hang-out for snowmobilers, 14 of whom were there when we arrived. At least they had a fire going in the fireplace, and it was a short job to heat water for coffee, cocoa and instant soup.

After eating lunch we hiked back to Jerry's truck for a return to our cars and an early trip home.

Annual Meeting

11 April 1992

By Phil Johnson & Herb Ogden, Jr

After a great deal of excellent food and too many desserts Rob Carey brought the meeting to order. Wally Rogers provided us with a treasurers report, a copy of which is included in the newsletter. With our current dues schedule we will be drawing upon cash in our checkbook to cover the section expenses. This sparked a lively debate on what the dues schedule should be. It was finally resolved that a committee would be formed to evaluate the due schedule and bring the topic back up at the fall potluck meeting.

Herb Ogden reported on meetings of the GMC Directors and the Executive Advisory Council, and the successful move to the new headquarters in Waterbury Center. After last year's budget woes forced cancellation of the Long Trail Patrol, the Directors are happy that there will be two Long Trail Patrols this year, plus a roving duo. The ski development plans for Pico Peak continue to cause concern; watch for release of the National Park Service's Environmental Impact Study, which may say which route the Park Service prefers north of Pico.

Sue Carey covered the Trails

and Shelters explaining that she had recruited Tim Welch to help coordinate the maintenance of the trails. They have split our section so that Sue will be covering from Rt 140 to Upper Cold River Road and Tim will cover from there to Rt 4. They both expressed interest in finding someone interested in covering the side trails.

Publicity Committee Chair Bernie Donahue mentioned the publication of the hike schedule in the newspapers. The Rutland Herald has been very helpful in getting our schedule into the calendar section.

Outings Committee Co-Chair Linda Pellerin spoke about hike scheduling. Over the last year we have had no difficulty filling the three month schedule.

Herb Ogden, editor of Smoke and Blazes, noted that, in response to his pleas for help, Phil Johnson has done a fine job taking over most of the work. He also said he has given up reminding hike leaders to turn in articles, and that he welcomes non-standard articles and letters to the editor.

Rob then gave his last president's report as he is finishing up his last year after serving as president for the last six years or so. Outgoing Board members; Rob Carey, Churchill Scott and Ray Catozzi were thanked for their service to the club and three new board members were elected: Sue Carey, Sue Thomas and Phil Johnson.

The Board of Directors then had a short meeting to elect officers. Elected for the next year were: President - Phil Johnson, Vice President - Linda Pellerin, Secretary/Treasurer - Wally Rogers. In addition, Herb Ogden resigned as a Main Club director (in his role as main club secretary he maintains a seat on the main club board and Executive Advisory Council) and the Board elected a new Main Club director to represent us: Wally Rogers will serve for Herb's remaining one year.

KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB 1991

1/1/91 Balance

inventory	???
savings	1404.76
checking	772.10
KS life member CD	600.00

 2776.86

INCOME

interest on savings	71.28
interest on CD	61.19
inventory sales	5.40
member dues	
57 adult	22 senior
14 spouse	10 junior
owed to Trail and Shelter	1098.00
	62.92

 1298.82

EXPENSES

Smoke and Blazes	479.28
meeting rooms	85.00
dues return	6.00
main club assessment	690.00
treasurer expenses	61.24
owed from Trail and Shelter	160.64

 1482.16

12/31/91 BALANCE

inventory	?????
savings	1476.04
checking	490.77
life member CD	661.19

 2628.00

1991 G.L.KIRK TRAILS AND SHELTERS FUND

1/1/91 SAVINGS 8.09

1991 INCOME

gifts	205.00
passbook interest	40.40
CD interest	878.76
CD principal	350.50
owed to KS-GMC	160.64

1635.30

1991 EXPENSES

L T Protection Fund	1008.00
trail and shelter insur.	138.38
trail/shelter materials	261.09
due from KS-GMC	62.95

1470.42

12/31/91 SAVINGS 172.97

CD #	matures	interest earned	face value	yield	term
6306	1/12/92	200.70	4000	5.35	3 mon
6305	1/21/92	351.19	4000	7.84	2 yr
3704	8/19/92	285.25	3500	8.02	2 yr
4868	3/8/91	41.62			
		878.76			

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street, at the time shown. Please bring **lunch** unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the listed trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Non-members are welcome!**

Saturday 9 May, 9 a.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208

Bristol Notch. This is a repeat of Jerry's hike behind the Bristol Cliffs, to the site of an old WWII airplane crash. Easy 4 mile hike.

Saturday 16 May, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

Work Party - Rt 140 to Upper Cold River Rd. This will combine moderate hikes of 2-4 miles with the opportunity to remove winter blowdowns, clear waterbars and trim the trail. For those interested in trail maintenance, the Section has clippers, saws, axes, weed cutters, paint and paintbrushes. Come along and enjoy a fun day!

Sunday 31 May, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

Mt. Ascutney. Up the Weathersfield trail, and down the Brownsville trail. 6.1 mile hike up through several sometimes steep sections past the Flume, the 80 foot Crystal Cascade, Gus's Lookout, the hang gliding platform and the Norcross Quarry. Moderate difficulty level

Saturday 6 June, 8 a.m. (Meeting begins at 9:30.) Contact for rides: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

Annual GMC Meeting. The annual meeting will be held in Quechee this year. See the Long Trail News for details.

Sunday 7 June, 9 a.m. Leader: Tim Welch 483-2085

Work Party - Rt 4 to Upper Cold River Rd. This hike or hikes will focus on any trail maintenance required for the northern half of the section. For those interested in trail maintenance, the Section has clippers, saws, axes, weed cutters, paint and paintbrushes.

Saturday 20 June, 9 a.m. Leaders: Phil Johnson 287-9607 & Linda Pellerin 775-7779

Middlebury Gap to Skylight Pond. Starting from Rt 125 over Burnt Hill, Kirby Peak, Mt. Boyce and Battell Mountain to Skyline Shelter and then down Skylight Pond Trail. 7 miles moderate.

Thursday 25 June, 7 p.m. Co-chairs: Herb Ogden (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368; Linda Pellerin 773-7779

Outings Committee Scheduling Meeting at Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months, or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested. Refreshments!

Saturday 27 June, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830
Trail Maintenance. Miscellaneous trail work on Long Trail or side trails as required.

Saturday 11 July, 8 a.m. Leader: Roma Pulling 773-6997
Clark Brook Trail - Granville. A 7 mile moderate to difficult hike from Granville west to the peak of Mount Roosevelt.

Saturday 18 July, 9 a.m. Leader: Trish Handly 775-4806
Mystery Hike. Moderate difficulty and length.

Saturday 25 July, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185
Oak Ridge - East Middlebury. Hike on Moosalamoo up to Rattlesnake Cliffs. 6.6 miles, difficult.

Sunday 2 August, 9:30 a.m. Leader: W.C. Scott 775-1494
Inman Pond - Fair Haven. Possibly including a side trip to Rattlesnake Ledge depending on time, weather and terrain. Moderate 4 mile hike.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

Phil Johnson, President	RR 2, Box 1690, Poultney VT 05764
287-9607	
Linda Pellerin, Vice-President	79 East St., Rutland VT 05701
773-7779	
Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treas.	RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT
05735 468-3210	

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden	Editor
Phil Johnson	Assistant
	Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Irene Hawley	Production
Lorraine Hawley	and
Virginia Scott	Distribution
W. Churchill Scott	

Please send material to the Editor at
 Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
 92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701

!!! SEND COPY BY 26 JUNE 1992 PLEASE !!!

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your write-up directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot.

Wish List for New Headquarters

If you can donate any of the following (tax-deductible) or know someone who might, please contact **The Green Mountain Club**, RR1 Box 650, Waterbury Center, Vermont 05677 (802) 244-7037

- 10-15 8' folding tables
- 100-150 folding chairs
- Fax machine
- Copying machine
- Office chairs
- Merlin/AT&T Multi-line telephones
- 3 computers (IBM compatible 386SX 33MHz)
- HP Laserjet III printer w/ dual tray
- Desk lights
- Small storage cabinet (for office supplies)
- Informational display boards
- Message board (erasable surface)
- Drafting style table
- Dehumidifier (for storage area in barn)
- Lumber (for various projects)
- Paint (for exterior of barn and office building)
- Riding lawn tractor
- Push lawn mower
- Vacuum cleaner
- Bulbs, shrubs, seedlings, etc. for landscaping
- Refrigerator
- Flip chart easel (for presentations)
- Grounds tools: rakes, shovels, etc.
- 50 mail slot pigeonhole unit

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	200.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund to support the ongoing maintenance and preservation.

* The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. If you first joined the Killington Section during last year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. From your 1993 dues (due on 31 Dec. 1992), you may deduct \$.50 for each month in 1992 during which you were **not yet** a member.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735

TO:



The Green Mountain Club, Inc.

Since 1910

May 29, 1992

Dear Fellow GMC Member:

We need your help on a critical trail protection issue! On May 4, the National Park Service (NPS) released its *Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)* for the Killington/Pico section of the Long/Appalachian Trail across the Coolidge Range. **We need you to become an active participant in the EIS public-comment process and to speak out for the Trail!**

The Park Service has identified a preferred alternative that contains provisions that may be opposed by members of both the conservation and local business communities, but does satisfactorily protect the LT/AT. NPS **must** receive strong, clearly-stated support for the preferred alternative from AT/LT users during the public comment period, which ends July 15. **Your participation is crucial** to the effort to protect the Trail across the Coolidge Range. Please review the enclosed map and position statement and support Long/Appalachian Trail protection by:

- Attending one of the public hearings and **speaking out in support of the preferred alternative**. Even if you prefer to submit written comments, attend a hearing to show your support for the Trail.

June 10 in Rutland, 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn (Route 7 south of town)

June 11 in Bennington, 7:00 p.m. at the Bennington Free Library (Corner of East Main and Silver Streets)

- If you cannot attend or don't speak at a public hearing, please send your written comments **by July 15, 1992** to:

John F. Byrne, Project Manager
Appalachian National Scenic Trail
National Park Service
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

Please send a copy to:

Dennis L. Shaffer
Green Mountain Club
RR 1, Box 650, Route 100
Waterbury Center, VT 05677

The draft EIS evaluates eight separate protection alternatives for the 8-mile section of the Trail between the Mendon/Shrewsbury town line (south of Little Killington) and Maine Junction (north of Sherburne Pass). The alternatives range from no additional protection to prohibiting any development near the present Trail. Several alternatives combine trail relocations (to avoid existing or proposed ski development) with varying levels of ski development across or near the Trail.

Two alternatives would prohibit any ski development across the Trail or within a 1,000-foot protective corridor that the Park Service would purchase. One of these is Alternative 3, which would protect the existing LT/AT from any development. While this is the most desirable option from a hiker's standpoint, it would prevent Pico Ski Resort from developing any of their property on the northeast side of Pico Peak. Pico's management feels that they must develop this area in order to survive, and they will surely challenge any attempt by the Park Service or the trail community to limit their options in this area. Other alternatives that keep the Trail in its current

location north of Pico Peak limit ski development and are unacceptable to Pico, or allow excessive development along the Trail and are unacceptable to the GMC.

The second alternative that prohibits ski area development near the Trail is Alternative 5, the Park Service's preferred alternative. Under this alternative, the Park Service would protect the Trail in a high-elevation, remote location south of Pico Peak. The northern portion (from Pico Peak to Maine Junction) would be relocated to the west side of Pico ski area and cross Route 4 about one mile west of Sherburne Pass. NPS would purchase a 1,000-foot corridor around the Trail that would exclude any ski development. Pico Camp would eventually be relocated to a site on the new route. NPS would also seek a permanent easement to maintain the existing LT/AT as an access trail from Sherburne Pass, through proposed ski development, to Pico Peak.

The Green Mountain Club supports Alternative 5. In the best of all possible worlds, we would prefer complete protection of the existing Trail, which provides the best hiking experience of any of the alternatives. However, we believe that for most of its length, the preferred alternative offers a remote, scenic, high-quality hiking environment, and does not interfere with most ski development plans. Support for the preferred alternative demonstrates to NPS, our members, and the ski industry that we are eager to work for solutions that preserve the hiking experience while recognizing the concerns of local communities.

Our support for Alternative 5 represents a significant compromise on our part, but one that we believe is in the best long-term interest of the Trail, provided that the Park Service achieves the protection described for this alternative in the draft EIS. A fully protected, 1,000-foot corridor for the entire LT/AT between the Mendon/Shrewsbury town line and Maine Junction **and** an easement that would keep the current LT/AT available as an access trail from Sherburne Pass to Pico Peak **must** be part of the final protection package. Other conditions outlined on the enclosed position statement are also critical for this alternative to be acceptable to the GMC.

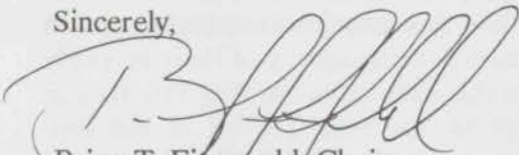
We cannot overemphasize the necessity of **your** support. The Park Service **must** receive a strong message that the protection called for in Alternative 5 must not be weakened, but rather should be **strengthened** by adding the points discussed in the position statement.

GMC and Appalachian Trail Conference volunteers and staff have spent countless hours working on Trail protection issues in the Killington/Pico region since the early 1980s. *The Long Trail News* has carried several articles since 1989 detailing the various government actions, discussions with the ski areas, agreements, lawsuits and hearings. More time, money and energy has been devoted to this matter than any other single trail protection issue. This compromise offers our best chance of protecting the Trail where it crosses the Coolidge Range.

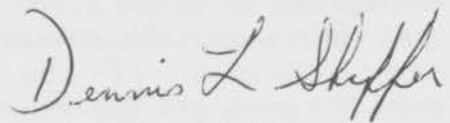
In order to more fully involve you and others in our discussion of trail protection at Killington/Pico, we will make a presentation during the GMC Annual Meeting on June 6. We expect to begin at about 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Friendship Inn at Quechee Gorge in Quechee, Vermont. We hope you can attend.

Thank you for **actively** participating in this very important Trail protection effort.

Sincerely,



Brian T. Fitzgerald, Chair
Killington/Pico Committee



Dennis L. Shaffer
Executive Director

Green Mountain Club Position Statement on Killington/Pico Draft EIS

The Green Mountain Club and Appalachian Trail Conference plan to support the National Park Service preferred alternative (Alternative 5) in both oral and written testimony during the public comment period. However, our support depends on several important conditions, which will be reflected in our testimony:

- **No new ski development should be permitted near or across the Trail south of Pico Peak.** The section of proposed Trail from Pico to south of Little Killington offers some of the finest, roadless, high-elevation hiking in Vermont. New ski development in this area, such as that reserved by Killington in the 1989 easement agreement with NPS for the 1.2 mile Killington-Little Killington section, would have extremely negative impacts on the hiking experience. NPS purchase of Killington's outstanding rights is extremely important, and Killington has already stated its opposition to the NPS position. Consequently, support for the NPS position (under all EIS alternatives except "no action") -- to expand the corridor to 1,000 feet in width and purchase rights reserved in 1989 by Killington for ski development between Killington Peak and Little Killington -- is a critical requirement to GMC.
- **The existing, historical route up Pico must be protected.** Access to Pico Peak from Sherburne Pass on the current Trail must continue through grant of a permanent easement to NPS. If the western route is chosen, such an easement will ensure that one of the oldest sections of the Long Trail System will continue to be open to hikers. The existing Trail will provide a direct route to Pico Peak and the ridgeline south of Pico, as well as new loop-hiking opportunities in this popular and frequently-visited area.
- **Permanent protection for a Trail route across the Rutland City Forest must be obtained.** The National Park Service does not have the authority to purchase municipal land if the municipality does not wish to sell. Therefore, some commitment from the city to sell adequate land for the Trail must be received before the western route is officially sanctioned. GMC and ATC have been working closely with city officials on the possibility of such a purchase.
- **Funds to pay for construction of the new route must be found.** After many days of fieldwork exploring options for the western route, we have concluded that approximately 7.6 miles of new Trail

would have to be constructed if the preferred alternative is selected. The Trail will cross difficult terrain in some areas, and the cost of construction will be very high. A source of funds must be identified to assure that the new Trail is properly constructed.

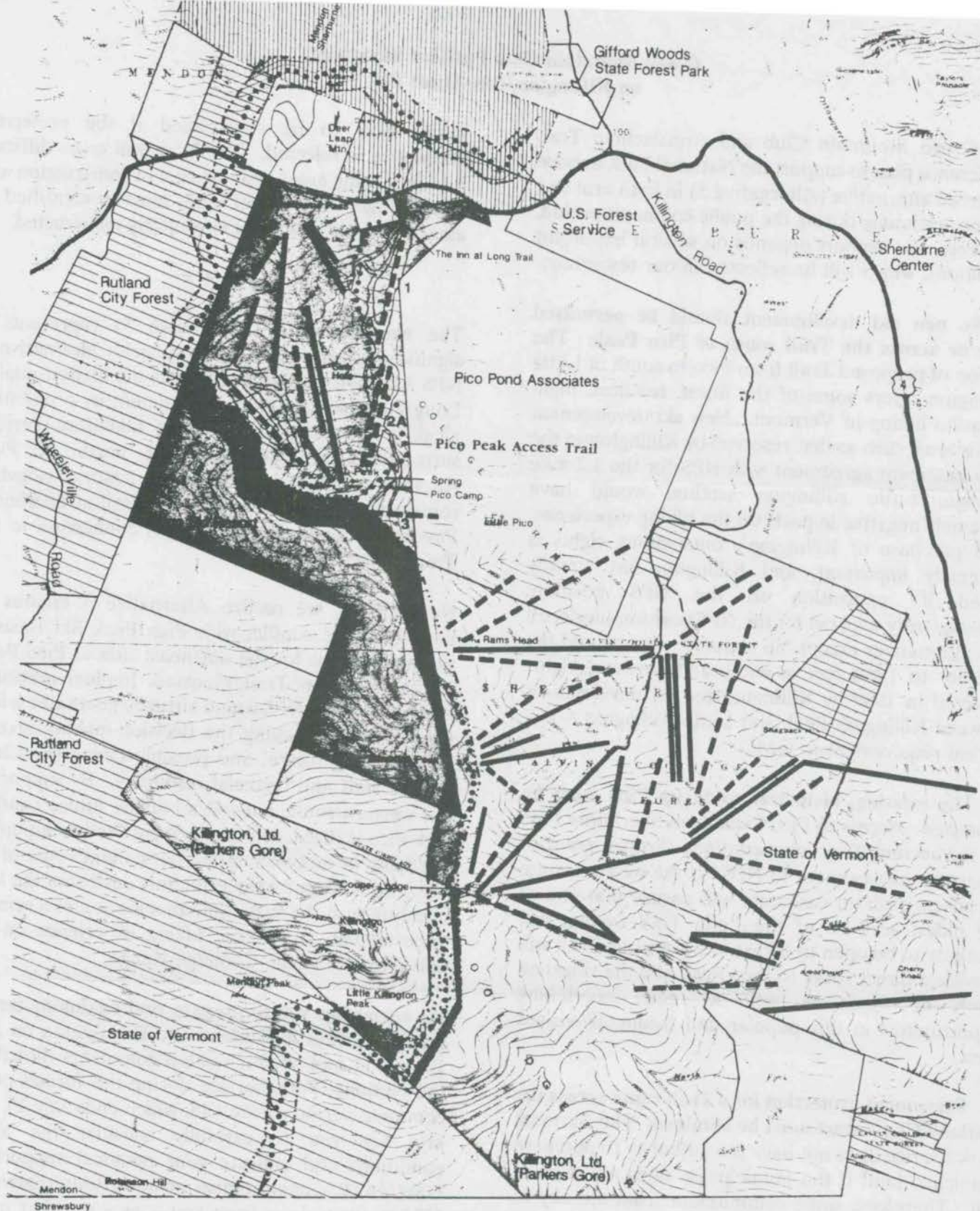
• • • •

The western route (Alternative 5) represents a significant compromise. The superior alternative is NPS Alternative 3, which protects the highest-quality Long/Appalachian Trail environment by prohibiting all ski area development within a 1,000-foot corridor surrounding the existing Trail north of Pico. Alternative 3 would preserve the historic, ridgeline route and the long history of the Trail at Sherburne Pass and provide the most direct connection to the Trail north of U.S. 4.

Nevertheless, we realize Alternative 3 creates an unreconcilable conflict with Pico Peak Ski Resort's expansion plans for the northeast side of Pico Peak, where the current Trail is located. Implementation of Alternative 3 by NPS would virtually guarantee a long legal battle, stretching the decision-making process well into the future, and possibly taxing the Club's limited staff and financial resources. By supporting the western route, we will minimize future conflicts with Pico ski area, demonstrate the Trail community's flexibility in establishing the permanent route of the Trail, and recognize the economic desires of the local community at the same time that we secure a remote, undeveloped, and scenic hiking experience on the northern end of the Coolidge Range.

We encourage you to prepare oral testimony for the public hearings in Rutland and Bennington on June 10 and 11 **and** submit written comments directly to the National Park Service during the formal public comment period on the EIS, which ends July 15. We also ask you to carefully consider the above conditions and indicate your personal support for GMC/ATC's compromise position (Alternative 5). NPS needs to hear from you -- as a member of the community of hikers who use the Long/Appalachian Trail -- and how you feel about the protection alternatives that are outlined in the EIS.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Dennis Shaffer at the GMC office at (802) 244-7037.



- | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--|--|
| | Existing Lifts | | Present NPS Easement |
| | Proposed Lifts and Runs | | U.S. Forest Service Land |
| | Pico Ski Area | | Other Private Lands |
| | Killington Ski Area | | Public Lands (Rutland City Watershed and State of Vermont Unleased Land) |
| | Trail and Trail Corridor | | |



1000 0 1000 FEET

ALTERNATIVE 5 PREFERRED

Western Relocation (No crossings)

Appalachian Trail - Pico/Killington Section
U.S. Department of the Interior / National Park Service
632-40007 April 92



VOL. 45, NO. 2

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

AUGUST, 1992

OLD BRANDON ROAD

26 April 1992

by Jerry Parker, Leader

The day started with rain with no letup in sight. The hike was scheduled at 1 p.m. I left home in the pouring rain thinking no one would show up. As I got into Rutland the sky toward Brandon was blue and no rain was in sight. There were six hikers waiting.

We parked in the Otter Valley High School parking lot and walked across the baseball field until we came to the trail. Some wildflowers were in bloom: spring beauties, yellow violets, and bloodroots.

The two youngsters who were along really appreciated the early rain, as they didn't miss a single puddle to step into; they were wearing "rubber boots."

We visited the cemetery on Hawk Hill as we did on a previous hike led by Roma. She wrote a nice report on its history in the April Smoke & Blazes. It was a coincidence we both scheduled "mystery" hikes in the same area.

When we started down, Rosie, the youngest, had to be carried by no one but Mommy. So we had to take several rest stops and finally the other three hikers proceeded on their own. It turned out to be a beautiful day, and Rosie's comment was "Mommy, this was a real nice hike."

LILY POND, CASTLETON

2 May 1992

by Sue Thomas, Leader

I'm sitting at home listening to the thunder crack and the rain pour down and thinking how fortunate we were to finish our hike a mere half hour before the storm hit!

We were also fortunate to have among our 14 hikers several experts on various subjects, which added a great deal to the day. Frank and Libby Thorne showed us ferns and club mosses, Jerry Parker identified raccoon and turkey tracks and found an area where the turkeys had scraped under the fallen pine needles for food, and Jean Davies told us Indian and colonial uses for many of the plants we found, even treating us to a taste of day lily shoots. With the aid of binoculars and a field guide we identified a Northern harrier (a large hawk), flushed a grouse, and had to tread lightly to avoid stepping on red eft.

Because of our unusually cold spring, wildflowers were scarce, so that those we found were enthusiastically appreciated -- coltsfoot, several kinds of tiny violets, and one trillium bud. The first hepatica was spotted when we had to detour around an area where beavers had flooded the trail, so I guess we can thank them for it.

The first hikers to reach the pond flushed six ducks, but apparently they didn't like the looks of our group and hadn't



returned before we finished our lunch. A heron was spotted flying overhead and peepers sang (yelled) for us.

We took a vote and decided to make a short side trip past a beautiful little waterfall to a place where beavers have recently done some landscaping, transforming a footbridge into a dam and building their lodge in the newly flooded area. On the way, we found a pile of feathers where a grouse provided a meal for some hungry critter.

We finished the hike at the Bomoseen float bridge, where most of the hikers settled under a tree to wait for the rest of the cars to be ferried over from Glen Lake. All in all it was a very productive hike, considering everything that we saw and learned in a distance of only 2 1/2 miles. Thanks to everyone for making it so much fun.

BRISTOL NOTCH

9 May 1992

by Jerry Parker, Leader

I couldn't believe it: another hike of mine and another rainy morning with rain forecast all day!

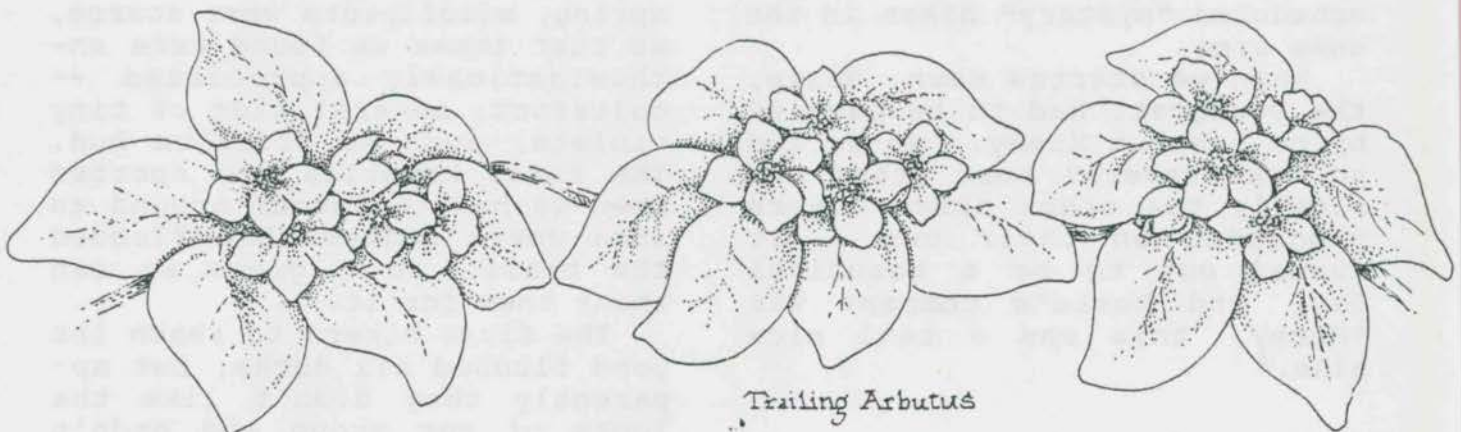
We had a misprint in the schedule: "Easy 4 mile hike." I anticipated a fairly large crowd, all expecting an easy hike. I guess the weather helped in this respect.

Six hikers were waiting, of which two were prepared for that easy hike. Entering Middlebury, we were greeted by clear and sunny skies and enjoyed this lovely weather all day.

I decided first to go to Gilmore Pond, where we stopped for lunch. Nina and Margaret then went back to the cars; they were able to have their easy hike. Sue offered to walk them down but they assured us they could make it OK. This section of the trail is well-traveled. Linda was puzzled by the picture window in the outhouse. I explained the reason but she wasn't impressed.

Five of us proceeded. We saw several beaver dams. I did not have the problem finding the plane wreckage that I did last year when we went in June and the area was overgrown and I missed it within fifty feet of the site. We walked around inspecting the plane parts. Phil was busy taking pictures. On the way down we stopped at the lookout. We could see Lake Champlain and as far as New York.

As we were nearing the road, I spotted some trailing arbutus that were almost gone by. We continued down to where we parked. Nina and Margaret left us a note assuring us they made it back and, yes, I'm proud of you both.



Trailing Arbutus

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street, at the time shown. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. Non-members are welcome!

Saturday 8 August, 8:30 a.m. Leader: Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
MAURI WINTTURI SHELTER TO NOTOWN, Stockbridge. See the new relocation of four miles of the AT through the backwoods of Barnard, Bridgewater and Stockbridge. Moderate to difficult 8 mile hike.

Saturday 15 August, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350.
MOUNT ASCUTNEY. Up the Weathersfield trail, and down the Brownsville trail. 6.1 mile hike up through several sometimes steep sections past the Flume, the 80 foot Crystal Cascade, Gus's Lookout, the hang gliding platform and the Norcross Quarry. Somewhat difficult.

Saturday 22 August - Saturday 29 August. See Long Trail News for details or call Rob or Sue Carey 446-2830 **before** the event.
INTERSECTIONAL Campout for the whole Green Mountain Club, Camp Ondawa, Sunderland, Vermont. Events include Herb Ogden, Jr.'s slide show on bicycling in Germany at 7 p.m. on Saturday 29 August.

Saturday 5 September, 9 a.m.. Leader: Ruth Gibbud 468-2287 or Jerry Parker 775-6208
OTTER CREEK CANOE CRUISE. Call the leader if you need a canoe.

Saturday 12 September, 6 p.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208.
BALD MOUNTAIN MOONLIGHT. Hike from near Tamarack Notch in Mendon to Bald Mountain. Bring supper to eat on Bald Mountain. We'll view Rutland City lights from the Rutland Overlook and descend by moonlight. 3 mi. easy.

Saturday 19 September, 9 a.m. Leaders: Phil Johnson 287-9607 & Linda Pellerin 773-7779
MIDDLEBURY GAP TO SKYLIGHT POND. Starting from Rt 125 over Burnt Hill, Kirby Peak, Mt. Boyce and Battell Mountain to Skyline Shelter and then down Skylight Pond Trail. 7 miles moderate.

Saturday 26 September, 1 p.m. (after lunch) Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982
THIRD ANNUAL TACONIC MOUNTAINS RAMBLE. Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east and west, a Japanese garden, and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. Easy (a little shorter than last year). Rain date: Sunday 27 September. Call the leader if in doubt or if you want directions direct to the starting point.

Thursday 1 October, 7 p.m. Co-chair: Herb Ogden (H) 775-1350.
OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING at Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months, or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested. Refreshments!

Sunday 4 October, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350.
DORSET PEAK from the north (near Danby Four Corners). Foliage season views from the top should be good. Return may be via the east trail depending on interest. 7 mi. difficult.

Sunday 11 October, 12:30 p.m. (after lunch) Leaders: Sue and Rob Carey 446-2830
DEER KNOLL, Manchester. Nice views. 2 1/2 mile moderate hike.

Saturday 17 October, 8:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185.
COOLEY GLEN, LINCOLN. JOINT HIKE WITH BURLINGTON SECTION. Long Trail from Lincoln Gap over Vermont's scenic Northern Presidential Range to Cooley Glen Shelter, then down Cooley Glen Trail. 8.1 mi. moderate.

Saturday 24 October, 10 a.m. Leaders: Sue and Rob Carey 446-2830
NICAWATIC CAVE, Pittsford. Bring your flashlight for a bit of spelunking. 2 miles, moderate.

Sunday 1 November, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350.
BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN WORK PARTY to put the Cauty Trail in Mendon to bed for the winter. Clear waterbars and remove any blowdowns, or just come along for a 4.8 mi. round trip of moderate difficulty. Views!

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

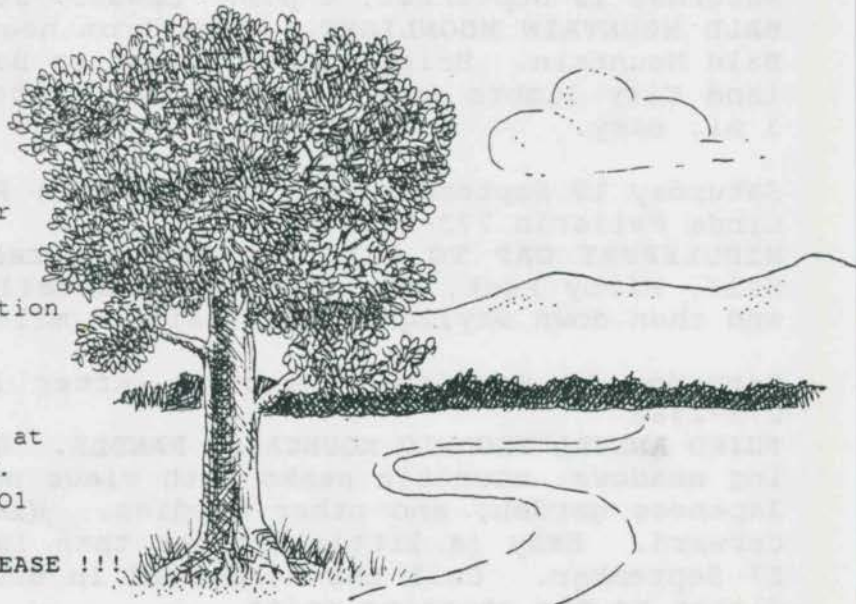
Phil Johnson, President	RR 2, Box 1690, Poultney VT 05764	287-9607
Linda Pellerin, Vice-President	79 East St., Rutland VT 05701	773-7779
Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treas.	RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735	468-3210

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden	Editor
Phil Johnson	Assistant Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	

Please send material to the Editor at
 Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
 92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701

!!!! SEND COPY BY 2 OCTOBER 1992 PLEASE !!!!



Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your write-up directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot.

SOUTHERN HALF WORK PARTIES

16 and 17 May, 13 and 27 June
by Sue Carey, Leader

Route 140 to Upper Cold River Road, 16 and 17 May: Maintenance on the Trail in rainy weather is uncomfortable. When Saturday dawned as a dreary day with rain likely, I decided to postpone the work party. Anyone who called was told that we would meet on Sunday. Just in case anybody came to the park wanting to work, I brought tools. Five people decided to risk getting wet and came to the park willing to work. The next day five more people arrived, so we got all of the southern part of the Killington Section brushed and cleared.

Clarendon Gorge Suspension Bridge, 13 June: Various people from the Killington Section have been warning the main club about the poor condition of Clarendon Gorge Bridge for years and finally they started to listen. Robert Freis (now former but at that time current GMC Field Supervisor) was able to obtain a grant from the National Park Service for repairs to the bridge. Fred Gilbert volunteered to supervise a work party, and all that was left was to find people to work.

Even though the Clarendon Gorge Bridge is not part of the Killington Section's duties, it was left to the Section to find volunteers. The date was arranged after Smoke & Blazes was mailed with the outing schedule, but with an informational letter sent to the membership and Bernie Donahue's good publicity, enough volunteers arrived to complete the task. The workers replaced some rotten support beams, installed a higher cable for a hand railing, fenced the open space under the railing, and greased the cables.

The bridge is much safer.

Within the next several years more work will be needed.

Clarendon Shelter area Long Trail relocation, 27 June: Three years ago, when the Long Trail in Clarendon was relocated to the land bought by the National Park Service, a section just north of Clarendon Shelter was missed. On 27 June we relocated the remaining 200 yards or so of trail into protected trail corridor land. The new section runs straight across the abandoned town road, crosses the brook, passes a small cascade, and heads sharply east to join the old route above Clarendon Shelter. The shelter, not on protected land, is now on a blue-blazed side trail. Everything was finished, including blue and white blazes. [Signs to Clarendon Shelter were still needed; one AT through hiker told me he missed the shelter altogether. --Ed.] We left and walked down the old road to our vehicles just before it started to rain and hail.

VARIOUS HIKING ADVENTURES

by Roma Pulling

From the time I read about the new Bear Hollow Shelter in the November issue of Long Trail News, I knew I had to go there. It was May 5 this year before all systems were "GO" and we were headed north toward Morristown.

Bear Hollow is an open-front shelter constructed in 1991 by the Sterling Section about a mile south of the old French Camp, which was still standing in May and sheltering hikers as it has since 1931. We camped there on July 6, 1984, on our way south to Smugglers's Notch.

Because of spring road conditions, we couldn't drive all the way to the gate on the road branching south from Route 15. Walking was easy and the

wildflowers, including colts's foot, spring beauties and dog tooth violets, were beautiful along the way. The crossing of French Hill Brook was as difficult as I remembered it, and we spent several minutes finding a safe crossing in that season of high water.

The new shelter was worth the effort to get there. It is well constructed on a shelf above a stream with a railing across the front. The round trip was about six miles.

Our other outings were all short ones in National Parks on our recent trip through the Midwest, starting with the Empire Bluff Trail at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, in Michigan. It led us through the forest to a lookout 400 feet over Lake Michigan. It afforded a lovely view of the dunes further north on the shore. Before leaving we drove to another vantage point and climbed a dune.

Our next opportunity to stretch out legs came on our visit to Isle Royale National Park. This park is part of Michigan but closer to Minnesota, and we drove there to catch a boat to the island. No cars are allowed on the island; one either walks or doesn't get around. Seven of the sixteen people on our boat were backpackers who planned to stay several days. We got off the boat, after a 2 1/2 hour ride, at the ranger station on the southern end of the island, called Windigo. After a very quick lunch, we had two hours before catching the boat back to Grand Portage, and we made the most of it. After completing a loop trail, we headed for the campground on the lake shore and learned from another hiker that a moose was plainly not to be missed! We succeeded in sneaking up for a good view and were mostly ignored by the big fellow.

Three days later we were on a trail in Pipestone National Monument in southwestern Minnesota. This area is administered by the Park Service to protect quarries used by Indians for hundreds of years. The stone quarried there was carved into peace pipes. Today Indians are the only people allowed to quarry the stone, and we watched them working on it. The trail led us past several places where quarries have been worked in the past.

In Blue Mound State Park in south-central Wisconsin we hiked the Mound Trail to see the herd of about 30 buffalo. Then we continued on to inspect the mound, which is actually a long ridge constructed of blocks of stone by people in the past. No one knows why or by whom.

In the hilly area of northeastern Iowa near Marquette we took a guided hike in Effigy Mounds National Monument. There both conical and effigy mounds constructed by Hopewell Indians are protected. The ranger led us past a number of them and explained that the rounded mounds were used as burial sites while no one knows the purpose of those shaped like animals. We saw one shaped like a bear. Another highlight of this hike was a lookout with a gorgeous view of the Mississippi River Islands, a wildlife refuge.

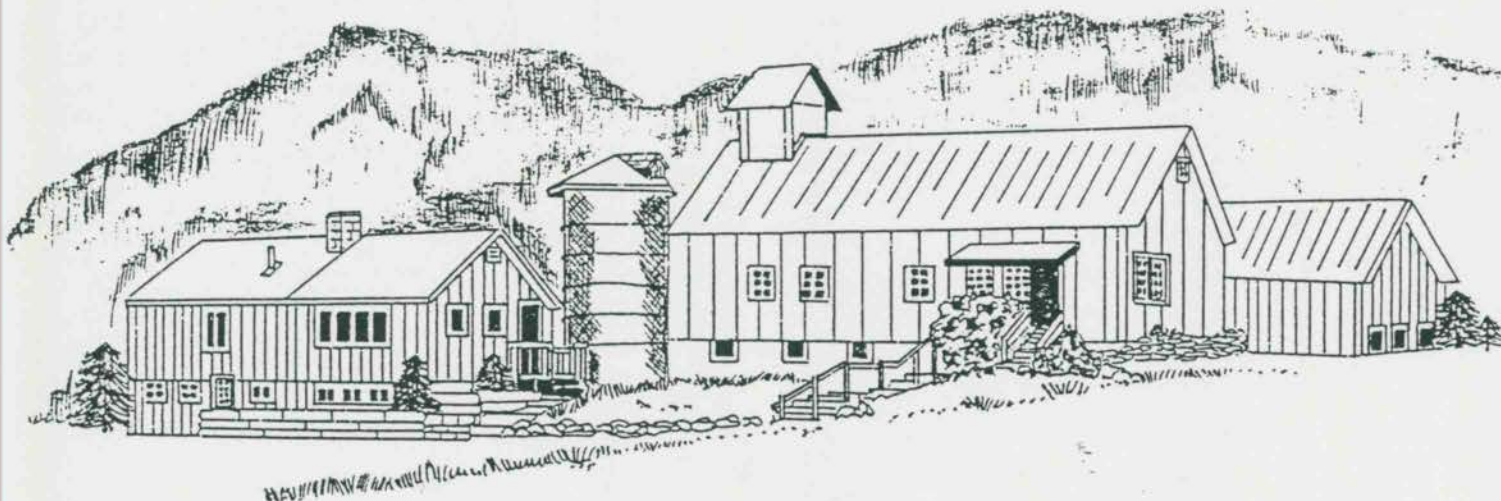
Our last hike was at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore on Indiana's Lake Michigan shore. We enjoyed a short hike on a woodsy trail near the Visitor's Center. While being appreciative that 13,000 acres of woods and shoreline have been preserved, I never lost a feeling of claustrophobia. It is squeezed between a nuclear power plant on the east and the overcrowded maze that is Chicago on the west.

Two days later we were winging our way home to the familiar hills of Vermont.

Wish List for New Headquarters

If you can donate any of the following (tax-deductible) or know someone who might, please contact The Green Mountain Club, RR1 Box 650, Waterbury Center, Vermont 05677 (802) 244-7037

- 10-15 8' folding tables
- 100-150 folding chairs
- Fax machine
- Copying machine
- Office chairs
- Merlin/AT&T Multi-line telephones
- 3 computers (IBM compatible 386SX 33MHz)
- HP Laserjet III printer w/ dual tray
- Desk lights
- Small storage cabinet (for office supplies)
- Informational display boards
- Message board (erasable surface)
- Drafting style table
- Dehumidifier (for storage area in barn)
- Lumber (for various projects)
- Paint (for exterior of barn and office building)
- Riding lawn tractor
 - Push lawn mower
 - Vacuum cleaner
 - Bulbs, shrubs, seedlings, etc. for landscaping
 - Refrigerator
 - Flip chart easel (for presentations)
 - Grounds tools: rakes, shovels, etc.
 - 50 mail slot pigeonhole unit



The New Green Mountain Club Headquarters, Waterbury Center, Vt.

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*		NAME: _____
Adult	\$14.00	
Adult Spouse	11.00	ADDRESS: _____
Junior (under 18)	2.50	
Family Junior	1.00	_____
Senior (over 65)	7.00	
Life	200.00	TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____
Institutional	25.00	

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

* The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. If you first joined the Killington Section during last year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. From the dues that are due on 31 December, you may deduct \$.50 for each month in this year during which you were not yet a member.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:
Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735

Printed on recycled paper.

**CLARK BROOK TRAIL**

11 July 1992

by Roma Pulling, Leader

At an early (8:00) hour on Saturday morning five other people arrived at the park and headed north toward Granville with Alfred and me in three cars. Like so many days this summer, it was cloudy and cool.

Clark Brook Trail started out easy but required increased effort as we neared the LT. Even some of the younger hikers took more frequent rest stops. Several crossings of Clark Brook were spanned by bridges. One of these caused comment as the hand rail was in the middle.

We arrived at the junction of the Clark Brook Trail and the LT near lunchtime so paused to eat. Two people returned to their car at that time, but five of us continued north on the Long Trail to the summit of Mt. Roosevelt, .4 mile further on. The summit was enveloped in fog, but we stood where there would have been an excellent view to the east on a clear day.

We passed beds of violet wood sorrel, and I stopped to admire a cascade and a flower that was new to me - a shinleaf.

One hiker suffered a painfully sprained ankle on the return hike but has survived to lead another hike.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL, BRIDGEWATER

8 August 1992

by Roma Pulling, Leader

For the first time, we planned a hike and no one came. It wasn't the weather because it was nearly ideal for hiking. Unfortunately, it was equally ideal for many other activities.

While the hike was still in its planning stage, we discovered that the road to No Town, where we planned to have a family member meet us and whisk us back to our trail head in Bridgewater to pick up our car, was blocked by a "Bridge Closed" sign. So we had to activate Plan B, which was to hike as far on the Appalachian Trail from North Bridgewater as possible and return the same way.

On the way along Route 4 I watched the Ottauquechee River for signs of wildlife and discovered a herd of six deer on the opposite bank. A thrilling sight!!

After having driven as far as possible on the access road, we parked and walked up an abandoned road to the Appalachian Trail crossing and headed south. In about a half hour we passed the side trail leading to Wintturi Shelter but continued on over a knob. By lunch time we reached what is known as The Lookout but when I lived in that area was a wooden tower called Lucy's Lookout. Now it is a frame camp, locked, but with a ladder leading to an observation platform on the roof. The view is outstanding and encompasses

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Dues will be voted on at Fall Potluck. See Outing Schedule.

nearly 360 degrees.

A lot of the trail there followed old roads and we could zip along, but we soon encountered another knob, steeper than the first. Further on we crossed a bridle trail and then came to a brook. A glance at our watches told us we should turn back.

Some of this trail had been relocated since my last outing there so was much new to me. We saw some late-blooming violet wood sorrel, a pink flower I have yet to identify, and ghostly Indian pipes. We met one through hiker and one out for a shorter period.

BALD MOUNTAIN - MOONLIGHT HIKE

12-13 September 1992

by Jerry Parker, Leader

What a night! What a moon!
What a hike!!

You couldn't have asked for a better night. It was clear and cool with a full moon. We started at 6:20 p.m. on the Bald Mountain trail toward Red Rock Vista. There were eleven hikers and after a short distance I realized it was going to be a slow hike. The trail was not well maintained and hard to follow in daylight, and when it started getting dark it was almost impossible.

Some of the hikers expected an easier hike, but we had several steep places to climb. We had to take several rest stops along the way.

We made it to the Red Rock Vista after 8:00 p.m. where we ate supper overlooking the City of Rutland all lit up, an impressive sight. We could hear the noise from the fair but the trees obscured our view. While we ate we decided on a easier decent which was longer. We started down after 9:00 p.m. and really had to look for the trail. I went ahead to search for the trail on one occasion

and found a partly chewed deer antler which mice eat to get their calcium.

We came to the airport lookout next. The runways were all lit up and flashing. It was beautiful. After this our troubles began. It was 10:00 when we came to a sign stating "Trail Closed Logging"! There wasn't much we could do but continue on. There was no trail to follow, so we headed down the logging road. After a slow trip we came to a logging header which I recognized from a previous hike. By then our flashlights were getting dim. Phil let me use a spare one he had in his pack. We were on the logging road that went between Cold River and where we parked.

It was now 11:00 p.m.. Some of the group weren't sure whether I knew where we were, but Joann recognized the area from a spring hike with Churchill and assured all that we were not lost. When we got into clearings the moon gave us light we sorely needed.

We continued finally getting to the fire road that circles Bald Mountain. It was almost midnight. As we came to our cars I expected someone waiting for us (like the rescue squad). One comment was "This sure was a real adventure." I think it will be talked about for some time.

What started out to be a easy three mile hike as scheduled was almost five miles and six hours.

NEW ROOF ON COOPER LODGE

3 October 1992

by Sue Carey

Ruth and Sandy Lamb, caretakers of Cooper Lodge, were the instigators of this work party. Ruth is a descendant of C.P. Cooper for whom the lodge is named. Ruth's uncle, C.P. Cooper's son, donated money for the new roof.

The new roof was definitely needed. Water was leaking into the lodge and was damaging one section of the structure. The work party was arranged after the schedule was mailed, but through word of mouth, the US mail and the Rutland Herald, enough people were notified for a crew of eleven to be formed.

We drove two trucks up the steep and winding Killington service road. The new roofing was carried approximately 75 yards to the lodge and the old roofing was carried back to the trucks. These ten feet by three feet pieces of metal were not only heavy but awkward.

The weather was very dreary. The entire day was spent in a cloud. Occasional wind gusts made working treacherous. One sheet of metal was blown off the roof and hit John Ruppe in the head.

The roof removal and replacement took the entire day with the majority of the crew not leaving the mountain until 6:00. Originally we had hoped to also reconstruct the outhouse at Pico Camp, but roof work took the entire time. If you are interested in outhouse construction, contact Tim Welch.

It was a hard job but the roof should last for decades. Ruth and Sandy would like to thank all the Killington Section "laborers" who helped complete this project.

We would like to thank Ruth and Sandy for their super effort as caretakers of Cooper Lodge!

DORSET PEAK

4 October 1992

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

This hike began with my version of the old riddle about the river, the boat that can hold only three people and a dog (or whatever), the seven people, three dogs, and one cat that

must get across, and the question how many trips are necessary. When I absentmindedly let a hiker meet us at the Danby trailhead instead of at the North Dorset trailhead, I added a round trip between these two places. At least the trips up and down the Great Valley of Vermont were unusually pretty, just before the peak of foliage season, and we did finally get started up the mountain.

The Danby trailhead is almost exactly due south of Danby Four Corners, beginning at the 1410' elevation shown on the USGS Dorset 7.5 min. quadrangle. The top is about 3760' and that yields some 2350' of climb, plus a little more in the saddles between the various peaks.

We headed about due south from the Danby trailhead and soon crossed a small brook on a well-maintained woodroad that appeared to be on Smoky House Project land. Before we left the fields, we had a beautiful view north over the fall colors and the mountains on this wonderfully clear, crisp day. The woodroad climbed steadily and sometimes quite steeply to the gap between the 3515' west peak of Dorset Mountain and the higher east peaks, right on the Danby-Dorset town line. This is where the trail from Dorset Hollow comes in. It is the only Dorset Mountain trail described in the club's Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont. From the gap, we again had nice views to the north and northwest.

From the gap, the woodroad, which I had billed as "relatively level," actually climbs pretty steeply in places before the trail leaves it and heads south to the site of the fire tower. There was a little good-natured grumbling about the way lawyers use language from those who hadn't grasped the full significance of "relatively level."

We lunched at the fire tower site, enjoying the views to the west and north till the cold west wind drove us off this 3730' knob and on to the actual Dorset Peak, elevation 3770'. The true peak boasts a nicely carved sign, the lower five feet or so of a cabin nicely made of logs squared off at the ends, and an Appalachian Mountain Club "New England Hundred Highest" register. There is a limited view back to the fire tower site from just southwest of the true peak.

Driven by my recollection of a view from the northernmost peak (3690'), our group of eight went thither. After the summit ridge trail hit the old woodroad, the trail became pretty indistinct, but we did find the final peak and the remains of another log cabin there. The view, however, turned out to be in the same category as the gold that the old Spaniard is supposed to have hidden at Wallingford's White Rocks.

We retraced our route to about 700' southwest of the true peak, then turned south at a junction marked by signs. There was a "North Dorset" sign pointing back the way we had come. We concluded it had fallen off the tree and been nailed back up pointing in the wrong direction.

At first, our trail down was a little-used snowmobile trail that moonlighted as a brook in places, descending at a moderate grade. Almost all of it shows on the USGS map; just the very top is missing. At the 3350' elevation, this trail joins a woodroad that the USGS map shows as coming from near the fire tower site. After a very pretty and nearly level quarter mile, the woodroad suddenly pitches down very steeply and loses about 800' in only half a mile. This was slow going, but pretty.

At the saddle between Dorset

Peak and Netop Mountain, we paused to consume the goodies that we had passed up at the windswept fire tower site. They were most generously shared by our excellent bakers while we admired the view of Dorset Mountain and The Mettawee to the west.

From here, the woodroad had been used very recently for logging. The skid tracks went south up toward Netop; we took them downhill and, after two switchbacks, reached the old Dorset-Danby County Road described in the Day Hiker's Guide. I was glad to see the County Road, for I had never hiked down to it from Dorset Peak before and was not absolutely sure the woodroad I had spotted earlier this summer was the same one the USGS map showed coming down from Dorset Peak.

We crossed the County Road and headed down what the USGS map calls a "jeep trail," soon crossing an old power line evidenced by a huge downed pole. Pretty soon, a blue-blazed road came in from the north. This hits the County Road a little farther north than we did, and is an alternate route to the Natural Bridge. We followed the trail, now an old public road, downhill and across Gulf Brook to the poorly-marked junction with the Natural Bridge Trail. After about 400' the road became passable. We walked past an old dam and a few houses, and soon we were in North Dorset at our cars.

This is a strenuous but very pretty way to go up and down Dorset, and nicer than the route from Dorset Hollow, which is extremely steep before it hits the Dorset Mountain gap. I've described it at some length because it is not in the Day Hiker's Guide. With this description and the USGS map, an experienced hiker should have little trouble following it.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street, at the time shown. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Non-members are welcome!

Sunday 8 November, 9:30 a.m. Leader: W.C. Scott 775-2185
EAST MOUNTAIN, Moderate 4 mile hike. Beautiful views of Rutland.

Saturday 14 November, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185.
FORT TICONDEROGA & CROWN POINT, an easy, short historical walk around this revolutionary work site and Crown Point's ruined forts. Ferry charge.

Saturday 21 November, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Phil Johnson 287-9607
POTLUCK AND SPECIAL MEETING Location this year will be the Econo Lodge - Mountainside (previously the Pico Manor) on Route 4 east in Mendon. Please bring your own utensils and placesetting as well as your favorite dish of course. Herb Ogden will be presenting his slide show titled Cycling in Germany.
 Special meeting will include acting on Board of Directors' recommendation on dues structure and/or increase.

Sunday 6 December, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
ABBEY POND, Ripton/Bristol. This will be a 3.8 mile moderate hike to a highland pond near East Middlebury.

Saturday 12 December, 9:00 a.m. Leader: John Ruppe 228-8694
PLYMOUTH BACKROADS SURPRISE, in the area of Five Corners. 5 miles moderate.

Thursday 7 January, 7 p.m. Co-chair: Herb Ogden 775-1350.
OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING at Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months, or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested. Refreshments!

Saturday 9 January, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350
PINE HILL PARK TO PROCTOR, 5 miles moderate, past Rocky Pond, Muddy Pond and along the ridge.

Saturday 16 January, 10:00 a.m. Leaders: Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
CASTLETON RAIL ROAD BED, south of Castleton State College. 4 +/- mile easy hike past fields, farms and ponds.

Saturday 23 January, 9:30 a.m. Leaders: Phil Johnson 287-9607; Linda Pellerin 773-7779
SNAKE MOUNTAIN, near Addison. A 4 mile moderate hike with views of the Champlain Valley and the Adirondacks to the west from the summit ledge.

Sunday 31 January, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Bernie Donahue 773-7462
GREAT ROARING BROOK, Shrewsbury - Plymouth. An easy 3 mile hike along the old road to Plymouth Union.

Sunday 7 February, 1:00 p.m. Leader: W.C. Scott 775-1494
GLEN DAM, Rutland. A 2 mile easy traditional favorite.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

Phil Johnson, President	RR 2, Box 1690, Poultney VT 05764	287-9607
Linda Pellerin, Vice-President	79 East St., Rutland VT 05701	773-7779
Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treas.	RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735	468-3210

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden	Editor
Phil Johnson	Assistant Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Irene Hawley	Production
Lorraine Hawley	and
Virginia Scott	Distribution
W. Churchill Scott	

Please send material to the Editor at
 Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
 92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701

!!! SEND COPY BY 7 JANUARY 1993 PLEASE !!!

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your write-up directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot.



DEER KNOLL HIKE

11 October 1992

by Rob Carey, Leader

Let's go some place different. How about Deer Knoll on Mt. Equinox? Sure, we can scout it out at the Intersectional before leading it in October. Thus began the adventure.

At the Intersectional, we discovered that Deer Knoll had been dropped from the newer Day Hikers Guide (note that this is not the most current one). After spending some time looking for the Burr and Burton Trail we finally got started. After the Trail started getting steep, it was time to bushwhack. Just as we neared "turn-around-time" the advance members of the group spotted a promising opening and we arrived at the destination and enjoyed the view. The return trip suggested several roads that would reduce the bushwhacking.

The day of the Section's Hike was at the height of the foliage season, a fact we were reminded of as we drove into Manchester. Traffic was backed up about a mile either side of Malfunction Junction. Starting the hiking from Burr and Burton, and following the Burr and Burton Trail got us off to a good start. Branching off we followed several roads, until none seemed to be heading the right direction. It was time to start bushwhacking. The plan was to hit another old road and follow it awhile. Unfortunately, we never ran into any of the other roads. As our "turn-around-time" approached, we decided to retreat and enjoy the hike back. The foliage, although a little past peak, was still beautiful.

We did see some promising roads leading toward Equinox Pond, where the old guidebook describes the Deer Knoll Trail beginning. Perhaps we'll try again next year. The view is worth it!

RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION - ENVIRONMENT REPRESENTATIVE.

Wally Rogers is the area-wide representative for the environment on the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. The Commission is developing a regional plan at this time and also reacts to town plans and other regional activities. The Long Trail, AT, Catamount Trail, open space, water quality, bike trails and land use are all important issues that may be affected by the Commission. He wishes to develop a list of Rutland County residents interested in these topics: people who want to learn more about the issues and be able to take part in town or regional meetings and promote the importance of these environmental issues.

Please send a note with your name, address, telephone number and particular interests to:

Wally Rogers
RR 2, Box 5370
Castleton, VT 05735

KILLINGTON AND PICO UPDATE

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

During the National Park Service's comment period on its draft Environmental Impact Statement, about 50 GMC members wrote to the NPS and sent the GMC office a copy. All but about 5 took the GMC's position of support for Alternative 5 (west of Pico, rejoining the LT at Willard Gap) with some protection for the current LT. The local Appalachian Trail Conference staffer is negotiating with Pico and the City of Rutland to get this combination. Success appears possible. Meanwhile, the final NPS Environmental Impact Statement will probably come out in January and will probably continue to choose Alternative 5.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	200.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

* The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. If you first joined the Killington Section during last year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. From the dues that are due on 31 December, you may deduct \$.50 for each month in this year during which you were not yet a member.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735

Printed on recycled paper.



Robert and Thelma Perkins 92
4812 Lebanon Road
Charlotte NC 28227



Dear Members of the Killington Section-Green Mountain Club:

The following minutes for our meeting, November 21, 1992 has the approved dues schedule for the section. Please check this notice when you send your dues during January, 1993. If a date appears on your mailing label because of joining late in the year, you may deduct \$0.25 for each month in the year you were not a member--if your label says 8/92, deduct 8 times 0.25 or two dollars.

Twenty-three members of the Killington Section met at the Econo Lodge in Mendon on November 21, 1992 for a pot-luck supper and special meeting which was duly warned. The business meeting was opened by President Phil Johnson at 1845 hours. Sue Carey, "Trails and Shelters", announced an environmental training meeting to be held Jan 23-24. Herb Ogden described the pro and con views of the National Scenic Trail designation for the Long Trail. Discussion followed. The members present voted unanimously to endorse the directors motion "The Killington Section Board of Directors oppose deciding National Scenic Trail status until more complete information is obtained and urge that any proposal acted upon by the Main Club Directors be presented to the Members at the next Annual Meeting for ratification before action is taken." Members are urged to pass on their views.

Wally Rogers presented the dues proposal. Our local household costs are currently \$6 per year. The main club assessment has gone from \$5.50 three years ago to the present \$12/18. We have local funds to temporarily soften the increased dues impact. The following dues categories and fees were unanimously approved.

	1993	1994 and future
individual	16.00	18.00
family(members at at one address)	24.00	24.00
individual under 18 yr	6.00	6.00
individual 65 and over	10.00	12.00
life member-Kil Sect	400.00	400.00

Group consensus was to thank our Econo Lodge Hosts.
Herb Ogden presented a program titled Cycling in Germany.
Meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours.

Wally Rogers, Secy-Treas
RR 2, Box 5370
Castleton, VT 05735

MEMBERSHIP LIST--1992

Aines,Linda D.
RR 1, Box 1201
Sudbury, VT 05733

Allard,Danny and Darrell
Bump Road, Box 260A
Clarendon, VT 05759

Aniello,Joseph
35 Hinckley Avenue
Stamford, CN 06902

Badger,Robert L.
16 Grant Street
Potsdam, NY 13676

Barber,David and Audrey
16 Ballou Road
Hopedale, MA 01747

Pombar,Rick Bove, C/O Bets
45 Pleasant Street
Woodstock, VT 05091

Burrows,William and Mary
41 Beaman Street
Poultney, VT 05764

Cahee,Christine
179 Union Street
Springfield, VT 05156

Carey,Rob,Sue,Mara,Seth
RR 1, Box 340
Wallingford, VT 05773

Catozzi,Raymond
103 Bellevue Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701

Charland,Rachel W.

Cohen,Norman
P. O. Box 517
Rutland, VT 05702

Conlon,Diana and George
9 Sunset Drive
Rutland, VT 05701

Cook,Robert M
RR 1, Box 309
Wallingford, VT 05773

Corey,Linda J. and Lester
RFD Box 4276
Fair Haven, VT 05743

Corrigan,Susan E.
RR 3, Box 7369
Rutland, VT 05701

Coton,James and Deborah
RR 1, Box 173
Cuttingsville, VT 05738

Darrow,Robert P.
RR 2, Box 7562
Rutland, VT 05701

Davidson,Kit
86 Bedford Street
New York, NY 10014

Davies,Jean J.
Box 37
Pittsford, VT 05763

Deinzer,Sally and Walter
RR 1, Box 291
North Clarendon, VT 05759

Dicton, Sr,Joe
RR 1, Box 3999-3
Rutland, VT 05701

Donahue,Bernie
50 Edgerton Road
Rutland, VT 05701

Drumm,Sarah
9 Depot Street, # 4
Ludlow, VT 05149

Dukeshire,Dan
44 1/2 Crescent Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Frink,Mrs. Helen E.
10 Elm Street
Randolph, VT 05060

Garfinkel,Bernard and Maxine
PO Box 135
Wallingford, VT 05773

Gibbud,Ruth
120 Park Street
Proctor, VT 05765

Gorman,Mary K.
Box 62
Belmont, VT 05730

Handly,Eric,Trisha,Briar,J
RR 1, Box 38
North Clarendon, VT 05759

Hartigan, Thomas and Gail
RR 2, Box 1281
West Rutland, VT 05777

Hawley, Irene, Ira, and Lorr
RR 3, Box 7264
Rutland, VT 05701

Hickey, Margaret
33 South Street
Proctor, VT 05765

Hughes, John and Emma
18 Ronaldo Court
Rutland, VT 05701

Johnson, Phil
RR 2, Box 1690
Poultney, VT 05764

Johnson, Willard M.
RR 4, Box 251
Abilene, KS 67410

Knox, Kent Yucel & Tamsin
P O Box 62
Chittenden, VT 05737

LaPenna, Nina
16 Garden Street
Proctor, VT 05765

Lonergan, Timothy P.
50 Watkins Avenue
Rutland, Vt 05701

Lord, Robert and Mary B.
RR 2, Box 2086-1
Brandon, VT 05733

Mangan, Carol
Rte 103, Box 1243
Cuttingsville, VT 05738

Markey, Lori
22 Hillside Road
Rutland, VT 05701

Martin, John and Janet
7 Curtis Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701

Martin, David S.
Box 324
Mount Holly, VT 05758

Meany, Marjorie V.
300 N. Grove Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Nelson, Sue
29 1/2 Gorham Bridge Road
Proctor, VT 05765

Newton, Doris
26 Boutwell Road
Andover, MA 01810

O'Neill, Mary R.
118 South Williams
Whitehall, NY 12887

Oldenburg, Sally V.
RR 3, Box 4635
Rutland, VT 05701

Ouvaroff, Lydia
47 Pleasant Steet
Ludlow, VT 05149

Parker, Gerald
RR 1, Box 586
Cuttingsville, VT 05738

Partridge, Sanborn
62 Ormsbee Avenue
Proctor, VT 05765

Pellerin, Linda L
79 East Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Perkins, Robert and Thelma
4812 Lebanon Road
Charlotte, NC 28227

Perkins, Vera A.
242 S. Main Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Proulx, Dennis
Parmeke Hall, CSU
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Pulling, Roma
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland, VT 05701

Reohr, Janet
8 Church Street
Poultney, VT 05764

Reynolds, George W.
8 Hillcrest Road
Springfield, VT 05156

Robichaud, William T.
P O Box 457
Rutland, VT 05702

Rogers, Wally
RR 1, Box 363
Castleton, VT 05735

Ruppe, John
RR 1, Box 527
Ludlow, VT 05149

Russell, Miss Ellen B.
21a Venturi Green, LCCR
North Providence, RI 02904

Schwartz, Charlotte
P O Box 33
Wallingford, VT 05773

Scott, W. C.
RR 3, Box 4869
Rutland, VT 05701

Shattuck, Ted and Carolyn
36 Patricia Lane
Rutland, VT 05701

Sheldon, Marilyn
RR 1, Box 2145
West Rutland, VT 05777

Sherman, Jake, Deborah, Rebecca
48 Morse Place
Rutland, VT 05701

Sibley, Joan
Keiffer Road
Cuttingsville, VT 05738

Sickley, Ted
RFD, Box 292
Danby, VT 05739

Sugarman, Nancy
199 Mussey Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Swanson, Erny, Tim, Andrew, Hop
RR 2, Box 8531
Rutland, VT 05701

Thibault, Barbara
358 62nd Street
Newport Beach, CA 92663

Thomas, H. Ogden, Jr. & Cat
20 Birchwood
Rutland, VT 05701

Timko, Matthew
P O Box 591
Ludlow, VT 05149

Thomas, Sue
27 Clinton Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701

Trotta, Bob
RT 103, Brookhaven, C1
Ludlow, VT 05149

Thorne, Douglas A.
RR 1, Box 2251
Killington, VT 05751

Vale, Robert and Ann
P.O. Box 1565
Castleton, VT 05735

Ward, Tim
Box 342
Whitehall, NY 12887

Welch, Timothy
RR 1, Box 803
Pittsford, VT 05763

Wells, Craig
32 Sheridan Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

White, Gary A.
RFD 310
Shrewsbury, VT 05738

Wright, David P
P.O. Box 1001
Middleton Springs, VT 05757

Young, Donald R.
145 Main
Ludlow, VT 05149

Young, Donna C.
19 Sunset Drive
Rutland, VT 05701

Young, Nancy Elizabeth
Box 168
Ludlow, VT 05149



Smoke & Blazes

VOL. 45, NO. 4

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

JANUARY 1993

OTTER CREEK CANOE TRIP

5 September 1992

by Ruth Gibbud & Jerry Parker,
Leaders

On a sunny Saturday morning, ten varicolored canoes with 20 adults, four children and one dog put into Otter Creek at the West Salisbury covered bridge and headed north for Middlebury. On the way we got a history lesson when we stopped at the marker commemorating Ann Story. The river was high enough for us to enjoy the many remaining wildflowers and avoid the mud common along much of the rest of the river at this time of year. We took out for lunch at a railroad trestle that provided photographers with some interesting perspectives on the river and the rails as well as the beginning of the color changes along the mountains.

This reporter heard no complaints and enjoyed the trip tremendously.

LONG TRAIL - LINCOLN GAP TO COOLEY GLEN

17 October 1992

by Sue Thomas, Leader

The forecast was awful the day we set out for this hike, but as it was one of three pieces I needed to finish my end-to-end, I was determined to go anyway. It was a joint hike with the Burlington Section which made it lots of fun. Hope we'll be able to do more of that in the future. We started up

from Lincoln Gap (and I mean UP!), a great way to get your heart started! After all the ugly predictions it turned out to be a beautiful day, tho cold, we weren't tempted to linger at the viewpoints. Late fall is such a great time to hike ridgetops, with the leaves down you can see so much more, and the light is especially nice for taking pictures. We had a long ridge to traverse before climbing to the summit of Mt. Grant, and it was very beautiful.

We had a quick lunch at the summit, the wind and cold inspiring us to eat quickly, and descended to Cooley Glen shelter. From there we followed the Cooley Glen Trail along a beautiful river down to our cars. It was a long hike but one I'd like to do again in warmer weather when the views are more appealing.

We missed the Pullings, whose car we spotted in the parking lot. They were off on the Emily Proctor Trail showing off in front of some feeble young folks, and had already left by the time we got back to our cars. If you want more details, ask them- that is if you can keep up with them long enough to hear it!

PLEASE SEND 1993 DUES TO THE SECTION TREASURER NOW!

Please see the article on page 7 and the form on page 8. Thanks!

NICKWAKETT CAVE - PITTSFORD

24 October 1992

by Sue Carey, Leader

The day was very cloudy with scattered showers forecast. This didn't seem to deter many because nineteen people came on this hike including eight children. I advertised this hike in my Brownie schedule so two of the families who came have girls in my troop.

Nickwakett Cave is a mile up an old town road. It is a small cave with three entrances, but there are several long passages to explore. It also has bats, spiders, and several nice formations of flowstone and ribbons.

The following is a story about the trip by Laura Daubenspeck, a second grade student:

Today Im happy becas im going in a cave. Evre bute went in except me I went alittl ways it was dark. at the end it was rainy we fond sheltr. I was rel rel cold and wet the shetr was dry I got in the shetr I got rel dirty my dad got dirty to it was fun.

The following is a story by Mara Carey, also a second grade student:

Today Im happy becus im going to a cave it is dark. When I came in I was clean. When I came out I was dirty. I liked the cave.

CANTY TRAIL WORK PARTY, BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN

1 November 1992

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

On a wonderfully clear day, five stalwarts gathered to put the Canty Trail to bed for the winter. In Mendon, a sixth hastened up the trail to join us.

We began by clearing blow-downs on the fairly level stretch before the first big brook crossing, leaving one evergreen stump cut in a way we think will puzzle future hikers. (Its present position is not

that in which it was cut.) After the first crossing was a skid road, new this year. It has obliterated the old road from there to the biggest brook crossing and made the trail wetter. Fortunately, the loggers spared most of the blazed trees. Unfortunately, they used blue to mark their trees to cut.

We crossed the major brook on a new log bridge, deviating from the trail, which crosses a few feet upstream on rocks. The skid road finally stopped a few yards short of the National Forest purchase boundary. We couldn't do much about it except open a few waterbars.

Once we entered National Forest and were back on the old woodroad, most of our work was drainage. We dug out all the old waterbars and added several new ones. We also cleared spur trails to the top and bottom of the cascade and improved the summit trails a little.

A little snow lingered in shady places above the 3000' level, but we were warmed by the sun as we lunched at the Rutland Lookout. Ray Catozzi told us about the old Hellebore Trail that connected Blue Ridge with Willard Gap until the 1930s, and we speculated about where it deviated from the top of the present trail. I noted that the woodroad that crosses the Canty Trail above the cascade continues across the brook on a ruined log bridge and eventually (after many briars) comes back into the Canty Trail somewhat above where the Canty Trail turns northeast, away from the old Canty place. Maybe the Hellebore Trail branched northeast from that woodroad?

Ray confirmed that long-time member Craigie Perkins, who owned Tall Timbers at the bottom of the Canty Trail, has sold it to his son in North Carolina. He may want the trail moved. Ray will write to him to try to keep access to Blue Ridge, one of our prettiest hikes.

LACHUTE RIVER INTERPRETIVE TRAIL
14 November 1992
by Sue Thomas, Leader

Our annual effort to avoid being shot at during hunting season took us to Ticonderoga this year for a short hike along the LaChute River. Armed with a very detailed pamphlet we passed the sites where a succession of mills once operated, beginning with the first sawmill built by the French in 1755, lumber in the 1800's, graphite (remember those yellow "Ticonderoga" pencils you used in school?), iron, paper and pulp in the 1900's, and today's hydroelectric turbine. The pamphlet also explained the geology of the area, and even though we lost track of where we were some of the time it was very interesting.

We'd planned to roam around Fort Ti after that but the gates were locked up tight, and rather than demand entry "in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress" (or the Green Mountain Club!) we went on to Chimney Point for lunch amid the ruins of the fort there. Much of the barracks is still standing and the kids had a wonderful time running from room to room.

I have some extra copies of the LaChute interpretive pamphlet if anyone would like one. It is a short hike but worth the trip for history buffs.

POTLUCK AND SPECIAL MEETING
21 November 1992
by Phil Johnson, President

At our annual "Hunting Season" potluck last November twenty three members showed up to enjoy a pleasant evening of eating, drinking, eating, talking, eating, listening and a little more eating. The minutes of the meeting were mailed out to all members along with a copy of our current membership list.

Sue Carey gave an update on Trails and Shelters status, Herb Ogden lead a discussion of the possible designation of the Long Trail as a National Scenic Trail. Members approved the Section Directors' request that the GMC gather more information before voting on this. We evaluated and unanimously approved a proposal from the Board of Directors to change the dues structure. This new dues structure simplifies the old structure by eliminating two of the seven categories. It also increases the total amount of dues which will be received to partially offset increases in Main Club assessments. Please note the new dues listed on the back page of the Smoke and Blazes when paying your 1993 dues.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Herb for his slide show tour of bicycling in Germany and our hosts, Ross Almo and Susan Doane of the Econo Lodge for providing the facilities free of charge to our section.

ABBEY POND, RIPTON
6 December 1992
by Roma Pulling, Leader

This lovely little woodland pond used to be a favorite destination for KS members but had been selected for several years. The day Alfred and I chose to make up for this omission was a good day for a winter hike - not too cold and at least partly sunny.

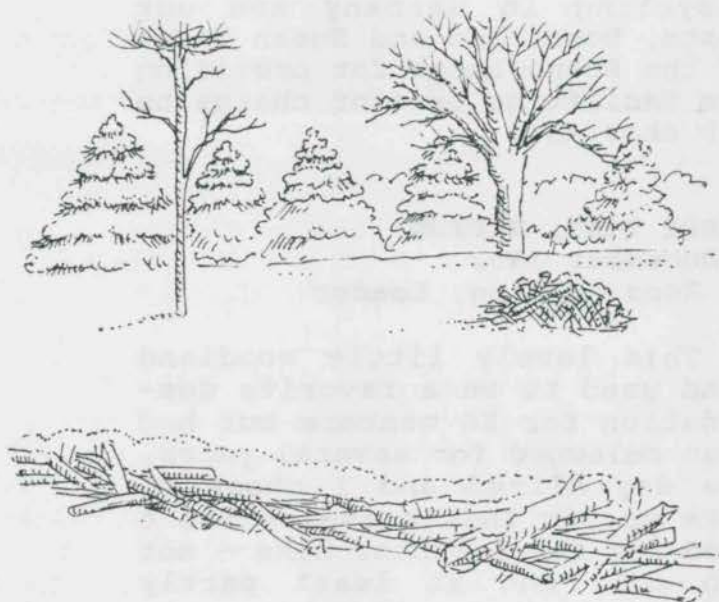
Four people met us at the park, and we were off to our parking area a short distance east of Rt. 116 in East Middlebury. The trail which starts here is easy at first except for a tricky crossing of Muddy Brook, which is the outlet of Abbey Pond. From here the trail rises more steeply, and on this stretch we lost two of our hikers, who returned to their car.

(continued on page 4)

The blazing caused some momentary confusion, but we arrived at the pond at lunchtime only to find a brisk, cold wind which discouraged us from lingering. We found a spot which offered some shelter and ate a quick lunch and left rather hurriedly but not before admiring the beaver lodge and two blue heron nests in the tree tops. We were told that access to the pond is controlled during nesting season.

On our return to our cars, we found our two companions waiting for us, and after agreeing that it had been a pleasant outing, we headed home.

On the trail we met four hunters (muzzle loaders) and four other hikers.



PINE HILL PARK TO PROCTOR

9 January 1993

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

On a mercilessly cold but, luckily, mercifully only slightly breezy forenoon, the Leader was astonished and delighted to find that thirteen other people had decided to brave the icy air and try a new hike. One very small dog also participated in the outing, peering out of a Snugli while

trying to keep his ears from freezing and, doubtless, wondering what the humans were up to.

After spotting cars near the end of Ormsbee Avenue in Proctor, we began our hike at the north end of Evergreen Avenue in the City of Rutland, entering Pine Hill Park. After enjoying the view along the power line from near the old stone crusher, we hiked one of the few still-open parts of the Pine Hill Park Trail System, up to the road to Rocky Pond. As we gained elevation, we encountered a slight dusting of snow.

We paused briefly to enjoy the view over frozen Rocky Pond. Some of the hikers reminisced about the days when this was a city swimming area with a parking lot, refreshment stand, and fireplaces. Then it was on to Muddy Pond, much prettier than its name. Turning westerly at the junction on the south side of Muddy Pond, we soon passed the last view of Rocky Pond and tramped through pleasant woods to another power line, which we followed for some distance. We took the second trail to the north from the power line and followed a woodroad along the west side of Pine Hill. Near what appeared to be an old orchard, we found numerous oblong holes in the ground, probably for percolation tests.

By now our thermometers showed an average temperature in the mid-teens Fahrenheit. The lunch stop was appropriately short. We then began a long downgrade, avoiding the trails to the east that go higher on Pine Hill. We skirted Reynolds Reservoir, passed a Proctor water storage tank, emerged onto Proctor streets, and were soon enjoying the welcome warmth of our cars.

Apparently the wildlife found the cold even less appealing than we did. Nothing seemed to be stirring, though we did see some deer tracks and what appeared to be a raccoon track.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street, at the time shown. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.
Non-members are welcome!

Sunday 14 February, 1:30 pm Leader: Roma Pulling 773-6997
VALENTINES FIREPLACE PARTY. Short hikes in the eastern Rutland Town area and refreshments around a cozy fire.

Sunday 21 February, 9:00 am Leader: Wally Rogers 468-3210
GALICK PRESERVE AND BALD MOUNTAIN AREA. Enjoy hiking or skiing if snow permits on Nature Conservancy land over looking the south end of Lake Champlain. Possible hike to top of Bald Mountain. 5 miles, moderate difficulty.

Saturday 27 February, 10:00 am Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185
HALF MOON POND - BOMOSEEN. A short 2 mile easy hike/ski with the opportunity to skate on the pond.

Saturday 6 March, 6:30 pm Leader: Phil Johnson 287-9607
MOONLIGHT HIKE TO TUCKER JOHNSON SHELTER. Join us for a walk in the moonlight. 2 miles moderate. Please bring flashlights.

Saturday 13 March, 8:30 am Coordinator: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350
SNOWSHOE ON MT. ASCUTNEY. This will be a joint hike with the Ascutney Trails Association to snowshoe up the west side of Mount Ascutney. Difficult 5 miles.

Sunday 21 March, 2:00 pm Contact: Linda Pellerin 773-7779 or Phil Johnson 287-9607
SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY. Our annual Sugar on Snow get together, sure to be a sweet time. This will be held in the basement of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 117 West Street in Rutland. \$3.00 fee.

Saturday 27 March, 10:00 am Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350
SHERBURNE PASS TO PICO CAMP. Following the Long Trail up to the Camp and then possibly to the top of Pico, this will be a 5 mile moderate to difficult hike depending on the snow depth.

Thursday 1 April, 7:00 pm Co-chair: Herb Ogden 775-1350.
OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. At Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months, or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested. Refreshments!

Sunday 4 April, 2:30 pm Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006
SUPPER HIKE TO PROCTOR HIGH LEDGE. Eat supper with the group on Proctor High Ledge. Fine view to the east. An moderate 2-3 mile hike.

Saturday 17 April, 5:30 pm Contact: Phil Johnson 287-9607

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK. The annual meeting this year will be held at the Econo Lodge Mountainside (previously the Pico Manor) on Route 4 east in Mendon. Please bring your own utensils and placesetting. Wally and Delight will have program on a visit of theirs to the Grand Canyon.

Saturday 24 April, 8:30 am Leader: Larry Dodds 438-5473

WALLINGFORD POND TO LITTLE ROCK POND along old town road. Moderate 6 miles.

Saturday 1 May, 9:00 am Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

SPRING TRAIL WALK THROUGH. The first work party of the year will be a walk through between Route 140 and Governor Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury. Moderate hikes of 2-4 miles to include removing of blow-downs, clearing waterbars, and trimming the trail. Tools will be provided by the Section.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

Phil Johnson, President	RR 2, Box 1690, Poultney VT 05764	287-9607
Linda Pellerin, Vice-President	79 East St., Rutland VT 05701	773-7779
Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treas.	RFD 1, Box 363, Castleton VT 05735	468-3210

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden	Editor
Phil Johnson	Assistant Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Irene Hawley	Production
Lorraine Hawley	and
Virginia Scott	Distribution
W. Churchill Scott	

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701

!! SEND COPY BY 1 April 1993 PLEASE !!

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your write-up directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot.

Don't know what to do with old issues? Please leave them for a doctor's office or other place where they will be seen.

G.M.C. DIRECTORS REJECT DRAFTING U.S. SCENIC TRAIL LEGISLATION; APPROVE NEW TRAIL MANAGEMENT PLAN IN DAY-LONG MEETING
by Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.,
Club Secretary

After considerable debate and an amendment to treat logging on the Appalachian Trail the same as on the LT, the Directors adopted an over forty page LT System Management Plan, with more specifics than the former one. This will guide Club staff and volunteers in dealing with what happens on and near the Trail.

A proposal by the Land Protection Committee to draft legislation making the LT a National Scenic Trail, so that federal eminent domain authority could be used to deal with landowners who refused to sell a trail corridor (as on the Appalachian Trail), was defeated 20-9 after intense debate and a dramatic appearance by a landowner who closed the LT.

Talks with Pico and the City to reroute the LT/AT west of Pico Peak and rejoin the present route at Willard Gap continue. North of Pico, the present LT will likely become a side trail.

PLEASE SEND 1993 DUES TO TREASURER WALLY ROGERS NOW!

SMOKE & BLAZES ENDS FOR YOU

IF YOU DON'T RENEW your Killington Section GMC membership. Yes, this is the LAST ISSUE you will receive if you don't send in your 1993 dues soon. For your convenience, there's a membership application at the end of this issue. Your address label tells you if Treasurer Wally Rogers has received your 1993 dues. If you don't see a 93 by your name, please send dues now!

SNAKE MOUNTAIN HIKE

23 January 1993

by Phil Johnson, Leader

The weekend before the hike, Linda and I went to Snake Mountain to scout out the starting point for the hike. While we were driving around the icy backroads, slipping and sliding in my 4 wheel drive truck, we were somewhat suprised to be passed by a person on a mountain bike, effortlessly pedaling up the hill. I'm convinced that this person could have also ridden that bike straight up Deer Leap.

We followed the directions in the Day Hiker's Guide and found what we thought was the starting point for the trail. Unfortunately the land was posted and we were unsuccessful in contacting the landowner. Sue Thomas had mentioned that she had a friend who lived in the area and that if needed, Sue could contact her to see if there was another access to the mountain. We did take Sue up on her offer, and were informed of a trail that starts on the east side of the ridge and works its way up a steeper path.

On Saturday morning we met four others at the park, and started north. We picked up Nina, Margret, and Nina's daughter

Joanne in Middlebury. Near the trailhead we met Gordon and Helen Cawood of the Breadloaf Section.

We found the trailhead with no trouble approximately straight east of the summit. The eleven of us started hiking in light fog and under cloud cover, but were hopeful that the weather forecast for sunny skies would grace our hike. The temperature was just right at around 40 degrees. The ground was snow covered and slippery and wet at times. Throughout the hike we found many animal tracks that Jerry was able to identify: deer, raccoon, squirrel, turkey, partridge, rabbit, and maybe even a bobcat.

We hiked north, we hiked west, we hiked south and we hiked east. We found ridgelines, a beaver pond and even a summit, but we never found Snake Mountain summit, or any trail we could identify as the trail noted in the Day Hiker's Guide. After a couple hours of wandering and the requisite lunch stop with cookies, we decided to give up our quest for the top and head back to the cars. Although the leader received much good natured ribbing about his orienteering skills, everyone had a good time.

For future adventurers I will note here directions to the trailhead that we used on the east. Take Route 23 northwest out of Middlebury and follow it through Weybridge Hill. About 1.5 miles past Weybridge Hill, when Otter Creek appears on your right, take Prunier Road to the left. Go over a one lane bridge over Lemon Fair River and take a right. Follow this road for about a mile and you will see a red house on the right and the trailhead on the left. There's a red steel gate across the trail. I will not attempt to advise how to get to the summit from there!

The Day Hiker's Guide also notes that the trail formerly started on the west side of the ridge across from Willmarth Road. This will be my next try on the mountain.

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*	NAME: _____	
Adult	\$16.00	ADDRESS: _____
Family	24.00	
Individual (under 18)	6.00	
Individual		
Senior (over 65)	10.00	TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____
Life Member		
Killington Sec.	400.00	

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

* The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. If you first joined the Killington Section during last year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. From the dues that are due on 31 December, you may deduct \$.25 for each month in this year during which you were not yet a member. If you joined in mid-year, your address label will note the month that you joined.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:
Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735

Printed on recycled paper.



TO:

Delight Gartlein, Wally Rogers
RR 2, Box 5370
Castleton VT 05735



VOL. 46, NO. 1

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

APRIL 1993

VALENTINE'S FIREPLACE PARTY

14 February 1993

by Roma Pulling, Leader

The weather was better than predicted on Valentine's Day with partial sunshine. With two cars and the six hikers who met us at the park, Alfred and I headed for the end of Bellevue Avenue, where we were joined by the lone skier. There, assisted by Ray Catozzi, who had hiked this route several times before, Alfred started hiking toward our house, cutting across lots, following paths through the woods and then power lines.

While the hikers got under way, I volunteered to ferry our car back to our house, where we would need it for transportation later. That done, I strapped on the snowshoes, took Sitka on her leash, and started back along the route the group would be taking. After being slowed down twice when Sitka and I disagreed on which way to go -- including once when she thought it was her duty to chase a snowmobile -- I met the group coming through what our neighbor calls the Cedar Swamp. It should have been frozen -- we had had several below-zero nights -- but two people got wet feet. We think high water this year was the reason it failed to freeze solid as on previous hikes. I still feel guilty for leading people into a quagmire.

Back at the house, Alfred had the wood ready in the fireplace and in minutes we were sitting cozily in front of a roaring fire with cups of coffee or hot chocolate. To complete the menu there were cookies of several kinds contributed by the hikers, and Valentine candy. It seemed like an ideal way to spend a winter afternoon.

WEST HAVEN SKI TRIP

21 February 1993

by Wally Rogers, Leader

Five of us had a great day for a five mile ski trip in West Haven. It was a glorious sunny day, starting at 8 degrees and warming to 18 by the end of our three hour trip. We crossed snowy fields along the Poultney River and then climbed to the gap at the base of the Bald Mountain cliffs and the home of the talus slope rattlers. All snakes were in their dens, but we saw many rabbit, deer, partridge and turkey tracks and kills in the snow. Skiing back to Lake Champlain, we ate our lunches and then had a flat two miles on the lake back to our cars. Intermediate skiing skills were important and everyone did very well.

SHERBURNE PASS TO PICO CAMP

27 March 1993

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

I had expected only a couple of people to show up for this challenging snowshoe hike, but several times more than that showed up on this bright, warm morning. That was good, because some people could trade positions and benefit from the track the first hikers had trodden down in the three to four feet of snow that still blanketed the north slope of Pico Peak.

The biggest challenge was overcoming the snowbank at the end of the old Long Trail Lodge parking lot. I figured since everyone made it --

even the hiker with five-foot snowshoes with tails -- we would do all right on the rest of the hike. We did, though of course many had the usual need to readjust snowshoe bindings after a little while.

The Sherburne Pass register, located where the Long Trail leaves the old Pico Pond road, was barely above the snow. When I had scouted the route a few days before, the bottom of it was below the snow. Pretty good for late March!

Once we gained the ridge, we sometimes found it hard to follow the trail, because the wind had sculpted the snow in ridges that ran across it. Those of us who were Killington Section members noted to our chagrin that our blazing was too old and too sparse, also. Of course some blazes were probably hidden beneath the snowdrifts.

One sees things in the snowy woods that one doesn't notice at other times of year. We spotted several of the insulator posts for the old telephone line to the former Pico fire tower, though I'd never noticed more than one in other seasons. Also, of course, we spotted skiers -- not only at Pico Junction, but also on the way up there. In several places, the ski trails are closer to the LT than any of us had imagined. Wildlife was scarce, however: few small creatures, and no large ones, had left tracks in the snow.

Coming out on the edge of the ski trail at Pico Junction, we lunched and enjoyed the view and the spring skiing spectacle. By then it was so warm that many skiers came by in shorts, and one borrowed some sun screen from the Leader. Another skied over to us, intrigued by what we had on our feet. "Snowshoe" soon entered that person's vocabulary.

After assessing our strength and the time of day, we decided to press on to Pico Camp. The slabbing path to the camp was the hardest snowshoe, but we dug in our edges and made it to the camp without much side-slipping. The camp was in fine shape; the Lexan windows that Phil Johnson and Linda Pellerin put in last year had survived the winter intact, and trash was at a minimum. We read the old register, enjoyed the sun some more, and marveled at the view of Ascutney and the New Hampshire mountains before heading back down the Long Trail.

PROCTOR HIGH LEDGE

4 April 1993

by Ray Catozzi, Leader

After suffering (?) the great blizzard of '93, we welcomed a nice warm balmy Sunday afternoon for an easy walk up to a high vantage point looking out over the peaceful village of Proctor and the Green Mountains to the east. We did have three to four inches of wet slushy snow to walk in, but the ledge lookout was bare and dry. It was pleasant to sit around and view the scenery while eating a picnic supper, all 15 of us, including 6 young, somewhat boisterous children. These short afternoon walks prove to be popular. We should have more of them.

ANNUAL MEETING

17 April 1993

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

About 22 Killington Section members and a half-dozen guests attended the Section Annual Meeting. The Econo Lodge Mountainside again generously put its fireplaced meeting room at our disposal for the potluck and meeting.

After enjoying the traditional variety of good food, we conducted our yearly business. Treasurer Wally Rogers's report appears elsewhere in this issue; we are in good shape financially.

GMC Director of Field Programs Lars Botzjorns reported that the National Park Service has transferred responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the U.S. Forest Service, and that the USFS Manchester, Vermont, District is now responsible for the AT/LT north to the Mendon-Sherburne town line. North of there, it's the USFS Rochester District.

GMC Southern Field Assistant Dave Hardy announced that the Deer Leap Trail from Sherburne Pass to the top of the cliff will be closed on 6 June. The USFS is responsible for this trail and may make a new access trail from the south. In the meantime, the only access will be on the Deer Leap Trail south from near Willard Gap on the Long Trail. The Killington Section welcomes the abandonment of the dangerous trail up the cliff.

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING (continued from page 2)

President Phil Johnson asked GMC Secretary Herb Ogden, Jr., a member of the Killington Section board of directors, to report on main club activities since neither Director Wally Rogers nor Alternate Ray Catozzi could make it to the last GMC board meeting. Herb urged members to respond to a questionnaire that will probably be sent out on organizational review and to consider whether those Section members who contribute (or have in the past contributed) neither work nor anything more than dues should essentially get a bargain membership in the GMC while At-Large members pay more and get less.

Herb also described the two factions that have formed around the question of National Scenic Trail status (the Appalachian Trail is a National Scenic Trail) for the Long Trail north of where the AT leaves it. He said one faction has concluded that we must own outright a thousand foot wide corridor for almost all of the LT. Because several landowners refuse to deal with us, that faction says we must get federal condemnation authority. That faction also says it may cost \$5-10,000,000 more to finish buying the LT corridor, and that we can't raise that amount until at least 2010. Therefore, we should try to get federal funds through some sort of National Scenic Trail status.

The other faction questions whether we really must have a thousand foot wide corridor as long as we can keep a decent footway. It also thinks we should try to buy fairly non-restrictive easements from landowners rather than push outright purchase. It thinks some landowners would like this better, and that it might cost less than buying a thousand foot corridor outright. It also fears that, if we ask Congress for condemnation authority, more landowners will join the one who has already kicked the LT off his land to protest our even considering National Scenic Trail status. This faction is not convinced we need federal condemnation authority and wants to see more evidence before deciding. Herb said he was in this wait-and-see faction.

GMC Executive Director Dennis Shaffer and Land Protection Committee Chair Roger Sternberg spoke in favor of National Scenic Trail status. Sternberg pointed out we could seek this status

without condemnation authority. He assumes that, at the 6 June meeting, the GMC board will vote on whether to ask him committee to draft federal protection legislation for the LT. Shaffer said the GMC had never turned anyone down for lack of a thousand foot easement. He also noted that most land had been bought outright because the owner was selling the whole property; we had been dealing only with willing sellers until recently. President Johnson invited members to comment. Jean Davies said that concern for the LT landowners made her side with the wait-and-see faction.

President Johnson and Dave Hardy presented a proposal to fund a Cooper Lodge caretaker this summer. Total salary for 16 weeks would be \$575, but some of that would be recouped from overnight user fees. It is hoped that a caretaker will reduce vandalism and be able to get a reliable count of how many use this part of the trail. (Since the National Park Service and Killington, Ltd. have not agreed on the route of the LT in that area, statistics may be important.) Killington Section members voted to take from the Kirk Trails & Shelters Fund the necessary money to pay the part of the caretaker's salary not covered by overnight fees.

President Johnson thanked this year's committee chairs for their work. They were Sue Carey and Tim Welch for Trails & Shelters, Linda Pellerin and Herb Ogden for Outings, Bernie Donahue for Publicity, and Herb Ogden for *Smoke & Blazes*. Herb then thanked Phil for doing most of the work on the newsletter.

Bernie Donahue, Linda Pellerin and Wally Rogers finished their second three-year terms as Killington Section Directors and were thus not eligible for reelection. President Phil Johnson thanked them all, especially Wally, for their service to the club. New directors elected were Ray Catozzi, Larry Dodds, and W. Churchill Scott. The Directors then met to reelect Phil Johnson as President and elect Larry Dodds Vice-President. They also elected one of their absent members as Secretary and Treasurer, but she has reportedly declined to serve and **a replacement is sought**.

The meeting ended with a slide lecture by Wally Rogers and Delight Gartlein on their winter trip into the Grand Canyon. Members enjoyed this different view of the canyon and the comments by Wally and Delight.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB OUTING SCHEDULE

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street, at the time shown. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Non-members are welcome!

Saturday 8 May, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

MYSTERY HIKE ON APPALACHIAN TRAIL. Enjoy a moderate 2 1/2 - 3 mile hike, near Rutland, to one of Mother Nature's natural beauty spots at the halfway point.

Saturday 15 May, 9:00 a.m. in Waterbury (refreshments and registration 8:00 a.m.) Contact: Lars Botzjorns 244-7037

TRAIL MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP. Learn trail maintenance techniques through seminars and trail work at the GMC headquarters in Waterbury. More info in the Long Trail News or call Lars for details.

Sunday 16 May, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

LYE BROOK FALLS. Hike in the Lye Brook Wilderness area near Manchester to one of the higher waterfalls in Vermont. A moderate 4 mile trip.

Sunday 23 May, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

BAKER PEAK, via the Lake Trail. Moderate 6-7 mile route with a few steep pitches. Views of the Valley of Vermont and Dorset Peak. Possible side trip to 100' cascade on McGinn Brook.

Saturday 29 May, 8:00 a.m. Contact: Guy Wallis - Breadloaf Section 453-5600

COOLEY GLEN TO EMILY PROCTOR. This is the first of a set of hikes scheduled between Breadloaf Section, Burlington Section, Montpelier Section and Killington Section intended to allow members to cover significant portions of the LT. 12.8 miles difficult Call Guy for the meeting point for this hike.

Saturday 5 June, 8:30 a.m. (at Waterbury) Contact for info: Phil Johnson 287-9607

ANNUAL GMC MEETING. The Main Club annual meeting will be held in our new Waterbury headquarters this year. Registration is at 8:30 and the meeting begins at 9:30. See the Long Trail News for details.

Saturday 5 June, 6:30 p.m. Leader: Ira Hawley 775-4149

MOONLIGHT HIKE. 2 miles easy mystery hike. Please bring a flashlight. Rain day Sunday, June 6th.

Sunday 6 June, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

DEER LEAP TRAIL CLOSING WORK PARTY. We'll be closing the steep and dangerous southern access to Deer Leap.

Saturday 12 June, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 773-1350

MOUNT ASCUTNEY. Hike up the Weathersfield Trail and down the Windsor Trail. Trail passes by the Flume, the 80' Crystal Cascade, Gus's Lookout, the new summit observation tower, and Gerry Falls. 6 miles moderate difficulty.

Saturday 19 June, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Tim Welch 483-2085

NORTHERN SECTION WALK THROUGH/WORK PARTY. This walk through will cover from Rt. 4

to Upper Cold River Road. Moderate hikes to include removing of blowdowns, clearing waterbars and trimming the trail. Tools will be provided by the section. Rain day is Sunday, June 20th.

Sunday 20 June. Contact: Dot Myer - Burlington Section 863-2433

PARKER CAMP TO ROUTE 118, EDEN, INTER-SECTIONAL HIKE. 11.2 mi. moderate to difficult. Contact Dot for details and meeting point.

Saturday 26 June, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

OUTHOUSE REBUILDING DAY. We'll be rebuilding the outhouse at Pico Camp and possibly also the Snodgrass Memorial outhouse at Governor Clement shelter. Tools will be provided.

Thursday 1 July, 7:00 p.m. Co-chair: Herb Ogden 775-1350

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. At Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months, or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested.

Saturday 10 July Contact: Dave Morse - Montpelier Section 223-7126

CODDING HOLLOW TO PARKER CAMP, BELVIDERE. LT inter-sectional hike with Montpelier Section. 6.3 mi. moderate to difficult. Contact Dave for details and meeting point.

Sunday 11 July, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

WORK PARTY ON BUCKLIN TRAIL. A 6.8 mile moderate hike through to clear and trim the trail. Tools to be provided by section.

Saturday 17 July 9:00 a.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

BIRDSEYE MOUNTAIN. A 3.5 mile difficult historical hike up to and along the ridge of the mountain and the peak.

Saturday 24 July 8:00 a.m. Leader: Roma Pulling 773-6997

HEDGEHOG BROOK TRAIL, North Fayston to Burnt Rock Mountain. A 6.2 mile moderate to difficult hike to the summit of Burnt Rock which is regarded as one of the best viewpoints on the LT.

Sunday 1 August 9:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 773-1350

SHERBURNE PASS TO GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER. The fourth in the series of joint hikes with other sections to cover the LT, this will be a 9.9 mile moderate to difficult hike over the northern portion of the Killington Section portion of the trail.

Saturday 7 August 1:00 p.m. Leader: Ira Hawley 775-4149

SHAW MOUNTAIN IN BENSON. 3-4 mile easy hike to the summit of Shaw Mt.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

Phil Johnson, President RR 2, Box 1690, Poultney, VT 05764 287-9607

Larry Dodds, Vice-President 3 Westside Ct., West Rutland, VT 05777 438-5473

QUARTERLINE ROAD\BOARDMAN HILL - CLARENDON

24 April 1993

by Larry Dodds, Leader

Originally scheduled as the Wallingford Pond to Little Rock Pond hike, the location of the hike had to be changed due to the late Spring wet and muddy conditions in this area. The hike was relocated to the Quarterline Road area.

We were blessed with a warm, sunny, clear spring day with temperatures hovering in the uppers 60's by mid-day after a chilly morning start. Eleven people gathered for the hike including five brand new hikers (three adults and two children) whose cheerful faces I hope to see again on future hikes. We really enjoyed your company.

Off to the hike!! We parked our cars south of the Boardman Hill/Quarterline Road intersection. We hiked up the Boardman Hill Road toward West Rutland to the hill's crest and took in a beautiful encompassing view of the surrounding hills including Big Hanley to the West and a series of peaks that runs north from Big Hanley, one guessed to be Grandpa's Knob. The east provided a grand view of the Killington, Pico, and Mendon Mountain peaks. The clear weather and lack of foliage made all views of valleys and peaks spectacular.

We turned back toward the Quarterline Road, hiked back to the intersection, and began walking south along the Road. AL PULLING had begun his own personal "green-up" crusade by collecting various bottles and cans along the road. AL was an inspiration!!! Soon everyone began plucking beverage containers from the roadside and carrying them along the route.

Jerry Parker pointed out assorted wildlife as we walked including a weasel, red and grey squirrels, partridge, chipmunks, frogs and frog eggs. A male cardinal's bright red profile was seen flashing across the Road and his song soon pierced the morning stillness. One of the children, Christina, begged Jerry to capture some frog eggs for home study which Jerry gladly did, dropping a cluster into a large juice container that he had collected. When Jerry presented the prize to Christina she exclaimed, "YUK!! I don't want 'em any more!!". Jerry made several hapless attempts to convince Christina that she really did want the eggs. Each

was met by a flat "NO!!"

We spotted a patch of bright yellow coltsfoot in full bloom mixed in with dandelion plants. For a moment, there was some confusion as to which flower belonged to which plant, but we got it sorted out. Helen Cawood took notice of Bird's Eye Mountain off to the West and I pointed out Herrick Mountain.

Noontime approached. By then we had hiked along the Road about two miles. We decided to turn around and hike north back toward the cars and stop to have lunch where the Velco 115kv transmission line crosses the Road. Clearance for the line had left a nice, sunny, open spot atop an embankment where we could take in a beautiful view of the Otter Creek Valley and points south toward Wallingford.

After lunch we hiked back to the cars for a total trip of about 4.5 miles. Everyone was mellowed by the sunny spring day as well as the cordial friendship that developed between new and pledged participants of this GMC-Killington Section hike. It was a great day-hike!!!

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr.	Editor
Phil Johnson	Assistant Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your article directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot, unless the landowner would object to the publicity.

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701

!! SEND COPY BY 2 JULY 1993, PLEASE !!

Don't know what to do with old issues of *Smoke & Blazes*? Leave them for a doctor's office or other place where folks will see them and have a little time to read them. This helps spread the news about our section of the Green Mountain Club.

KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB 1992

1/1/92 Balance	
Inventory	????
Savings	1476.04
Checking	490.77
Life mamber CD #1141	661.19
	2628.00

INCOME	
passbook interest	78.24
interest from CD # 1141	29.01
member dues	1325.13
70 adult 21 senior	
18 spouse 5 junior	
Sugar on Snow income	71.00
	1503.38

EXPENSES	
Smoke and Blazes	322.72
meeting rooms	115.00
main club assessment=984.00 paid in Jan 1993	
treasurer expenses	58.00
meeting expenses	48.65
transfer to T & S from 1991	85.22
	629.59

BALANCE 12/31/92	
inventory	????????
savings	2754.28
checking	747.51
	3501.79

G. L. Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund-KS-GMC 1992

Balance 1/1/92	
savings	172.97

INCOME	
passbook interest	33.93
CD interest	653.33
gifts from members	71.00
gift of Michelle Mansfield Fund	732.00
transfer from ks-gmc 1991	85.22
	1575.48

EXPENSES	
Trails and Shelters insurance	175.75
Trails and Shelters-maintenance	283.47
	459.22

BALANCE 12/31/92	
savings	1289.23

CD #	matures date	interest earned \$	face value \$	yield %	term
6306	1/6/93	172.80	4000	3.2	3 mon
6305	1/21/94	209.28	4000	4.88	2 yr
3704	8/19/94	271.25	4051.36	4.64	2 yr

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$16.00
Family	\$24.00
Individual (under 18)	\$ 6.00
Senior (65 & Over)	\$10.00
Life Member of Killington Sec.	\$400.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

*The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar years basis. If you first joined the Killington Section during the past year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. From the dues that are due on 1 January, you may deduct 0.25 for each month in the past year during which you were not a member.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton, VT 05735

printed on recycled paper



Smoke & Blazes

VOL. 46, NO. 2

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

JULY 1993

KILLINGTON SECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

27 May 1993

by Larry Dodds

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club Board of Directors meeting began with Phil Johnson, our previous President, informing the rest of the directors that his resignation would be effective at the close of the meeting. We will miss Phil and wish him GOOD LUCK. Phil promised to come back and hike with us as soon as he can.

Sue Thomas was nominated for Secretary, but she respectfully declined. Herb Ogden was nominated for club President and he as well respectfully declined. Sue Carey was nominated for and unanimously elected our new President. Roma Pulling was nominated and unanimously elected Treasurer. Jean Davis was nominated and unanimously elected as Secretary. Congratulations to all of our newly elected officers!

Herb Ogden led a discussion about the Killington-Pico Formal Agreement which will protect the access of the Long Trail over PICO property. Herb projects that the access will be granted. Herb then raised a question on where the Deer Leap Trail will end, at the first or second lookout? It was suggested that the trail blazing stop at the first lookout. The most desirable course of action would be to find and build a new trail from the Maine Junction to the Peak. A work day has been scheduled to close off the trail up the face of Deer Leap.

Sue Carey informed the group that the Sheriff's Patrol will be on the look out for campers at Clarendon gorge. The Sheriff will notify the Man-

chester Ranger's District. Sue also mentioned that the Pico Camp outhouse needs to be replaced.

Sue Thomas suggested that we add a "near Firehouse" to the outings announcement which appears in the Rutland Herald to clarify the location of the meeting place.

It was resolved that the start of term service for each member of the Board of Directors is:

1991: Herb Ogden, Tim Welch, Roma Pulling

1992: Phil Johnson, Sue Carey, Sue Thomas

1993: Churchill Scott, Ray Catozzi, Larry
Dodds

Jean Davis will serve out the remainder of Phil Johnson's term.

Phil Johnson mentioned that volunteer labor is available from General Electric employees for rebuilding or relocation of the Clarendon Shelter. Our contact at GE is Ex-Killington Section member Ray Dube. A discussion of moving the shelter to a trail north away from the main trail ensued. It was agreed that the shelter's current location is too accessible.

Tim Welch expressed his concern over the National Scenic Trail designation or any other State or Federal funding creating additional difficulties or "red tape" for the Club. He was also concerned about the potential regulation of trail and shelters.

This reporter will be volunteering his time to help Herb with typing up the Smoke & Blazes.

At 9:10 PM Ray Catozzi made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. It was seconded by this reporter and the meeting was adjourned. We all bid Phil Johnson a hearty farewell and good luck.

SPRING WALK-THRU

1 May 1993

by Rob Carey, Leader

About a dozen members and other interested workers came out to get the lower portion of our Section of the Long Trail in shape. By splitting up in to groups of two or three, we were able to cover all the Trail from Rt 140 to Gov. Clement Shelter.

It took a few minutes at the Fire Station to decide who was going where, and with whom. It was also important to make sure that cars would be spotted properly, so no one came out to an empty parking lot at the end of the day.

Dave Hardy, the new Southern Field Assistant, was able to join us. We had reports of a washout between the Cold River Roads. After helping with several car shuttles, Seth Carey, Dave Hardy, and Herb Ogden drove into Gov. Clement Shelter. There was some trash there, including some odds and ends of metal and a car tire. We cleaned up the area and brought out the refuse. There were two large barrels also, one for returnables and one for garbage. The maintenance of these is uncertain.

After lunch, Dave Hardy and Seth and Rob Carey drove out to the Upper Road and started working south. Other than a few wet spots, the Trail was in good shape. We were able to clear all the blowdowns. As we neared the Lower Road, we began to wonder if the washout was a phantom report. We soon discovered it was not. The Trail footway is about eight feet from the bank. Whole trees have been uprooted. It will be necessary to check how wide the Trail Corridor is and move about 200 feet of Trail. The current footway should be stable for the rest of this season.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr.	Editor
Larry Dodds	Assistant Editor
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your article directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot, unless the landowner would object to the publicity.

Please send material to the Editor at

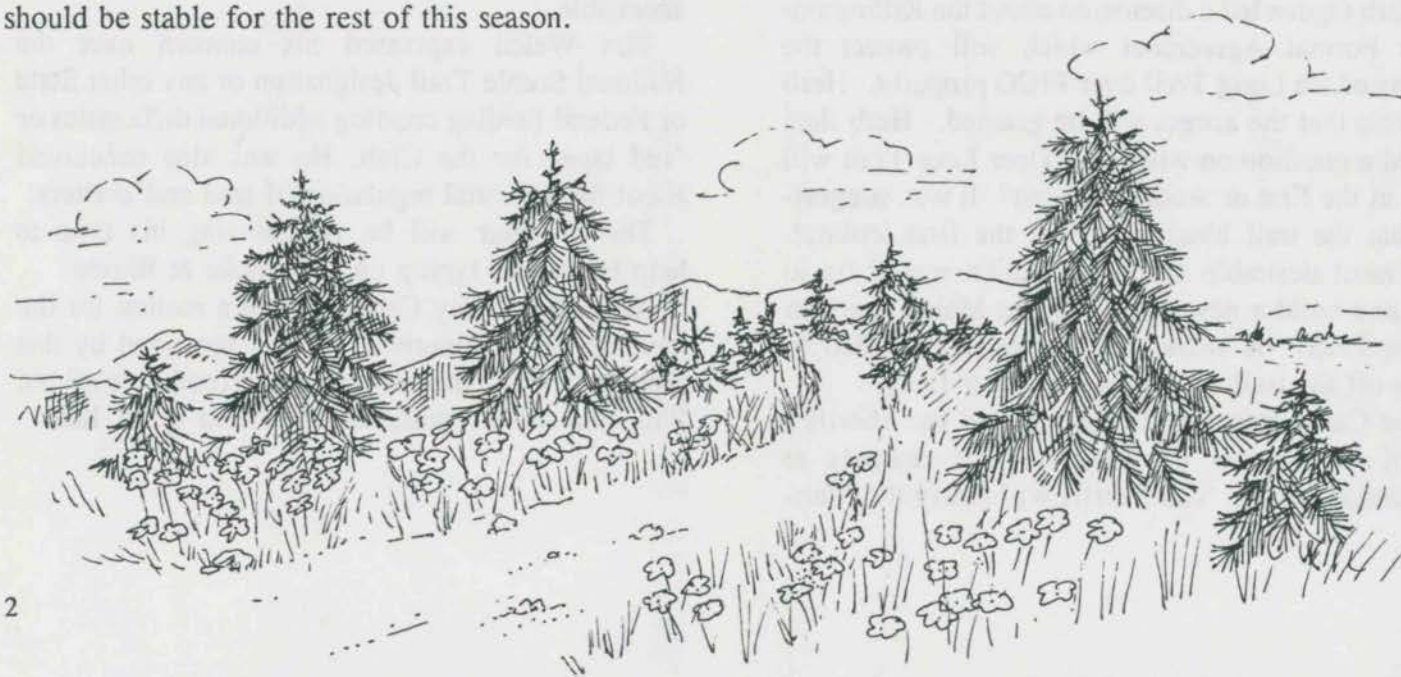
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.

92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701

Articles on WordPerfect 5.0 or 5.1 are especially welcome in "newspaper column" format.

SEND COPY BY 1 OCTOBER 1993, PLEASE

Don't know what to do with old issues of *Smoke & Blazes*? Leave them for a doctor's office or other place where folks will see them and have a little time to read them. This helps spread the news about our section of the Green Mountain Club.



KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB OUTING SCHEDULE

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street, at the time shown. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Non-members are welcome!

Saturday 14 August, 1:00 p.m. Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982

FOURTH ANNUAL TACONIC MOUNTAINS RAMBLE, Hubbardton. Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east and west, a Japanese garden, and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. Easy to moderate; walkers can leave the group at several different points and wait on the lawn for the rest. Bring no lunch. Rain date 15 August; call the leader if in doubt.

Saturday 21 August through Saturday 28 August

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB INTERSECTIONAL, Waterbury, Vermont.

See *Long Trail News* for details or call Headquarters: 244-2712.

Sunday 29 August, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Jean Davies 483-6623

CANOE TRIP for beginners and intermediates, on Chittenden Reservoir or Otter Creek. Canoes are available through the Leader, but paddlers will have to transport them from Pittsford.

Sunday 12 September, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

STRATTON MOUNTAIN via Long Trail and Stratton Pond. Highest peak on the LT south of Killington; viewing tower. 9.5 miles moderate with some steep stretches.

Saturday 18 September, 9:30 a.m. at **Clarendon Gorge Bridge**. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

CLARENDON GORGE work party on bridge, possibly on nearby trails as well. Meet at the bridge, just south of Vt. Route 103 Long Trail crossing.

Saturday and Sunday, 25-26 September. Leave Rutland 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Leaders: Ruth & Sandy Lamb; messages through Linda Pellerin 773-7779

ADIRONDACK WEEKEND at Lake George. Saturday's hike will probably be the Clay Meadows Trail to the Saddle and the Point of the Tongue, then back along the lake, maximum mileage 13 mi. Bathing suits optional; sturdy hiking boots required because a few rattlesnakes may still be out. Bring picnic supper to enjoy at the Lambs' place in a mountain valley near the lake, surrounded by Adirondack State Park. Lambs will supply beverages. Camping at the Lambs' for overnights. Sunday hike will probably be Clay Meadows to the Saddle and French Point Mountain and return, 8 mi. Shorter woods walks also possible on Sunday. **Call Linda Pellerin 773-7779 by 12 September if interested.**

Friday 1 October, 5:00 p.m. Leader: Ira Hawley 775-4149

MOONLIGHT MYSTERY HIKE, 2 miles, easy.

Saturday 2 October, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

LONG TRAIL FROM WALLINGFORD GULF TO GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER, beginning at Vt. Route 140, passing Button Hill, Spring Lake vista, Airport Overlook, Clarendon Gorge, Great Gorge Gulch and lookout, Beacon Hill, Hermit Spring, and along the Cold River. Old farmland, mixed woods, mostly gentle grades and good footing. 11.9 mi., moderate.

Thursday 7 October, 7:00 p.m. Co-chairs: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350, Linda Pellerin 773-7779
OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING at Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Avenue, Rutland (off Lafayette Street). Come help us plan for the next three months, or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and all others interested. Refreshments.

Sunday 10 October, 12:30 p.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830
WHITE ROCKS from State Park, up Keewaydin Trail. 3.8 mi. moderate with some steep.

Saturday 16 October, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185
THREE SISTERS ROAD UP SALTASH MOUNTAIN, Plymouth and Shrewsbury. 5 mi. maximum, easy.

Saturday 23 October, 9:00 a.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997
APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN NORWICH from Connecticut River to Tucker Trail. 5.7 mi. moderate.

Sunday 31 October, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Tim Welch 483-2085
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JARVIS SNODGRASS MEMORIAL GAZEBO work party at Governor Percival Clement Shelter's sanitary annex. Move and restore the outhouse.

Saturday 6 November, 11:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368
DEER LEAP FROM MAINE JUNCTION, Sherburne. We'll hike the Long Trail from Sherburne Pass 0.5 mile up to Maine Junction, then bushwhack west to Little Deer Leap and the Lookouts. We'll return to Maine Junction around the north of Little Deer Leap, mostly in open woods and on unmaintained paths. 2.5 mi. moderate.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

Sue Carey, President	RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773	446-2830
Larry Dodds, Vice-President	3 Westside Ct., West Rutland, VT 05777	438-5473
Roma Pulling, Treasurer	RFD 3, Box 7269, Rutland VT 05701	773-6997
Jean Davies, Secretary	Box 37, Pittsford VT 05763	483-6623

Here, please imagine the article
you or another Club member
could have written.

MOUNT ASCUTNEY

12 June 1993

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

This was a repeat of a very popular hike from a few years ago, luckily without the thunderstorm.

A good-sized group spotted cars and then headed up the Weathersfield Trail after admiring the Ascutney Trails Association's trailhead bulletin board. We hoped that the late snow would mean there would be more water in the falls than last time, and we were not disappointed. The Little Cascade, bone dry last time, was running beautifully. The Flume, also dry last time, also had a good flow. It comes in by a pretty waterfall over one side of the top. Soon we climbed the Giant Wooden Stairs and entered the fairly level stretch with the fine views south. Reaching the Crystal Cascade, we found plenty of water falling over seventy feet, and we even clambered down the old trail on the west bank to get a better look. This was also a very scenic lunch stop.

Wending our way through pleasant evergreen woods above the cascade, we eventually joined the old trail on the other side of the brook and then climbed steeply up past big boulders to Gus's Lookout and the West Peak. We then spent quite a while watching aviators in a hang gliding contest sail off the West Peak platform, hoping to land over twenty miles away.

There was still a little climb left, but we made it to the summit in very good spirits and good time. The younger folks stood on the USGS marker at the very top, and then we climbed the relatively new observation tower just north of the summit to again marvel at the panorama.

On the way down the Windsor Trail, we varied last time's route by visiting Castle Rock and Blood Rock, both with fine views. The children were a little disappointed that Blood Rock was not covered with gore. Their parents, on the other hand, were a little concerned they were too close to the edge. After a refreshing stop at Halfway Spring, we descended to the final attraction, Gerry Falls, a wonderful, mossy place.

I think everyone agreed that, mile for mile, the rerouted Weathersfield Trail is the most interesting and scenic for a long ways around. Hats off to the Ascutney Trails Association for creating it!

NEW DEER LEAP TRAIL?

by Herb Ogden, Jr., condensed by Larry Dodds
from Herb's letter to the GMC Trails & Shelters Committee

The Club in general agrees with the Killington Section that the dangerous cliff section at the south end of the Deer Leap Trail should be abandoned, and now that the Forest Service is inclined to agree, I have some suggestions for alternate routes. They are based largely on a bushwhack I took recently.

The SOUTHERLY ROUTE that I have found runs directly from Maine Junction to a point between the upper and lower lookouts on Little Deer Leap. Leaving Maine Junction at elevation 2420, one ascends along the edge of the steep slope that leads down to Sherburne Pass. This slope eventually steepens into the Deer Leap cliffs and makes shortcutting down to Sherburne Pass difficult. At about elevation 2480, at a dead yellow birch perched atop a huge rock, there might be a halfway decent grade down to Sherburne Pass if one wanted to make a shorter route and avoid going all the way to Maine Junction, but it would require serious switchbacks to control erosion.

Continuing along the edge, with views to the south through the trees, and with huge boulders close at hand, one comes to an almost level place at about elevation 2500. Climbing very gradually along the edge, one enters some beautiful fern glades at elevation 2525. To the right is a ledge near the south summit of Little Deer Leap; just beyond is the Deer Leap Trail north of the Upper Lookout. If one stays on the edge, however, and descends slightly, one hits the Deer Leap Trail between the upper and lower lookouts. Because that trail doesn't become dangerous until just south of the Lower Lookout (elevation 2420), that's fine.

RELOCATION ON LITTLE DEER LEAP: Beginning at the Upper Lookout, I suggest a minor relocation toward the south summit of Little Deer Leap. The trail presently climbs a ledge at the edge of the woods north of the Upper Lookout, crosses a level place used for camping, and then climbs another ledge before entering an evergreen tunnel that leads to the south summit. The ledges are very difficult for short people to climb. If the trail were moved a little to the west, it could avoid the southerly ledge, cross the west side of the flat area, and

avoid the northerly ledge by going along Little Deer Leap's westerly scarp until it hit the present trail about 150' south of Little Deer Leap's south summit.

The NORTHERLY ROUTE would leave the present Deer Leap Trail at elevation 2540, where it descends northwesterly from near the south summit of Little Deer Leap. It would generally stay on a contour, following a well-trodden path. The path soon forks. The south branch peters out at the fern glade I mentioned in the Southerly Route description. I do not propose it be made an official trail. The north branch stays north of the ridge but becomes indistinct by the time it reaches the northwest flank of Little Deer Leap's north summit, in a pretty white birch forest. There, at elevation 2560, is a nice view toward Pittsfield. From there, the trail could either climb about 100' to the end of an old woodroad (elevation 2580) just northwest of the north summit of Little Deer Leap, or it could follow the contour until it hit the woodroad, which descends to a point on the LT about 200' north of Maine Junction. The woodroad is a little too steep for good erosion control in places, and we might want to avoid it altogether, route the trail just south of it, and come out right at Maine Junction.

RELOCATION ON BIG DEER LEAP: I propose a relocation from a point north of Cerf Brook to just north of the top of Big Deer Leap. It would avoid the last pitch of the climb up the south side of Big Deer Leap, which is so steep that erosion will be severe with greater use. Maybe it could switchback to the east. I would also like to see the trail go to the top of Big Deer Leap, which is a nice, bouldery, open place with a hint of a view. Presently, the trail skirts around the summit's west side.

One relatively short alternate is needed once we abandon the trail from Sherburne Pass to Little Deer Leap Lower Lookout. If one arrives at Sherburne Pass planning on a few tenths of a mile hike to Little Deer Leap (as it is shown in our literature and the 50 Hikes book) and sees a sign at the bottom saying one has to go almost all the way to Willard Gap and then double back on the north end of the Deer Leap Trail, he or she may conclude that is too far and go up the old route anyway. Going up, let alone down, is dangerous. But if the hike were not over a mile and did not involve

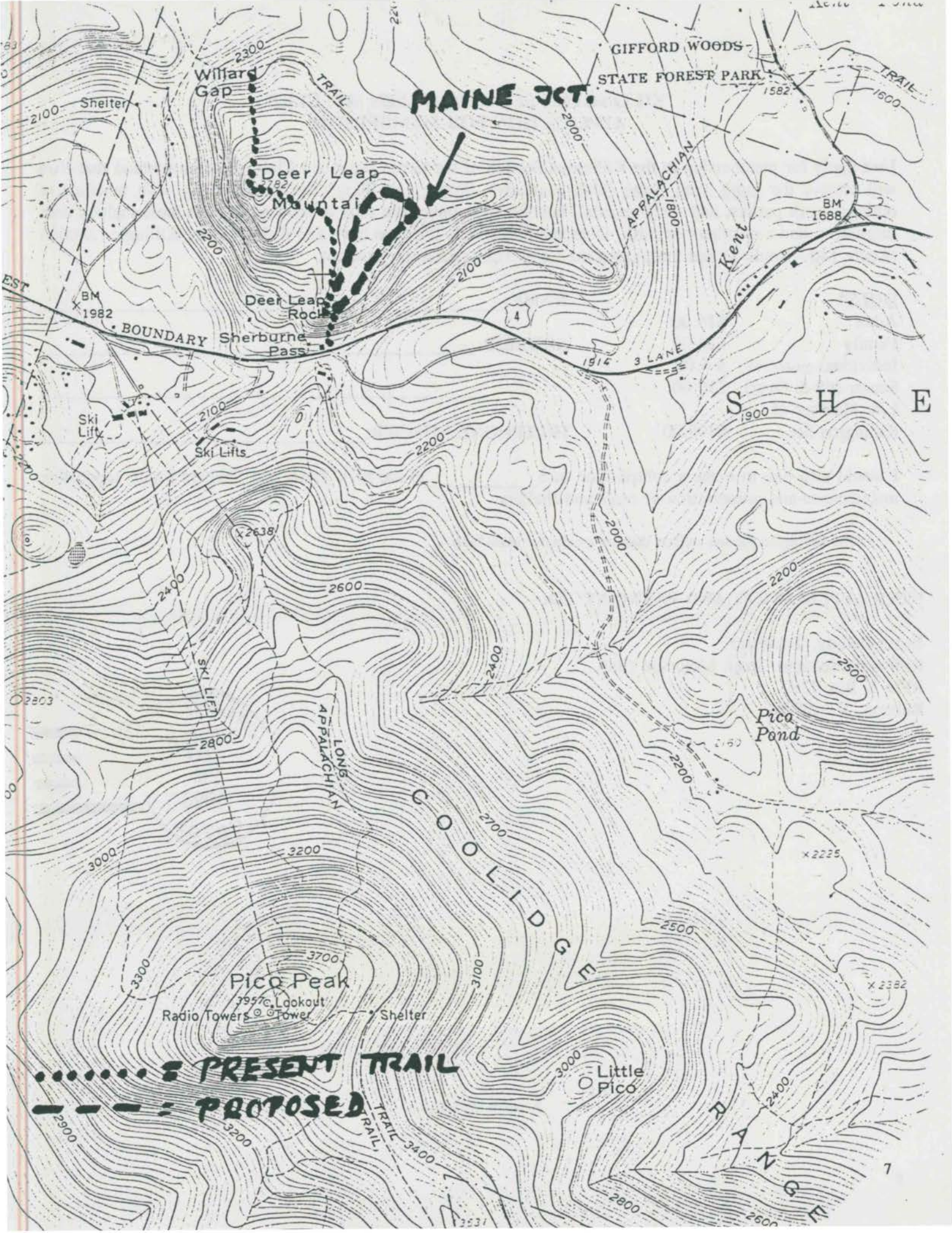
climbing Big Deer Leap, maybe most hikers would put up with it. Moreover, the alternatives I suggest, used together with the present Deer Leap Trail from near Willard Gap to the Little Deer Leap Upper Lookout, would give Appalachian Trail hikers a scenic alternative to the present LT between Willard Gap and Maine Junction (which will be AT once the AT is relocated from south of Pico Peak, through Willard Gap, to Maine Junction). Finally, if both of the alternatives I propose were built, the day hiker from Sherburne Pass or Gifford Woods would have a nice loop hike around Little Deer Leap.

It has been suggested that we should not only abandon the Deer Leap Trail between Sherburne Pass and the Little Deer Leap Lower Lookout, but also put up "closed" signs and pile it with brush. I don't altogether agree. I think the signs should say the trail has been abandoned because it is dangerous for even experienced hikers, and they should show how to reach the alternate routes. I would avoid the word "closed" unless we have landowner authority. Saying the trail is "closed" also may trouble the many rock climbers who use Little Deer Leap. Do we mean to forbid them access, or only to disclaim responsibility for the trail? Finally, I think piling brush would anger the rock climbers, and they would just haul away obstacles. *See map on next page.*

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TO ACT

The National Park Service has issued its Final Environmental Impact Statement regarding the location of the Appalachian Trail (and Long Trail) The companion volume of letters the Park Service received is interesting reading. Copies are available from Herb Ogden, Jr., work phone 775-3368, home 775-1350.

By the time you read this, the Park Service probably will have released its decision. It is expected to endorse Alternate 5, which moves the trail west after it passes Governor Clement Shelter, returns to the present route from Cooper Lodge to just south of Pico Camp, goes west around Pico Peak, crosses Route 4 about a mile west of Sherburne Pass, and rejoins the present Long Trail in Willard Gap and the present AT at Maine Junction.



MAINE JCT.

GIFFORD WOODS

STATE FOREST PARK

Willard Gap

Deer Leap Mountain

Deer Leap Rocks
Sherburne Pass

BM 1688

S H E

Pico Pond

Pico Peak

Radio Towers Lookout Shelter

Little Pico

..... PRESENT TRAIL

- - - - PROPOSED

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$16.00
Family	\$24.00
Individual (under 18)	\$ 6.00
Senior (65 & Over)	\$10.00
Life Member of Killington Sec.	\$400.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

*The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar years basis.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland VT 05701



MR & MRS ROBERT & THELMA PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28227

Printed on recycled paper.



VOL. 46, NO. 3

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

OCTOBER 1993

HEDGEHOG BROOK TRAIL, FAYSTON

24 July 1993

by Roma Pulling, Leader

As we sat on Burnt Rock Mountain, enjoying the gorgeous view, a dark cloud covered the sun. Fearing this signalled a change in the weather, we made a speedy exit; but a few minutes later the sun was out again. This was the only cloud in an otherwise sunny day with the temperature in the 80's.

Having described this hike as sometimes difficult and designated an 8 o'clock departure time because of the long drive, I didn't expect a large group, and I was right. One hiker met us at the park, and we picked up another on the way.

Waitsfield provided a convenient coffee break on the way north, and then it was only a short distance to the trail head. There we were met by a pit bull, who promptly attacked Alfred's pack in an attempt to get at his lunch. Fortunately his diet did not seem to include hikers.

The trail started out in a leisurely manner, but this was not to last. Approaching Burnt Rock, we were pulling ourselves up over boulders the size of a house. At this point Bernie was heard to remark, "I thought you said this hike was difficult." But we were rewarded with a lunch stop on one of the best lookouts on the long trail. This was just below the summit. Bill climbed to the top, but the rest of us decided to save our strength for the hike down.

We met about 15 other hikers, most of whom were on their way up as we were coming down. There were also an unusual number of dogs.

SHAW MOUNTAIN

7 August 1993

by Ira Hawley, Leader

You guessed it right. Rained out again. My apologies to Linda Pellerin for not showing up at Fair Haven -- also apologies to the gentleman in Benson and would like to hear from him again. Also to the six people who appeared at the park for a good hike. Let's try again at a later date.

CANOE TRIP

29 August 1993

by Jean Davies

What you all missed! All except three, that is. Roma Pulling with Jean and Charlie Davies headed for Chittenden Dam on August 29, on a "Picture Perfect Day," according to the weather report.

The water was mirror-smooth as we headed off to explore the opposite shores. I was just commenting on the lack of visible wildlife, when we became aware of a strange piece of driftwood Was it some birds? It was none of those, but instead a young deer swimming slowly across the water. We watched as it struggled out of the water, over the slippery rocks to the safety of woods. Interestingly, the deer didn't shake itself as a dog would have upon leaving the water.

Paddling on, we saw a pair of cormorants. Cormorants on Chittenden Dam? We'd thought

they were salt water birds, but have since learned that crested cormorants are indeed at the Dam. We watched them flying and diving throughout the rest of the day. Later we noticed that one curiously resembled a loon, but Roy Pilcher, Audubon member, told me that a pair of young loons was apparently at the Dam.

Added to the wildlife were the beautiful views of Mountain Top Inn, Mt. Carmel, and Pico. We ate our lunch on a sandy beach which might well have been Canadian wilderness or Michigan Boundary waters as far as other visible humans went. We saw only water, trees, rocks and driftwood.

As we paddled home against a rising breeze, more canoes, fishermen, and sailfish appeared, but we'd already enjoyed our brief 'wilderness' canoe trip, and were pleased to see others enjoying the day. We hope more of you will be with us on our next adventure.

ADIRONDACK OUTING

25 September 1993

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

Three Vermonters joined three New Yorkers for a long and wonderful hike along the Tongue Mountains, the range that points southward into Lake George. We began at the Clay Meadows Trail and hiked through an area which co-leaders Sandy and Ruth Lamb told us had been farms before it was bought up for the Adirondack Park. We then ascended to the saddle and headed south to enjoy the first of many grand views from a shelter. The weather was perfect and the foliage was beginning to show in the mountains overlooking Lake George.

We hiked south to French Point Mountain for lunch, scrambling in and out of the great gulches that cleave the ridge. At our lunch spot, we were rewarded with a magnificent panorama of the lake and the distant High Peaks. After some discussion, we decided to forge ahead to the Point of the Tongue and return along a shore trail, thus turning an approximately 8 mile hike into a 13 mile one.

The extra distance was worth it. As we hiked south on the ridge of the Tongue, wonderful views continued on all sides. We felt as though we were on the prow of a great ship that was cruising down

the lake. The woods were often parklike, full of great old tall trees. Much to Sue Thomas's disgust, however, and to Linda Pellerin's delight, the rattlesnakes were nowhere to be seen.

The final leg of the hike was a shore trail along Northwest Bay back to Clay Meadows. It was not as level as we thought it would be when we chose it rather than going back over the Tongue from our lunch stop, but it was very pretty, and it provided a place for two of the hikers to take a quick dip in the lake. We all returned to the trailhead very tired but also very satisfied with the day's outing and very thankful to the Lambs for having led it.

MOONLIGHT MYSTERY HIKE

1 October 1993

by Ira Hawley, Leader

The weather finally cooperated providing us with a **FULL MOON**. Pleasant afternoon temperatures cooled down as sunset approached and a cool breeze came up. Eleven people assembled at the park. With the Friday afternoon traffic and numerous stop signs we soon lost contact with each other as we started north toward Brandon. At the first cut-off from Route 7, we reassembled to continue on to Blueberry Hill in Goshen. At the large parking area we started our walk up the open hillside for spectacular view of the valley below and various mountain ranges beyond. We were there in time to see the sun set amidst some clouds. In about a half hour daylight was nearly gone and we started back down the incline. It was early darkness as we arrived at our cars, where there was a large gravel area. Here we started a small but brisk fire to roast some frankfurts.

A card table was set up to lay out the frankfurts, rolls, and condiments. Everyone cooked their treats on long-handled homemade spears to their own satisfaction.

"This reminds me of an old fashion wiener roast", someone commented. Now the **FULL MOON** appeared over the ridge line of The Great Cliff, Mount Horrid, and Cape Lookoff Mountain.

We had a discussion about continuing some hiking along an open Forestry Road for about a mile, but most everyone wanted to return home.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB OUTING SCHEDULE

Trips leave from south of the Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown. Please bring **lunch** unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Non-members are welcome!

Saturday 13 November, 11:00 a.m. Leaders: Rob and Sue Carey 446-2830

MONTSHIRE MUSEUM, NORWICH. Enjoy a fine, small natural history museum with plenty to enjoy for adults and children alike. Nature trails.

Saturday 20 November, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Linda Pellerin 773-7779

ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER AT THE ECONO LODGE, RTE. 4, MENDON. Please bring your own utensils. After supper Winnie Chevalier will present a slide show.

Sunday 5 December, 1:00 p.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

GREENWALL SHELTER. Sunday stroll along the Long Trail to the Greenwall Shelter. There will be a cookie break with a hot beverage provided!! Easy to moderate 1.8 mile hike.

Saturday 11 December, 8:00 a.m. Contact: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350

LITTLE ASCUTNEY, WEATHERSFIELD. This is joint hike with the Ascutney Trails Association up Little Ascutney and maybe Bald Hill. If it snows bring along snowshoes. Difficult approximately 5 mile hike.

Saturday 18 December, 2:00 p.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

WHEELERVILLE COOKOUT. Easy afternoon supper hike partly on Wheelerville Road through Rutland City Forest. Three miles round trip with big fire and cookout where Wood Road crosses Beaver Pond Brook. Bring flashlights, as we will be coming out in the dark, XC skis or snowshoes if there is snow. For those who wish not to hike back to cars in the dark, we will have a car parked on Rte. 4.

Thursday 6 January, 7:30 p.m. Co-chair Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. At Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months, or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested. Note later starting time.

Saturday 8 January, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Bernie Donahue 773-7462

GREAT ROARING BROOK ROAD. Easy to moderate 2 to 4 mile hike along the old road from Shrewsbury to Plymouth.

Saturday 15 January, 8:00 a.m. Contact: Linda Pellerin 773-7779

JOINT HIKE WITH BREADLOAF SECTION OF GMC. Explore Ripton by ski on a Forest Service road, snowmobile trail and/or trail to Abbey Pond. Intermediate level.

Sunday 23 January, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. 773-1350

PINE HILL PARK, RUTLAND, TO PROCTOR. Moderately difficult 5 mile walk from Rutland to Proctor.

(continued on page 4)

Sunday 30 January, 1:30 p.m. Leader: Jean Davies 483-6623

CAMP BETSY COX, PITTSFORD. Bring your ice skates, XC skis, or snowshoes for some afternoon fun at Camp Betsy Cox.

Sunday 6 February, 10:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

BLUE RIDGE CASCADE VIA CANTY TRAIL. Difficult (depending on snow depth and condition) 3 mile hike.

Saturday 12 February, 9:00 a.m. Contact: Herb Ogden, Jr. 773-1350

SNOWSHOE MT. ASCUTNEY. Joint outing with the Ascutney Trails Association. Snowshoe up the Windsor Trail. Difficult.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

Sue Carey, President	RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773	446-2830
Larry Dodds, Vice-President	3 Westside Ct., West Rutland, VT 05777	438-5473
Roma Pulling, Treasurer	RFD 3, Box 7269, Rutland, VT 05701	773-6997
Jean Davies, Secretary	Box 37, Pittsford, VT 05763	483-6623

LONG TRAIL INTER-SECTIONAL HIKE

2 October 1993

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

A forecast of afternoon rain turned this planned 12 mile hike from Wallingford Gulf to Governor Clement Shelter into a walk of less than half that length. That worked out just right. We were blessed with some sun in the forenoon for a nice picnic at Spring Lake Clearing, complete with Sue Thomas's birthday brownies for the Section's immediate past Vice-President, and the rain did not begin until we had finished the hike at Clarendon Gorge and were retrieving the spotted car. The inter-sectional part did go as planned, for we were joined by two Breadloaf Section members who were working on their End-to-End.

Descending from the Airport Lookout to Clarendon Gorge, we were surprised to find a neatly printed sign on a tree saying "HAPPY BIRTHDAY LINDA P." At first this was attributed to Sue Thomas. After the birthday girl opened the container that was attached, however, it became clear that Sue was not responsible. Inside was a cupcake, a candle, and a match -- and a note from a male admirer inviting the birthday girl to dinner! Eventually we got her to say who it was from. If you weren't there and want to know -- too bad!

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr.	Editors
Larry Dodds	
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	
Ray Catozzi	

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your article directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot, unless the landowner would object to the publicity.

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701

Articles on WordPerfect 5.0 or 5.1 are especially welcome in "newspaper column" format.

SEND COPY BY 1 JANUARY 1994, PLEASE

Don't know what to do with old issues of *Smoke & Blazes*? Leave them for a doctor's office or other place where folks will see them and have a little time to read them. This helps spread the news about our section of the Green Mountain Club.

Especially in view of the current debate about how wild the Long Trail should be, and whether we need federal funds or condemnation authority to achieve our goal, the following excerpt from an article in the August - September 1934 *Vermont* by Marion V. Urie is one that Editor Herb Ogden, Jr. found interesting.

The Long Trail is maintained by the Green Mountain Club. It is divided into sections and each section is maintained by the members of the Club living in that vicinity. The condition of the trail varies because of the popularity of certain portions and because of the interest and care bestowed upon it by the members of the different sections. The northern section is much newer and has been used less than the others. Here we found that underbrush, ferns, and nettles had sprung up very rapidly. However, there were freshly painted blazes and we had no real difficulty in following them. This is a rough, densely wooded region, pierced by few roads and one can easily get the impression of really being in the "wilds."

The middle section seems to be the most popular. Here we find the rocky summits of Mount Mansfield and Camel's Hump and a well defined and much-used trail. We were already quite familiar with these two mountains but that did not lessen our pleasure when we once more gained their rocky summits. Our first mail station was at the Mansfield Hotel, and we certainly appreciated the letters that awaited us there.

As we went down into the southern sections the trail became less and less arduous; there were fewer really fine views as the trail took us through large areas of forest where lumber camps were once teeming with activity. We passed by many such remains, now fast disappearing beneath a growth of luxuriant veg-

etation. In most places the trail was in good condition and well marked. However, after leaving the Arlington-Wardsboro road we found a very poor section. The trail was scarcely discernible and the blazes exceedingly few and far between. Consequently we lost the trail and, also consequently, a whole day.

I think I can truthfully say that we were not anxious or alarmed, even if it was nightfall. But we were exasperated at having come so far on the trail only to lose it in spite of our best efforts. We were fortunate in locating a snug and well-supplied cabin, apparently used by hunters, where we made ourselves comfortable for the night. The next morning we gave up the idea of finding the trail again and at ten o'clock, with no notion as to how far it would be necessary to travel, we started off to follow an old railroad cut out to civilization. At three o'clock that afternoon, after hiking some fourteen or fifteen miles, we came out on a back country road and were laconically informed by busy haymakers that we were some thirty miles from the nearest point where the Long Trail intersected a highway. How to get there was our next problem and hitchhiking seemed the only answer. Our luck still held and at seven o'clock we arrived at Fay Fuller camp, two miles north on the trail from the Bennington-Wilmington highway. We had come around Glastenbury Mountain, so we spent the next day doing the piece of trail we had missed and doing it again on the return trip.

The scenic aspects of the trail are varied, so everyone who is at all interested in hiking should be able to find something which appeals to him in this 300 mile display of nature's beauties. There is the constant thrill of never knowing just what is coming next. Every curve reveals some new charm or unique specimen. Perhaps it is a huge rock capped with lovely little ferns growing in a deep bed of moss; or it may be a weather-beaten tree, twisted and gnarled into a most fantastic shape. At other times the trail comes out suddenly on some natural promontory or lookout, and the hiker sees spread before him a vast panorama of forest with the farms and villages nestled in the valley below. Many times it would seem that those who first cleared the trail must have been thinking of the old saying that "the longest way round is the sweetest way home," as this footpath winds and curves continually. In most cases this is all for the good as it makes it possible to include many more beautiful spots than could be seen otherwise.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult \$16.00
Family \$24.00
Individual (under 18) \$ 6.00
Senior (65 & Over) \$10.00
Life Member of
Killington Sec. \$400.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

*The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar years basis.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland VT 05701

WHITE RIVER JCT, VT 05001 18:37 11/08/93 DCR1

PERKROB

MR & MRS ROBERT & THELMA PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28227

Printed on recycled paper.



Smoke & Blazes

VOL. 46, NO. 4

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

JANUARY 1994

ANNUAL TACONIC RAMBLE

September 1993

by Linda Pellerin

A relatively large party gathered for our Fourth Annual Taconic Ramble which maintained the tradition of being one of the most enjoyable outings on our schedule. The weather was perfect and the views were spectacular. Our hosts, Kit and Margret Davidson, had a feast of wine, cheeses, crackers, chips and dips for us to enjoy as we sat on their new deck overlooking a picture perfect view of the Taconic Mountain Range.

We thank the Davidsons and hope those that have not had the pleasure of participating in this outing remember to look for it scheduled in late summer or early fall.

FOLIAGE HIKE TO WHITE ROCKS

10 October 1993

by Sue Carey, Leader

The foliage was at its peak and the air was cold, but it a good day for a hike. Roma and Al Pulling, Bernie Donahue, Seth and Mara Carey and myself met at the White Rocks Picnic area in Wallingford. We started up the Keewaydin Trail with the goal of reaching the top of White Rocks Cliff.

This trail is very steep. When we reached the spot where the Long Trail intersects with the Keewaydin Trail one member of the Carey party sat down and refused to go anywhere but down the trail and home.

Roma, Al, and Bernie continued to the top of the cliffs and had a good view of Wallingford and the Otter Creek Valley. The Careys headed back down the trail. I had to promise Seth and Mara that we would hike to the top of White Rocks Cliff on a trail that is not so steep. Someday we shall return.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL, NORWICH VT.

23 October 1993

by Roma Pulling

As always, Alfred and I kept a "weather eye" on the day of our hike and were at first encouraged, when it looked as though it might clear, but discouraged upon arrival in Norwich, when it had again clouded over. But by afternoon the sun was out and it was a lovely, but crisp, fall day.

We met seven hikers, all women, at the park and were pleased to welcome a new member, Marjorie Sweeny! Taking three cars, we headed for Norwich, where we parked a car at the village green and packed everyone into the two others for the trip to the trail-head. We planned to hike the Tucker Trail to the Appalachian Trail, and this was complicated by the lack of either a sign or trail blazing. But our advance inquiries had pointed us in this direction, which proved to be the right one.

The Tucker Trail follows an old road for part of its distance. The walking was slightly uphill and was easy to moderate. The only markings visible were two faded logos from the Dartmouth Outing Club. At the trail intersection we turned east and encountered

the usual ups and downs one expects when hiking in Vermont until the trail merged with a Norwich street. We followed paved streets back to the cars and discovered again how much harder this walking is on the feet.

From the Norwich green, which provided the closest parking available to our goal at the Connecticut River, the trail continues on paved streets and through an underpass to a bridge over the river into Hanover, New Hampshire. While one driver ferried the others back to the Tucker Trail to get two cars parked there, I offered to lead any interested parties on this last section of the hike and got only one taker.

We met several joggers (!) but no other hikers. Wildlife was limited to one chipmunk. But just after emerging from the woods we saw two adorable burros in a barnyard. Several of us wanted to bring them home. As this would have presented a few problems (?), the burro-napping never took place.

After the occupants of our car refreshed themselves at Ho Jo's in White River Junction, we returned home from a rewarding trip.

ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER

20 November 1993

by Linda Pellerin

The unofficial attendance for the supper was twenty-eight adults and five children. The food as usual was excellent, the company enjoyable, and everyone ate until their hearts were content. Winnie Chevalier presented a slide show on Baxter State Park in Maine. The slides were spectacular and I'm sure we all wished we were there. Thank you, Winnie, for the beautiful presentation. Thanks also to the Econo Lodge and Ross Almo for letting us use their comfortable and spacious facilities. It won't be long until our Annual Meeting Potluck. Hope to see you all there!

GREENWALL SHELTER

5 December 1993

by Roma Pulling

December 5 was not a very good day for a hike. There was the thick fog, which never lifted. If Alfred and I had gotten separated from the other hikers, we wouldn't have been able to see them. And the driving

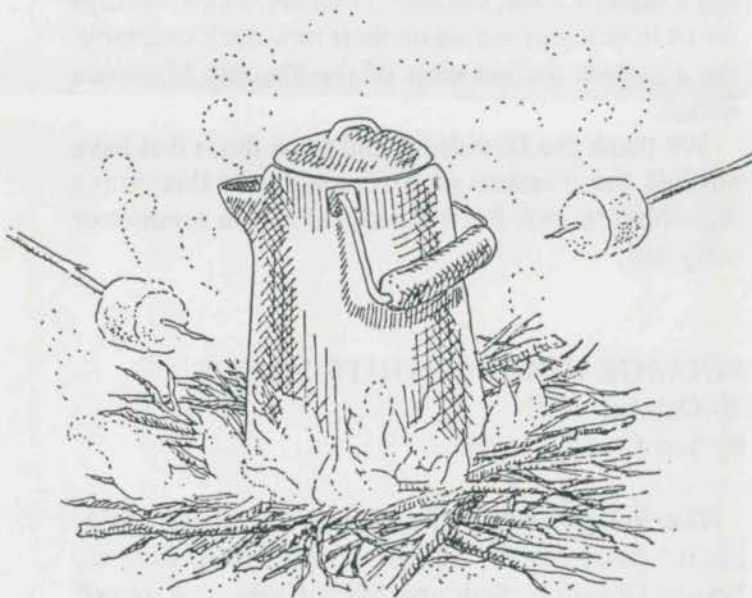
wasn't great due to a scattering of snow on the higher elevations of Sugar Hill Road where it meets the Long Trail. Then there was the wind, which was cold when we encountered it several times that afternoon. I was worried we wouldn't be able to start a fire as the wood was saturated from the snow and rain the fell the day before. And to top it all off, Alfred thought he had lost our car key. What next?

But we had a good group of hikers, never complaining and always in good humor. Six met us at the park, and two more waited for us in Wallingford. Unfortunately, one had to turn back before reaching the shelter because of another commitment.

Alfred had brought dry kindling from home, and we got a really good fire going on which we toasted marshmallows and heated water for hot beverages to enjoy with cookies and doughnut holes.

And when we got back to our car, Alfred found the key - right where he had left it!

It was a good hike.



KNOW SOMEONE WHO FORGOT TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP IN THE KILLINGTON SECTION? IF SO, PLEASE GIVE THAT PERSON THE MEMBERSHIP BLANK ON THE LAST PAGE.

VERA A. PERKINS, 1898-1993

by Janet P. Martin

Vera had been a Killington Section member for 55 years when she died on November 27, 1993. She had earned her "End to Ender" along with her brother Craigie and his wife Mary in the late 1960's. In the early years my cousins and I hiked with them on many Killington Section hikes. She participated in some of the earliest Intersectionals, and as the Martin family grew, she often accompanied them on hikes and to the Intersectionals. In 1962 she had sole charge of our three girls, before their 4th, 6th, and 8th birthdays while I was giving birth to their youngest brother. She was 92 when she went on her last snowshoe hike with the Killington section.

Old timers in the Section remember fondly sugar-on-snow parties in her attic and the wonderful pies she made for the annual meetings and potluck suppers.

Few of us knew that Vera wrote poetry. Here is one that all hikers can relate to titled "Summer Noon on Long Hill":

The sky is a deep blue.
The air has a singing warmth
and an earthly fragrance.
A gipsying bee hums fitfully.
As spires of smoke reach silently
up from the town below.
Earth rests briefly at the turn
of the day.

DIRECTORS ASK MAIN CLUB TO KEEP BUCKLIN TRAIL LOCATION AS IS; RENEW COOPER LODGE CARETAKER FUNDS.

by Herb Ogden, Jr., from notes by
Wally Rogers, Temporary Secretary

At a meeting on 6 January, the Section Directors discussed a letter from G.M.C. headquarters regarding the Bucklin Trail, which leaves the Wheelerville Road in Mendon at Brewers Corners, follows a woodroad along Brewers Brook for about two miles, and then ascends to the Long Trail at Cooper Lodge. This trail is on a property being acquired by the State of Vermont. The G.M.C. will have a conservation easement banning motorized travel. While Headquarters proposes that we temporarily not enforce

that restriction because the woodroad along the brook is used by backwoods vehicles, Headquarters suggests that the Bucklin Trail eventually be moved south onto the side of the ridge, so as to avoid contact with vehicles.

Killington Section directors agreed that the present valley woodroad route has less maintenance and is in a favorable location, that vehicles are few and tolerated, and that logging may cause temporary inconvenience and damage but is currently preferable to relocation. It was moved and unanimously passed that the Killington Section recommends leaving the Bucklin Trail where it is and waiving any restriction on motorized vehicles. Directors requested comment from the main club on our recommendation and a final decision on trail location.

In her role as Trails and Shelters Co-Chair, Section President Sue Carey reported on trail-road intersections which needed signs. She also reported on an October 1993 meeting on shelters. Many changes are planned. Cooper Lodge continues to be a problem, with vandalism and trash. It was moved and passed unanimously that the main club should ask the State of Vermont and S-K-I, Ltd. (Killington Ski Area) to repair winter vandalism and clear refuse weekly as part of the state contract. Directors noted that the Killington Ski Patrol could check the lodge every afternoon. Gates could be erected on the old ski trails in the area to re-direct skiers away from the lodge.

Directors also voted to pay the main club up to \$575 toward the expense of a G.M.C. caretaker for Cooper Lodge in the summer of 1994. It was suggested that a tent platform be erected for the caretaker.

Sue Carey announced that Rob Carey would share responsibility with her for the southern half of the Killington Section's part of the Long Trail. Tim Welch is co-chair for the northern half.

It was noted that, since the *Smoke & Blazes* through the last issue showed some dues categories as being \$2 less than they were supposed to be, the Treasurer could accept dues in that amount until the next issue gave the 1994 dues schedule, as passed in 1992.

WATCH FOR NEWS OF G.M.C. REGIONAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL STATUS AND OTHER FEDERAL HELP OR LAND CONDEMNATION AUTHORITY FOR ACQUISITION OF LT AND SIDE TRAIL CORRIDORS NOW PRIVATELY OWNED. MAIN CLUB DIRECTORS HAVE BEEN DIVIDED ON THIS ISSUE.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB OUTING SCHEDULE

Trips leave from south of the Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Non-members are welcome!

Sunday 20 February, 12:00 p.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

HILDENE, MANCHESTER. X-C ski adventure at the Robert Todd Lincoln home. There is a fee to ski. We may possibly stop for early evening dining on the way home.

Saturday 26 February, 8:00 a.m. Contact: Sue Carey 446-2830

STRATTON POND X-C SKI TRIP. Joint outing with the Manchester Section. Bring lunch and water. This a moderate trip, fairly level terrain, gorgeous views.

Sunday 6 March, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Larry Dodds 438-5473

WALLINGFORD POND, WALLINGFORD. Come and enjoy an easy 3 mile X-C ski outing. We will explore the trails in the Wallingford Pond area.

Sunday 13 March, 9:00 a.m. Contact: Wally Rogers 468-3210

GALICK WILDLIFE PRESERVE, WEST HAVEN. Enjoy a X-C ski outing of about 5 miles in duration at an intermediate level. There are some easier optional routes for those who do not wish to ski at the intermediate level.

Saturday 19 March, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

MERCK FOREST, RUPERT. Enjoy a day hike with possible overnight stay. Those who wish to participate in the overnight stay pay a charge of \$4.50 per person and must contact the leader in advance.

Saturday 26 March, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Janet Martin 773-8621

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY at Unitarian-Universalist Church (basement meeting room), 117 West St., Rutland. \$4 for adults; children under 12 free.

Saturday 9 April, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Linda Pellerin

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK SUPPER. The meeting and supper will be held at the Econolodge, Route 4, Mendon. Please bring your own utensils. Program: Trekking in Nepal.

Saturday 16 April, 1:00 p.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

GLEN DAM, RUTLAND TOWN. Easy 2 mile hike and tour of Glen Dam.

Thursday 21 April 1994, 7:30 p.m. Co-chair Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. At Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested.

Sunday 24 April, 9:00 a.m. Contact: Sue Thomas 773-2185

LYE BROOK FALLS, MANCHESTER. Moderate 5 mile hike into the Lye Brook Wilderness to one of Vermont's highest and most beautiful water falls.

continued on p. 5

Saturday 30 April, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. 773-1350
TALC MINE RAILROAD, ROCHESTER. Hike abandoned narrow-gage switchbacks to talc mine.

Saturday 7 May, 11:00 a.m. Leader: Roma Pulling 773-6997
QUECHEE GORGE, HARTFORD. Explore the Gorge on this easy 2 mile hike.

Saturday 14 May, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Rob and Sue Carey 446-2830
SOUTHERN SECTION WALK THROUGH/WORK PARTY. Cold River Road to points south. Moderate hikes to include removing of blowdowns, clearing waterbars and trimming the trail. Tools will be provided by the section.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

Sue Carey, President	RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773	446-2830
Larry Dodds, Vice-President	3 Westside Ct., West Rutland, VT 05777	438-5473
Roma Pulling, Treasurer	RFD 3, Box 7269, Rutland, VT 05701	773-6997
Jean Davies, Secretary	Box 37, Pittsford, VT 05763	483-6623

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr.	Editors
Larry Dodds	
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	
Ray Catozzi	

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701

SEND COPY BY 1 APRIL 1994, PLEASE!

Articles on WordPerfect 5.0 or 5.1 are especially welcome in "newspaper column" format.

WHEELERVILLE COOKOUT

18 December 1993

by Ray Catozzi, Leader

We had a great outing. We had a fire going, water boiling, and hot dogs mostly cooked before dark descended on us. But everything went fine after my Coleman gas lantern was lit. All hiked out the same 1½ miles we hiked in: a half mile of Wheelerville Road and one mile of forest road.

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your article directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot, unless the landowner would object to the publicity.

Don't know what to do with old issues of *Smoke & Blazes*? Leave them for a doctor's office or other place where folks will see them and have a little time to read them. This helps spread the news about our section of the Green Mountain Club.

OLD ROARING BROOK ROAD, SHREWSBURY
8 January 1994

by Bernie Donahue, Leader

Guess what? Yes, you guessed right. For the fourth consecutive attempt, the old Roaring Brook Road was inhospitable to hiking guests due to inclement weather. This hike "leader" is jinxed and is forced to retire from further attempts at completing a hike there. With regrets!



**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$18.00
Family	\$24.00
Individual (under 18)	\$ 6.00
Senior (65 & Over)	\$12.00
Life Member of Killington Sec.	\$400.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

*The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar years basis.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland VT 05701



PERKROB

MR & MRS ROBERT & THELMA PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28227

Printed on recycled paper.



VOL. 47, NO. 1

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

APRIL 1994

BLUE RIDGE SNOWSHOE

6 February 1994

by Sue Thomas, Leader

I've been wanting to snowshoe up to the cascade on Blue Ridge Mountain for years. Finally this winter nature cooperated and provided plenty of snow for the trip. Fortunately for us someone else had the same idea and left us a nicely packed trail offering less work. Although on the final pitch I began to wonder why it had seemed so appealing to me all those years! We made it and had our lunch beside the frozen cascade.

After lunch a few adventurous types continued to the summit, while those of us in our right minds went home to thaw out. [Note from one of the former: the trail was fine once we found it, and the view was great!] After all, we had a Southerner along. Our ex-president Phil Johnson came from South Carolina to see some snow. We awarded him the long distance medal for the day. No one volunteered for the distinction of oldest hiker.

MOUNT ASCUTNEY FROM THE WEST ON SNOWSHOES

12 February 1994

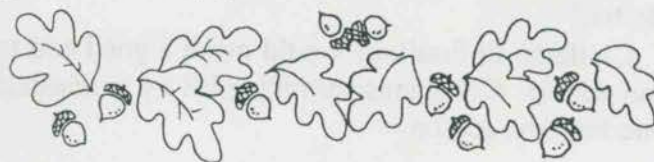
by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

The winter weather was gorgeous, but for some reason only two Section members showed up for this joint outing with the Ascutney Trails Association. After a beautiful drive over to West Windsor, Ruth Hare and I located a snowshoe track leading east from the Coaching Lane Road, which is east of and parallel

to the Ascutney Notch Road. I had cleverly scheduled our departure so we would arrive there after the ATA folks, so we benefitted from the trail they had broken until we met them most of the way up.

We crossed open fields and some Ascutney Resort cross country ski trails, with fine views west, before entering the woods and taking a woodroad that headed east toward the Enright Quarry. We then branched off near the bottom of a long-gone log chute, taking first a smaller woodroad and then a bushwhack up an increasingly steep route through evergreens wearing a beautiful coat of rime ice. Here, we began to pass those few of the eight or so ATA hikers who either had snowshoes with tails or still had much to learn about snowshoe bindings. We were slowing down ourselves, tired by the climb, and were happy to see the white and blue blazes of the Weathersfield Trail at last. After a few challenging climbs on it, we reached the sunny summit and joined the ATA for lunch. We then went on to the new tower to enjoy the view. A few diehards (not we) climbed the tower on snowshoes, just so they could say they had made it all the way.

Barbara Rhoad of the ATA led us on a different way down. After admiring the views from West Peak and Gus's Lookout, we branched off to the west just below the latter and followed what was supposedly once a snowmobile trail (incredibly steep in spots, where our snowshoes acted more like skis) onto a fairly open ridge south of the Mower Quarry. This provided a very pleasant return.



CASTLETON RAILROAD BED X-C SKI

6 March 1993

by Larry Dodds, Leader

This outing was to take place at the Wallingford Pond Recreation Area. A prior storm dropped two feet of new snow in the area and left it inaccessible. I made the move to Castleton Railroad Bed Trail.

A beautiful, bright, clear day greeted us this Sunday morning as five club members gathered for an engaging outdoor adventure blessed with warm Spring temperatures. Al and Roma Pulling came along with their snowshoes and Ruth Hare, Herb Ogden, and I were ready to ski. After a short drive out to the Castleton State College parking area we unloaded our gear and headed down the trail. The morning ski conditions were ideal.

Al and Roma headed out on their snowshoes and the three skiers soon left them behind. The miles piled up behind us and the day got warmer. We paused several times during the day to layer clothes on and off. At three miles down the trail toward Poultney Ruth started to have problems with her feet. She had skied a fair amount the previous day and was starting to show signs of it. She decided to turn back toward the College and meet Al and Roma.

Herb and I decided to push further down the trail, then turn around and meet Ruth, Al, and Roma for lunch. We made the Route 30 crossing and pushed on toward Poultney. We stopped at 4.5 miles and decided to ski back toward the College to meet the others for lunch.

Herb and I met the others after skiing about 1.5 miles toward the college. Al and Roma decided to head back to the parking area while the skiers paused for lunch. Al and Roma predicted that the skiers would overtake them on the way back.

After a needed rest and some lunch, the skiers were ready to head back. Off we went, at a much slower pace?! The snow was beginning to become sticky as the temperature rose into the 50's.

Huffing and puffing we made it back to the parking lot where Al and Roma were waiting patiently. "You've got to take up cross country skiing or learn to slow down on those snow shoes," I said to Al and Roma.

Castleton to Poultney would make a good end to end ski trip. Conditions permitting I'll try to schedule one for next season.

MERCK FOREST OVERNIGHT CAMPING

19 March 1994

by Sue and Mara Carey

"Merck Forest and Farmland Center is a 2,820 acre forest preserve in the Taconic Mountains of southwestern Vermont. It is owned and operated by a private nonprofit organization, for the purposes of education and conservation. There are a limited number of rustic shelters and tents sites available for public use."

The following is an excerpt from the log book and written by eight year old Mara Carey:

March 19, 1994:

My name is Mara Carey. My Mom, Dad, and little brother are staying at Spruce Shelter. My friend Sue Thomas is staying here too. We brought our dog Lady. I think she likes it here. We are all staying overnight. Today Sue and I played cribbage. I won! Our dog Lady is lying so close to the fire that I think she is going to fry.

I can't wait until we go to bed. My Dad brought a light. My brother and I got the top bunk. My hand is starting to hurt so I will write some more later.

March 20, 1994:

Last night we went Moon Skiing . We went to Clark's Clearing. Today i hurt my hand on a nail on the door. So watch out for nails! We have to leave soon so I will stop writing. Maybe I can come again.

Additional comments written by Mara at home:

When we were going home we came to a big hill. It was all downhill! I was holding Lady . Lady is a very strong dog. All of a sudden she started running and I fell and landed on my set. Lady was pulling me down the hill. My seat was a sled and I was sliding down really, really fast. Lady pulled me all the way down the hill and i came in second after my brother Seth. Seth was skiing! I was pretending that I was in the Iditerod. I came in second in the Iditerod!

Sue Thomas brought some chocolate chip cookies and wishes to share the recipe:

1 yellow cake mix

2 eggs

2/3 cup oil

1 bag chocolate chips

Mix first three ingredients. Add chocolate chips. Spread on cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes.

SUGAR ON SNOW

26 March 1994

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

A good-sized group of us gathered in the Unitarian-Universalist church basement for this traditional event. Unlike some recent years, there was plenty of snow, though the Careys kept some special Wallingford snow in their freezer just in case. Janet Martin cooked up the usual delectable syrup to an almost caramel consistency, and the crowd disposed of it, the snow, the donuts, and the pickles in short order amid pleasant conversation and talk of outings to come.

ANNUAL MEETING

10 April 1994

by Jean Davies, Secretary

After a delicious potluck supper at the Econo Lodge in Mendon, Sue Carey, President, called the meeting to order. The Treasurer reported \$805.74 in the checking account and \$2828.55 in the savings. The George L. Kirk Fund has a balance of \$1316.21.

Sue Carey reported that SKI Ltd. doesn't want the responsibility of daily care of Cooper Lodge on Killington which gets lots of abuse from skiers, so a caretaker appears to be the best answer. The Caretaker is to be funded by the State, Main Club, and Sections. There is also talk of a composting outhouse there.

The Minerva Hinchey Shelter is five feet off the protected trail land. It isn't a problem now. It's in the 20-year plan. Clarendon Shelter is 10' off the corridor, and is in the 10-year plan.

Governor Clement Shelter is accessible for local parties. It's considered historical because it's the only stone shelter, therefore it can't be torn down. The GMC may eventually build a new one and let the Park service have the old. The average age of shelters is 50 years. The Main Club undertook a review of them.

Pico will eventually become a ski trail, so a new site is being looked for. Gary Salmon says the "State is gun-ho" about the Bucklin Trail.

Dave Hardy is Southern Assistant for GMC. He reported that on May 7, there will be a meeting on the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). The Forest Service has to bring this to the public before any action can be taken. The meeting will be

held at the Supervisor's Office in Rutland (Route 7 North). There is no cost.

June 4 is the Annual Meeting of the Main Club at Waterbury. Cost is \$5.00 each.

After six years, one year must be taken off the Board of Directors. Bernie Donahue, Churchill Scott, and Herb Ogden, Jr. were thanked heartily for their service. New Directors are Linda Pellerin, Phil Smith, and Wally Rogers.

The following were present at the Director's Meeting: Sue Thomas, Phil Smith, Linda Pellerin, Sue Carey, Larry Dodds, Roma Pulling, Jean Davies. Voted as officers: President, Sue Carey; Vice-President, Larry Dodds; Treasurer, Roma Pulling; Secretary, Jean Davies. Wally Rogers is the "Director to the Main Club" and Linda Pellerin the "Assistant Director to the Main Club".

Everyone appreciated the fine hospitality of Ross Almo, of the Econo-Lodge, for opening his lodge to our meeting.

WILDERNESS ETHICS DISCUSSION

11 May, 1994

You are invited to join the Trail Management Committee on May 11 for what we hope will be the beginning of an introspective look at the GMC's trail management goals. We believe that it's important for this discussion to go beyond the Trail Management Committee to include the Club leadership and others active in our management and maintenance programs. We hope that you will join us.

The basis for our discussion will be *Wilderness Ethics*, the recent book by GMC members Laura and Guy Waterman. In their book, Laura and Guy challenge backcountry and wilderness managers to think about the implications of their actions (both physical improvements and regulations) in changing the wilderness environment for the safety or convenience of visitors. The meeting will be held at GMC Headquarters, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Don't know what to do with old issues of *Smoke & Blazes*? Leave them for a doctor's office or other place where folks will see them and have a little time to read them. This helps spread the news about our section of the Green Mountain Club.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB OUTING SCHEDULE

Trips leave from south of the Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown. Please bring **lunch** unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Non-members are welcome!**

Sunday 22 May, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

MT. CARMEL, CHITTENDEN, via the New Boston Trail and a short bushwhack from the Long Trail up the former Mt. Carmel Trail. Though the tower is horizontal, there is a view. 8 mi. moderate.

Saturday 4 June. Contact (including for rides): Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING at Club headquarters in Waterbury Center. See *Long Trail News* for details of meeting and afternoon activities.

Sunday 5 June, 9 a.m. Leader: Tim Welch 483-2085

SECTION NORTHERN WALK-THROUGH. Check and do light maintenance on various parts of the Long Trail assigned to the Section, from the Upper Cold River Road in Shrewsbury to Sherburne Pass (US Route 4) in Sherburne. We need people to note trail conditions, paint blazes, clean out shelters, clear brush and blowdowns, clean out waterbars, and more. Something for everyone! Tools provided.

Saturday 11 June, 10:00 a.m. Contact: Bill Robichaud 775-2567

WHEELERVILLE ROAD BICYCLE CIRCUIT from Rutland City to Brewers Corners and back the other way, partly on paved roads. **NOTE:** Because this is a cycling trip, we will leave from the Stafford Technical Center parking lot off Route 4 (Woodstock Ave.) just east of Stratton Road, *not* from the usual place.

Saturday 18 June, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350

MOUNT ASCUTNEY via Weathersfield and Brownsville Trails. The Flume, Crystal Cascade, West Peak, North Peak, Norcross Quarry, and more! 6.1 mi. difficult on account of over 2000 ft. climb.

Saturday 25 June, 8 a.m. Contact: Bill Robichaud 775-2567

COOLEY GLEN TRAIL, LONG TRAIL, and EMILY PROCTOR TRAIL. Grand circuit through the back country of Lincoln, Granville and Ripton, over the Northern Presidentials (Mts. Cleveland and Roosevelt). 12.5 mi. difficult.

Thursday 7 July, 7:30 p.m. Co-chairs: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350, and Linda Pellerin 773-7779

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. At Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested.

Saturday 9 July, 9 a.m. Contact: Sue or Rob Carey 446-2830

WORK PARTY, with details to be announced depending on what thing or things most need fixing by then.

Saturday 16 July 1:00 p.m. Leader: Linda Pellerin 773-7779

PITTSFORD ICE CAVES. 3 mi. moderate.

continued on next page

Saturday 23 July, 8:00 a.m. Contact: Sue Thomas 773-2185

LONG TRAIL FROM COUNTY RD. TO ROUTE 9 in Stamford and Woodford, over Harmon Hill. 11.1 mi. moderate to difficult. Rain date Sunday 24 July.

Sunday 31 July, 10:30 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350

BIRDSEYE MOUNTAIN, CASTLETON and IRA. We will use the Ira Birdseye Road and a woodroad running north from it, rather than the trail in the *Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont*. 4 mi. moderate.

Saturday 6 August, 8:00 a.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

CAMELS HUMP via BURROWS TRAIL. This approach, from Huntington, is the easiest. 5.8 mi. moderate, but note there is a climb of about 2500 ft. Bring warm clothes for the top.

Sunday 14 August, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Bill Robichaud 775-2567

MT. EQUINOX, MANCHESTER via Burr & Burton Trail. 5.8 mi, difficult on account of 2870 ft. ascent.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

Sue Carey, President	RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773	446-2830
Larry Dodds, Vice-President	3 Westside Ct., West Rutland, VT 05777	438-5473
Roma Pulling, Treasurer	RFD 3, Box 7269, Rutland, VT 05701	773-6997
Jean Davies, Secretary	Box 37, Pittsford, VT 05763	483-6623

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr. Editors

Larry Dodds

Sue Thomas Illustrator

Irene Hawley Production and

Lorraine Hawley Distribution

Virginia Scott

W. Churchill Scott

Ray Catozzi

Please send material to the Editor at

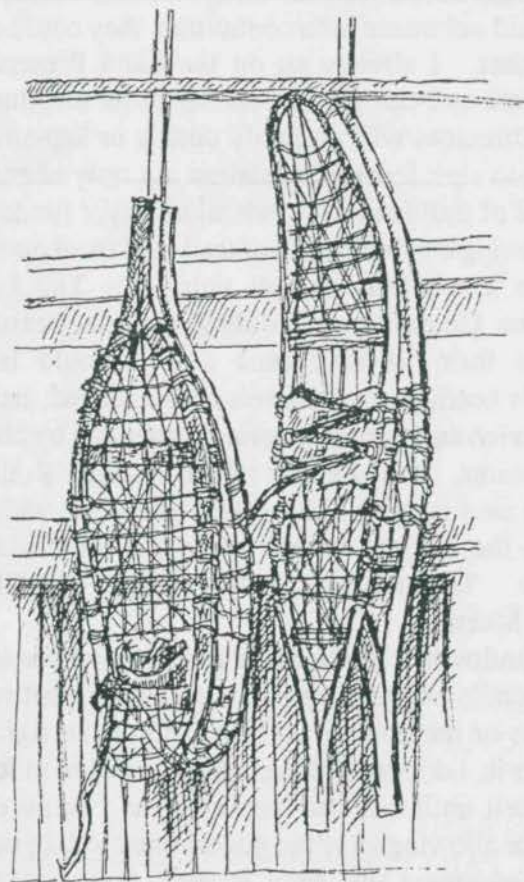
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.

92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701

Articles on WordPerfect 5.0 or 5.1 are especially welcome in "newspaper column" format.

SEND COPY BY 1 JULY 1994, PLEASE!

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guide-book, please include in your article directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot, unless the landowner would object to the publicity.



We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Phil Smith, Fair Haven VT

Larry Walter, Rutland VT

A full list of members is on page 7.

FROM THE MARCH GREEN MT. CLUB DIRECTORS MEETING

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

Unlike Section Director Wally Rogers, I do not formally represent our Section on the Board of Directors; I am a Director simply because I am Club Secretary. I do want to report on some concerns regarding the last meeting, not in order of priority:

Eric Chittenden, who spearheaded the drive to buy the HQ in Waterbury, has been distracted by other duties. The Headquarters Fund has fallen way behind target. We need volunteers to raise funds and donors to retire the mortgage on schedule.

The Land Protection Committee and the Trail Management Committee have, I think, gone overboard on issuing detailed standards, some about 50 pages long. I think they are over-bureaucratizing some club functions. We need some Killington Section members to volunteer to serve on these committees and counterbalance the well-meaning bureaucrats. If two would volunteer for a committee, they could ride up together. I already sit on the Land Protection Committee and can give a ride up to its meetings.

The Directors will probably decide in September whether to seek federal legislation not only allowing purchase of trail land with federal taxpayer funds but also allowing condemnation of trail land from owners who are not willing to sell outright. The Land Protection Committee is holding regional hearings on what form, if any, such a bill should take. Rutland's hearing was relatively well-attended, unlike the Norwich and Putney meetings, attended by about a half-dozen. Perhaps half of those at the Rutland meeting said nothing, however. Everyone with an idea on the subject should share the idea with a Director. This topic will also arise at the GMC Annual Meeting.

If a landowner is letting us cross his or her land and generally cooperating with us, but does not want to sell us or the government his land or the right to pass over it, I do not think we want legislation to force him to sell until this situation changes. In no case do I favor allowing us or the government to take more than an easement (the right to pass, not ownership of the land itself). Nevertheless, if enough members disagree and want more, I'm open to persuasion.

The Organizational Review Committee's work continues, now that survey results are back. I think

the Committee will have to grapple with the rationale for Section members paying much less in Main Club assessment than At-Large members pay in Main Club dues. I think the rationale is that Section members collectively deserve a break because each Section contributes volunteer trails and shelters work, while At-Large members mostly do not. With the increase in At-Large members' adopting various trails and shelters, this rationale is not as sound as it once was. We should do more to encourage those Section members who are able-bodied to spend at least a half day per year on trail or shelter work. (Many older members have earned a retirement, but the Section cannot rest on their laurels forever.) People can also help by raising funds or doing Section or Main Club office tasks, and in other ways. I think Section members are **supposed** to do such things, at least while they're able; At-Large are only expected to pay dues.

Also a propos of Organizational Review, the GMC must decide if it is supposed to maintain only the LT and its side trails, or if it is a statewide trail maintainer. For example, should the GMC, either through adopters or through a Section, maintain some of the essentially unmaintained trails listed in the *Day Hikers Guide*, such as the one up Birdseye?

The GMC faces some conflict with the Mt. Mansfield Corp. over its expansion plan despite recent compromises. Now might be a good time to take that hike up Mt. Mansfield you've thought about, so you have some idea of what the issues are, especially around the Haselton Trail -- and so you can tell me and Wally what to do.

The main club's Killington-Pico Committee has been dormant, and it's partly my fault. I'm the local member. Would anyone care to join? In the meantime, the recent *Rutland Herald* report is accurate: because S-K-I, Ltd. won't give more protection for the LT, the National Park Service will condemn a generally 1000' wide swath. The reroute around the west of Pico may depend on the City of Rutland's willingness to sell the Park Service part of the City Forest. Another factor may be the Town of Mendon's (un)willingness to see land in Mendon transferred from the City of Rutland, which pays real estate taxes, to the U.S. Government, which pays a lesser sum.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
Members in Good Standing as of
April 20th 1994

Linda Aines, RR 1, Box 1201, Sudbury, VT 05733
Robert L. Badger, 16 Grant St., Potsdam, NY 13676
Rob, Sue, Mara and Seth Carey, RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773
Karen Cartier, 63 Evergreen Avenue, Rutland
Rachael Charland, 414 Chestnut St., Springfield, MA 01101
Norman Cohen, POBox 517, Rutland
George Conlon, 9 Sunset Dr., Rutland
Robert P. Darrow, RR 2, Box 7562, Rutland
Jean and Charles Davies, Box 37, Pittsford, VT 05763
Joe Dicton Sr., RR 1, Box 3999-3, Rutland
Larry Dodds, 3 Westside Ct., West Rutland 05777
Bernie Donahue, 50 Edgerton St., Rutland
Judith Falanga, 51 Beaver Pond Rd, Proctor, VT 05765
Ruth Gibbud, 120 Park St, Proctor, VT 05765
Ruth Hare, 135 Church St, Apt E, Rutland
Ira, Irene and Lorraine Hawley, RR 3, Box 7264, Rutland
Kenneth Heitkamp, RR 2, Box 165-3, Center Rutland, VT 05736
Margaret Hickey, 33 South St., Proctor, VT 05765
Jan Jackson, 202 Girsby Ave, Easley, SC 29640
Phil Johnson, 3 Moore Lane, Greenville, SC 29615
Willard Johnson, RR 4, Box 251, Abilene, KS 67410
Nancy Knight, RR 1, Box 3448, Rutland
Ruth and Sandy Lamb, POBox 127, Bolton Landing, NY 12814
Nina LaPenna, 16 Garden St, Proctor, VT 05765
David and Peggy Lewis, 26 Saluda Dam Rd, Greenville, SC 29611
Catherine M Langon, POBox 1426, Castleton, VT 15735 Robert & Mary Lord,
John and Janet Martin, 7 Curtis Ave, Rutland, VT RFD 2, Box 2086-1
David Martin, Box 324, Mt. Holly, VT 05758 Brandon, VT 05733
Alice McDougall, 3 Blueberry Lane, Hopkinton, MA 01748
Marjorie Meany, 300 North Grove St, Rutland
Sue Nelson, 29¹/₂ Gorham Bridge Rd, Proctor, VT 05765
Mary Ann Nissley, 66 Newville Rd, Chalfont, PA 18914
Herb Ogden Jr. and Cathy Thomas, 20 Birchwood Ave, Rutland
Sally V. Oldenburg, RR 3, Box 4635, Rutland
Gerald Parker, RR 1, Box 586, Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Catherine Partalis, POBox 6152, Rutland
Sanborn Partridge, 62 Ormsbee Ave, Proctor, VT 05765
Linda Pellerin, 79 East St, Rutland
Hope Petrovich and family, 224 State St, Rutland
Mark Pettrone, RR 2, Box 484, Averill Park, NY 12018
Roma and Al Pulling, RR 3, Box 7269, Rutland
George Reynolds, 8 Hillcrest Rd, Springfield, VT 05156
William Robichaud, POBox 457, Rutland
Wally Rogers and Delight Gartlein, RR 2, Box 5370, Castleton, VT 05735
Ellen Russell, 10 Tenney Brook Court, Rutland
W. C. Scott, RR 3, Box 4869, Rutland Marilyn Sheldon, RR 1, Box 2145, West
Phil Smith, 9-A Capitol Hill, Fair Haven, VT 05743 Rutland
Marjorie Sweeney, RR 3, Box 3303, Pittsford, VT 05763-9401 05777
Sue Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave, Rutland
Robert and Ann Vale, POBox 1565, Castleton, VT 05735
Larry Walter, 116 Post St., Apt 2, Rutland
Tim Ward, Box 342, Whitehall, NY 12887
David Watts, POBox 61, Castleton, VT 05735
Tim Welch, RR 1, Box 803, Pittsford, VT 05763
Craig Wells, 32 Sheridan St, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Leonard Wells, 16 Orchard St, Cos Cob, CN 06807
Gary White, 7 Emeritus Ave, Rutland
Donald Young, POBox 588, Ludlow, VT 05149
E Kent Yucel and Tamsin Knox, POBox 62, Chittenden, VT 05737

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$18.00
Family	\$24.00
Individual (under 18)	\$ 6.00
Senior (65 & Over)	\$12.00
Life Member of Killington Sec.	\$400.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

*The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland VT 05701



PERKROB
MR & MRS ROBERT & THELMA PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28227

Printed on recycled paper.



Smoke & Blazes

VOL. 47, NO. 2

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

JULY 1994

QUECHEE GORGE

7 May 1994

by Roma Pulling

A day that started cloudy and threatening turned into a gorgeous afternoon. Three people met me at the park, and we drove to Quechee in two cars, parking near the picnic area.

After eating, we followed a path north along the Ottauquechee River as far as the falls. As May 7 was Green-up Day, I carried a large plastic bag, and we picked up trash as we walked along. By the end of the hike we had the bag half full with cigarette butts and plastic and paper products including two soiled baby diapers. Ray Catozzi filled on and a half shopping bags with cans and bottles.

Near the falls Bob Piper, who is an electrical engineer, walked down to the power station and could hear dynamos turning. Power generated here used to run woollen mills when the area was known as Dewey's Mills. When our inspection was complete, we retraced our steps and followed a path under the Rt. 4 bridge. In the days of the Woodstock Railroad, a railroad bridge crossed the river at this same spot from 1875 to 1933. We had seen pictures of the original bridge, constructed of wooden trusses reinforced with iron rods. It was replaced with a steel bridge in 1911.

The path we were following paralleled the river, descending as we followed it in a southerly direction until we were on a level with the river itself. Several people were sunning themselves on rock outcroppings in the river, and we joined them for a picture-taking interlude. On our walk we had seen several spring

wild flowers including lovely white bloodroot and round-leaved (yellow) violets.

We met at the White Cottage Snack Bar in West Woodstock for some of their delicious ice cream. It was a pleasant way to end a very pleasant outing.

SOUTHERN WALK THROUGH

14 May 1994

by Sue Carey, Leader

Rob and I were unable to attend this work party, but Rob managed to meet people at the fire station, distribute tools and send people on their way. From the reports that I received all of the southern half of our section was done except for two miles south of Minerva Hinchey.

We received some free material from a friend of mine who likes to keep her property neat and tidy. Her picket fence was starting to show signs of rot along the bottom. I picked up the upright pickets that she had removed, cut off the bottoms and repainted them, and they made dandy arrows for along the Long Trail. They were nailed on trees at several problem intersections including the spur trail to Minerva Hinchey, the Lower Cold River Road and the Three Camp Road north of the Upper Cold River Road.

The only major problem area is between the Cold River Roads. The stream is washing away the bank leaving a dangerous 40 feet dropoff along the Trail. This area has been temporarily rerouted, but a permanent reroute cannot be accomplished until approval is received from the U.S. Government.

NORTHERN WALK-THROUGH

5 June 1994

by Sue Carey

Normally the northern part of our section is Tim Welch's responsibility, but he had to go to a wedding. I didn't attend the southern walk-through and was feeling guilty because I am Southern Trails and Shelters Co-Chairman. Jumping at the opportunity to redeem myself, I led the charge up Killington.

Two people started at Route 4 and headed south. The rest piled into my Toyota pickup at Killington Base Lodge and we drove up the service road. Now before we started up the road, the truck was a little noisy because of muffler problems. After we started up, it definitely became LOUD. We parked the truck close to Cooper Lodge and headed down the path. Much to our chagrin we discovered that Killington has moved its ski trails to include Cooper Lodge. There were two huge metal signs warning skiers about leaving the ski trail. These signs do not meet ATC standards. Don't you need an Act 250 permit to move ski trails?

The workers headed south along the Trail with clippers, chainsaw and paint. Seth and I clipped the trail to the top, then we drove down the mountain. Trail bikes passed us on the way down. We didn't have to worry about surprising them; by this time the truck was so loud that you couldn't hold a conversation inside the truck. We picked up the work party at the Three Camps Road in Shrewsbury and returned them to Rutland.

MT. ASCUTNEY MELT

18 June 1994

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

Hot and hazy were the hours
as we clumb through woody bowers
on the scenic Brownsville Trail.
Languidly we clumb the tower
noting thunderheads did lower.

Once upon the Weathersfield Trail
came assaults of rain and hail.
On we slogged with soggy shoes
till Crystal Cascade gave us views.

DEDUCTIBILITY OF DUES

by Lisa Hughes, Business Manager, GMC

GMC Headquarters has received several calls recently regarding the tax deductibility of dues paid to the Green Mountain Club. Dues paid to GMC Sections are a little unclear. Headquarters has conferred with our auditor about this, and she has made the following recommendations.

For Section members, only the amount of the assessment paid by the Section, less the cost of the *Long Trail News*, is deductible. Only contributions made to an IRS-determined 501(c)3 organization are deductible. The assessment fits this category. However, because the *Long Trail News* is considered to be a benefit of membership, it is **not** deductible.

In other words, an individual member who pays dues to a Section could deduct \$9, which is \$12 for the Section assessment less \$3 for the cost of the *LTN*. [Ed. note: Because the Section pays the GMC \$18 for a family membership, those paying a family membership presumably can deduct \$15, which is the \$18 assessment less the \$3 for the *LTN*. Because the GMC has no separate assessments for junior or senior members, they can also deduct the \$9.]

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr.	Editors
Debbie Dodds	
Larry Dodds	
Sue Thomas	Illustrator
Irene Hawley	Production and
Lorraine Hawley	Distribution
Virginia Scott	
W. Churchill Scott	
Ray Catozzi	
Roma Pulling	

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701

SEND COPY BY 1 OCTOBER 1994, PLEASE!
Articles on WordPerfect 5.0 or 5.1 are especially welcome in
"newspaper column" format.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB OUTING SCHEDULE

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of the Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown. Please bring **lunch** unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Non-members are welcome!

Saturday 20 August, 1 p.m. Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982 Joint outing with Audubon Society.
FIFTH ANNUAL TACONIC MOUNTAINS RAMBLE, Hubbardton. Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east and west, a Japanese garden, and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. 2 to 5 mi. easy to moderate; walkers can leave the group at several different points and wait on the lawn for the rest. Bring no lunch. Rain date 21 August; call the leader if in doubt.

Saturday 20 August - Saturday 27 August. Art Seddon (219) 483-7045, John Howard (410) 730-4489
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB INTERSECTIONAL, Camp Plymouth State Park, Echo Lake, Plymouth, off Vt. 100. Boating, swimming, hiking, touring, eating, and anything else anyone thinks of. Free access to Coolidge State Park showers. Camper vehicles, RVs, and tent trailers should stay at Coolidge State Park, just up the road; call (802) 672-3612 to reserve space there. Sorry, no pets! Come enjoy the company of members from all over the Green Mt. Club for any time from the full week to part of a day.

Saturday 27 August, 1 p.m. Walter Churchill Scott 775-1494
BRIDGEWATER GOLD MINE. See what happened when the '49ers came home. Bring a flashlight. 2 mi. easy. Intersectional participants especially welcome! Bring no lunch.

Saturday 10 September, 9 a.m. Herb Ogden, Jr. home 775-1350; work 775-3368
MT. MANSFIELD up the Haselton Trail and down the Long Trail south of Smugglers Notch. Climb Vermont's highest peak and see how ski development might affect the historic Haselton Trail. 4.9 mi., steep.

Saturday 17 September, 8:15 a.m. Herb Ogden, Jr. home 775-1350; work 775-3368
MT. OKEMO via new Healdville Trail. Joint hike with Manchester Section of GMC, led by Carol Wright of the Manchester Section. 5.8 mi. moderate with two steep sections.

Saturday 24 September, 9 a.m. Sue Thomas 773-2185
MT. ABRAHAM up Battell Trail and down Long Trail to Lincoln Gap. 6.7 mi. difficult.

Saturday 1 October, 7:30 a.m. Linda Pellerin 773-7779
TONGUE MOUNTAIN, Lake George, N.Y., led by Ruth and Sandy Lamb. 10-13 mi. difficult or 5 mi. moderate; some can do one and some the other if they want. Overnight camping available at the Lambs'; call Linda Pellerin by 20 September to reserve camping space or plan potluck. Rain date 2 October.

Thursday 6 October, 7:30 p.m. Co-chairs: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350, and Linda Pellerin 773-7779
OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. At Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested.

Sunday 9 October, 1 p.m. Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

FIRST ANNUAL SENIOR SHUFFLE. Others welcome if you can keep up! 3-4 mi. easy. No lunch.

Saturday 15 October, time to be set by leaders Geoff and Brenda Brown 824-3673

STYLES PEAK, Peru, Foliage Hike. Moderately strenuous with spectacular views. Joint hike with Manchester Section of GMC, led by Manchester Section members.

Sunday 23 October, 1 p.m. Bernie Donahue 773-7462

OLD SHREWSBURY - PLYMOUTH ROAD by Roaring Brook. Visit scenic abandoned neighborhood on old roads. 4-5 mi. easy. Bring no lunch.

Sunday 30 October, 10:30 a.m. Sue Carey 446-2830

WORK PARTY probably to relocate short piece of trail at landslide between Cold River Roads in Shrewsbury, 2 mi. easy; possibly also to repair Clarendon Gorge bridge deck.

Sunday 6 November, 10 a.m. Wally Rogers 468-3210

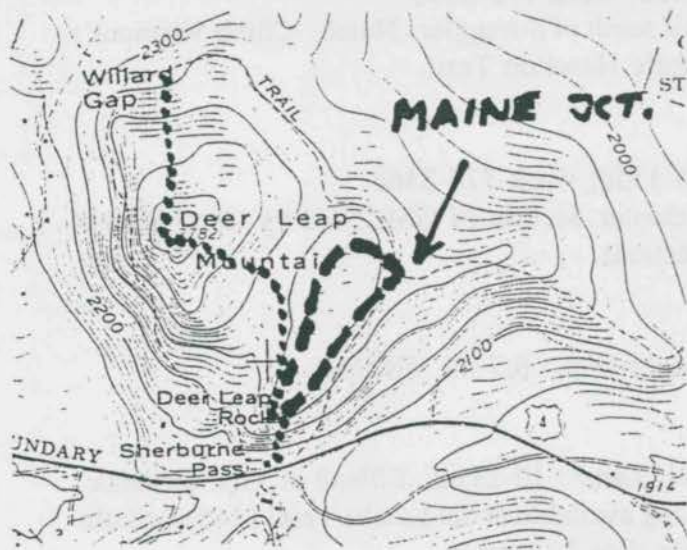
GALICK PRESERVE, WEST HAVEN. Scenic Nature Conservancy fields and forest overlooking Lake Champlain's narrow southern end. 3-4 mi. moderate.

Sunday 13 November, 1 p.m. Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

RAMBLE AROUND RUTLAND. Tired of those long rides to reach the trailhead? This is for you! We will walk from Main St. Park and visit less-traveled neighborhoods of the city. 3-4 mi. easy.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

Sue Carey, President	RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773	446-2830
Larry Dodds, Vice-President	3 Westside Ct., West Rutland, VT 05777	438-5473
Roma Pulling, Treasurer	RFD 3, Box 7269, Rutland, VT 05701	773-6997
Jean Davies, Secretary	Box 37, Pittsford, VT 05763	483-6623



DEER LEAP LOOKOUT TRAIL RELOCATION by Herb Ogden, Jr.

The present Deer Leap Trail is shown by the dotted

line on the map at the left. Although the Killington Section does not officially maintain this trail, the GMC sometimes consults us about it. As previous *Smoke & Blazes* have reported, the Section's Board of Directors recommended some time ago that the section from the Lower Lookout on Little Deer Leap down to Sherburne Pass be closed. Erosion had left big bare rocks where there was once some vegetation to cling to, and the Directors felt the trail had become too dangerous to be listed as a normal hiking trail any more. The GMC and the U.S. Forest Service finally agreed, and this southernmost part of the trail was closed. At the same time, there was discussion of opening a new part of the trail from Little Deer Leap to near Maine Junction, where the Appalachian Trail, a side trail to Mt. Katahdin, leaves the LT and heads east. I suggested the dashed lines on the map as a possible southern loop, and this was scouted.

Deer Leap Lookout Trail

(continued from p. 4)

On 6 June, Beth LeClair, the District Ranger for the U.S. Forest Service's Rochester District, wrote to the GMC suggesting a route from just north of Maine Jct. along the ridge of Little Deer Leap to the present trail at the top of Little Deer Leap. She also recommended closing the present trail north of there (as well as keeping the southernmost part closed) because it was too steep and wet. This would make the only access to Little Deer Leap the new trail from near Maine Jct., make Big Deer Leap trail-less, and prevent any loop hikes on either of the Deer Leaps.

I objected to the U.S. Forest Service's plan, and, on 2 July, the GMC wrote this letter to the Forest Service's District Ranger LeClair:

Dear Beth,

The Green Mountain Club would like to respond to the scoping letter on the Deer Leap and Appalachian Trail relocation projects dated June 6, 1994. The GMC has appreciated the opportunity to work with the Rochester District on the ground in formulating the two proposals that lie within our maintenance responsibility: Deer Leap and the A.T. relocation in Bridgewater. GMC would like to be more directly involved with the development of the scoping documents for Long or Appalachian Trail projects in the District such as this one. This enhanced level of cooperation will help to clarify specific details.

Deer Leap Trail Relocation

The GMC agrees that the current situation at Deer Leap is unacceptable for reasons of safety and resource protection. The southern approach to the ledges has become severely eroded over the years and the jumbled boulders present significant hazards to hikers. The GMC supports closure of the segment of the Deer Leap Trail from Route 4 to the lower ledge. Imperative in this effort should be the provision of a short, new route to the ledges along with sufficient signing that informs hikers of the new route and reasons for closure of the old route. The past popularity of this area with rock climbers and local tourism bureaus dictates that the USFS, GMC and Appalachian Trail Conference conduct extensive outreach to these groups to alert them of the change

in routes.

The proposed relocation of the Deer Leap Trail needs some fine tuning. First, the trail should leave the Long Trail directly at Maine Junction to consolidate signing and resource impact. From this point, the trail would need to briefly slab the slope to meet up with the proposed route. The proposed route should also include a switchback as it ascends the old log road toward the top of Little Deer Leap Mountain. The GMC would like to work with District staff to finalize this route.

The GMC has not resolved the issue of the status and location of the part of the Deer Leap Trail north of the proposed relocation. In part, this decision should be placed in context of the ultimate location of the Appalachian Trail from Route 4 to Route 100. The GMC will also need to resolve the issue of ongoing maintenance of the current route. The GMC proposes that the effort that would be expended on closing this part of the Deer Leap Trail could be better used toward resolving some of the existing problems, for instance, the precipitous route that it follows coming off of Little Deer Leap. We acknowledge that there are problems with the current route, however the GMC does not recommend closing this segment at this time. We will continue to work with the USFS on this issue.

[The GMC went on to comment on an Appalachian Trail relocation in the Ottauquechee Section in Bridgewater.]

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these proposals. We look forward to working with the District on these issues in the future. We are available should you have further questions or a need for further review in the field.

Sincerely,

Lars Botzjorns
Director of Field Programs

Killington Section members should address their comments to a member of the Killington Section Board of Directors or direct to Lars Botzjorns, or both.

WHY

- does the GMC have Sections?
- does the GMC also have At-Large members?
- does a Section pay less to the GMC treasury for each member than each At-Large member pays?
- does each Section member have twice the representation on the GMC Board of Directors that an At-Large member has?

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

These are some of the issues the GMC's Organizational Review Committee is examining. Killington Section Director Wally Rogers and I are the two Killington Section members on this committee. Here is my personal attempt to answer the above questions and provoke some discussion. I don't pretend to speak for the GMC or our Section. If you have ideas, let me or Wally know, and write a piece for *Smoke & Blazes* if you feel like it.

First, I'd better review a few things about dues. The GMC Board of Directors sets the dues each GMC member pays the GMC Treasurer. It calls At-Large members' dues simply "dues." It calls the money a Section sends the GMC Treasurer for each Section member the "Section assessment." Each Section can charge whatever dues it wants to, as long as it is able to pay this assessment. Some Sections own or lease camps used by their members, or pay the GMC for services like having the Long Trail Patrol do their trail work for them. These Sections tend to charge high dues, sometimes totaling over \$40 per individual. Other Sections do all their own work and have only small expenses. They charge even less than the Killington Section does.

Presently, a single At-Large member pays the GMC treasury \$24; a family At-Large pays \$32. For an individual member, a Section pays the GMC only \$12; it pays \$18 for a family. This assessment is not all the dues a Section member pays. In our Section, for example, an individual adult pays \$18 to the Section. Only \$12 of that goes to the GMC Treasurer, so \$6 stays in the Section. That \$6 pays for things like the newsletter you are now reading and (especially in Sections that lack something like our Kirk Trails & Shelters Fund) maintenance tools, paint, signs, and

other things volunteers need to do their work.

Sections exist primarily to maintain a section of the Long Trail and its shelters. Hence the name "Section," rather than "Chapter." Most also maintain side trails leading to their section of the LT. As far as the GMC is concerned, these are a Sections's key functions. If a Section maintains trails or shelters, the GMC need not pay the Long Trail Patrol to do this work, nor try to find other volunteers to do it, nor pay a Field Supervisor to work with them. As far as the GMC is concerned, a Section's secondary role is to make the GMC more visible to the public by publishing notices of its activities, and to educate the public about hiking trails and the GMC. This is likely to attract members and donations. The more the Sections do this, the less the parent organization has to. Sections have at least one more function: to let hikers with similar interests enjoy activities together through things like outings and potlucks. This third function has the least direct benefit to the parent GMC.

At-Large membership is available for those who want to support the GMC and the Long Trail but are either unwilling or unable to do any work for the GMC. Someone who wants to help the GMC but lacks the time or ability to do volunteer work like maintaining or blazing a trail, repairing a shelter, serving on one of the GMC's many committees, organizing outings, or helping with paperwork -- and who are neither spouses nor children of active volunteers -- should be At-Large members. Former volunteers should be allowed to rest on their laurels, however: a senior member who used to volunteer should not have to become an At-Large member when he or she can no longer work to help the GMC.

Section members pay less to the GMC treasury because part of their contribution is the physical or mental work I just described, along with what the Section itself spends on tools for maintaining trails, building materials for shelters, paint for blazing, and some shelter and peak caretakers. (For example, the Killington Section pays part of the Cooper Lodge caretaker's salary.) How much less do Sections pay? As I said before, an individual At-Large member pays the GMC treasury \$24; a family At-Large pays \$32. For an individual Section member, a Section pays the GMC only \$12; it pays \$18 for a family. The difference is \$12 for an individual member and \$14 for a family. This should mean that, on the average over the years he or she is a Section member, a

Section member gives the GMC \$12 worth of work per year. The difference of \$14 for a family should mean that, on the average over the years while the family are Section members, the family gives the GMC \$14 worth of work per year.

A different interpretation is that the GMC Treasurer simply charges each Section the cost of the *Long Trail News* and insurance, and that this comes to \$12 per single member and \$18 per family -- which is the "assessment" each Section pays the GMC Treasurer. I do not know whether the above are the real costs, however. More importantly, if this is the sole reason for the Section assessment, there is no reason to charge At-Large members any more. After all, if the lower Section assessment does not reflect any work by Section volunteers or trail materials bought by Sections, why should At-Large dues be any higher than the Section assessment per member?

Ideally (but not practically), I suppose the Section assessment should be set by a complex calculation based on the whole Sections's contribution of volunteer work and materials. Because the GMC pays a Long Trail Patrol member about \$4.40 per hour, and because LTP members probably work at least as efficiently as Section volunteers, I suppose we should begin by crediting a Section with no more than \$4.40 for each hour its volunteers spend on trails and shelters work. For example, if the Killington Section had five people show up for each of four work parties and they were either on the way to the worksite or at the worksite for six hours each workday, (which may be typical for our Section) the Section would be credited with $5 \times 4 \times 6 \times \4.40 , or \$528.

Next, we credit the Section with a year's worth of trail and shelter maintenance materials. This would vary greatly depending on the year's construction projects, so let's just assume \$120 is average.

Then we credit the Section for the time its members spend on overall GMC activities. For our Section, since Wally Rogers and I have been almost the only ones to attend any GMC Directors or committee meetings or other overall club activities for the last few years, and since I attend perhaps 15 such meetings each year and Wally attends perhaps 8, and since going to and attending each meeting takes perhaps an average of 6 hours, the Section would be credited with another $(15 + 8) \times 6 = 138$ hours work. Putting a value on it is much harder than putting a value on trail and shelter work, however. We might to estimate how

many hours of paid staff time the GMC would have to add if Wally and I did nothing. But most of what we do is governance work that it is inappropriate for staff to do. The recent Membership Survey showed Section members do more of this than At-Large do. If no one did it, the GMC would collapse. But how can we put a dollar value on it? Maybe we should guess what the GMC would have to pay At-Large members in the way of mileage and lodging to persuade enough of them to take over from the Section Directors and committee members to keep the Club running. (This assumes, however, that none of the section members who presently sit on the Board or on committees would become At-Large and continue their work.) But let's say the requisite stipend to attract enough At-Large people for this Board and committee work were \$35 for overnight and 200 miles @ 22¢ per mile, per meeting. That comes to \$89 per meeting, and Wally and I attend perhaps 23 meetings per year between us. The total would be $23 \times \$89$, or \$2,047.

The final calculation is also hard: we have to reckon the financial consequences to the GMC if the Section stopped having outings and publishing a newsletter. How many present Section members would simply drop their membership and not become At-Large members? I have no idea, nor do I think anyone has researched this, but assume the number is 40. We multiply this by the individual assessment, minus the \$3 for the *Long Trail News* the GMC would save by not having to send it to the former member. That means the GMC would lose assessments of $40 \times \$9 = \360 . So \$360 would be the worth of our outings and publicity to the GMC.

The total is \$3,055. Divide by 90, which is about the Killington Section's recent membership. That comes to \$33.94 per member. If we disregard the Board and committee work, the total is only \$1008, which comes to \$11.20 per member. But the difference between the Section assessment per individual and the At-Large dues is only a little more: \$12. Therefore, it might appear that the Killington Section, at least, is paying an appropriate assessment.

Section members have twice as many Directors as At-Large because they've always had more and the Board would be too big if they elected Directors in the same proportion that Section members do. But I think a Section does not need more than one Director and an Alternate to represent its views.

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$18.00 (\$9 tax-deductible)
Family	\$24.00 (\$15 tax-ded.)
Individual (under 18)	\$ 6.00 (tax-deductible)
Senior (65 & Over)	\$12.00 (\$9 tax-deductible)
Life Member of Killington Sec.	\$400.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

*The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar years basis.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland VT 05701



MR & MRS ROBERT & THELMA PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28227

Printed on recycled paper.



Smoke & Blazes

VOL. 47, NO. 3

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

OCTOBER 1994

BIRDSEYE FROM THE EAST

31 July 1994

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

Eighteen hikers showed up for this one, including one all the way from Newport! Maybe we should schedule more short hikes up modest mountains on Sunday mornings. The crowd was most convivial.

We parked on the Ira Birdseye Road a few hundred feet south of the "trailhead," which was, in turn, not far south of the junction of the abandoned road to Ira with the longer-abandoned road to Poultney. A short walk up the road, past an old woodroad that led west uphill, and over a bridge, led us to the "trailhead." I put that in quotation marks because this is not really a trail, but simply a woodroad apparently frequented by hikers and all-terrain vehicles but not formally maintained or marked.

On the way up, the three young boys who were with us caught toads and other creatures. The rest of us simply caught our breath. There is one particularly steep stretch after one crosses a brook. Then there is a stretch where the woodroad does double duty as a small brook. There are few obvious junctions. Fairly far down, one bears right where a less-used woodroad angles up toward the great south cliff; and one does not take a less-used woodroad that angled down to the right. Eventually, one comes to a T. The right bar leads to a good eastern lookout. The left leads into a col that runs north-south and then trends around to the right. It is still faintly marked with Keewaydin Camps' pinkish blazes. This leads through pretty hardwoods to an east-west col where the trail from the old ski area enters from the west. From here, the ATVs go straight up to the north

lookout. A faint hiking trail, blazed pink, angles up more gently to the right and leads to an eastern lookout over the whole Coolidge Range and Blue Ridge, as well as West Rutland and Rutland. From there, an even fainter path leads to the north lookout and hang-glider takeoff ramp, where we had lunch and enjoyed the view of Lake Bomoseen. A few of us also followed the faint trail to the west lookout for a view of the top of the mountain. The old Keewaydin trail toward the real summit is gone, however.

This pleasant hike took only a little more than two hours, counting stops for lunch, views, and a few blueberries. It is nicer than the route up from the old ski area. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

CAMEL'S HUMP

6 August 1994

by Roma Pulling

If Alfred and I could have planned the weather ourselves, conditions on the day of our hike wouldn't have been more perfect. We had sunshine, low humidity and cool temperatures. One hiker even wore gloves while sitting on the summit.

We had met eight other hikers at the park and another at the trailhead in Huntington Center. After a rest stop in Bristol on the way, we were ready to hit the trail at 10 a.m. Our plan was to climb to the summit via the Burrows Trail and Long Trail, a total round trip distance of 5.8 miles, but this wasn't enough of a challenge for three of the fellows. They decided to ascend the Forest City Trail to Montclair Glen Lodge, climb to the summit using the Long Trail up the nearly perpendicular south face of the mountain

and descend via the Burrows Trail. They were still .7 mile from their van, which means they hiked a total of 7.7 miles.

The Burrows Trail is a strenuous climb but apparently this doesn't discourage many people. The parking lot was full and cars were parked on both sides of the road for at least a quarter of a mile. When we returned to our cars about 3:30 p.m., hikers were still starting up the mountain, many with dogs and small children. I wondered if they knew what they were undertaking.

The 360 degree view from the top of Camel's Hump is unbeatable on a clear day. This mountain is 4083 feet high and ties with Mount Ellen as the third highest in Vermont. We lingered after eating our lunch, expecting the three men to join us there. But several hikers had plans for later that day, and we had to get back. A call the next day confirmed that the men had arrived home about half an hour later than we did and that they also had a good hike.

HIKING TO OLD CEMETERIES

6 August 1994

by Roma Pulling

Hidden in the woods in many parts of Vermont are cemeteries reached by what are now abandoned roads. As members of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, Alfred and I have often been inspired to search out an old burial ground hidden among the trees.

Our first venture was in search of the Kellogg-Bassett Cemetery, which is a mile from any presently travelled road in the town of Bridgewater. It was badly overgrown with sizable trees and brush. The grave of Reuben Palmer interested me because there are Palmers in my family tree, but I haven't been able to make a connection. No one had been buried there since 1865.

Of the four cemeteries in Mt. Tabor, three are not on travelled roads. Two were relatively easy to locate, but the Greeley Cemetery was a real challenge. We knew it was in the Big Branch area, but in spite of much criss-crossing of the woods, it eluded us. Eventually Ira Hawley led us to it. We had been in the right spot and had passed within a short distance of it, but it was hidden by trees and a stone wall. There are three burials, the latest being in 1861. The

Greeleys owned a sawmill near Big Branch which later passed to Silas Griffith.

Also in Mt. Tabor, the Baker Cemetery - in the woods east of Rt. 7 - is visited by relatives regularly, and the Burton Cemetery, off Forest Road #10 near Devil's Den, is maintained by the VFW.

While we were surveying cemeteries in Shrewsbury for VOCA, we were directed to the Bullard Cemetery. Following instructions given us by Churchill Scott, we located it in the woods between Rt. 103 and the Lottery Road. It is in remarkably good condition with an iron fence still surrounding the graves of Mr. Bullard and his wife, who were buried in 1831 and 1855. While we were bushwhacking in search of the two burials, we saw another couple out in search of old bottles. It turned out to be Alfred's sister and her husband! It's a small world.

The Killington Section has hiked to the Hawk Hill Cemetery in Brandon on two occasions. This can be reached by following a logging road through the woods back of Otter Valley Union High School. Some of the very first settlers of Brandon are buried there, including David June and his wife, Prudence, and her parents, John and Sarah Ambler. John's was the first burial in town in 1776.

If we decide to continue our search for abandoned cemeteries, we should be busy for a while because we have the whole state of Vermont through which to explore.

WILBUR (WES) F. WESTON MOVES

25 July 1994

by Bill Weston

My dad has recently moved to a rest home which is better equipped to monitor his health and cater to his needs. Although he has been less able to write letters and communicate with relatives and friends, he would welcome mail from you. His address is:

The Brian Center
Room 106
2300 Dairy Road
Clayton NC 27250
Phone: 919-553-8232

I hope that you have the opportunity to drop him a note sometime, or if in this vicinity, stop by for a visit. If you wish to contact me, my phone number is 919-553-0378 at home and 919-515-4420 at work.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

October 1994

by Roma Pulling

Our apologies to the following members whose names were inadvertently left of the membership list as printed in the April SMOKE AND BLAZES:

Robert & Thelma Perkins
4812 Lebanon Rd., Charlotte NC 28227

Joan Sibley
RFD Box 132
Cuttingsville VT 05738

David P. Wright
P.O. Box 1001
Middletown Springs VT 05757

Two renewals were received after our list was drawn up:

Charlotte S. Schwartz
P.O. Box 33
Wallingford VT 05773

And we welcome the following new members:

Charlene H. Peterson
49 Pine ST.
Proctor VT 05765

Mary Ellen LeBlanc
Box 553
E. Wallingford VT 05742

Robert, Jane, & Julia Crosby
30 S. Main St.
Wallingford VT 05773

Ida Mae Johnson
50 York St.
Poultney VT 05764

Regina & Rick Coyne
107 Hollow Road
Levittown PA 19056

Charles R. Edgar
HCR 65, Box 8
Killington VT 05751

Sylvia Wilson
P.O. Box 693
West Rutland VT 05777

Janine F. Small
RR 1 Box 3404
Rutland VT 05701

Steve Hillier
P.O. Box 299
Stockbridge VT 05772-0229

Kristine Hitchcock
1329 Furnace Road
Pittsford VT 05763

MANSFIELD-ON-THE-WINOOSKI

10 September 1994

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

Sue Thomas and I were surprised to find ourselves the only people who showed up at the park on a sunny morning. We were less surprised when the view north from Duxbury to the Worcester Range and Mt. Mansfield ended in thick clouds at a fairly low elevation. By the time we reached the trailhead of the Haselton Trail, which was our chosen way to ascend Mt. Mansfield, we chose not to ascend. By then, the thick and very damp-looking clouds were only a few hundred feet above us.

Along with a former Killington Section member who had joined us, we headed south to the stretch of the LT between the West Bolton Road and Jonesville. I liked this because I finished my End-to-End in 1964, before the LT was moved west to go through Jonesville, and had never hiked this stretch.

Though this part of the LT is not high, it is pretty. We lunched at a beautiful little pond and enjoyed views south (where we could still see a little sun) from various rocky knobs. We found descending the knobs a little tricky in light rain, but felt much more dry and comfortable when we thought about where we were *supposed* to be, way up in those wet and windy clouds. Discretion was the better part of valor.

**KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
OUTING SCHEDULE**

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of the Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown. Please bring **lunch** unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and stay **with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Non-members are welcome!**

Saturday 19 November, 5:30 p.m. at Econolodge. Contact: Linda Pellerin 773-7779

FALL POTLUCK at Econolodge-Pico, Route 4, Mendon. Please bring your own utensils; beverages supplied. Supper followed by slide program by Ray Catozzi on the outdoors in Switzerland.

Saturday 17 December, 4 p.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

CASTLETON RAIL TRAIL MOONLIGHT RAMBLE on the former Rutland & Washington (later Delaware & Hudson) Railroad south from Castleton State College toward Poultney. 2-3 Mi. easy. Perfect for skiing if there's snow; snowshoers and just plain hikers welcome also. We're leaving Rutland early because the moon is full at 4:10 p.m.

Thursday 5 January, 7:30 p.m. Co-chairs: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350, and Linda Pellerin 773-7779

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING at Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St., which is two blocks east of Main St. south of Woodstock Ave.) Come help plan schedule for next three months or call in your suggestions. For Outing Committee members and all others interested.

Sunday 8 January, 1 p.m. Leader: Walter Churchill Scott 775-1494

GLEN DAM, RUTLAND TOWN. 2 mi. easy hike to scenic stream, followed by hot drinks and snacks.

Saturday 14 January, 10 a.m. Leader: Roma Pulling 773-6997

MYSTERY SNOWSHOE HIKE. 3 mi. moderate.

Saturday 21 January, 9 a.m. Leader: Larry Dodds 438-5473

GRANDPA'S KNOB, CASTLETON. Walk up broad path to panoramic view at site of Vermont's first big windpower installation. 4 mi. moderate to difficult depending on snow cover.

Sunday 29 January, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

EAST POULTNEY TO BIRDSEYE ski or snowshoe on old town road past the south cliff of Birdseye. 4 mi. moderate to easy.

Sunday 5 February, 1 p.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208

SKI OR SNOWSHOE IN MENDON, 4 mi. moderate.

Sunday 12 February, 12:30 p.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

MYSTERY CROSS COUNTRY EXCURSION, 4 mi. moderate.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

Sue Carey, President	RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773	446-2830
Larry Dodds, Vice-President	3 Westside Ct., West Rutland, VT 05777	438-5473
Roma Pulling, Treasurer	RFD 3, Box 7269, Rutland, VT 05701	773-6997
Jean Davies, Secretary	Box 37, Pittsford, VT 05763	483-6623

EDITOR'S LETTER TO ANOTHER EDITOR

Sylvia Plumb, Editor
Long Trail News
Green Mountain Club, Inc.
RR 1, Box 650
Waterbury Center VT 05677

Dear Editor:

At their meeting on 24 September, the Directors began to move in a direction that would change a unique feature of the GMC. By a straw vote of about 2 to 1, they agreed that the Organizational Review Committee should draft a By-Law change that would require uniform dues for every GMC membership category. This means that an individual membership in a Section would cost the same as an individual membership At-Large, for example. It also means that a Section could no longer set its own dues according to its own needs. There might be an exception for a Section which wanted to charge higher dues than At-Large, if the Section set up a dues collection system that duplicated the system Headquarters would use.

Presently, most Sections charge lower dues than At-Large members have to pay. They can do this because, for example, they must send only about \$13 or \$14 ("assessment" plus insurance contribution) to Headquarters for every individual member. In contrast, individual At-Large members pay \$24. The historical reason for the dues break for Section members is that, taken together, Section members make up for paying less dues by doing more volunteer work than members At-Large. In fact, no one expects members At-Large to do anything but pay dues, though some do volunteer and their efforts are appreciated. Some of these At-Large volunteers are doubtless members who have joined since the Club changed its policy and made people who joined through Headquarters members At-Large unless they specifically asked to join a Section. Their work would certainly entitle them to membership in the Section responsible for their area of the trail.

Granted, the present system is not perfect. Perhaps some Sections no longer contribute enough volunteer work to justify the Section members' dues break. But the GMC should encourage and enable them to work harder, not simply give up on them. Doubtless, some people belong to Sections and never do any volunteer work for the GMC although they have the ability. This is no great evil as long as the Section as a whole makes up for its lower dues payment through volunteer work, however.

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it" applies here. This is the only instance where the Organizational Review Committee recommended a change despite overwhelming opposition from GMC members. As reported in your Fall 1994 issue, p. 10, the scientifically conducted 1994 membership survey said about 70% of members favored allowing Sections to charge different dues from each other. Just as important was the unpublished finding that about 70% of members favored allowing Sections to charge their members different dues than At-Large members pay.

The Directors need members' input on this issue before their January meeting. I hope that, elsewhere in this issue, a full list of the Directors and their addresses and phone numbers will appear. Of course, I also hope that members will tell their Directors not to take an action which ignores Section members' volunteer efforts and threatens to destroy a unique and valuable feature of the Club.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH OLD ISSUES OF *SMOKE & BLAZES*?

Don't just throw them out. Leave them in a waiting room where non-members can see them. Maybe they'll like what they see and join up.

INTERESTED IN GMC ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW?

The next committee meeting is at the Waterbury Center office at 5 p.m. on Tuesday 29 November. For rides, call Herb Ogden at 775-1350 or Wally Rogers at 468-3210.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr. Editors
Larry Dodds
Sue Thomas Illustrator
Irene Hawley Production and
Lorraine Hawley Distribution
Virginia Scott
W. Churchill Scott
Ray Catozzi

Please send material to the Editor at
Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.
92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701

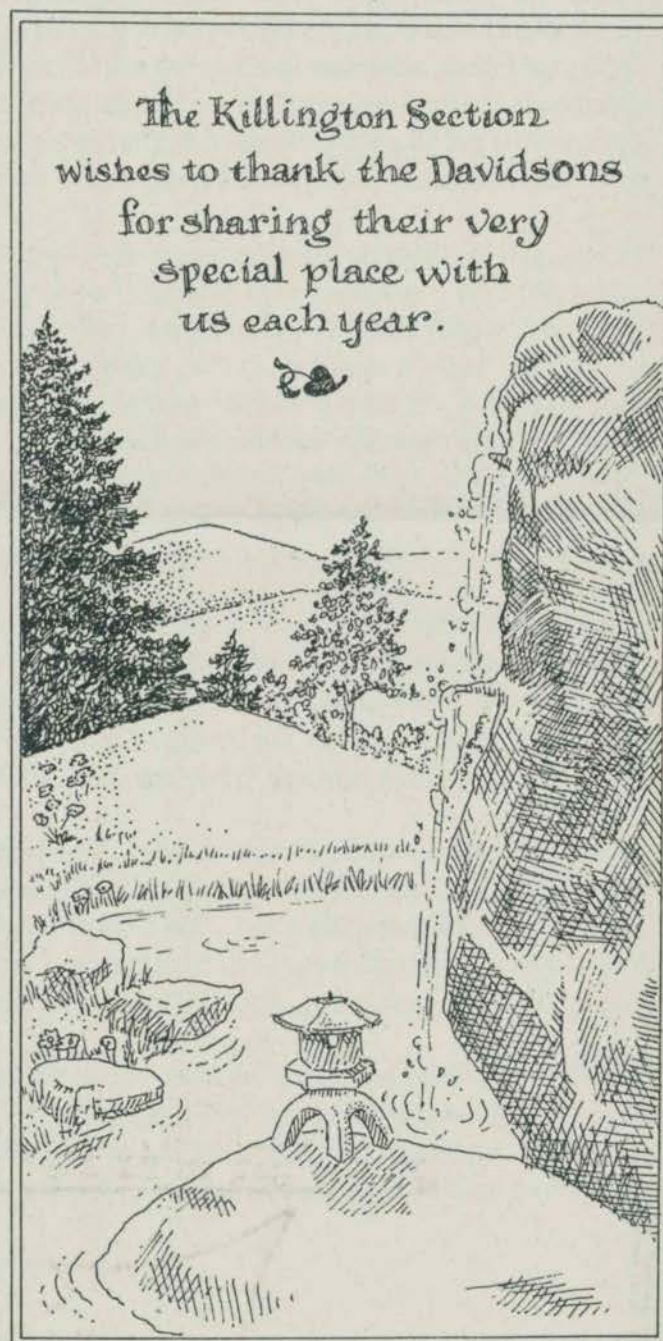
Articles on WordPerfect 5.0 or 5.1 are especially welcome in "newspaper column" format.

SEND COPY BY 5 JANUARY 1995 PLEASE!

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your article directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot, unless the landowner would object to the publicity.

HOW TO REACH THE SITE OF THE ANNUAL TACONIC RAMBLE

Kit Davidson, who generously hosts the Annual Taconic Ramble at his unique property in Hubbardton, encourages visitors who appreciate and respect the landscape and his embellishments of it. If you missed the Ramble or would like to go back and enjoy the woods, waterfalls, and Japanese Garden, the map on the next page should help. For detailed trail information, please call Kit at 273-2982.



Approx 0.3 mile from paved road, take left turn (first possible left) on private drive. Very easy to miss. (If you pass a building on the left, you've missed it.)

Hubbardton Battlefield (if you pass it, you've missed the turn)

DAVIDSON
HUBBARDTON TOWNSHIP, VT
(802) 273 - 2982

New York - about 250 miles
Rutland - about 18 miles

Approx 0.3 mile after A frame, take left turn on dirt road

Approx 6 miles from US 4 watch for A frame as landmark (only A frame house on the road)

THIS is an enlargement of THIS

This drive is 0.6 mile long. Don't give up.

after making this turn, see other side

East Hubbardton Road (not identified by sign)

East Hubbardton Road

Davidson

US 4

to Rutland

Whitehall

At Fort Ann, take left turn on US 4

At Vermont border US 4 becomes a superhighway. Stay on it, not route 4A

Take exit 5 and follow signs for Hubbardton. Take mileage reading here

NY 149

Take NY State Thruway to exit 24, then Northway (Interstate 87) to exit 20 and get on NY 149

Take US 4 West (or US Business 4 West and join US 4 later). Exit 5 (Castleton), follow sign for Hubbardton Battlefield. Take mileage reading here.

Northway (I-87)

COMING FROM NEW YORK

COMING FROM RUTLAND

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$18.00 (\$9 tax-deductible)
Family	\$24.00 (\$15 tax-ded.)
Individual (under 18)	\$ 6.00 (tax-deductible)
Senior (65 & Over)	\$12.00 (\$9 tax-deductible)
Life Member of Killington Sec.	\$400.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

*The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland VT 05701



MR & MRS ROBERT & THELMA PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28227



VOL. 47, NO. 4

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB

JANUARY 1995

RUTLAND RAMBLE

November 13, 1994

by Roma Pulling

Sharon, Wallace, Victor and Sargent. Sounds like a new accounting firm? No! These are the names of streets we followed on our way to Combination Pond and back to our starting point at the park. As we promised, we abandoned our cars and proceeded entirely on foot. "We" included nine Killington Section members who turned out for this slightly different "deer season special."

The weather was ideal -- mostly sunny and mild. Besides walking to the pond, we explored Healy Lane, with an unfamiliar view of the new high school, and sauntered along Ridgewood Lane east of the pond and at a higher elevation.

At the pond we took a gorp and lemonade break. On our return trip we took another route and delivered Bernie to his front door before returning to our cars.

This was a variation on our usual hikes, providing a diversion to tide us over until hunting was finished and we could return to the woods.

right and left to reach the Poultney River at the South end of Lake Champlain. This area has the water level controlled by the lake level, though it's narrow and quiet as a river. The head of navigation is up river about 15 miles at Carver's Falls. This region of the lower Poultney River has been designated an outstanding resource water. We drove along Galick Road and parked at the Nature Conservancy parking lot. Just north and above the parking lot is an old cemetery with 20 or so stones in various repose. Voca could spend some time and money here.

The trail leads east along the top of the cliffs and then north skirting the meadows to a branch point. We went northwest past the old barn and soon it began to rain. Three people turned back and the rest went on to the Stewart homestead site for lunch, high above the narrow lake and a view to the south of South Bay. The rain had stopped and the afternoon was warm and overcast. While we were looking for a northern route to the base of Bald Mountain, the rain began again and a shorter route back carried us along the base to the slopes below the raven and peregrine nesting area. This area is also the den site for timber rattlesnakes, but the November date reassured us that they would be tucked in for the winter.

The woods road we followed here is a good ski or snowshoe trail. After reaching the branch point we retraced our route to the cars. Bill Kuehn and other West Haven friends were also out hiking that day and we saw them in the parking lot. We spent about 3.5 hours and walked 4 miles using time to discuss the history of the site and the Conservancy plans for the preserve.

GALICK PRESERVE, WEST HAVEN

6 November 1994

by Wally Rogers

Six of us met in Rutland and Kitty joined the group at the Fair Haven Grand Union. We then drove west on Route 4 turning past the country club the next left,

FIRST SENIOR SHUFFLE

October 9, 1994

by Roma Pulling

We forgot again that a hike scheduled for the second week end in October would conflict with Art in the Park. Parking space near our usual meeting place by the fire station was nearly non-existent, but six people joined us there. The weather was ideal -- sunny and warm.

I had been intentionally vague about the destination for our hike, not wanting to stray far from Rutland because of time restraints when doing an afternoon hike but hoping to pick a place we had not visited recently. Clarendon Shelter seemed to be such a place. Killington Section members have over the years built, remodeled, repaired, and cleaned the shelter, but three of our hikers had never been there. In compliance with our promise to lead an easy hike, we used the old trail following an abandoned town road.

Along the road we paused at a marker identifying the route of the Crown Point Road, and Churchill Scott told us some of the history of the road, which was built in 1759 to accommodate men hauling supplies from Fort No. 4 in Charlestown, New Hampshire, to the fort at Crown Point in New York. It is said to be the first road in what is now Vermont. Churchill also showed us a cellar hole at the home site of the Bullard family. John Bullard and his wife are buried off an abandoned road between Route 103 and the Lottery Road.

On arrival at the shelter, we had a snack of cookies and lemonade and chose our afternoon's activities. Our two youngest hikers decided to climb Beacon Hill for the view, two relaxed at the shelter -- with the lemonade and cookies! -- and the other four hiked past the shelter until the old road intersected the Long Trail relocation, which we followed south for a short distance.

If there is an interest in this sort of easy, half-day hike, we will repeat it next year to a different destination. But NOT during Art in the Park!

**SMOKE & BLAZES ENDS NOW
FOR YOU, UNLESS YOU PAY YOUR
DUES TO THE TREASURER!**

CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

February 1995

by Roma Pulling

1994 renewal received:

Doug and Marta Thorne
RR1, Box 2251, Killington

New members:

Chuck and Charlene McGill
25b North St., Essex Jct.

Sam Emmons & Evan Kurrasch
8 Melrose Ave., Rutland

Sharon Felix-Chandler
Box 185, West Rutland

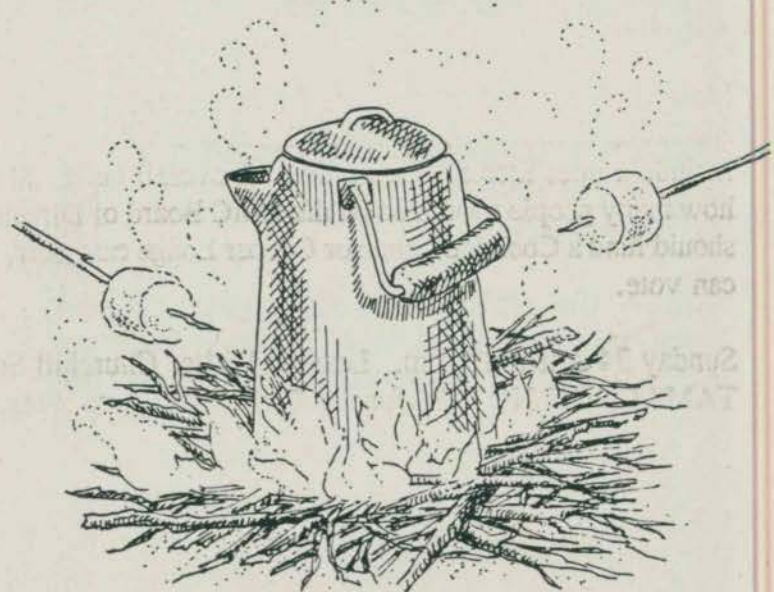
David R. Charnock
RR1 Box 3707, Rutland

We operate on a calendar year, and renewals are now due to the treasurer, Roma E. Pulling, RFD 3, Box 7269, Rutland, VT 05601.

CRAFTSBURY SKI CENTER OUTING

by Bonnie Potter, American Lung Association of Vermont Tel. 1-800-LUNG-USA

On March 4 and 5, 1995 there will be a WINTER TREK WEEKEND to benefit the American Lung Association of Vermont. The outing will include meals, lodging, and free skiing. Call for details at the above listed number or 802-863-6817.



KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB OUTING SCHEDULE

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of the Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown. Please bring **lunch** unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Non-members are welcome!**

Sunday 26 February, 1 p.m. Leader: Bernie Donahue 773-7462

BEYOND BELLEVUE Avenue, Rutland, to explore some countryside just minutes away from our meeting place. Bring snowshoes if snow depth warrants them. About 2 mi., easy. Bring a snack but no lunch.

Saturday 4 March, 10 a.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

TAMARACK NOTCH ROAD WALK, including hiking or snowshoeing depending on what's on the ground. Trip may include Wilkins Cemetery and other historic places. 4 mi. moderate.

Saturday 11 March, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. work 775-3368, home 775-1350

SOUTH OF BRANDON GAP on Long Trail. To Sunrise Shelter is 1.8 mi. easy to moderate (depending on snow) round trip; to the Chittenden Brook Trail is 4.6 mi. moderate round trip; and to Farr Peak is 7.4 mi. difficult round trip, so there is something for all abilities. If snow permits, Long Trail can be skied at least as far as Chittenden Brook Trail junction. Snowshoers welcome also!

Saturday 18 March, 10 a.m. Leader: Larry Dodds 438-5473

MYSTERY HIKE. 4 mi. moderate. Check with Leader about snowshoes or skis.

Sunday 26 March, 10 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

CAVENDISH GORGE of the Black River. Roaring water and historic site. 1-2 mi. moderate.

Saturday 1 April, 1:11 p.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. work 775-3368, home 775-1350

JARVIS SNODGRASS MEMORIAL EXCURSION partly on the Long Trail in Shrewsbury, partly on old roads. Places visited will include historic cellarholes, an old millrace, and a sanitary gazebo. Lecture on Snodgrass is optional. 4 mi. moderate.

Thursday 6 April, 7:30 p.m. Co-chairs: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350, and Linda Pellerin 773-7779

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING at Bernie Donahue's house, 50 Edgerton St., Rutland (between East St. and Lafayette St., which are one and two blocks east of Main St. and south of Woodstock Ave.) Come help plan schedule for next three months or call in your suggestions. For Outing Committee members and all others interested.

Saturday 8 April, 5:30 p.m. at Econolodge, Route US 4 in Mendon. Contact: Linda Pellerin 773-7779

SECTION ANNUAL MEETING around 6:30 p.m., preceded by potluck at 5:30 p.m. Meeting topics will include a dues increase on account of overall GMC dues increase, relation of Section dues to At-Large dues, how many people should be on the GMC Board of Directors and how they should be chosen, whether the Section should fund a Coolidge Range or Cooper Lodge caretaker, and election of Section directors. Only paid-up members can vote.

Sunday 24 April, 10 a.m. Leader: Walter Churchill Scott 775-1494

TAMARACK NOTCH former Girl Scout Camp Area, Quirk Bridge to Brown Bridge, 3 mi. easy.

Saturday 6 May, 9 a.m. Leader: Rob Carey 446-2830

SOUTHERN WALK-THROUGH, covering the Long Trail from Wallingford Gulf (Vt. 140) to around Governor Clement Shelter, north of the Upper Cold River Road in Shrewsbury. Something for everyone: prune brush, whack weeds, clean out waterbars, paint blazes, saw blowdowns, or just come along for a short Spring hike. We'll probably divide into parties of two to five people. Tools provided.

Sunday 7 May, 1 p.m. Leader: Rick Pingree 773-8767

EAST MOUNTAIN BUSHWHACK to outlook over Rutland. 3 mi., moderate terrain but mostly not on a trail. This is an after-lunch hike but there will be a snack stop.

Sunday 14 May, 1 p.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

WILDFLOWER WALK at lower elevations. No more than 4 mi., moderate to easy.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

Sue Carey, President	RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773	446-2830
Larry Dodds, Vice-President	3 Westside Ct., West Rutland, VT 05777	438-5473
Roma Pulling, Treasurer	RFD 3, Box 7269, Rutland, VT 05701	773-6997
Jean Davies, Secretary	Box 37, Pittsford, VT 05763	483-6623

NOVEMBER POTLUCK SUPPER

November 19, 1994

by Linda Pellerin

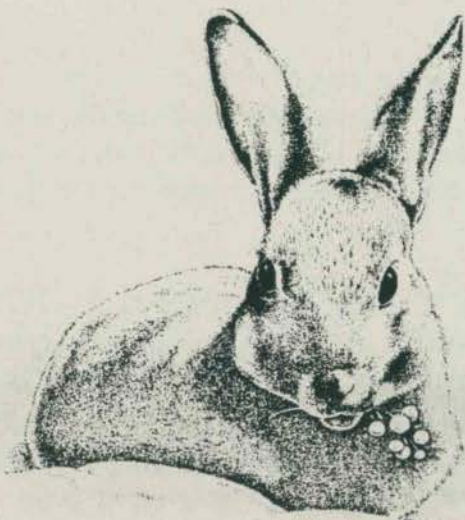
It was another great meal!! A special thanks to Jean Davies for the beautiful slide show. Phil Smith mentioned what a good speaker Jean is. I of course, knew why. Jean is one of the best speakers that the

Toastmasters has! Thanks again to the Econolodge for use of their comfortable facilities. I am looking forward to the Annual Meeting just for the potluck supper!. We certainly have some great cooks in the Killington Section of the GMC.

BIRDSEYE REPORT - LETTER TO THE EDITOR

by Jean Davies

November 25, 1994



I was interested in your Birdseye report in the *Smoke & Blazes* of October 1994 in that you mentioned the Keewaydin Camp blazes [on Birdseye]. I never realized that they had done any trail work up there. I know that in 1980 George Pearlstein worked with me at Camp Betsey Cox to mark out a trail and help our campers, those from Camp Catherine Capers and from Camp Sangamon to cut the trail. Soon after it was done, the snowmobilers "improved" it to their own needs. Perhaps Keewaydin worked with the above three camps. They certainly helped us a lot on the Ice Cave Trail. But I hadn't remembered that they worked with George Pearlstein and us on Birdseye. Not a momentous question ... just interested.

Smoke & Blazes Staff

Herb Ogden, Jr. Editors

Larry Dodds

Sue Thomas Illustrator

Irene Hawley Production and

Lorraine Hawley Distribution

Virginia Scott

W. Churchill Scott

Ray Catozzi

Please send material to the Editor at

Harlow Liccardi & Crawford, P.C.

92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701

Articles on WordPerfect 5.0 or 5.1 are especially welcome in "newspaper column" format.

SEND COPY BY 8 APRIL, PLEASE!

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your article directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot, unless the landowner would object to the publicity.

EDITOR'S GOODBYE

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

As the Killington Section's Directors know, this is my last issue of *Smoke & Blazes*. I took over the editorship at some point in the 1980s which is lost to memory. Back then, I could handle the job in my spare time. Now, between commitments to my family, the demands of partnership in a trial law practice, and the meetings and paperwork required of me as Secretary of the Green Mountain Club, I just do not have the time to do the editor's job right. I used to have someone hound hike leaders for articles and felt disappointed if we did not have an account of every excursion. Now I am almost glad that most hike leaders forget to send in articles, because I am not sure I would have the time to edit them despite Larry Dodds' generous help with the word processor.

Many people have helped make *Smoke & Blazes* one of the best Section newsletters. Before Larry Dodds helped with the word processing, former Section President Phil Johnson did. Sue Thomas, who has been Illustrator longer than I have been Editor, has not only graced our pages with fine art but also helped take copy to the printer. Roma Pulling has called the production crew to get the newsletter ready for mailing, and, when I have been unavailable, she has taken over the production altogether. Irene and Lorraine Hawley, Virginia and Churchill Scott, and Ray Catozzi have collated the newsletter, addressed it, and stamped it, and Churchill Scott has taken it to the post office. Others have helped from time to time, also. I thank you all and hope you will help the new Editor as well and as often as you have helped me.

Finally, a word to the hike leaders: many thanks to those of you who have faithfully documented your outings, especially Roma Pulling and Rob and Sue Carey. Your reports are the envy of a number of other Sections as well as being an important historical record of the Section's doings.

JANUARY GREEN MT. CLUB DIRECTORS MEETING

by Herb Ogden, Jr., G.M.C. Secretary

This meeting approved many amendments to the GMC By-Laws. The Organizational Review Committee had thought most of them were not controversial, but even some of the supposedly noncontroversial ones generated much discussion. They generally reflected changes and growth in the GMC, eliminated the U.S. Forest Service and Vt. Dept. of Forest, Parks & Recreation representatives as voting Directors, strengthened the Nominating Committee, and simplified the committee structure.

The really controversial proposals were to change the way Directors are elected, change the size of the Board, have the Board tell the Sections what dues they could charge, and make each Section member pay the same dues to the overall GMC that each At-Large member does. Please attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday, 3 June (probably in Bennington); the controversial proposals will come up for a vote by the membership then.

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$18.00 (\$9 tax-deductible)
Family	\$24.00 (\$15 tax-ded.)
Individual (under 18)	\$ 6.00 (tax-deductible)
Senior (65 & Over)	\$12.00 (\$9 tax-deductible)
Life Member of Killington Sec.	\$400.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

*The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland VT 05701



MR & MRS ROBERT & THELMA PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28227

Printed on recycled paper.



Vol 48 Number 2

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

April 1995

"Snow Shoe" Hike January 14, 1995 by Roma Pulling

When we schedule hikes three months in advance, some strange things happen. And that's why on the day of our snow shoe hike the temperature was 54° and there was mud underfoot. But as usual we made the most of it and our group of eight people enjoyed a walk in the woods.

It could almost be said that Alfred and I led two hikes the same day. At 10 am we met the hikers who relied on the information on our hike schedule, and at 1 PM we were back at the park to meet a hiker who got her information from the announcement in the Herald.

A few years ago we discovered how much fun it was to walk or snow shoe through the woods from our son's house on the East Pittsford Road to our daughter and son-in-law's house on Blueberry Lane. So for Hike #1 we drove to Cynthia and Randy's, parked a truck and continued on to Steve's. Parking in his yard, we walked across the dam that holds back the water in his pond and proceeded by logging roads, an occasional short bushwack and a trip across an open field to Cynthia and Randy's, where we were invited inside to sit in front of the fireplace. After eating lunch there, we left three hikers lounging in front of the fire while we made our way back to the park for the second installment of our hike.

With one more hiker in tow we returned to Blueberry Lane, and six of us walked back to Steve's for the conclusion of Hike #2.

We want to thank Steve Pulling for allowing us to park on his property and start our hike there and also to thank the Robertses for letting us walk on their land and enjoy the comfort of their living room. Thank you, Randy, for ferrying us to the park and back after lunch. The leaders had a great time.

Killington Section Annual Meeting April 8, 1995 minutes by Jean Davies Secretary

After the Potluck supper, President Sue Carey opened the business meeting. She introduced our visitor, Lars Botozajourns, the GMC Director of Field Programs.

The Secretary's report of the Sept. 8, 1994 Board Meeting was approved as read.

The Treasurer's written report was handed out. A copy is attached. Wally Rogers pointed out that although our income from dues were lower, we still were within our budget. Herb Ogden observed that the GMC thinks we only paid \$78 for shelter insurance, but it is actually \$138.15. We currently have 30 adult members, 15 family members, 20 seniors, and 4 life members.

Trails & Shelters Committee report was given by Rob Carey. He commented that they were still there. There were some minor repairs. The wash-out between the Cold River Roads still needs a minor re-route. Approvals are still pending.

Smoke & Blazes report was given by Herb Ogden. He is retiring as editor. The Carey's will take over as editor. Larry Dodds will continue to help with typing, and Sue Thomas with artwork. Roma Pull

ing was good about getting her hike reports in on time. Not all hike leaders got theirs written up. Perhaps an official "hounder" is needed.

Outings Committee report by Herb Ogden. Bernie Donahue observed that fewer folks were turning out for hikes and meetings. Delight suggested more interesting descriptions of upcoming hikes be included in Smoke & Blazes. Herb moved that the Outings Schedule be adjusted so that they can make the hike schedule printout of the Long Trail News. Seconded by Delight and passed. The popularity of Mystery Hikes was questioned. Sugar on snow parties have been losing money recently. [There was none held this year, and several members remarked that they missed it. It was also suggested that an outdoor location would be desirable. Unfortunately Doc Howard's sugarhouse is no longer available! - Editor]

GMC Directors report by Wally Rogers. Members are urged to attend the GMC Annual Meeting in Bennington, June 3, 1995. Many important items will be voted on. Other items of recent GMC Board Meetings: Headquarters planning relating to the various barns and buildings at the Waterbury site. The Pioneer Valley Section ran out of members and voted itself out of existence, which was confirmed by the Board. The total GMC budget is about \$700,000 which is up about 16% from last year. There are two new part-time employees, bringing the year-round total up to 8 employees. There is a proposed dues increase and section assessment increase of \$3 to take effect on 1/1/97. The Long Trail System National Scenic Trail Act of 1995 is being written to present to Senators Jeffords & Leahy. Eminent Domain can be used on the Long Trail itself in cases of necessity, but not on side trails.

Uniform Dues. The idea is that At-large and Section dues would be the same, and all dues would go into the main club which would refund 20% to the individual sections. Dues for all would go up. Herb and Wally were against uniform dues, feeling that they would weaken the Sections.

GMC Membership List. The number of at-large members are increasing while those in the Sections are decreasing. Sue Carey has the list of Rutland area GMC members who are not Killington Section members. They will be contacted and given information about the Section. There were many proposed Bylaw Changes. Wally handed out copies of these.

It was hoped that the Manchester Forest Service would take over the care for the Clarendon Gorge Bridge. Planking was needed for the 1995 season. A better design for Long Trail bridges is needed. There are many problems with the Gorge Bridge.

Wally Rogers moved that \$500 from the Kirk Fund go to the caretakers program in Vermont, seconded by Herb Ogden and passed.

It was proposed that the old buttons, postcards, etc. still in stock be sold at the Bennington Annual Meeting, possibly at reduced cost, and as "collectibles".

New Business

Question regarding raising dues. Herb felt that the membership should know that we are currently running a deficit by not raising our dues, so that when/if we have to in the future, they will be more aware of the reason why. It was noted that we currently make \$6 per member. With uniform dues, it would be about \$5. Wally moved to hold the dues as is for another year. Rob Carey seconded it, but with the observation of operating deficit (see above). Motion passed.

Rob Carey moved that the Killington Section go on record as strenuously objecting to uniform dues. The secretary was to communicate this to the Main Club. The Directors were urged to do what they could to support this stand. Roma Pulling seconded it. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Herb brought up the subject of the number of blazes on the trail. Bob Vale was in favor of being able to

see the next blaze from the one you are at. While it was recognized that in some places blazing was overdone, the closer blazes are necessary for winter hiking and for novices. Lars suggested getting our comments to Dave Shepherd on the Trails Committee. There is some thought about Outing Guidelines to be developed. The Killington Section is NOT interested in such. Wally spoke against having Standards or Guidelines.

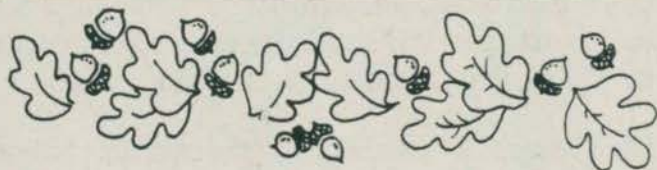
Officers

Directors: Sue Carey, Sue Thomas, Jean Davies terms expire in 1995. Elected in 1994 were Phil Smith and Roma Pulling.

Directors Meeting was held after the business meeting. Present: Larry Dodds, Sue Thomas, Sue Carey, Wally Rogers, Ray Catozzi, Roma Pulling, Jean Davies. Missing: Tim Welch, Linda Pellerin. Herb Ogden gets through as Main Club Director in June 1995.

Nominations: Roma as Treasurer; Larry Dodds as Vice-President; Sue Carey as President (provided that Wally Rogers will keep the record of Directors straight. Wally agreed); Director - Sue Thomas by Wally Rogers; Secretary - Jean Davies by Sue Thomas. Slate passed.

Sue Carey wants to write a cover letter to send to at-large members in our area with our hike schedule. Motion seconded and passed. Sue Thomas will write what will be an official letter to the Forestry Service suggesting that they should buy the CVPS land at Chittenden Dam in Chittenden. Jean Davies will type it up and send it. It was noted that the president has the power to appoint or re-appoint committee heads. The main club wants to have a trails committee meeting in this area with us, the Ottaquechee Section, or both.



Craigie Perkins

It is a great sense of loss that the Killington Section has with the passing of Craigie "Pinky" Perkins. He was in his 90's and in failing health. But for many years he, his wife Mary and his sister Vera, who predeceased him in 1994, were the life blood of the Killington Section. During the war years, Craigie, Gale "Brezzer" Spaulding and Dr. Gaskell kept the trail open and the section running.

Tall Timber his home in Mendon was a favorite spot for Section activities, especially the Washington's Birthday Winter Weekend. One summer he built Buffum Shelter almost single-handedly for the Section. This was a closed one to replace an earlier open front shelter, south of Button Hill.

Every member of the Section wants to express the most sincere sympathy to Craigie's family for his recent passing and also a heartfelt "Thank you" for all the labor of love he gave the Section. [The above tribute to Craigie Perkins was sent to Smoke & Blazes by a longtime Section member - Editor]

My memory of Craigie Perkins comes from a later weekend event at *Tall Timbers*. He had an old Franklin Stove in the big room of the rec hall. The fire he had going in it was just right to take away the chill and provide a cheery spot to visit. We noticed a slight crack in one part of the stove and Craigie allowed that his old stove had a crack, but it would still work just fine. He was right. Since it was not an "airtight" stove, it drew just fine and didn't smoke at all. He and the stove were a couple of old-time Vermonters who belonged together. By Rob Carey.

Mystery Ski & Hike February 12 by Rob Carey

This was listed as a four mile, moderate trip, so we could have gone a lot of places. Fortunately this was after one of the few snowstorms of the winter. There was just enough snow for skiing on a new snowmobile trail near our house in Wallingford.

We started at a pull-out on Rt. 7 just north of the double bridges south of Wallingford village. From there we followed the railroad tracks a short distance before joining the trail and going into the woods. There were good views along the way, as the trail used open fields in several places. Sometimes the skiers got ahead of the walkers, but in other places the walkers caught up while the skiers negotiated a few spots that could have used a little more snow. We stopped at our house for a snack, conversation and relaxation by the fire. The trail continues on to South Wallingford, and we had scouted it out the evening before. The fire was very relaxing, and we had covered our 4 miles (well 3.5) so we decided to call it a day.

Jim Frink by Rob Carey

Jim Frink recently passed away at the age of 90. When I joined the Section he was Outings Chairman, and one of the most active members. It was a rare hike or work party that he was not on. Like many section members, he had nothing to do with the main club. He didn't camp, so he didn't go to the Intersectional, and as for Annual Meetings, the Section's was enough. One of his reports as Outings Chairman consisted of the words "We had 'em". On a hike he was always at the front of the group. At the lunch break, Jim would have the fire going before the rear-guard had arrived.

Tamarack Notch March 4, 1995

by Roma Pulling

On a truly beautiful, sunny day, Alfred and I met two hikers at the park and headed for the hills. The day started somewhat chilly but warmed to about 40° for ideal hiking conditions.

After parking in the area across from the old Girl Scout camp, which was otherwise empty, we walked east on the Notch Road to visit the Wilkins Cemetery. Three people from one family are buried there: Ezra Wilkins and his wife Anna, in 1838 and 1861 respectively, and an infant daughter of L. &

L. A. Wilkins, in 1856. The cemetery is in need of maintenance.

The most interesting walk to take from our location is the one over an abandoned road to the Brown covered bridge in Shrewsbury. The same hike was scheduled for April 24, but as there were only four of us we wouldn't reduce the turnout on the next hike very much. So we decided to go in that direction. The road was snow-covered, but packed and crusty, making easy walking.

The first points of interest were two cellar holes not far apart on opposite sides of the road. The maps I consulted did give the names of the former residents. We followed the North Branch of the Cold River until it joined the Cold River, which was with us for the rest of the hike. Near the end of the trail we passed a bird feeding station which was patronized by chickadees and squirrels and then came to a log cabin in the woods. Just before the road descended steeply toward the bridge we encountered a pick-up truck and two people gazing off into brush several rods away. We were amazed when they pointed out to us a moose nibbling on the bushes! We watched it for several minutes, and it mostly ignored us. It was the first moose any of us had ever encountered while hiking.

On reaching Brown Bridge, we built a fire on the edge of the road a short distance away and ate lunch. Brown Bridge was built in 1880 by Nicholas Powers and restored in 1978.

On our return hike we noticed that the moose was still there and in fact learned from the log cabin resident that it had been there for about a week.



South of Brandon Gap by Ski and Snowshoe March 11, 1995

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

This outing was under-attended, possibly because the newspapers said nothing about this part of the Long Trail being suitable for skis. The Leader showed up on skis anyway, but the other two participants, thinking no one would ski since the newspaper made it seem one could not, brought snowshoes.

In any case, there was plenty of snow. The going was good, since many people had snowshoed or skied south to Sunrise Shelter over the winter. Some had gone south to Bloodroot Gap, as the Leader found out on a reconnoitering trip earlier. We went only to the top of the Chittenden Brook Trail, had a nice lunch at Sunrise Shelter, and enjoyed the view of the Great Cliff of Mt. Horrid before returning to Brandon Gap

Jarvis Snodgrass Memorial Hike - April 1, 1995

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

Now, we all know Jarvis Snodgrass was once Lieutenant Governor of Vermont because a plaque on the sanitary annex of the Governor Percival W. Clement Memorial Shelter in Shrewsbury says so. Surely there wouldn't be a Jarvis Snodgrass Memorial Gazebo if there were no such person to remember. The fact that the hike thither began at 1:11 PM on 1 April is sheer coincidence. With that in mind, let me tell of the outing that honored Mr. Snodgrass.

About a dozen snodgrassophiles and others walked north from the Upper Cold River Road along the old town road, soon passing a long abandoned town road that leads northwest to a cellarhole. The Leader explained the house that used to stand here was significant in that Jarvis Snodgrass did *not* sleep here. (In his itinerant days as a seller of wild onions, the Leader explained, Snodgrass slept anywhere the householders could stand the stench.)

Soon, a still-used town road headed north from our road. From its end, a snowmobile trail leads to Brewers Corners on the Wheelerville Road. A few feet farther, an abandoned town road led north to the former Haley Farm, mentioned in old Long Trail Guidebooks as a source of provisions. We stayed on the valley road, briefly joined the Long Trail at the first bridge, then continued on the old LT route up the old town road past a few camps.

Before we reached our destination, we inspected two other historical sites. The first was the cellarhole of a house where Jarvis Snodgrass did spend the night. In fact, one hiker pointed out the rusty remains of the bedframe that probably accommodated him. The second was in the spirit of the day, originally identified as earthworks hastily throw up by the Green Mountain Boys to defend North Shrewsbury after the Battle of Hubbardton. Actually, it appears to be a millrace; the 1869 *Beers Atlas* shows a mill at the site.

At our destination, the Gazebo was rededicated with fresh rolls of toilet paper. We returned via the Long Trail, crossing the excellent bridge designed by a Killington Section volunteer and built by him and others, then enjoying fairly dry footing as we walked along the rim of the valley. We inspected the remains of the Haley Farm, had a snack in the spring sun, and returned refreshed by our efforts and full of the spirit (though thankfully not the smell) of Jarvis Snodgrass.

Killington Section Presidents Message

by Sue Carey

There are several important issues that are going to be discussed at the Annual Meeting on June 4. Please attend if you can.

There have been several changes proposed by the Main Club that will have a major impact on the Killington Section. Foremost among these is the proposal to have uniform dues that are collected by the office in Waterbury. At our annual meeting in June there was a consensus among members present

that this would result in fewer members and more volunteer jobs being taken over by paid staff which would result in an even higher dues increase.

Another change is one in the Trail and Shelter Maintenance Manual which proposes fewer blazes along the trail. I personally feel that this is elitist. The Trail is used by many different types of people including children and adults who are not "woods wise". The Trail can be quickly obscured by falling trees, leaves, and snow. As Trails and Shelter Co-Chairman of the Killington Section I recommend to our maintainers that blazes be kept as they have in the past so that all types of people can use the trail and it can also be used in the winter.

During the past year the work parties have been concentrating on Trail maintenance. Besides our usual walk-throughs, work has been done on the Blue Ridge Trail and Bucklin Trail. Also, there was a Brownie troop from Mendon who helped clip a section of Trail.

In the future we may soon get permission to reroute the Trail away from the dangerous cave-ins between the Cold River Roads. In anticipation of Federal approval we have scheduled a work party for the weekend of October 21. Also, The bridge over Clarendon Gorge has gotten to the point that rotten boards make it hazardous. Let's pray that the Main Club sees the need to fix this situation before someone is seriously hurt or killed.

Birdseye Mountain by Jerry Parker

I did not believe in ESP or any of the powers of the mind, until Jan. 29, 1995. I went to the park thinking I was going on a Sue Thomas hike to Birdseye Mountain. When I got there I noticed Sue was not there yet. Roma asked if I could take them hiking to the Birdseye area if Sue did not show up.

That's when it happened. Sue might not have been there physically but in spirit she was. I was going to lead this hike as Sue's medium. The thought of a trail that was in the Birdseye area went through my

mind. I had been on this trail once about 4 years ago when I was hunting in the area. I told Roma I would lead this hike. If they only knew that my mind was being controlled by Sue. Every one there who knew me, was not concerned because of my cool, cautious and safe approach to hiking. But they did not know my mind was possessed by Sue Thomas.

Six unconcerned hikers and myself started off. We were on the NE side of Birdseye Mtn. Shortly after we got started I saw a partridge standing on a log. I tried to get the attention of the rest of the group but it flew off along with about 6 others. They just heard the wings beating as they took off. Then we came to the trail. At the top of the ridge there was a cellar hole, near by was one of the biggest clumps of lilac bushes I have ever seen. Too bad it was not spring so we could have seen them in full bloom. To the right of the cellar hole was Birdseye Mountain's rock face towering over us.

This was the farthest I had ever been on this trail before. So this meant the rest of the trip would be lead by instinct and Sue's ESP. As I said, if we get lost, it's Sue's fault. As we proceeded down the trail there was a frozen puddle of water. This puddle had frozen crystals of frost that looked like bird feathers in it. They were incredible looking. Some of them even had veins running down the middle, like a real feather. Not one of us had ever seen anything like them before.

The trail joined a town road that was not maintained in the winter. I felt there was something to the right that Sue wanted us to see. Not knowing what that was, we headed down the road. There we found a campground, with an old cemetery in the back. The view of Birdseye was unbelievable. A long meadow cleared the way to the rock face and the bright blue sky made the perfect background. It looked like a postcard, but of course no one had a camera.

At the cemetery one small slate marker caught my eye. It was in very good condition. The date was

1807; the little girl died at 9 months of age. Two stones to the right was another child's grave. This gave me a sense of how hard life was back then.

It was 11:30, so we decided to eat lunch at the campground. Al wanted a fire so everyone collected firewood. I could not quite figure out why. No one was cold, we did not have the club pack; no coffee pot, no food to cook. Was Sue controlling Al's mind too, telling him to start a fire? Or does Al just like playing with fire? Maybe it was the fact he had some old *Rutland Herald's* and he believes the only thing they're good for is starting fires. After lunch we continued down the road. Sue seemed to be trying to get me to make a loop, but where and how? My eyes were drawn to a notch in the mountain just to the left of the rock face of Birdseye's highest point. Did Sue want me to go that way? Was there a trail? We got off the town road and headed up a logging road toward the notch. The logging road ended shortly. Sue, this reckless attempt to get back to the cars could tarnish my reputation as a cool, cautious and safe leader

There was not a trail, so we zigzagged our way to the top of the notch. At the top there was a steep slippery trail that went down the other side. The group used many different methods to get down. Eventually we made it to the road not far from the cars. Everyone thought it was a great hike and we all wish Sue had made it in person.

Editors Message by Rob Carey

As noted in the Annual Meeting write-up I am now editing *Smoke & Blazes*. As I sit here at the computer trying to do the final layout, I have an increased appreciation for all the work Herb, Carol and other editors have done. If this issue does not find you before the first hike on the new schedule, I apologize. Those of you who have been promptly sending your hike write-ups and other articles in, please keep up the good work. For the rest of you, please send the articles soon after the hike. It's easier for you to remember what happened, and gives me time to have it typed before the last minute rush. The next issue will contain the complete membership list and officers list including directors term expiration dates. **Please send copy to Rob Carey, RR1 Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773.**





MR & MRS ROBERT & THELMA PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28227

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB OUTING SCHEDULE

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of the Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. Non-members are welcome!

Saturday 20 May, 9 a.m. Leaders: Ray Catozzi 773-3006 & Bernie Donahue 773-7462

BLACK MOUNTAIN, Dresden, N.Y., overlooking Lake George. 2.5 mi. to the top by direct route from the east, 4.2 mi. back by a partly different trail, for a round trip of 6.7 mi. Trip back down passes many spectacular views of Lake George as well as 3-4 ponds and one shelter, then rejoins trail coming in. Easy to moderate with a few steep pitches. Total elevation gain is 1046'. Rain date Sunday 21 May.

Saturday 27 May, 9 a.m. Leaders: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368;

HIGHLAND WALK-THROUGH covering the Long Trail from Governor Clement Shelter (north of the Upper Cold River Road in Shrewsbury) to US Route 4 in Sherburne Pass. Something for everyone: prune brush, whack weeds, clean out waterbars, paint blazes, saw blowdowns, or just come along for the hike. We'll probably divide into parties of 2-5 people. Tools and instruction provided. Rain date 28 May.

Saturday 3 June, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Ride-sharing: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

GREEN MT. CLUB ANNUAL MEETING at Prospect Mountain, Woodford. Annual membership meeting will consider basic By-Laws changes. Followed by afternoon hikes, reception, buffet dinner, and evening program "Ecotourism in Vermont." Hikes and work party on Sunday. Details in Spring 1995 *Long Trail News*. Hosted by G^MC Bennington Section.

Thursday 8 June, 7:30 p.m. Co-chairs: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350, and Linda Pellerin 773-7779

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING at Bernie Donahue's house, 50 Edgerton St., Rutland (between East St. and Lafayette St., which are one and two blocks east of Main St. and south of Woodstock Ave.) Come help plan schedule for mid-August to mid-October or call in your suggestions then or beforehand (not afterward, please!). For Outing Committee members and all others interested.

Sunday 11 June, 1 p.m. Leader: Jean Davies 483-6623

LEAD MINE MOUNTAIN, Chittenden. Moderate 4 mile walk on old roads in the former Town of Philadelphia, now the northern part of Chittenden. There's real lead you can write with, a nice bog with wildlife, and points of historical interest.

Saturday 17 June, 9 a.m. Leader: Bill Robichaud 775-2567

BICYCLE TOUR Hubbardton Battlefield - High Pond Rd. - Lake Bomoseen on dirt and paved roads in the northernmost Taconics. 15-18 mi., moderate. Rain date Sunday 18 June.

Saturday 24 June, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

WORK PARTY to take care of what we couldn't do earlier. Possible destinations are the Cauty Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain in Mendon, the Bucklin Trail up Killington from the Wheelerville Road in Mendon, or the Long Trail itself. We'll probably divide into groups of 2-5 people. Tools and instructions provided.

Sunday 2 July, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

DELECTABLE MOUNTAIN road, abandoned so long it does not show on a 1911 map. Visit abandoned Barnard District No. 2 on Delectable Mountain northeast of Notown in Stockbridge. 6 mi. moderate

except unhandy where brushy, expandable to 12 mi. by using second old road over Delectable Mtn. (near Mt. Hunger, believe it or not!), including one or more old cemeteries, if some desire.

Saturday 8 July, 10 a.m. Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982

FALLS OF LANA AND SILVER LAKE, Salisbury and Leicester. One of the most spectacular waterfalls in Vermont, a panoramic view of Lake Dunmore, an enchanted sort of forest, and a mountain lake encircled by white birch. Swimming in Lake Dunmore possible afterward. 3 mi. moderate, good family excursion. Can be extended by 2.5 mi. loop trail around Silver Lake. Rain date 9 July; call the leader if in doubt.

Saturday 15 July, 9 a.m. Leader: Bill Robichaud 775-2567

LITTLE KILLINGTON PEAK, elev. 3939'. Bushwhack up from Brewers Corners on Wheelerville Rd., Mendon. 7 mi. difficult.

Sunday 16 July, 1 p.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208

RASPBERRY HEAVEN, SHREWSBURY, on a fire road off the CCC road to Plymouth near the CCC Stone House. Berries not guaranteed, but they were bounteous this time last year. 2.5 mi. easy.

Saturday 22 July, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Contact: Green Mt. Club office 244-7037

TRAIL AND SHELTER MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP including Basic Maintenance (blowdown removal, blazing, drainage clearing and reshaping, debrising, brushing in, inventory); Advanced Maintenance/Construction (erosion control structures, steps and trail hardening techniques, focusing on rock); Overnight Facility Inspection and Maintenance (including composting). Most of the day will be spent outside, rain or shine, on trails. Groups will be concentrated in the same general area to provide opportunity for overlap. Slide show and training video for basic skills participants. Registration is free; donations appreciated. Hearty dinner for \$5 per person; bring your own lunch. Advance registration advised. (Contact GMC office for numerous other trails skills sessions in May through October.

Saturday 29 July, 9 a.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

BALD MOUNTAIN, Bennington and Woodford. Views of Glastenbury, Equinox, and Dorset Peaks, Mt. Greylock, and Bennington. 6.1 mi. moderate.

Saturday 5 August, 1 p.m. Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982

SIXTH ANNUAL TACONIC RAMBLE, Hubbardton. Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east and west, a Japanese garden, and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. 2 to 5 mi. easy to moderate; walkers can leave the group at several different points and wait on the lawn for the rest. Bring no lunch. Rain date 6 August; call the leader if in doubt.

Saturday 12 August, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

LONG TRAIL from Vt. 30 south past Spruce Peak to Prospect Rock, then out the Old Rootville Road. 7.1 mi. moderate.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

Sue Carey, President	RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773	446-2830
Larry Dodds, Vice-President	3 Westside Ct., West Rutland, VT 05777	438-5473
Roma Pulling, Treasurer	RFD 3, Box 7269, Rutland, VT 05701	773-6997
Jean Davies, Secretary	Box 37, Pittsford, VT 05763	483-6623



Smoke & Blazes

Vol 48 Number 3

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

August 1995

Highland Walk-through May 27, 1995 by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

For our spring inspection from the Upper Cold River Road in Shrewsbury to Sherburne Pass, enough people showed up so that we could form three parties.

Three people did the stretch from the Upper Cold River Road to Governor Clement Shelter. They noted two bad wet spots about 0.25 miles south of the shelter, which seemed a good place to add rocks, and a need to refresh the blazes.

The other two groups rode up the Killington Chairlift, courtesy of the Killington Ski Area. The ride may not have been a lot faster than the traditional truck trip, but it sure was smoother and more scenic. Cooper Lodge was clean and in good shape, considering the abuse it takes in winter. Alas, all the signs except the lodge sign itself and a LT north sign (on a short abandoned stretch of the LT just below Cooper) were either smashed or taken over the winter. They will not be replaced until some Killington Section member volunteers to make new ones. (To volunteer, contact me or President Sue Carey.)

The lift riders split up at Cooper. Four worked south on the LT. Jerry Parker took care of all the chainsaw work to about half a mile north of the Gov. Clement Road, while three others cleared the trail thoroughly to Consultation Point, noting that the signs there and at Shrewsbury Peak Jct. have also disappeared, and that blazes need renewing. We also noted a quasi-Indian, Little Chief Hide-in-Woods, who tricked us into walking right past him a number of times. The stretch from Consultation Point to Gov. Clement Shelter needs at least a day's

brushing work by at least two people. The worst is in the steep, rocky stretch near Consultation Point, which has not been cleared properly for at least three years.

The third group walked north from Cooper Lodge to Sherburne Pass. Bill Robichaud had already brushed from Sherburne Pass to south of Pico Camp, easing their task. GMC Southern Field Coordinator Dave Hardy took care of the chainsaw work and some temporary drainage on the Bucklin Trail and the LT north of Cooper. Pico Camp was in good shape, except six 7 x 9" panes of glass were missing. The first incline on the LT south of Sherburne Pass is more eroded than ever, but we hesitate to commit much labor to it because it may be moved once Pico builds new ski trails and lifts. Headquarters has been asked to get Pico to define the parts of the LT that will not be moved so we can work on them, anyway.

It was good to see some new faces along with the old regular trail workers. If you've never done trail work, try it! It made for a leisurely walk in beautiful woods. It's also a way to fulfill the work obligation that comes with Section membership.

Cold River Relocation Scheduled by Sue Carey

After three years of seeking Government approval we will be relocating a dangerous section of Long Trail in October. The work party is scheduled for 9:30 am Saturday, October 21.

There are two short sections of trail between the Cold River Roads which are along a bank that is being washed away by the Cold River. The drop offs are over one hundred feet and are dangerously

close to the Trail. We hope that as many people as possible attend this work party so this problem can be fixed.

Lead Mine Mountain June 11, 1995

by Jean Davies

On Sunday afternoon, June 11, . . . would it rain or shine? Nineteen of us decided on sun and headed for Lead Mine Mountain. We were delighted with the eight kids in our party. They made a real addition to the group. Hope they come again! Jerry Parker helped them hunt for polliwogs and toads.

As we neared the top of the mountain, fractured outcroppings of dark rock (graphite) could be seen in the roadway. Paper was produced and everyone found some graphite to mark on it. This was the lead of Lead Mine Mountain. Apparently the mines were surface outcroppings rather than deep pits.

Vance and Jean Gee live a few hundred feet below the mountain's top, and we were welcomed by their "watch goose" and dog. Jean gave us a bit of history of the Gee family. The mountain has been in the family for generations.

We continued to the top where snacks were broken out. Mist blowing over hid the views, but the prevailing sentiment was, "I want to retrace when the sun is out." Newcomer Al Zoesik liked the beauty and isolation. "You ought to camcord it." The kids liked the graphite, toads, trees, flowers . . . and snacks.

Vance was draining his man-made pond, so we saw the old logs and tree stumps that had once been covered with water. But on the other side of the lane, the mist wafting over a lovely bog created a proper feeling of wilderness.

Three families, all related to the Gees, live near the top. The children are home-schooled since getting up and down the road in the winter would present too many problems. While there is phone service, Vance produces his own electricity. His machine shop has modern tools, and is where he produces

his well known civil war cannons. The old machinery nearby is for parts to keep the other World War II vintage trucks and tractors operating. The Gee men folk seem to like the challenge of keeping the fine old machines running.

Lead Mine Mountain is a mix of the wild and the settled. The Gees are hospitable folks who like to share the love they have for their mountain with those who can appreciate it.

Lowland Walk-through May 9

by Rob Carey

I was unable to actually get out and do any work this time, so I just prepared tools and coordinated the effort. I am thankful for the work done by Bill Robichaud, Herb Ogden Jr., Tim Ward, Mary Ward, Sue Thomas, and Jerry Parker. They were able to deal with the usual mix of spring blowdowns, clipping and other work needed to get the Trail in shape. Between what they did on, before, or just after this scheduled event, the Trail was worked on from Rt 140 to Gov. Clement Shelter by mid-May.

Trail and Shelters Workshop July 22

by Sue Carey

On Saturday July 22 the Killington Section sponsored the GMC Trail and Shelter Workshop. Around 40 people attended. We met at the Maple Valley Grange in South Wallingford and then headed to the Sherburne Pass.

At the Pass we received a lecture on safety and heard about the latest beauracratc procedures for trail maintenance. Afterwhich we split into groups and headed for the Trail.

One group did brushing, another did chainsawing, a large group put in rock waterbars between Rt. 4 and Pico Camp and others inspected shelters.

The Killington Section saw a lot of maintenance work that day. The day ended at the Grange with a spaghetti supper put on by the Ladies Aid Society of South Wallingford. The group had obviously

worked up an appetite. We finished a 2 gallon tub of chocolate chip ice cream donated by Seward's Dairy.

I want to again thank the many volunteers and LT Patrol members who worked on the Killington Section that day.

Birdseye Experiment a Success

by Sue Thomas

Thanks to Jerry Parker and 5 other hikers for participating in my first experiment with telepathic hike leading last January. It went so well that I'm now expanding my range - even as I write this I am mentally guiding a group on Mt. Mansfield, and have plans next week for a Brownie Troop in the Grand Canyon. There are still a few glitches to work out but I'm very encouraged with the results so far, tho I do plan to attend at least a few of my scheduled hikes from time to time too. Oh, the answer to Jerry's question in the last issue is; b) Al likes to play with fire.

Cavendish Gorge March 26

by Sue Thomas

This hike report was left out of the last issue of Smoke and Blazes - possibly because I never wrote it. I'm trying to mend my ways and send one in occasionally now.

Cavendish Gorge is a great place to be if you like spectacular falls, rushing water and boulder-hopping. We started out near the power station and followed trails along the bank and down into the Gorge itself, picking a lunch spot on the rocks downstream. The fast moving water has carved the rocks into interesting shapes, hollowed out holes and rounded the pebbles.

After lunch we explored the power station and hiked along the much calmer downstream portion of the river until we were halted by beavers, who have flooded a large area with their dams. We examined their carefully built dams and the many chewed trees, then it was off to see some man-made

constructions. We visited an old mill building downstream where the giant wheels and pulleys can still be seen in the basement, tho the course of the river has been changed you can see where it once ran under the building to power the mill wheels.

The Cawoods came prepared with information about a lime kiln upstream, they took us to see the ruin of the chimney which still stands almost 20 feet high. It all made for an interesting day of hiking, history and beautiful scenery.

Appalachian Trail - Rt 11/30 South to Prospect Rock - August 12 by Sue Thomas

The weather was downright ugly on the morning of this hike, so I was pleasantly surprised by the turnout - 14 hikers altogether. It was especially nice to have Rob and Dylan Badger along. Longtime members will remember that Rob and Carolyn were active members before moving away years ago. Dylan was our youngest and most energetic participant, at age 5. This was his first long hike and he ran much of the seven miles, making the rest of us feel very decrepit!

It seemed to grow steadily darker and more gloomy as we went along, but the predicted thunderstorms never came, so we had a very enjoyable hike. We stopped for lunch at Spruce Peak Shelter, which I remember correctly was brand new the last time our Section visited it. It's held up very well, even has chairs on the porch and an intact picnic table, a rarity up in our area.

We lingered at Prospect Rock only long enough to watch Manchester completely disappear in the clouds below us (some of us think Manchester disappeared years ago with the coming of the outlet malls!) and made it back to our cars just in time to miss a rain shower.

Please send the articles soon after the hike. **Deadline for the next issue is Friday October 13.** Please send copy to Rob Carey, RR1 Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773.

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown and bring lunch unless noted. **Non-members are welcome!**

Wear sturdy, water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Thursday September 7 - 7:30 p.m. Co-chairs Herb Ogden 775-1350 and Linda Smith 265-4493

Outings Committee Meeting, at Bernie Donahue's house, 50 Edgerton St., Rutland. Come help plan schedule for late October to January, or call in your suggestions then or beforehand. For Outing Committee members and all others interested

Friday September 8 - 7:00 p.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350

Moonlight Hike Pine Hill Park. Rutland overlook and Rocky Pond, city lights, starry sky, moderate climb. Easy 2.5 miles.

Saturday September 16 - Note meeting place! Leaders: Phil and Linda Smith 265-4493.

Mystery Hike, difficult 11.5 miles. Great view of lakes and Adirondacks. Meet at McDonalds in Fair Haven at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday September 23 - 9:00 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

Historic Carriage Road to Killington Mountain, across to Shrewsbury Peak and down Black Swamp trail, 10 miles, difficult.

Sunday September 24 - 1:00 p.m. Leaders: Al and Roma Pulling 773-6997.

Second Annual Senior Shuffle, others welcome. Route 100 Sherburne to River Road, additional mileage available. 2.3 miles, easy.

Saturday September 30 - Note meeting place! Leaders: Phil and Linda Smith 265-4493

The Rambo Ramble. Tongue Mountain Trail at Route 9N to Clay Meadow. 9 miles difficult. Meet at McDonalds in Fair Haven at 8:00 a.m.

Saturday October 7 - 9:00 a.m. Leader: Alan Connelly 773-8146

Hike to Little Rock Pond and then the Green Mtn. Trail. Nice views of pond and foliage. 6.5 miles moderate.

Sunday October 15 - 8:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

Mendon Peak-Bushwhacking, difficult 10 miles. Climb one of the AMC's *New England Hundred Highest*. Good views to the south and west.

Saturday October 21 - 9:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

Work Party-Cold River Relocation. Help us move the trail back from the Cold River where a washout occurred. Tools available or bring your own. Three years in the planning!

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or;

Sue Carey	President	RR1 Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773	446-2830
Larry Dodds	Vice-President	3 Westside CT., West Rutland, VT 05777	438-5473
Roma Pulling	Treasurer	RFD 3 Box 7269, Rutland, VT 05701	773-6997
Jean Davies	Secretary	Box37, Pittsford, VT 05763	483-6623



"Moonlight" On Pine Hill

September 8 1995

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

In hindsight, I should have billed this as a flashlight hike, not a moonlight hike. The overcast sky let only a little light through. At least we had some nice views of the city lights from Pine Hill.

From the end of Evergreen Avenue, we hiked up to the concrete hulk of the rock crusher and walked a little further to enjoy the view from the power line. We then followed one of the few remaining parts of the Pine Hill Park trail system through a ledgy area back to the road to Rocky Pond, which we reached in the dusk. Bernie pointed out sites from the time, about 40 years ago, when the beach at Rocky Pond was an official city swimming area. Some then used flashlights to follow a path to the end of Watkins Avenue. We then enjoyed a walk through the Pine Hill neighborhood back to our cars.

Appalachian Trail (Senior Shuffle #2)

September 24, 1995 by Roma Pulling

Conditions for this hike were superb - comfortable temperatures, blue skies and no bugs. Eight people (not all senior) met Alfred and me at the park, and another joined us in Sherburne. We welcomed two hikers from abroad who were on an extended world tour, one each from England and Wales.

When erroneous information was printed in the *Herald* as to the starting time, I went to the park at 9 AM and met two people who had relied on that information and encouraged them to return at the scheduled time of one PM. They did.

For this hike we spotted cars on River Road and returned to Route 100 by Kent Pond, where we started east on the Appalachian Trail. The trail was level or downhill with a few very gradual climbs. The beginning was very scenic as it curved around the pond. Where the trail joined Thundering Brook Road, four of the younger hikers decided to make the hike more of a challenge by walking back to the starting point. The rest of us followed the road to our cars and returned home.

What's Left of the Juggernaut?

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

The Juggernaut hiking trail used to lead from West Bridgewater (more precisely, South Sherburne) up the Falls Brook valley and then up onto the ridge between Bear Mountain and Killington Peak, ending at what is now Cooper Lodge. According to Forest and Crag, the excellent hiking history by Laura and Guy Waterman published in 1989, this trail dates back to the 1880s. The 1891 U. S. Geological Survey Rutland 15' quadrangle shows it in almost the same route as the 7' quad which replaced it in 1961 and later revisions. It evidently was poorly kept up after the Killington summit hotel (slightly downhill from Cooper Lodge and toward the spring) was abandoned. The Watermans write that "by 1913, when Woodstock money built what became known as the Juggernaut Trail from West Bridgewater, the trail-builders had to start from scratch, so little remained of the old trail from that side." Presumably this applied only uphill from the Juggernaut Farm, which was at the end of the public road 1.2 miles up from the present end of the maintained public road that branches south from the Hadley Hill Road in South Sherburne. See page 5

Delectable Mountain Road July 2 1995

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

On this hike, after years of trying, I finally joined the great tradition of Churchill Scott and Sue Thomas – I took a group of hikers where I had no intention of going. In other words, I got us lost. But I think I actually surpassed the achievements of Churchill and Sue, because I got us lost despite two scouting trips I took in the spring especially to prevent what happened from happening! After all, anybody can get lost where he's never been before, but it takes real talent to do it when you've been there just months before.

The start of our hike was at an unoccupied house on the Stony Brook Road in Stockbridge. Just north of it and a bridge over a tributary to Stony Brook, an old public road leaves the Stony Brook Road and follows the tributary up a valley that is at first little better than a ravine, soon crossing the tributary at a snowmobile bridge and climbing up its south side.

According to modern town road maps, the public road ends near the Barnard town line. From then on, we relied on the 1869 Beers Atlas of Windsor County, which showed a 1499 rod (4.0 mile) public road from the Stony Brook Road in Stockbridge over Delectable Mountain to the Chateaugay Road in Barnard. The 1966 U.S.G.S. Delectable Mountain quadrangle shows most of this road as a trail, except that it places it too far south between the 2180' elevation on the west side and the 2120' elevation on the east. There are old logging roads where the U.S.G.S. map shows a trail, but they do not provide a through route, as I learned in an April scouting trip.

Our first stop was an active log landing just over the Barnard line. Hidden in an island of vegetation lay a sizable cellarhole. The 1911 U.S.G.S. quad shows a house there.

Passing south of the cellarhole, we left the recent logging area and followed the old road to Perkins

Brook. Above the road was another cellarhole, which was on the 1869 map but not the 1911 one. We crossed the brook and headed south past another farm site and, at a height of land, found the cellarhole of the old Barnard School No. 2.

Just after we crossed another brook, the good path ended. The grassy woodroad headed south to another cellarhole northeast of Notown, but we had to head east up the valley on the overgrown old road in a dugway. Farther on, in places, only a slight grade showed this was once District No. 2's link to the rest of Barnard.

After inspecting a mysterious drymasonry structure about 60' north of the road, we forked sharp left to cross the brook. Then, in a brambly clearing, I turned left where I should have turned right uphill. After an unintentional and intensive exploration of various logging roads (several of which the Leader mistakenly identified as the old road) and a some pure bushwhacking, we came out in the Perkins Brook valley and had to follow a snowmobile trail back up to the old road about 0.1 mile west of the 2330' pass over Delectable Mountain.

Descending on the road, which was also a snowmobile trail, we noted a small cellarhole that does not show even on the 1869 map, passed through an enigmatic set of stone walls, and joined a woodroad that came in from the south. This shows on the U.S.G.S quad where the old road doesn't. Following an increasingly better road, we passed six more cellarholes before reaching our cars on the Chateaugay Road. By then, it was so late that I had to cancel a return hike that would have taken us past the long-abandoned little Chamberlin Cemetery and over the Smith Hill Road back to Stony Brook. We'll do that some early spring or late fall day when the leaves are off the trees and the weeds aren't waist-high, so we can visit the cellarholes and other sites without feeling like Dr. Livingstone – and so the Leader can find his way.

Raspberry Heaven August, 1995**by Jerry Parker**

The day before my hike there was a bad thunder and lighting storm. My power was out for 19 hours and my telephone was still out Sunday at 12:30 when I was getting ready to meet people at the park. I was surprised to have such a good turn out.

We parked at the beginning of a fire road in the Plymbsbury State Wildlife Management Area in Shrewsbury. First I lead 20 hikers, half of them children to the stone shelter. It was built back about 1935 by the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps). Churchill Scott said it was built to house the caretaker of the ski area that was started on the ski of the Shrewsbury Peak, one of the first ski areas in Vermont.

After that we went back to the fire road. This summer has been so hot and dry the raspberry crop was poor at best. But thanks to the rain Saturday, this hike was very interesting.

As we started down the fire road it didn't take long before the kids, including myself, started catching toads and red efts. I also caught a garter snake. All the children got a good look at it as my niece Andrea held it.

Some might not approve of my hands on approach of getting children interested in hiking and the outdoors. I believe if you keep their minds off the walking part of hiking, children enjoy hiking and the outdoors. When I see Hannah Ogden, a little girl that does not like hiking at all. Seeing her get all excited because a toad was talking to her, I know I am right. I think if a child wants to hold a toad, snake or whatever, it's all right. If they just want to look, that is all right too.

We also saw all kinds of animal tracks, most of them in excellent condition. There was a doe and her fawn tracks, raccoon, coyote, bobcat, moose and partridge. At one point we saw some young partridge in a tree. I walked to about 5 yards away before they flew.

Shortly after was a ditch that had never dried up. We spent about 20 minutes there catching frogs. I caught 3 tadpoles in different stages of development to show everyone. A short hike farther was the logging header, the end of the trail.

The trip back was a little faster. To compensate for the lack of raspberries, I had brought a watermelon. This made a refreshing end to the hike.

Bald Mountain, Woodford July 29, 1995**by Roma Pulling**

If I had had a closer relationship with the weatherman, I would have ordered different weather for this hike. It occurred during our heat wave, and toward the end we were caught in a heavy shower. But everyone was a good sport; I heard no complaints.

Six people besides Alfred and me assembled at the park for the ride to Bennington and the start of this hike off Branch Street there. Our original plan had been to spot cars in Woodford at the eastern end of the Bald Mountain Trail, but on a dry run several weeks earlier we found a sign giving dire threats about towing and fines if anyone parked there, and unpleasant surprise since we had parked there overnight in 1989. This sign, by the way, was in a picture in the *Herald* when an elderly man disappeared in that area and a search was under way.

One goal of hikers on this trail is White Rocks, a lookout with a view of Bennington. We stopped there but then continued on to a junction with the West Ridge Trail, which leads north and east to Goddard Shelter on the Long Trail. As long as we had to retrace our steps to the cars, we turned back at the intersection.

As I had covered the eastern end of the Bald Mountain Trail on a previous hike, I had now completed another side trail. The ride home, with an ice cream break, was uneventful.

Sylvia Plumb, Editor
Long Trail News
RFD 1, Box 650
Waterbury Center VT 05677

Dear Editor:

Trail maintainers should use great caution in implementing the new blazing standard of the Trails & Shelters Committee. It allows blazes on "clearly defined trails" to be as much as five minutes walk apart, thus as few as six blazes per mile assuming one hikes two miles per hour. It generally requires such infrequent blazing in federal Wilderness.

This standard is fine — if the hiker is experienced and attentive. Many LT users are neither, however. What may be a perfectly clear footway to a seasoned hiker can be confusing to the novice. Moreover, the new standard can be a hardship for even the experienced hiker. Some of us like to lose ourselves in contemplating nature, or in a conversation with a hiking partner, rather than constantly keep an eye out for the proposed one blaze in every five minutes that would reassure us we were still on the trail and not on a woodroad from which the trail had diverged. (Perhaps, to make matters worse, someone stole the arrow that marked the junction.) It used to be that, if we were in any doubt that we were still on the trail, we could just look for a blaze. If none appeared very soon, we would retrace our steps to the last one. Now, however, the last one may be as much as 1/6 mile back.

The new standard also unrealistically assumes that trail maintainers respond instantly to major blow-downs, but we don't always. In the meantime, consider what happens when a tall tree falls lengthwise along the trail, obscuring many feet of path with branches and foliage. I know from looking at the "herd paths" hikers make as they wander around looking for the trail that some of them have considerable trouble finding it again. The new standard will, on the average, provide no blazing at all at the blowdown, and not only novice hikers will curse the GMC as they tramp around looking for the unmarked trail.

Finally, the new standard makes no allowance for snow or leaves obscuring the path. To be sure, I don't advocate marking the trail so that, even in winter, one can always see the next blaze. To do that, we would have to allow for snow drifting against our summer blazes. We would often have to blaze so high that we could blaze only when we had a foot or two of snow to stand on. But I do advocate giving the winter hiker a decent chance at following the trail. Even now, for the experienced hiker who has become familiar with a trail in the summer, following it in winter is often difficult because the footway is buried and snow hides many blazes. Imagine what happens when there are only six blazes per mile to begin with, and several of them are hidden by snow.

In the Cooper Lodge register, I recently read an entry from an Appalachian Trail End-to-Enders who signed himself "Trudger": "I would like to say to the GMC how nice it is to be back on blazed trails after New Hampshire." Let's keep it that way.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.

Scaling Lassen August 31, 1995 by Roma Pulling

Alfred and I were standing at the 10,000 foot level on Lassen Peak, looking back the way we had come to this point. The actual summit was a few hundred feet higher on top of a pile of boulders with no marked trail, and we felt we had gone far enough. Besides, it was a cold and windy spot, time was passing, and soon we began our descent.

What were we doing in this rather unlikely spot? We were on the second day of a two-week trip to California and parts of western Nevada and southern Oregon, during which we would visit such places as Crater Lake, Yosemite and Death Valley. Lassen is a volcano which erupted last in 1915.

Thermal activity is still visible in the area in the form of steam vents and mud pots.

We approached Lassen Volcanic National Park from the south after an overnight in Sparks, Nevada. Arriving at the foot of the mountain, we discovered several dozen children cavorting in the snow - an accumulation from past seasons. The trail to the mountain top beckoned. The lower sections were snowy, but most of the mountain was windswept. The approximately 3000-foot ascent was made easier by many switchbacks but was still strenuous for Easterners not accustomed to those heights. There were many climbers, and as we neared the bottom, others were just starting up.

We were pleased to have sampled California-style mountain climbing but perfectly content to return to home trails.

Mendon Peak October 15, 1995

by Mara Carey

On Sunday we went to Mendon Peak orienteering. First we went on a road for about a mile and a half. I noticed that there were several forks in the road. At the end of the road was a river and we crossed it. I didn't get my toes wet at all. Then we orienteered south to Mendon Peak. At 10:13 we stopped and sat on a rock for a snack. I had half of a Friehofer's chocolate cookie bar. It was good. After about two hours of bushwacking we started climbing through pines and it was steep. Seth, my little brother and I kept asking Mom and Dad when we were going to get to the top. They said soon.

When we stopped for lunch we heard some geese. We kept climbing and got to the top. It was sort of misty, but we saw some big birds. I thought that they were some geese, but they did not look at all like geese. Then Mom said "They're hawks!" They were hawks, migrating hawks, doing acrobatics. My toes were starting to get cold so we went back down through the pines and birches, across the stream and on the road. Seth ran on ahead.

When Mom, Dad and I got to our car (Izzy Isuzo) we couldn't find Seth. When we found him by walking back down the road he said he had gone onto one of the other roads, got confused and turned around. Then we went back to Izzy and home to have pizza.

What's Left of the Juggernaut? - continued

I first became acquainted with the Juggernaut in 1965. I had finished my End-to-End the year before and felt I owed the Green Mountain Club's trails some work. I lived in Hartland then. The Ottauquechee Section was not formed until 1979, so I joined the Killington Section. I decided to tackle the Juggernaut because it was the closest Killington Section trail. I soon realized that the Killington Section had not paid much attention recently to its only trail on the east side of the Coolidge Range. It was faintly blazed and obviously used, but that was about all. The steep stretch up from the Falls Brook bridge was particularly bad. Luckily, my father had just retired from farming and volunteered to help me bring the Juggernaut up to snuff. That led to his becoming Killington Section Trails and Shelters Chairman, making all the signs for the Killington and New York Sections and the GMC's part of the Appalachian Trail, and then founding the Ascutney Trails Association, but that is another story.

By 1982, as reported in the April 1982 *Smoke & Blazes*, the upper part of the Juggernaut "was swallowed up by a new downhill ski area on Sherburne Corp.'s new Bear Mountain Area." This must have happened sometime after the spring of 1978, for an article in the March 1978 *Smoke & Blazes* tells of a good ski and snowshoe hike complete with a lunch stop at Ghost Camp, then consisting of two fallen-down sheds of the old logging camp. I had last hiked the Juggernaut in July 1980 and found parts obscured by ski trails and maintenance roads. The Timberlake Trail had disappeared. *Smoke & Blazes* doesn't say when the Juggernaut was formally abandoned. Does anyone know the date? It looks like the Juggernaut was abandoned a few years short of its centennial.

Abandoned – but not gone! It is still possible to follow almost the entire route of this old path. In August, I went up Hadley Hill Road from Route 4, took the switchback south, and was soon at the old trailhead. The first few hundred feet of the former trail is now a decent road to a new house, located north of the trail. There are still a few dark blue blazes left, and even a few light blue ones I probably painted at least 25 years ago. After the promising start, though, the trail is overgrown with saplings, badly eroded, and soon crossed at right angles by a woodroad that makes it hard to follow. It's hard to imagine this was passable even thirty years ago, but it was. My father and I once drove our VW pickup all the way to Falls Brook Bridge, albeit it with the help of some planks and rocks above the Juggernaut Farm site, which is where the public part of the road ended.

At elevation 1660', the old road disappears under the bouldery embankment of the Sunrise Ski Trail, which continues on down to the Northeast Passage Ski Lodge on Route 100 in West Bridgewater. Heading uphill, the Sunrise Trail generally follows the grade of the old Juggernaut to the Sunrise Village condominiums. Blazes are scarce because most of the blazed trees were felled when the wide ski trail replaced the narrow old Juggernaut Road.

The public Juggernaut Road ended roughly where the condos now stand. I found a cellarhole, probably that of the Juggernaut Farm, in a brushy area in the middle of the condo development. I also lost the old trail there, but I picked it up again before reaching the site of Ghost Camp, which is now on the Falls Brook Ski Trail. The remains of the tarpaper shacks can still be seen, bulldozed over the edge of the ski trail, if one knows just where to look. I saw no trace of the former Farm and Wilderness Camps' Timberlake Trail (once known as the Juggernaut Cutoff) however. This trail used to lead from the north end of the Woodward Reservoir in Plymouth northwest across the North and South Forks of Madden Brook and join the Juggernaut 250' east of Ghost Camp.

From Ghost Camp, which is 2.3 miles up, to the Falls Brook Bridge, which is 2.8 miles up, the Falls Brook Ski Trail follows the route of the old Juggernaut. Above the bridge, though, things get confusing. From the base station of the South Ridge Triple Chairlift, the expert Roundabout Ski Trail follows the old Juggernaut steeply uphill. The Roundabout is so narrow that several blue-blazed trees remain. After the Roundabout ends, the much wider Wanderer Ski Trail occupies the route of the old Juggernaut for a ways.

Now begins a long stretch that does not look a lot different from the old hiking trail, except that it crosses various aspects of ski development. Leaving the Wanderer, one climbs up a narrow path with an occasional blue blaze, crosses, then follows, Mountain Bicycle Trail 3, and comes out on the ridge between Skye Peak and Killington Peak. On the ridge, one eventually follows a short unmarked road from Trail 3 to Trail 4. Trail 4 follows the old Juggernaut until it diverges downhill where Killington's northeast flank is crossed by several ski trails and lifts. Between some of these cleared areas, the old trail has disappeared in brush. It is, however, very visible, and indeed cleared, from the last ski trail west to where it hits the Long Trail just north of Cooper Lodge, despite our efforts to discourage casual strolls to Cooper by people who may abuse that lodge. The LT follows it for a few feet and then heads straight for Cooper. As one can see from a nice LT North sign a little farther west on the old Juggernaut, the LT used to follow the Juggernaut just a bit further before heading up to Cooper. The final few feet of the old Juggernaut, which I don't think were ever LT, lead to the site of the Killington Hotel. There it used to connect with the Killington Carriage Road up from Brewers Corners on the Wheelerville Road in Mendon. Now it just ends in the brush about 50' east of the Bucklin Trail.

This may be anathema to some, but I found the hike pleasant although most of it was on ski trails, maintenance roads, or mountain bike trails. Except for a few stretches that the bikes have eroded, the footing is better than it was before. Then there are

the views! It used to be the only views till one reached the old Killington Gondola were a few glimpses through the trees above the Falls Brook Bridge. The ski development has opened up many views. These include not only the nearby ski terrain (which I, for one, do not much enjoy except for the wildflowers that grow there), but also grand vistas over the hills eastward to Mt. Cardigan, Mt. Kearsarge, and the other New Hampshire peaks between them. Maybe, with Killington's cooperation, the old Juggernaut should be reopened, at least from Sunrise Village to the Killington Chairlift. From there, perhaps it should ascend directly to Killington Peak rather than provide too-easy access to Cooper Lodge. No trail clearing would be necessary, just blazing and signing. Killington could make it part of the Merrill Hiking Center trail network, simultaneously improving its recreational offerings and giving us back a little of our hiking heritage.

Please send the articles soon after the hike. **Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday January 10, 1996.** Please send copy to Rob Carey, RR1 Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773.

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club Application for Membership

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly); *Smoke and Blazes* (Section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events); benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers; and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail System in Vermont.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

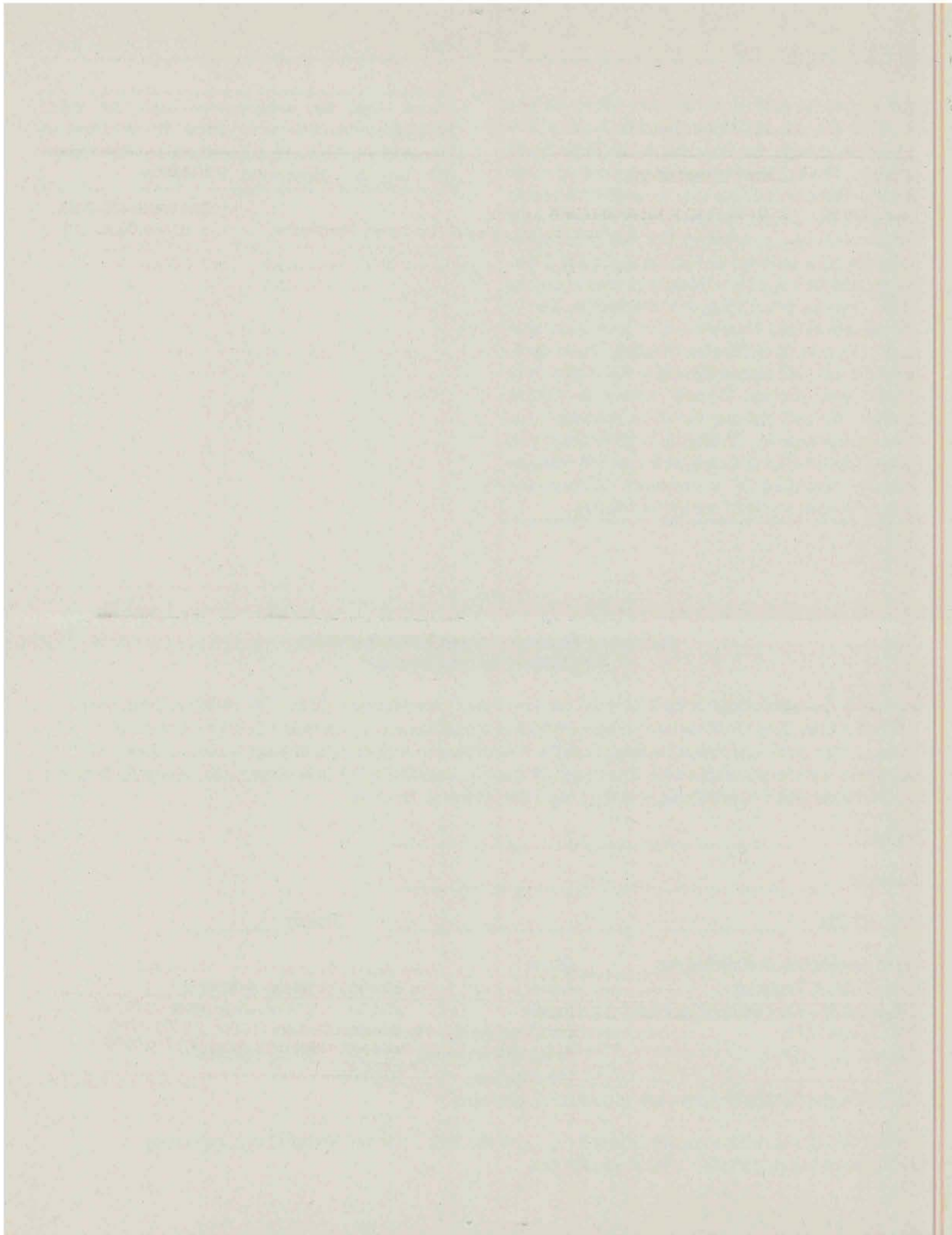
Phone: _____

Send Application & Payment to
Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section - Green Mtn. Club
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland, VT 05701

Dues			
Adult	\$18.00	\$9 tax deductible	
Family	\$24.00	\$15 tax deductible	
Individual (under 18)	\$ 6.00		
Senior (65 and over)	\$12.00	\$9 tax deductible	
Life (Section)	\$400.00		

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis.

I would also like to make a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters



Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

Outing Schedule Fall 1995

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown and bring lunch unless noted.

Non-members are welcome!

Wear sturdy, water-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

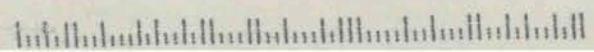
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Sun Oct 29	9:00 AM	PICO HIKE AND WORK PARTY We'll repair the front, roof and privy at Pico Camp. For Section members who are able to work, this is a good way to earn your lower dues while getting some exercise with a view. For those who would like but can't work, there is a 5.8 mile moderate round trip from Sherburne pass to Pico Camp, which can be extended to the top of Pico Peak.	Tim Welch 483-2085 and Herb Ogden (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368
Sat Nov 4	10:00 AM	COLD RIVER ROAD RELOCATION & PUNCHEON WORK PARTY Postponed from Oct 20 due to heavy rain	Rob and Sue Carey 446-2830
Sun Nov 5	9:30 AM	SHREWSBURY PEAK SHELTER via Black Swamp trail from N. Shrewsbury - Plymouth CCC Road. Roast hot dogs and marshmallows; bring your own beverage. 3.4 mi. moderate. On your own, an optional steep 0.8 mi. round trip reaches 3737' Shrewsbury Peak.	Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997
Sat Nov 11	9:00 AM	SARATOGA BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC PARK New York. Visit site of Burgoyne's surrender, the most decisive American victory of the Revolutionary War. Historic displays and movie at visitors center. Hiking distances variable. Rain date is Sun Nov 12.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
Sat Nov 18	9:00 AM	CLARENDON GORGE SUSPENSION BRIDGE WORK PARTY	Sue Carey 446-2830
Sun Nov 19	9:00 AM	Tasks essential to preserving this key bridge include re-decking the bridge and controlling erosion around the abutments. Two days	
Sat Nov 18	5:30 PM	ANNUAL FALL POTLUCK Meet at the Ecorio-Lodge on Route 4 in Winton. Bring a main course, accompaniment, or dessert and your own utensils. Beverages supplied. After dinner the program will include a report by Wally Director on the GMC Board about developments seriously affecting the Sections future.	Linda Smith 265-4493
Sun Dec 3	9:00 AM	MYSTERY HIKE Destination and route depend on snow cover and the whim of the Leader; the mystery will probably be solved once you get there. 4 mi.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
Thur Dec 7	7:30 PM	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING - Not just for Committee Members Bernie Donahue's house, 50 Edgerton St., Rutland Come help plan schedule for next three months or call in your suggestions. For all.	Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350 Linda Smith 265-4493
Sun Dec 10	1:00 PM	BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN - VIRGINIA'S CAMP 3 mi. easy.	Walter Churchill Scott 775-1494
Sun Dec 17	1:00 PM	BEYOND BELLEVUE AVENUE - RUTLAND Explore some countryside just minutes away from our meeting place. Bring snowshoes if snow depth warrants them. About 2 mi. easy. Bring a snack but no lunch.	Bernie Donahue 773-7462
Sat Dec 30	9:00 AM	MYSTERY HIKE Destination and route depend on snow cover and the whim of the Leader; the mystery will probably be solved once you get there. 4 mi.	Jerry Parker 775-6208
Sat Jan 6	4:00 PM	MOONLIGHT MEANDER Shrewsbury from Upper Cold River Road to Governor Clement Shelter, where there will be hot beverages. 2.5 mi. moderate, suitable for skiing or walking. Bring a snack if you want, but no supper.	Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368
Sat Jan 13	10:00 AM	WALLINGFORD AREA CROSS COUNTRY SKI 5 mi. moderate.	Rob and Sue Carey 446-2830
Sat Jan 20	9:00 AM	BINGO BROOK TRAIL CROSS COUNTRY SKI Rochester and Hancock. 6 mi. easy.	Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350 775-3368(W)

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or;

Sue Carey	President	RR1 Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773	446-2830
Larry Dodds	Vice-President	3 Westside Ct., West Rutland, VT 05777	438-5473
Roma Pulling	Treasurer	RFD 3 Box 7269, Rutland, VT 05701	773-6997



PERKROB
MR & MRS ROBERT & THELMA PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28227
CHARLOTTE NC 282 10/28/95 13:05 ISS#3





Vol 49 Number 1

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

January 1996

Section Directors Meeting December 7, 1995 by Sue Carey

On December 7 a Board of Directors meeting was held at the Donahue's house. It was decided that the Killington Section will sponsor the GMC Annual Meeting on June 8, 1996. We will need people to lead hikes and work parties. If you are interested, call Larry Dodds at 438-5473 or Sue Carey at 446-2830.

The Killington Section Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 13 at the Econo-Lodge in Mendon. We will need officers and Board members for the following positions; President, Vice President, Main Club Director, Trails & Shelters Coordinator. If you are interested in any of these exciting and challenging positions please let any Board member know. We will be happy to place your name on the ballot.

Lars Botzjorns and Greg Knoettner also attended the meeting. We learned that all of the land for the Rt. 140 relocation has been condemned. We hope to scout a new trail north of Rt. 140 and have the relocation work started in 3 years. It is hoped that the Forest Service can get the road to Gov. Clement Shelter gated. Some beams on the Clarendon Gorge Bridge have been replaced. More decking work and cribbing work is needed. More land has been bought for the Pico relocation, but the route has not been finalized.

I would like to thank Bernie and Martha for their hospitality.

Dues are Due

The Killington Section collects dues on a Calendar Year basis. Accordingly, everyone's membership needs to be renewed by sending your 1996 dues to our treasurer Roma Pulling. The membership application is included in this issue

Cold River Area Work Party November 4, 1995 by Rob Carey

There were two goals of this work party. One was to clear a minor re-route around the washout between the Cold River Roads. The other was to put in puncheon on some wet spots on the re-route and in the field just south of the Cold River Road.

Ruth Hare, Seth Carey and myself started working on the puncheons in the field, after a rather complicated transfer of materials in Rutland by Herb Ogden, Sue Carey and others. We were able to carry lumber across the field and build several puncheons by mid-morning.

It took us a while to get to the re-route, including a short, steep uphill. We carried in lumber for one puncheon, and built it at the worst wet spot. We were able to drain several wet spot by digging drainage ditches.

Later in the day we were joined by Mara and Sue Carey. We hope to complete this work in the spring, possibly the weekend of the GMC Annual Meeting.

Pico Camp Work Party October 29 1995

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Coleader

The weather was worse than forecast, and the forecast wasn't very good, so it was a pleasant surprise to see seven people turn on this outing. Actually, once we gained some altitude and the rain changed to snow, the woods were pretty and no one got very wet. On the way down, we could even enjoy good long-distance views once we got out of the cloud that enveloped Pico Peak.

With the kind permission of the Pico Ski Resort, we were able to drive up their service road almost to Pico Junction, where Sue Carey left out supplies. For a change, the rest of us rode up in comfort in a Blazer that handled the waterbars and mud very well.

From Pico Junction, we each carried something and no one had to make a second trip. Once we arrived at Pico Camp, two of the party opted to hike down to Sherburne Pass and the rest continued the work at the camp. We lag-screwed a 14' 2x6 across the front of the camp just under the windows, thus removing the forward bulge that had developed in this middle-aged camp. Then we installed a windowsill to prevent the rain and snow from getting inside the wall, repaired the inside windowsill, tightened up the top of the door, and installed six 7"x9" Lexan panes where glass was missing. We also tried with some success to route the spring flow across, rather than down, the LT. Planned roof repairs had to wait for better weather.

Six days before, on a beautiful Indian summer day, I had reblazed the Pico spur to the summit and cleaned out or created numerous waterbars on the LT between Pico Camp and Sherburne Pass. Rains just before had changed perhaps a quarter of it into a series of brooklets and even made the Sinkhole overflow! This stretch of the LT still needs much erosion control work, though it's not as bad as the first mile or so north of Cooper Lodge, where the LT often moonlights as a brook.

This work party was notable for the participation of my neighbor Channing Bickford, age 9. He is the youngest person to come on a work party without being taken by a parent in years as far as I know.

Shrewsbury Peak Shelter

November 5, 1995

by Roma Pulling, Leader

The last thing I would have let concern me the morning Alfred and I left for Shrewsbury Peak was icy roads; so of course that's what we encountered. After passing the old picnic pavilion site on the CCC Road, as we reached the bottom of a hill, we looked up and saw Sue Thomas's car crossways of the road. After maneuvering it to the side of the road and parking it, Sue got in our car, equipped with all-wheel drive, as did Pat Hannegan. Besides ice on the road, there was about an inch of snow on the ground.

Arriving at the start of the Black Swamp Road, which is now gated, we pared and began our hike up the Black Swamp Trail, which is at first level but becomes gradually steeper and rougher. The side trail to the Shrewsbury Peak Shelter is badly overgrown, and on a previous hike we bushwhacked in. But Sue knew where to find the trail, which was shorter and easier.

Alfred had packed dry wood in and soon had a cheery fire going, which we welcomed in what seemed like bitter cold temperatures although my thermometer showed 26°. It takes a while to get used to it! We got out hot dogs, rolls, ketchup, mustard and relish, to which Sue added potato chips, and we had a hearty lunch, then topped it off with toasted marshmallows. I was glad the return hike provided exercise. No one decided to hike the last 0.8 mile to the summit and back, leaving that for a warmer day, and better visibility.

As we walked out we had discussed various ways of rescuing Sue from her predicament, which ranged from simple to drastic (calling a tow truck). In the end it proved simpler than expected. With Alfred

steering and the help of one of our hikers, Bob Piper, and a stranger who stopped and offered his assistance, Sue's car was turned around and eased down to level ground. Our return trip was made without further incident.

Saratoga Battlefield Historic Park

This trip did not take place due to very high winds and low attendance.

Wallingford Area Cross Country Ski

January 13 by Rob Carey

We had perfect snow conditions for this trip. In the weeks before there were several snowstorms of light, fluffy snow. We carpooled from Wallingford, taking only 4 wheel drive vehicles due to the fresh snow. There was almost a foot in the parking lot at Wallingford Pond.

We first went to one of the three lobes of the pond. We stayed off the ice. On a scouting trip there was just enough water to ice the bottoms of Seth's skis. Next we doubled back and took another trail (we hadn't been sure it was the right one at first) that started a loop. With Seth continuing in the lead we set a brisk pace. The loop went through an open area, and then joined another trail north. We passed a trail that leads to Aldrichville and the Long Trail. It looked nice but we saved it for another time. While we were out, we saw several people from Wallingford who had seen the article in the *Herald*.

Moonlight Meander January 6

The Editor has received an unofficial report that part of this trip was cold and dark (the moon was a late arrival) and part was cold and light.

Please send the articles soon after the hike. **Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday April 17, 1996.** Please send copy to Rob Carey, RR1 Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773.

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

Application for Membership

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly); *Smoke and Blazes* (Section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events); benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers; and a membership card. Dues **and** efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail System in Vermont.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

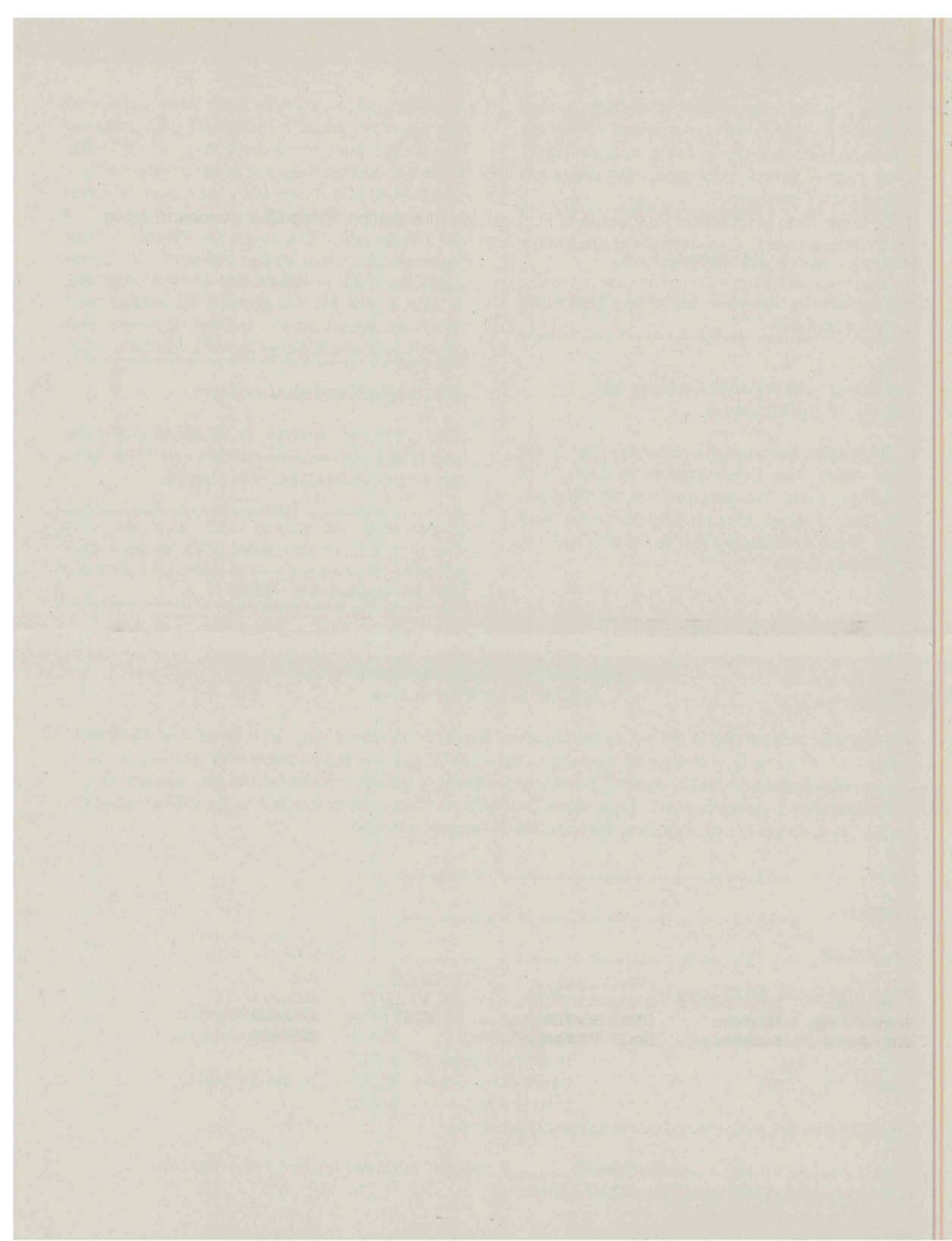
Phone: _____

Send Application & Payment to
Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section - Green Mtn. Club
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland, VT 05701

Dues		
Adult	\$18.00	\$9 tax deductible
Family	\$24.00	\$15 tax deductible
Individual (under 18)	\$ 6.00	
Senior (65 and over)	\$12.00	\$9 tax deductible
Life (Section)	\$400.00	

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis.

I would also like to make a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters



Killington Section Green Mountain Club Outing Schedule Winter 1996

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown and bring lunch unless noted. **Non-members are welcome!**

Wear sturdy, water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Sat Feb 3		MOONLIGHT SKI AT HILDENE with Manchester section. Full moon, hot cider and popcorn.	Carol Cone 297-2648
Sun Feb 11	1:00 PM	LEPHARTS LOOP Three miles, easy. Hiking, snowshoeing or skiing	Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997
Sun Feb 18	9:30 AM	CROSS COUNTRY- EAST POULTNEY TO BIRDS EYE Ski or snowshoe - Moderate	Sue Thomas 773-2185
Sat Feb 24	10:00 AM	SUMMIT OF PINE HILL TO PROCTOR Snowshoe if snow more than 6 inches deep. Good local views. 4 miles moderate.	Herb Ogden 775-1350 evenings
Sat Mar 2		GROUT POND TO SOMMERSET RESERVOIR Cross country ski with the Manchester Section. Moderate. Call for details the week before.	Carol Wright 824-5589
Sat Mar 16	9:30 AM	MERCK FOREST Day hike or overnight. \$5.00 fee per person for overnight. We will be using the Lower Barn Cabin.	Larry Dodds 438-5473
Sun Mar 24	3:00 PM	SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY Unitarian Church basement on West St in Rutland. Traditional sugar on snow, pickles, donuts. \$3.00 fee.	Roma Pulling 773-6997
Sat Mar 30	9:00 AM	PICO CAMP VIA LONG TRAIL FROM SHERBURNE PASS An old favorite snowshoe hike with great views. 5 miles difficult.	Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350 evenings
Sat Apr 13	5:30 PM	ANNUAL MEETING AND COVERED DISH SUPPER Econo Lodge on Route 4 in Mendon. Bring a dish to share and your own eating utensils. Business meeting to follow supper.	Linda Smith 265-4493
Sun Apr 21	9:30 AM	LYE BROOK FALLS Vermont's highest waterfall. 4 miles moderate.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
Sat Apr 27	9:00 AM	BLUE RIDGE CAVE 5 miles moderate	Jerry Parker 775-6208

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or;

Sue Carey	President	RR1 Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773	446-2830
Larry Dodds	Vice-President	3 Westside CT., West Rutland, VT 05777	438-5473
Roma Pulling	Treasurer	RFD 3 Box 7269, Rutland, VT 05701	773-6997
Jean Davies	Secretary	Box37, Pittsford, VT 05763	483-6623

ROMA E PULLING
BOX 7269 RFD 3
RUTLAND VT 05701-9260



MR & MRS ROBERT & THELMA PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28227



Smoke & Blazes

Vol 49 Number 2

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

April 1996

Annual Meeting April 13, 1996 by Jean Davies, Secretary

President Sue Carey opened the meeting after the potluck supper. The Secretary's report was read and accepted with one correction: The mortgage on the GMC Waterbury headquarters should read \$90,000 rather than \$9,000 as was recorded. M/S/P Herb Ogden and Rob Carey

Roma Pulling, treasurer passed out a printout showing that the Killington Section's accounts were still in the black by a small margin. [The report is on file with the secretary]. Rob Carey moved to accept the report, Ray Catozzi seconded, passed.

Tim Welch gave a Trails and Shelters committee report. He had been able to do some maintenance work on the Pico and Bucklin Trails. Herb Ogden noted the need for new or repaired trail signs. The Kirk Fund can supply materials. Charlie Davies has a router that Ray Catozzi can use to make signs. Sue Carey reported for the southern part. After three years, permission was at last given in November to repair the washouts on the Cold River Road, but it was a poor time of year to do much. Hopefully a June 8th work party with the GMC in Wallingford can do more. The main club is supposed to take care of the Clarendon Bridge, but hadn't done much. They are apparently looking into a non-suspension type bridge. In the meantime boards will be replaced. Sue Carey is keeping an eye on the bridge. Boy Scouts and other groups are helping in various places on the Long Trail.

Rob Carey continues his work on Smoke and Blazes. He still hopes hike leaders will get their articles in promptly - right after hikes, even if they

didn't go for some reason. Any reports sent to him on diskette are appreciated.

Linda Smith gave the report from the March meeting of the main club. She attended as the alternate director from the Killington Section. One 75 year old man and his son planned to hike end-to-end to raise \$75,000 to go towards paying the mortgage on the Waterbury headquarters building. The main club hoped that each section might give \$1,000 towards their building fund. The have and interest-free loan until October, and would like to pay it off before then to avoid interest charges. All sections which contribute \$1,000 will have their name on a plaque. The subject of uniform dues was not mentioned.

Sue Carey gave the Presidents report. The Annual Meeting of the Green Mountain Club will be on June 8, Saturday, in South Wallingford. The Killington Section will host the meeting and needs volunteers to help. Usually 90 to 110 people attend.

The secretary read a thank you note from the Craigie S. Perkins family acknowledging a memorial gift from the Killington Section in his name.

I move to donate \$1,000 to the Main Club to go towards the mortgage on their building. Motion by Herb Ogden, seconded by Phil Smith. Discussion followed. Rob Carey felt that sum was "a bit rich for our blood." He preferred to have our name on a shelter or trail. He also resented the feeling that his arm was being twisted by the main club. Phil Smith: The purpose of the \$1,000 is to reduce the building deficit, therefore it's good to reduce it as quickly as possible. It might affect our dues.

Annual Meeting Continued from page 1

Sue Carey: Our dues aren't supposed to go towards the building.

Herb Ogden: Probably paying off the mortgage would reduce the pressure to raise dues. We might want to remind the GMC that they said it would be relatively easy to raise money for the building.

Rob Carey: Now there is a concentration of resources in the northern end of the state.

Herb noted that our Board of Directors could vote to send the \$1,000. Maryellen Zizis wondered if a token donation might be in order. The motion was defeated.

"I move the membership authorize the Board to make a donation of up to \$1,000 to go towards paying the mortgage, depending on events." Motion by Herb Ogden, seconded by Rob Carey. Passed with a vote of 10 to 6.

Nominations: Larry Dodds, Ray Catozzi and Wally Rogers were up for election for the Board of Directors. However, Wally had resigned as he is in Madagascar.

Herb Ogden nominated by Rob Carey, seconded by Linda Smith. Ray Catozzi nominated by Roma Pulling, seconded by Al Pulling. Ruth Gibbud nominated by Herb Ogden, seconded by Janet Martin. All were voted in.

The membership meeting was recessed for the Directors Meeting (see below) and then reconvened to report the election of officers. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Rob Carey, seconded by Sue Carey

Directors Meeting April 13, 1996
by Jean Davies, Secretary

Nominations: Herb Ogden for President by Linda Smith, seconded by Roma Pulling, Phil Smith for Vice President by Jean Davies, seconded by Sue

Carey. Jean Davies for Secretary by Roma Pulling, seconded by Sue Carey. Roma Pulling for Treasurer by Ray Catozzi, seconded by Linda Smith. All were voted in.

Director and alternate director for the main club nominations: Phil Smith for Director by Sue Carey, seconded by Linda Smith. Linda Smith for alternate by Sue Carey, seconded by Ray Catozzi. So voted.

A discussion followed as to who might be willing to take on various tasks and responsibilities. Sue Carey planned to lead a work group to Clarendon Gorge. Sue Thomas will be asked about chairing the Trails and Shelter Committee as long as tools could be stored elsewhere. Linda Smith was willing to continue as Outings Chair. Rob Carey will continue with Smoke & Blazes. Publicity - Bernie Donahue has been trying to get items into the Rutland Herald. Ruth Gibbud and Rob Carey will work on getting news to other publications. "I move to adjourn the director's meeting." Motion by Jean Davies, seconded by Sue Carey. Passed

Pine Hill, Rutland February 11, 1996
by Roma Pulling, Leader

So you thought this was the date of the hike around Lefferts Pond in Chittenden? You're right. But your leaders know that Wildcat Road, where the pond is located, is in a different climate zone, and what fell as rain in Rutland was probably freezing rain or snow in Chittenden. So we made a last-minute change and decided to save Lefferts Pond for another hike schedule.

Alfred and I were joined at the park by Jerry Parker and Pat Hannegan. We breathed a sigh of relief to see Jerry and gladly turned over leadership responsibilities to him. Jerry is familiar with the various trails, some of which are not on the map, whereas with us it would be like the blind leading the blind.

This area was new to Pat: so we started by walking to the old stone crusher, in recent years a teen-age hangout but operated for about 20 years leading up

to World War II to process rock used in construction of concrete highways. From there we walked to Rocky Pond and then Muddy Pond, where we saw a beaver lodge. We traversed other trails, finishing our hike on a branch between Watkins Avenue and the end of Evergreen Avenue, where we had parked our car. This trail was icy in spots whereas conditions throughout the park were generally good.

We spotted on other hiker and his dog, but most surprising, on the old auto road we met two young fellows on trail bikes! As there was two inches of soft snow on the ground, I thought walking was the better choice.

Thanks, Jerry, for your help. We couldn't have done it without you.

Deepfreeze in the Dark January 6 1996

by Herb Ogden, Leader

When I billed this as a Moonlight Cross Country Ski, I envisioned a leisurely ski in the dusk along the old Shrewsbury town road to Governor Clement Shelter, a long, convivial snack in front of a roaring fire in the shelter's big indoor fireplace, and a nice ski out in the light of the rising moon. As readers may note from the title, and as at least one hiker repeatedly noted at the time, it didn't work out that way.

The problem was the temperature, which had sunk into the teens below zero by the time we started. It gave the eight hikers and walkers a strong -- indeed, overpowering -- incentive to hurry along to keep warm. To be sure, I tried to slow us down some by getting the Saab stuck in a ditch while parking just off the Upper Cold River Road and trying to avoid backing over one of the group. Alas, even the diversion of hauling my car out of the ditch did not last long enough to delay our arrival at Governor Clement until the promised moon rose.

At Governor Clement, we tarried just long enough for a brief snack. No fire: we concluded we'd freeze before we could get one going. Since it wasn't

getting any warmer, we marched or skied back very briskly. Consequently, we were almost all the way back to the cars by the time the moon rose. At least it was a pretty sight on the drive home.

Next time I'll have to start late enough so that we'll have moonlight no matter how fast we go. Apologies in the meantime!

Bingo Brook Ski Trip January 20 1996

by Herb Ogden, Leader

Although the weather was beautiful for this cross country ski trip, no one except the leader showed up for it. The January thaw and rain had eaten away most of the fine snow cover we had had since early December, and what remained was crusty. Up in Rochester and Hancock, Bingo Brook gets enough snow so the skiing would probably have been decent, at least with Blue Klister, but no one wanted to find out.

Pine Hill Top February 24, 1996

by Herb Ogden, Leader

The day of this excursion dawned miserable and rainy. One person called to ask if we were going anyway. I said I would go if anyone showed up but hoped no one would. No one did. I thank all those who didn't.

Pico Camp "Snowshoe" Hike March 30, 1996

by Herb Ogden, Leader

Only one other person showed up for this outing, but we had enough fun to go round for several more. The weather was clear and seasonable: cold and crusty for the morning ascent, but warmer and almost slushy on the afternoon descent. So many others had snowshoed up to Pico Camp that snowshoes were not needed; we rarely broke through the crust.

We thought we saw hare tracks and, above the first switchback, one moose track. Though the snow was only half a foot deep at Sherburne Pass, there was around three feet at Pico Camp, where we

lunched after a two hour ascent. The camp was in fine shape except that the roofing sheet that had pulled back still needs fixing. Despite this winter's high winds, there were only one large blowdown and a few small ones. A fine outing!

Please send the articles soon after the hike. **Deadline for the next issue is Monday July 15, 1996.** Please send copy to Rob Carey, RR1 Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773.

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club Application for Membership

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly); *Smoke and Blazes* (Section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events); benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers; and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail System in Vermont.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Send Application & Payment to
Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section - Green Mtn. Club
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland, VT 05701

Dues		
Adult	\$18.00	\$9 tax deductible
Family	\$24.00	\$15 tax deductible
Individual (under 18)	\$ 6.00	
Senior (65 and over)	\$12.00	\$9 tax deductible
Life (Section)	\$400.00	

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis.

I would also like to make a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters

Killington Section Green Mountain Club Outing Schedule Spring and Summer 1996

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown and bring lunch unless noted. **Non-members are welcome!**

Wear sturdy, water-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Sat May 4	10:00 AM	DELECTABLE MTN AREA Barnard; Old roads, past long abandoned farms and Chamberlin cemetery	Herb Ogden 775-1350 evenings
Sat May 18	1:00 PM	LEFFERTS POND LOOP Chittenden; 3 miles easy	Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997
Sat May 25	10:00 AM	MYSTERY WILD FLOWER HIKE Easy, short mileage	Sue Thomas 773-2185
Sat June 1	9:00 AM	WORK PARTY - RT 140 TO UPPER COLD RIVER ROAD Spring maintenance, tools & materials provided	Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
Sat June 8	9:00 AM	GMC ANNUAL MEETING - GRANGE IN SOUTH WALLINGFORD Hear and act on reports and possible uniform dues action. See LT News for full details or just come.	Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
Sat June 15	1:00 PM	VIEW POINT ON PINE HILL; ROCKY POND AND MUDDY POND Rutland; Interesting wildlife and vegetation. Need waterproof boots. 3 miles moderate	Channing Bickford 773-1794 Herb Ogden 775-1350 evenings
Sat June 22	8:30 PM	BUCK MT FROM PILOT KNOB TRAILHEAD - MEET AT MCDONALDS IN FAIR HAVEN Note meeting place. Beautiful views of Lake George, and with luck, blue berries.	Phil & Linda Smith 265-4493
Thu June 27	7:30 PM	SCHEDULING MEETING AT HERB OGDENS Help us plan the next schedule	Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350 evenings
Sun June 30	9:00 AM	WORK PARTY; RT 4 TO GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER Come clip, prune, saw, trim and paint, or come to hike. Mileage will	Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350 evenings
Sat July 6	9:30 AM	JOINT HIKE WITH BREADLOAF SECTION - NOTE MEETING PLACE Long Trail from Rt 140 to Rt 103. Meet at Rt 103 Parking Lot 5 miles, moderate	Mar Harrison 352-1074
Sat July 13	1:00 PM	CHILDRENS MYSTERY HIKE 2 miles, easy	Jerry Parker 775-6208
Sun July 14	8:30 AM	THREE POND LOOP Stratton, Bourne, and Branch Ponds. 9 miles moderate	Sue Thomas 773-2185
Sat July 20	9:00 AM	MOUNT EQUINOX Manchester. 6 miles difficult	Bill Robichaud 775-2567
Sun July 21	9:00 AM	CLARENDON GORGE BRIDGE WORK PARTY Alternate meeting time and place 9:30 at Rt 103 parking lot.	Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
Sat July 27	9:00 AM	MYSTERY HIKE Interesting and informative moderate hike	Jean Davies 483-6623
Sat Aug 3	9:00 AM	ROCK WATERBAR WORKSHOP - MEET AT SHERBURNE PASS Note meeting place. Learn how to make long lasting drainage aids	Dave Hardy 244-7037

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or;

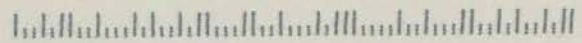
Herb Ogden	President	20 Birchwood Ave, Rutland, VT 05701	775-1350
Phil Smith	Vice-President	9A Capitol Hill, Fair Haven, VT 05743	265-4493
Roma Pulling	Treasurer	RFD 3 Box 7269, Rutland, VT 05701	773-6997
Jean Davies	Secretary	Box 37, Pittsford, VT 05763	483-6623



Mrs Roma E Pulling
RR 3 Box 7269
Rutland VT 05701-9260



PERKROB
MR & MRS ROBERT & THELMA PERKINS
4812 LEBANON RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28227





Smoke & Blazes

Vol 49 Number 3

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

July 1996

Lefferts Loop May 18, 1996

by Roma Pulling, Leader

After postponing our Lefferts Pond hike in February because of wintry driving conditions, Alfred and I decided on this date in May. It proved to be a good choice. Although it was mostly cloudy, it was dry and warm. Six other hikers met us at the park at 1PM and we were off.

From Wild Cat Road we parked our cars where the road to Lefferts Pond is gated. It's possible to drive a short distance on this road to a recreation area near the dam, but the road is rough and we chose to walk. Beyond the first dam is a second, where the waters of Chittenden Reservoir can be seen to the west. In this area Central Vermont Public Service Corporation used to maintain a vacation cottage. Only the chimney now remains.

From this point the road continues north some distance out of sight of the pond, and they swings east and south until the pond is again visible to the west. We had expected this part of the road to be churned into mud up to our ankles due to recent rains and logging activities, but it was surprisingly dry and the walking easy.

Although this outing had not been listed as a wildflower hike, we found many lovely ones: red and painted trilliums, spring beauties, dog tooth violets, purple and white violets, Dutchman's breeches, wild oats and gold thread. One painted trillium, in spite of its name, had four leaves and four petals. We dubbed it a quadrillium. This was the second time I had seen this variation. The elusive moose which has been spotted at the pond did not put in an appearance.

The logging road connects with Wild Cat Road east of where our cars were parked, and we followed it back to our starting point.

Mystery Hike July 27, 1996 by Jean Davies

Mystery Hike up Beaver Pond trail in the Chittenden Brook Campground.

Eight of us met by the fire station to car pool over Brandon Gap to the Chittenden Brook Campground. Leaving our cars we hiked up the 2.3 miles of dirt road to the camp sites. Picking up the Beaver Pond Trail there, we had a fine hike along the brook. Surprisingly, we weren't bothered by bugs.

We ate lunch at the pond while watching an aerial display by cedar waxwings catching insects on the wing. They missed some, since we did need some bug repellent here. While some of the group were pleased to discover moose tracks at the pond, they were equally pleased not to see the owner. Neither did we see any beaver - just their excellent dam.

Our return route went parallel to the road on a pleasant trail through the woods near the brook. We counted the blowdowns on this trail as suggested by one of the Forest Rangers who told us that their staff has been reduced to three, so they haven't had time to walk all the trails, much less work on them. Our part of trail maintenance, therefore, consisted of a phone call rather than saws/shovel work - a much easier method. Correction: Sue Thomas did do some trail work, hacking down enough nettles on the trail to make hiking easier for those of us in shorts.

Even though some trail work is needed, it is easily passable. This is a very pleasant hike, even on hot days.

Abandoned Barnard May 4, 1996 by Herb Ogden Jr. Leader

This outing took us to an area of Barnard which began to be abandoned earlier than most of mid-Vermont's hill farm areas, probably because it suffered from a combination of unusual remoteness and a short growing season caused by high elevation. The Leader is no expert on soils, but maybe fertility was a factor also.

Leaving the road from Barnard to Chateaugay in the upper valley of Locust Creek, we headed up Delectable Mountain on an abandoned public road. This used to lead over the mountain to Barnard School District No. 2 and on down to the Stony Brook road north of Notown, in Stockbridge, and it is shown on the 1869 Atlas of Windsor County, by F. W. Beers. We passed four old cellarholes on the north and a couple on the south. Only two still show on the 1869 atlas and the U.S. Geological Survey's first quadrangle of 1911. More surprisingly, even the oldest map, from 1856, does not show all of them.

Maybe some of the farms were abandoned in 1816 ("Eighteen Hundred and Froze to Death") and had fallen down by 1856. Apparently District No. 2 was cut off from the rest of Barnard by 1911, because the 1911 map shows only a dead end road leading up from Stony Brook to School No. 2 on the west side of Delectable Mountain and another up from Locust Creek dead-ending at the one farm left on the east side of the mountain. As participants in a 1995 hike know, and as the Leader rues, the old road is obscure where it crosses Delectable Mountain in a 2320' pass.

At a clearing just under the 2000' elevation, opposite an old school bus once used as a camp, we turned just about due north from the old road, following a woodroad that is now a snowmobile trail. After a little climb, we passed west of a sizable cellarhole, probably the one the 1856 map shows as "J. Tully" and the 1869 map shows as C.C. Simmons." From there on the path became so steep

we assumed that Tully and Simmons would not have used it much for wheeled traffic, preferring the road we had followed in. Enormous hoofprints showed moose had used it recently, though.

Around 2240' we crossed an east-west ridge. The present U.S.G.S. quadrangle shows a trail leading northeast from there, but we saw no sign of one, even though the trees were not leafed out at all. Descending gently, we saw our first sign of civilization since the Tully or Simmons place: a short stone wall east of the road, leading from nowhere to nowhere. Immediately crossing a stream at 2050', we passed just west of the highest cellarhole on the trip. The 1869 atlas shows it as the "C. Hathan" place, at the end of a poor road off the Smith Hill Road. It did not lie in the Smith Hill school district, however, but rather in the district whose school stood near where our hike began. If Hathan had children, they must have had a very backwoods walk to school indeed.

At about 1900', maybe 300' north of another stream, lay the sizable remains of what was the A. Aikens place in 1869. Neither this nor the Hathan place show on the 1856 map, thus casting some doubt on my idea that the highest farms were abandoned first. Here, we turned almost due east on a road that no map shows, walking through an almost flat area. After we crossed a stream, stone walls reappeared, and soon we passed just north of a cellarhole shown on no map. Descending easterly, we soon found ourselves just north of a second cellarhole. The 1856 map appears to show this as the H. Chamberlin place but does not show the road to it. The 1869 map shows neither the place nor any road to it. The 1911 map shows both. A history of Barnard published around 1930 calls this the Lemuel Chamberlin farm. Jerry Parker pointed out plaster and lath, so the place must have stood till fairly recently. Maybe whoever owned the place in 1869 was an unfriendly recluse whom the Beers Atlas surveyor eschewed.

The Chamberlin Cemetery was the last highlight of the hike. It lies about 300' south of the Chamberlin foundation, next to a north-south stone wall, at the

edge of a deep ravine. The Vermont Old Cemeteries Association says there are four marked but unfenced graves. We found only three: an old couple and apparently a child. Sue Thomas was equipped to take a rubbing so we could read the child's inscription, but rain was falling by then, so we never did read it. At least we did better than the last hike that was supposed to reach this cemetery, which, thanks to this Leader, did not come within a mile of it.

After a short dip in the old road, we reached a modern home at the end of a barely passable road, with a nice view south over a man-made pond. We tramped down the road in the rain, passing a single very recent memorial stone, reached the Chateaugay Road again, and walked south to the car. Mild weather, a little sun, and a lot of history made this a nice outing despite the rain at the end.

Lowland Walk-through June 1, 1996

by Herb Ogden Jr. Leader

Eight people turned out on a beautiful day to ready the southern part of our section of the Long Trail for the hiking season. After much milling around and trying to figure out how to get people to the trail with the minimum of driving, we finally formed three groups. One handled the trail from Wallingford Gulf (Vt. 140) to Minerva Hinchey Shelter, one did from Minerva Hinchey to Vt. 103, one did from Vt. 103 to the Lottery Road, and Jerry Parker got rid of all the larger blowdowns from Wallingford Gulf to Vt. 103. The southernmost 7.2 miles of our section is now in excellent shape, except for missing trail signs and a few wet places, notably near Spring Lake and south of the Lottery Road.

Rutland Herald reporter Kristin Bloomer helped not only by clearing some trail but also by writing a fine article about the GMC and the Long Trail. It was complete with a silhouetted photo of the Leader, pick-mattock and saw in hand, surveying the view from Clarendon Lookout. Many thanks to Kristin and the *Herald*!

At Clarendon Shelter, we were happy to see that shelter adopter Max Carleton had the place in good shape and had reopened and glazed the back window, shedding more light on the table and reducing the cave effect. He even built a sheltered box to keep wood dry outside the shelter. A family was about to spend the night there and enjoy the fruits of Max's labor.

This day's work party covered only a total of 7.2 miles out of the 12.1 we meant to cover. The remaining 4.9 miles from the Lottery Road to Governor Clement Shelter went begging that day. Moral: WE NEED MORE HELP! If you're an able-bodied Section member who hasn't done anything for the Section but pay dues – which are much less than At-Large dues – please help the Section earn the dues discount it receives for maintaining a section of the Long Trail.

Annual Meeting Work Party June 9, 1996

by Herb Ogden Jr.

On the day after the Killington Section hosted the GMC Annual Meeting in South Wallingford, several Section members and others showed up to reroute the Long Trail at a bank cave-in overlooking a branch of the Cold River between the Lower and Upper Roads in Shrewsbury. Once the group discarded the bog-besotted plans of the U.S. Forest Service and GMC Headquarters and relocated the relocation to terra firma, the work went smoothly. The trail is now safely back from the edge of the abyss. The group also installed some needed puncheon south of the Upper Road.

On this day and later, a couple of informal work parties cleared and brushed the trail all the way between the Lower and Upper Cold River Roads and did some drainage south of the latter.

Of the lowland part of our section, that leaves only the stretches from the Lottery Road to the Lower Cold River Road and from the Upper Cold River Road to Gov. Clement Shelter not accounted for.

Pine Hill, Rocky Pond, Muddy Pond

June 15, 1996 by Herb Ogden Jr. Co-Leader

This outing was planned and co-led by Channing Bickford, our youngest Junior Member. I forgot to nab him to write this article before he left for camp, so this is an abbreviated account.

Eight members and guests started into the City of Rutland's Pine Hill Park the usual way, from Evergreen Avenue. Soon, however, we turned to the right off the road to Rocky Pond and went under the power line to the World War Two era stone crusher. After admiring the view south to White Rocks, we started up the old white-blazed trail just south of the stone crusher, but then turned off to the right and, after a short climb, emerged on the rim of the stone quarry. And there was the view Channing had told about: a fine panorama of Rutland and, behind it, the Coolidge Range. This is the best view I know of from Pine Hill.

We then did a very short bushwhack to rejoin the white-blazed trail, which led up to the Rocky Pond road. Older hikers told the younger ones about the days when the city maintained a bathing beach at Rocky Pond, complete with parking lot and changing cabins. The pond seemed unusually full. There was probably some connection with the beaver lodge we saw near the east end.

From Rocky Pond, we followed the woodroad past old fireplace sites to a junction above Muddy Pond. The left fork eventually leads to Proctor; we took the right. After descending to the shore of Muddy Pond for a view of that actually very pretty place, we crossed its outlet with some difficulty and hiked down the woodroad to the power line crossing above the country club. There, we faced our greatest challenge: re-crossing the Muddy Pond outlet brook and negotiating the muddy mess beyond. Fortunately, we found some things to use as stepping stones, including part of an abandoned ATV. After a hike up a skooshy track, we were back at the stone crusher and near the end of a good outing.

Parkers Gore Work Party June 30, 1996

by Herb Ogden Jr. Leader

Only four people showed up for this one, but that was just enough to get the job done on the Long Trail between Gov. Clement Shelter and Shrewsbury Peak Jct. Jerry Parker with chainsaw and clippers, Dave Gilmore with new heavy-duty bypass loppers, Eric Deutschbein with new (at it turned out, not-so) heavy-duty anvil loppers, and I with bow saw and axe got the whole three mile stretch properly brushed out and cleared of blowdowns for the first time in at least ten years. The Section had done a decent job with most of the stretch before, but the mile or so south of Shrewsbury Peak Jct., being the most remote, always eluded us and never got a proper brushing out. We didn't fix the wet spots near Government Brook, but they are at least tolerable.

We were delighted by the fine work that shelter adopter Roy Arthur had recently done at Gov. Clement Shelter. He gave it a whole new roof, new rafters, new pillars in front, and a couple of rustic benches, too. Hikers who had spent a rainy night there reported no leaks. Since hats are no longer needed indoors to keep the rain off our heads, hats off to Roy for a beautiful job!

The whole day was foggy at best and rainy at worst, but we all concluded it probably was more comfortable than if it had been hot and sunny. As it was, we stayed reasonably cool and encountered absolutely no bugs. The next time a walk-through is scheduled and it looks like rain, come anyway -- you may enjoy it!

About a dozen hikers passed us, most headed north. At least one was on his way from Georgia to Maine on the Appalachian Trail. Several thanked us for our work.

New Editor sought for <i>Smoke & Blazes</i>. Deadline for the next issue is October 1.

Allan & May Connolly
17 Charles Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Gretchen Crowley
68 Crescent Street
Rutland, VT 05701

DR ROBERT P DARROW
RR2 BOX 7562
RUTLAND, VT 05701

Kit/Davidson
RR #1, Box #203-2
Castleton, VT 05735

Jean & Charles Davies
Box #37
Pittsford, VT 05763

Bill Delorenzi
RR #2, Box #195
Poultney, VT 05764

Mr. Eric Deutschbein
299 West Street
Rutland, VT 05701-2743

JOSEPH DICTON SR.
RR 1, BOX 3999-3
RUTLAND, VT 05701

Bernard Donahue
50 Edgerton Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Brenda Douglas
HCR #34, Box #42
Killington, VT 05751

Charles Edgar
HCR #65, Box #8
Killington, VT 05751

Sharon Felix-Chandler
P. O. Box #6205
Rutland, VT 05702-6205

Anthony Fusco
217 Perrine Avenue
Long Branch, NJ 07740-8012

Peter Gallagher
Bethany Yon
RR #1, Box #3415A

Linda Hines
RR #1, Box #1201
Sudbury, VT 05733

Mr. Robert Badger
16 Grant Street
Potsdam, NY 13676

Vivian Bebee
Larry A. Walter
185 Church Street
Rutland, VT 05701-2917

Channing Bickford
16 Birchwood Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701

John Brennan
18 Lake Street
Brighton, MA 02135

Diane Brown & Family
RR #1, Box #802
Pittsford, VT 05763

Frank Bump, Jr.
4 Church Street
Brandon, VT 05733

ROB & SUE CAREY & FAMILY
RR 1, BOX 340
WALLINGFORD, VT 05773

Karen Cartier
63 Evergreen Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701-2627

RAYMOND CATOZZI
103 BELLEVUE AVE
RUTLAND, VT 05701

Rachael Charland
414 Chestnut Street
Apt. #1031
Springfield, MA 01104

David Charnock
RR #1, Box #3707
Rutland, VT 05701

Norman Cohen
26 West Street
Rutland, VT 05701

George Conlon
9 Sunset Drive
Rutland, VT 05701

Ruth Gibbud
69 Temple Street
Rutland, VT 05701-3527

NINA LA PENNA
16 GARDEN ST.
PROCTOR, VT 05765

David Gilmore
RR #1, Box #515
Wallingford, VT 05773

Mrs. Ruth Lamb
Sandy Lamb
PO Box 127
Bolton Landing, NY 12814-0127

Patricia Hannegan
50 Nichols Street
Rutland, VT 05701

MARY & ROBERT LORD
ARNOLD DISTRICT ROAD
RFD 2 BOX 2086-1
BRANDON, VT 05733

Ruth Hare
82 North Main Street
Rutland, VT 05701-3256

Susan Lybeck
RD #1, Box #3930
West Haven, VT 05743

IRENE IRA & LORRAINE HAWLEY
RR 3, BOX 7264
RUTLAND, VT 05701

Clare Mangine
3080 South Street
Coventry, CT 06238

Kenneth Heitkamp
20 Woodruff Drive
Scotia, NY 12302-5110

DAVID S. MARTIN
P.O. BOX 324
SAWYER HILL ROAD
MOUNT HOLLY, VT 05758

MARGARET HICKEY
33 SOUTH ST
PROCTOR, VT 05765

MR & MRS JOHN & JANET MARTIN
7 CURTIS AVE
RUTLAND, VT 05701

Mr. Charles Hiebert
35 South Gordon Street
Alexandria, VA 22304-4929

Chuck & Charlene McGill
33 Greenwood Lane
Westford, VT 05494

Steve & Brenda Hillier
P. O. Box #299
Stockbridge, VT 05772-0299

Mary McNeil
6 Benson Lane
Fair Haven, VT 05743

Emma Hughes
18 Ronaldo Court
Rutland, VT 05701

MARJORIE V. MEANY
300 N. GROVE ST. #19
RUTLAND, VT 05701

Phil Johnson
3 Moore Lane
Greenville, SC 29615-5912

Alan Montague
16 Mt. Pleasant Drive
Brandon, VT 05733

Willard Johnson
2393 Flag Road
Abilene, KS 67410-6949

Erin O'Neil
HCR #65, Box #56
Killington, VT 05751

David Keller
3 Albert Cree Drive
Rutland, VT 05701

Herbert G. & Hannah Ogden, Jr.
Catherine Thomas
20 Birchwood Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701-3605

Tamsin Knox
Kent Yucel
P. O. Box #62
Chittenden, VT 05737

SALLY V. OLDENBURG
RR 3 BOX 4635
RUTLAND, VT 05701

Erling & Connie Omland
RR2 Box 8503
Rutland, VT 05701

Charlotte Schwartz
P. O. Box #157
Rumney, NH 03266-0157

June & Siegfried Osowski & Family
P. O. Box #577
Mendon, VT 05701

Churchill Scott
RR #3, Box #4869
Rutland, VT 05701

Gerald Parker
RT 1, Box 586
Cuttingsville, VT 05738

MARILYN SHELTON
RT. 1, BOX 2145
WEST RUTLAND, VT 05777

Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Thelma Perkins
RC #34, Box #2162
Turnpike Road, Mendon
Rutland, VT 05701

JOAN SIBLEY
RFD, BOX 132
KEIFFER ROAD
CUTTINGSVILLE, VT 05738

Mark Pettrone
86 Mt. View Drive
Averill Park, NY 12018

B. Phillip & Linda Smith
9-A Capitol Hill
Fair Haven, VT 05743

Don & Diane Phillips
RD #1, Box #203
Cuttingsville, VT 05738

Jesse Smith
RD #3, Box #4496
Rutland, VT 05701

Pat Pranger
RR #2, Box #192C
Wallingford, VT 05773-9718

Ann Southworth & Family
RR #2, Box #8080
Mendon, VT 05701-9802

Roma & Al Pulling
RR #3, Box #7269
Rutland, VT 05701

Ernest Swanson
RR #2, Box #8856
18 Sunset Drive
Rutland, VT 05701

Aaron Renning
17 East North Street
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

SUE THOMAS
27 CLINTON AVE
RUTLAND, VT 05701

George Reynolds
P. O. Box #83
Springfield, VT 05156-0083

Bob Trotta
32 Rte. 103 South
Ludlow, VT 05149-9777

Wendy Rieger
60 Elm Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Jeffrey Trubisz
66 Haskell Street, Apt. #2W
Beverly, MA 01915-2146

WILLIAM ROBICHAUD
P.O. BOX 457
RUTLAND, VT 05701

Albert Tufano
RR #1, Box #1025
Cuttingsville, VT 05738

Wally Rogers
RR #2, Box #5370
Castleton, VT 05735

ROBERT & ANN VALE
PO BOX 1565
CASTLETON, VT 05735

Ellen B. Russell
10 Tenney Brook Court

Carolyn Waldhauer
RR #1, Box #679
Cuttingsville, VT 05738

Tim Ward
Box 342
Whitehall, NY 12887

DAVID F WRIGHT
PO BOX 1001
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS, VT 05757

Maryellen Zizis
122 Nichols Street
Wilmington, MA 01887

The Green Mountain Club
Pte. 100 RR1 Box 650
Waterbury Ctr., VT 05677

Mrs Roma E Pulling
RR 3 Box 7269
Rutland VT 05701-9260



Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Thelma Perkins
RD #34, Box #2162
Turnpike Road, Mendon
Rutland, VT 05701

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB OUTING SCHEDULE

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of the Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. Non-members are welcome!

1996

Saturday 10 August, 1 p.m. Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982

SEVENTH ANNUAL TACONIC MOUNTAINS RAMBLE, Hubbardton. Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows with views north, south, east and west, a Japanese garden, and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. 2 to 5 mi. easy to moderate; walkers can leave the group at several different points and wait on the lawn for the rest. No lunch. **Rain date** is 11 August; call the Leader if in doubt.

Saturday 17 August, 1 p.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208

CHILDREN MYSTERY HIKE, 2 mi. easy.

Saturday 17 August, __ a.m. Leader: Corky Magoon 878-2035

SNAKE MOUNTAIN, Addison. **JOINT HIKE WITH BURLINGTON SECTION**. Grand views of Champlain Valley and Adirondacks. 900' climb. 4 mi. moderate.

Sunday 18 August, 10 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

SOUTH (NOYES) POND, Chittenden. Hike from Wildcat Road to mountain pond down slope from the Long Trail. Bring hot dogs and bathing suits. 4 mi. moderate with some steep sections.

Saturday 24 August, 10 a.m. Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982

SECOND ANNUAL FALLS OF LANA RAMBLE, Salisbury and Leicester. One of the most spectacular waterfalls in Vermont, a panoramic view of Lake Dunmore, an enchanted sort of forest, and a mountain lake encircled by white birch. 3 mi. moderate. Good family excursion. Walk to Silver Lake optional; swimming there or in Lake Dunmore possible afterward. **Rain date** 25 August; call the Leader if in doubt.

Saturday 7 September, 8:30 a.m. Leader: Bill Robichaud 775-2567

MOUNTAIN OR CROSS BIKE TOUR, Along Green Mountain Spine, Goshen, Ripton, and Lincoln back country. Moderate climbs, 32 miles. **Rain date**, September 8.

Saturday 14 September, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350

WORK PARTY. destination to be determined by weather and hikers' complaints.

Tools, materials, and instruction provided. If you can walk, you can help. Come help the Killington Section members keep the right to pay part of their dues in sweat, not money.

Sunday 22 September, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

BREADLOAF AREA Moderate, call for details

Thursday 26 September, 7:30 p.m. Chair: Linda Smith 265-4493

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING at Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (corner of Wallace Ave., off Lafayette St., which is two blocks east of Main St. and south of Woodstock Ave.) Come help plan schedule for next three months or call in your suggestions to the Chair or the meeting host at 775-1350. For Outing Committee members and all others interested.

Saturday 28 September, 9 a.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

APPALACHIAN TRAIL ALONG CONNECTICUT RIVER AT NORWICH TO TRECOTT ROAD HANOVER. 5.6 mi. moderate with some road walking.

5 October, Saturday, 10 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350

SHREWSBURY PEAK TO WOODWARD RESERVOIR, Shrewsbury and Plymouth. Black Swamp trail to Newfound Shelter and Shrewsbury Peak for great south, east, and west views. Return via Farm & Wilderness Camps' Second Day Trail through beautiful woods past Smith Peak and some fine Plymouth overlooks to the Woodward Reservoir on Route 100. 5 mi., difficult on account of steep descent in last mile or so.

12 October, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. **at McDonalds on Vt. Route 22A in Fair Haven,**
not at usual meeting place. Leaders: Linda and Phil Smith 265-4493

BLACK MOUNTAIN LOOP, east of Lake George, New York. 7.5 mi. difficult. Spectacular views of Lake George, and the surrounding Adirondacks.

20 October, Sunday, 1 p.m. Leader: Jean Davies 483-6623

HISTORIC PITTSFORD. Tour Pittsford with the help of a leader of the Pittsford Historical Society and see things you never knew were there! 2-3 mi. easy.

26 October, Saturday, Call for details. Leader: Dot Myer 863-2433

ABBY POND AND BUSHWACK TO BEAVER PONDS. Joint hike with Burlington Section 5.5 mi.

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club Application for Membership

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly); *Smoke and Blazes* (Section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events); benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers; and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail System in Vermont.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Send Application & Payment to

Roma Pulling, Treasurer

Killington Section - Green Mtn. Club

RFD 3, Box 7269

Rutland, VT 05701

Dues

Adult

\$18.00

\$9 tax deductible

Family

\$24.00

\$15 tax deductible

Individual (under 18) \$ 6.00

Senior (65 and over) \$12.00

\$9 tax deductible

Life (Section)

\$400.00

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis.

I would also like to make a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters



Smoke & Blazes

Vol 49 Number 4

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

October 1996

The Few and the Muddy Sept. 14, 1996 by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

The turnout for this work party was disappointingly small, but its accomplishments were not. Killington Section members Herb Ogden, Mark Pettrone, Al Pulling, and Bill Robichaud (listed in order of alphabet, not of accomplishment) were joined by GMC Director of Field Programs Lars Botzjorns and GMC Coolidge RangeCaretaker Melissa Smith for a day of work on about a half mile of the Long Trail north of Cooper Lodge. Thanks to the Killington Ski Resort, which again let us use the Killington Chairlift free of charge, we rode up and down in comfort and could spend almost all our time at work rather than traveling to work.

As far as I know, this part of the trail had seen no real drainage work for at least the last ten years, and it showed. What few waterbars we found were totally silted up, and little brooks made the trail a Footbath in the Wilderness. We dug ditches and built rock waterbars to persuade most of these brooks to flow across the trail rather than down it. To build one waterbar, we had to move a huge rock that three men had trouble handling. We also became immersed in our work, hence the title of this article.

Appalachian Trail, Hanover Sept. 28, 1996 by Roma Pulling

A popular conception of a trail is a foot path through a roadless area, and this is often true. But the Appalachian Trail is sometimes blazed along a roadway or even through the center of town. This technique is demonstrated in Hanover, where after crossing the Connecticut River over the bridge connecting it with Norwich, the trail follows West

Wheelock Street up a gradual rise, rounds a corner past the Hanover Inn, parallels North Main Street, turns left on Lebanon Street and finally enters the woods after skirting an athletic field.

We had left Rutland with four other hikers who met us at the park, took a wrong turn when reaching Norwich and executed a complete circle before leaving one car in a turnout on the New Hampshire side of the bridge. We took another car and left it in a parking area at the other end of our route on East Wheelock Street and returned to the bridge to start hiking.

We had hoped to stop for lunch at Velvet Rocks Shelter and turned off on the loop trail supposedly leading there, but after several minutes of fruitless searching we admitted we weren't going to be able to find it and settled down near Ledyard Spring to eat. At this point one hiker had to leave us to keep a commitment.

From the spring the trail ascends very steeply over a knob, crosses ledges and follows a logging road before crossing through a swamp on an elevated path and bridge. The last of our route was a straightaway through a very scenic stand of evergreens.

The weather was cloudy when we left Rutland. A few rays of sun shone through on the drive to our trailhead, but during our hike it was cloudy and threatening. Our luck held, and no rain fell until we were in our cars and headed home. On the wooded par of the trail we met three other hikers.

Deadline for the next issue is January 2. Send to Rob Carey; RR1 Box 340; Wallingford VT 05773.

Mrs Roma E Pulling
Box 7269 Rfd 3
Rutland VT
05701



Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Thelma Perkins
RC #34, Box #2162
Turnpike Road, Mendon
Rutland, VT 05701

**KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
OUTING SCHEDULE, FALL-WINTER 1996-97**

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of the Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. Non-members are welcome!

Sunday 3 November, 1 p.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997
THIRD ANNUAL SENIOR SHUFFLE. 3 mi. easy walk.

Sunday 10 November, 1 p.m. Leader: Bernie Donahue 773-7462
RUTLAND CITY AND ROCKY POND. Tour historic Rutland sites on the way to Rocky Pond in Pine Hill Park. Good views of the Coolidge Range, White Rocks, and a pretty pond. 4 mi. easy.

Saturday 16 November, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Eric Deutschbein 438-0039
NOTE: THIS LEAVES FROM THE McDONALDS ON ROUTE 4 IN FAIR HAVEN, NOT FROM THE USUAL MEETING PLACE IN RUTLAND.
POULTNEY RIVER CANOE TRIP. 4-6 mi. easy paddle. Bring your own (or borrowed) lifejacket. Participants planning to bring their own canoes, please call the Leader by 2 November so we can match canoes with people. You may also call the Leader for possible rental information. Rain date 17 November.

Saturday 23 November, 5:30 p.m. Coordinator: Linda Smith 265-4493
NOTE: MEET AT THE ECONO LODGE- PICO ON ROUTE 4 IN MENDON.
PRE-THANKSGIVING POTLUCK and TRAIL SLIDE SHOW. Bring a salad, side dish, main dish, or dessert and your own utensils. Slide show on Jill Laramie's Appalachian Trail End-to-End will follow the supper.

Saturday 14 December, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350
SHOWSHOE HIKE TO PICO CAMP. Hike up the Long Trail from Sherburne Pass to Pico Camp. Includes great view and a sheltered place for lunch. 5 mi. difficult to moderate.

Sunday 12 January, 9 a.m. Leader: Eric Deutschbein 438-0039
EAGLE ROCK, HUBBARDTON. Snowshoe or hike. 5 mi. moderate.

Saturday 18 January, 6 p.m. Leaders: Al and Roma Pulling 773-6997
MOONLIGHT HIKE TO CLARENDON SHELTER via old road, not the Long Trail. 1.6 mi. easy.

Sunday 26 January, 10 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830
CROSS COUNTRY SKI IN WALLINGFORD. 4-5 mi. moderate.

Saturday 1 February, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350
WOODCHUCK EVE CROSS COUNTRY SKI on Bingo Brook Trail in Hancock. 6 mi. easy ski along a wide U. S. Forest Service road with gentle curves and grades.

Saturday 8 February, 10 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185
PICO AREA SNOWSHOE TRIP on something other than the Long Trail, but Sue won't say exactly what. 3 mi. moderate.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
Herb Ogden, President 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland VT 05701
Phil Smith, Vice-President 9A Capitol Hill, Fair Haven VT 05743
Roma Pulling, Treasurer RFD 3, Box 7269, Rutland, VT 05701
Jean Davies, Secretary Box 37, Pittsford, VT 05763

773-6997
483-6623

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult \$18.00 (\$9 tax-deductible)
Family \$24.00 (\$15 tax-ded.)
Individual (under 18) \$ 6.00 (tax-deductible)
Senior (65 & Over) \$12.00 (\$9 tax-deductible)
Life Member of
Killington Sec. \$400.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

*The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland VT 05701

Printed on recycled paper.



Vol 50 Number 1

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

January 1997

Irene May Hawley

November 3, 1911 - July 31, 1996

Dedicated homemaker, devoted wife, caring mother, helpful neighbor and kind friend. Irene was all of these, and to us in the Killington Section she was a longtime member, enthusiastic hiker and hard-working volunteer with our Circulation Committee. When she passed away last summer after being ill in the hospital for ten days, she left a void that will be difficult to fill.

Irene is survived by her husband, Ira, also a Killington Section member and leader of many popular hikes; her daughter Lorraine, Killington Section member and Circulation Committee volunteer; a daughter Sharon, an occasional hiker; a son, Norman, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A daughter Lucinda passed away in 1961. Granddaughter Charlene McGill is, along with her husband, Chuck, also a Killington Section member.

We will miss you, Irene. [Editor's note - This obituary was provided by Roma Pulling.]

Please send the articles soon after the hike. **Deadline for the next issue is April 20, 1997.** Many articles were received after the deadline for this issue. Some have been included. The rest will be in the next issue. Please send copy to Rob Carey, RR1 Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773.

Third Annual Senior Shuffle

November 3, 1996

by Roma Pulling, Leader

For our third senior outing, we chose to walk to Big Branch Shelter in Mount Tabor. The route over the

Long Trail is rough but only 1.2 miles, and we consider it one of the prettier spots in this area.

Nine people and one dog met us at the park at 1 p.m. Driving south on Rt. 7 and picking up FS #10 in Mt. Tabor, we were soon in the Big Branch parking area. As we made our way in a leisurely manner down the trail on this mostly cloudy day, Alfred disappeared and when we reached the shelter, he already had the fire going. With the temperature hovering near freezing, relaxing by the fire seemed like a great idea. But Ray led a few more adventurous souls on an exploratory trip, showing them the foundation of an old water wheel from the days when this area was an active community, and walked as far as the suspension bridge.

When the hikers returned, we were roasting marshmallows over the fire and invited them to join us. Some people hadn't enjoyed a marshmallow roast for a long time, and one gentleman was trying his first toasted marshmallow! Everyone seemed to enjoy the trip.

See you on next year's Senior Shuffle!

Dues are Due

The Killington Section collects dues on a Calendar Year basis. Accordingly, everyone's membership needs to be renewed by sending your 1997 dues to our treasurer Roma Pulling. The membership application is included in this issue.

7th Annual Taconic Mountain Ramble

August 10, 1996

by Kit Davidson, Leader

Well ... turnout for this one proved to be a touch unnerving. We have an old friend who writes a Weekend Events column for the *Rutland Herald*. On August 9 she chose to do a lyric piece about the upcoming Ramble. The result (depending on whose count you took) from 86 to 104 contenders, all eager to conquer the heights.

Not all, it turned out could. But 21 stalwart souls actually finished the whole thing, right the way up to Zion Major. The rest wilted onto the front lawn at widely spaced intervals, receiving succor in the form of wine and cheese.

Anyway, come on out for next year's Ramble. No more big-time publicity anticipated, and so no more mob scenes.

[Editors Note - Either of the above counts give this event the attendance record. The editor believes the previous record was about 50 on a hike Churchill Scott lead to the Bridgewater Gold Mines.]

Herbert G. Ogden Sr.

by Churchill Scott

It is with a great deal of sorrow and sadness we learned of the recent passing of Mr. Ogden Sr. The Killington Section has been indebted to him for many improvement projects beginning in the late 1960's.

First there was the *Carry-In, Carry-Out* policy for shelter dumps and his organization of groups to eliminate the existing dumps. Next he spent many hours making routed trail signs. Later he replaced the entire system of bunks, repaired chimneys and roofs.

Along in the mid 60's our section was a rather loose-knit group but Mr. Ogden worked long and hard to hammer out a set of By-Laws for the

Section, which helped so very much. In addition to all this, along with Herb Ogden Jr., he was able to reopen the Ascutney Trails Association's system of trails plus construct a shelter on the Windsor Trail.

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club wants to express the deepest sympathy to the Herbert G. Ogden family at this time.

Two More Sad Farewells

by Roma Pulling

Ben Rolston and Wilbur Weston were both former Killington Section members and made valuable contributions to section activities during their time here.

Besides his work on our trails, Ben was president of the Main Club, and the editor of the 18th, 19th, and 20th editions of the *Guide Book of the Long Trail*. In recent years he worked summers as ranger at Wilgus State Park in Ascutney and spent his winters in Mission, Texas. He passed away recently at his Texas home.

Several locations on the trail provide reminders of Ben; Rolston Rest Shelter, built by the Long Trail Patrol in 1966, is a little over 5 miles north of Rt. 4 in Sherburne. Ben's Balcony is a lookout just north of Sherburne Pass on the Appalachian Trail. And a favorite swimming hole in Mt. Tabor has for years been known as Ben's Bath Tub.

"Wes" Weston was a leader of popular hikes and an energetic worker on our trails and shelters. In his later years he lived in North Carolina and died there last fall. He had not been a KS member recently, but kept in touch with friends in this area.

In leaving the Rutland area, each of these men left a void not easily filled.

Section Directors Meet Jan. 9, 1997**by Herb Ogden Jr., President**

This is compiled from minutes by Acting Secretary Sue Thomas and from my notes. It's not official, but I think it's accurate.

Section Directors Ray Catozzi, Herb Ogden, Roma Pulling, Linda Smith, Phil Smith and Sue Thomas met at the Ogden home from 7:30 until 9:45 p.m. Directors Sue Carey and Ruth Gibbud missed the meeting because of conflicting appointments, and Secretary Jean Davies missed it because of illness. GMC Director of Field Programs Lars Botzjoorns attended most of the meeting at Herb's invitation.

Minutes of the 4 June Directors Meeting were approved.

The Section brochure that Sue Thomas and Jean Davies are preparing will be distributed to chambers of commerce, sporting stores, the U.S. Forest Service, libraries, motels, the Godnick Senior Center, and the Diamond Run Mall, among others. It will be sent to those inquiring about membership or joining for the first time. Copies will be kept with the hike register to give to those interested in joining. Sue Thomas will get prices for printing. Orders will be at the discretion of Treasurer Roma Pulling.

Sue and Jean are also preparing suggestions for hike leaders, since the last minutes said they were. (Herb was really supposed to do this but gladly yielded.)

As Trails and Shelters Co-Chair, Herb will see that shields are bought for all saws and axes, as well as two more first aid kits. The latter are primarily for work parties.

Herb called the U.S. Forest Service about moving the outing meeting place to its parking lot on North Main Street in Rutland, but got no answer. He will try again.

Jean and Phil have made no progress on setting up programs at the Fox Room of the Rutland Free Library.

Phil reported on the meetings of GMC Directors, where he represents the Section, and on a \$80,000 donation to the GMC from a donor whose name, but not motivation, are known to the GMC.

Directors discussed the GMC Membership Committee's proposal for uniform dues, which will probably have been voted on by the time these minutes are published in Smoke & Blazes. Directors again voted to oppose uniform dues, preferring lower dues for Section members than for At-Large. Directors also voted unanimously in favor of adding to the GMC Bylaws a provision that gave a substantial discount to members over 65 years old. (At-Large members can receive a senior discount, but the Directors could change this any time because it is not in the Bylaws.)

Lars Botzjoorns described possible trail and shelter changes. Unless an exception is made to easement standards (it sometimes can be), the Bucklin Trail will have to be moved, at least where it is the same route as a logging road. Directors preferred to keep it where it is. Lars's present preference is to follow precisely or roughly the route of the Killington Carriage Road once it reaches the ridge south of Brewers Brook. Question is how to get there from Brewers Corners while staying on state land. Herb said the original proposal of slabbing that ridge was impractical because of numerous seeps and urged Directors to scout around.

Pico Camp will have to be demolished or moved because the Killington-Pico Interconnect ski trail is to go where it is. State law prohibits an overnight site in the Rutland City watershed. Killington's new management is open to using a helicopter to move it or contributing to build a replacement, as Herb found out at a recent meeting between the U.S. Forest Service, Vermont Dept. of Forest Parks & Recreation, American Skiing Co. (Killington and Pico), GMC, and Appalachian Trail Conference.

Directors voted to move Pico Camp to the southwest, just outside the city watershed.

The cow pasture south of the Lottery Road needs a gate. Herb will see if Jerry Parker will handle this.

Directors approved the GMC's trying to get permission to put a gate on the Governor Clement Road at the second brook crossing.

Directors voted to disclaim any responsibility of the Section for Tucker-Johnson Shelter. It is not on the part of the Long Trail we maintain. The old Tucker Lodge, south of Willard Gap, was on the LT as long as the LT went west of Deer Leap Mountain, and the Section used to maintain the LT as far north as Willard Gap. That is probably why we have maintained Tucker-Johnson until now.

Lars Botzjorns passed along a GMC request that the Section increase its present \$500 per year contribution to support the Coolidge Range Caretaker. Because the GMC's Business Manager left on fairly short notice, the GMC has not billed the Section for the 1996 contribution yet. After some discussion, Directors voted to contribute a total of \$1,000 in 1997 (\$500 for 1996 when the bill arrives, and \$500 for 1997), to the extent this can be done with income from the Kirk Fund.

Lars described the process by which the U.S. Forest Service is revising the Forest Plan and collected Directors' suggestions for elements to keep or improve.

Ray reported he had visited Mary Perkins, who is 93, at Eden Park Nursing Home. She is no longer a Section member. Directors voted unanimously to grant her an honorary life membership in the Section.

Letter from Herb Ogden to Section Presidents

12 January 1997

Dear GMC member:

I am sending you this because you appear on the last list of Directors, Section Presidents, and Executive Committee that I received from Waterbury Center. Unfortunately, it appears to be a little outdated. If you no longer hold one of the above positions, could you please pass this on to whoever replaced you, so that person can read it before the Directors' Meeting on 18 January?

This letter has three purposes. First, to tell you the Killington Section continues to support a two-tier dues structure: one level of dues (At-Large) for those members who do not want to assume the obligation to do some sort of work for the GMC, and a significantly lower level of dues (Section) for those who do. See my enclosed memo on Organizational Review and Len Carpenter's enclosed 26 November 1996 memo on dues. At a meeting last week, the Killington Section's Board of Directors therefore continued to oppose the proposal to establish uniform dues. We hope you will join us in opposing the proposal. We hope you join in continuing a membership structure that has worked well for almost ninety years, fostering autonomy and initiative among groups of GMC members who do not require constant oversight by professional trail managers.

The second purpose of this letter is to make you aware of how the central GMC leadership has wittingly or unwittingly hindered the Sections' legitimate effort to gain members. Please see my enclosed 19 August 1996 letter to President Paul Hannan -- to which I have received no written response. (When I reminded him of this at a meeting, he did say I had a point but there was no conspiracy.) Furthermore, I have heard from at least three new GMC members who live around here that, when they told the Waterbury Center

staffer who answered the phone that they wanted to join a local group if there was one, they were given no information. One of them did manage to get signed up for the Killington Section, but only after specifically identifying it and insisting on being signed up for it rather than for At-Large membership. Of course, At-Large members yield much more revenue for Waterbury Center than Section members do, but this is no excuse for Waterbury Center to discourage people from joining Sections.

The third purpose of this letter is to suggest adoption of a By-Law that would guarantee a discount for members over age 65 and under age 18. Particularly if uniform dues are imposed at the level in the Membership Committee's motion, the burden of the increase will fall especially hard on these age groups because they usually have low or fixed incomes. Like others, the Killington Section has a number of elderly members who have devoted hundreds of hours to Green Mountain Club work. Now some of them can do little or nothing to help out any more, but they would like to receive GMC publications and continue the Club affiliation they have enjoyed for years. By a unanimous vote of its Board of Directors last week, the Killington Section endorsed the senior discount.

This issue is particularly important if uniform dues are imposed. So far, the Killington Section has been able to protect senior and junior members by limiting their dues to \$12 and \$6 respectively. By comparison, regular individual dues are \$18. (The Membership Committee's \$21 figure is wrong.) Our Section has subsidized junior and senior members, for good reason. Especially if you vote to abolish our ability to protect these members, we hope you will at least vote to change the By-Laws to give them lasting protection and show the GMC recognizes economic reality.

Thank you for your consideration.

Pico on Snowshoes (Mostly) Dec. 14, 1996 by Herb Ogden, Leader

This was a beautiful snowshoe hike on a day of rotten weather. How do I explain that? Easy: the weather was rotten (cold and drizzly) only below Sherburne Pass. Above it, light snow was falling. The trees shone with an old coat of ice, on top of which a dusting of new snow had fallen. The woods were beautiful, and, once we left Sherburne Pass, the only sound was the swish of snowflakes. The only fresh wild animal tracks we saw came from one partridge, though we startled another up near Pico Camp. The camp was in good shape, though listing somewhat to the east. We'll have to fix that, and clear the one sizable blowdown north of the Sinkhole, next spring, assuming the Pico-Killington fusion spares those parts of the trail.

We were amazed to encounter three people hiking up the LT with snowboards to get on the Pico ski run at Pico Junction. Because Pico was closed, they had the place to themselves, except for two others we met with a sort of roll-up toboggan, also headed for the same launching place.

Why did I say this hike was mostly on snowshoes? Two reasons: first, there wasn't enough snow for the first mile or so to warrant putting them on, especially since a lone skier had broken a trail. Second, fully half the participants in this outing had trouble keeping their new high-tech bindings on their boots. That wasn't such a catastrophe, though, since the total outing roster numbered two -- the same as on my last snowshoe outing up Pico. Where were the rest of you on this beautiful day?

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

2/14/97
I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult \$18.00 (\$9 tax-deductible)
Family \$24.00 (\$15 tax-ded.)
Individual (under 18) \$ 6.00 (tax-deductible)
Senior (65 & Over) \$12.00 (\$9 tax-deductible)
Life Member of
Killington Sec. \$400.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

*The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland VT 05701

Printed on recycled paper.

P

MRS ROMA E PULLING
RR 3 BOX 7269
RUTLAND VT 05701-9260



Jean Davies
Box #37
Pittsford, VT 05763

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
OUTING SCHEDULE, FALL-WINTER 1996-97

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of the Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown. Please bring **lunch** unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant** footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Non-members are welcome!**

Sunday 16 February, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Eric Deutschbein 438-0039

PITTSFIELD OR ROCHESTER. Snowshoe or hike 4-6 mi. moderate, depending on conditions.

Saturday 22 February, 10 a.m. Leader: Gordon Cawood 352-4310

NOTE: MEET AT PRICE CHOPPER IN WEST RUTLAND, just east of Vt. 133 intersection.

GRANDPA'S KNOB, CASTLETON. JOINT HIKE WITH MIDDLEBURY SECTION. Easy to moderate 4 mi. snowshoe or hike to a grand vista, site of a huge wind power generator in the 1940s. A little wait in West Rutland may be necessary, as we're joining a group coming from Middlebury.

Saturday 1 March, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

MT. INDEPENDENCE, ORWELL. Ski tour if snow cover permits; otherwise a hike. 3-4 mi. easy to moderate, passing numerous historic sites at this large Revolutionary War fort across from Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain.

Sunday 9 March, 1 p.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

GLEN DAM, RUTLAND TOWN. 2 mi. easy ski, snowshoe, or walk if snow not deep. Pretty route along a brook to Glen Dam. This is an after-lunch trip, but there may be hot refreshments afterward.

Saturday 15 March - Sunday 16 March. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

SPRUCE SHELTER OVERNIGHT. Spruce Shelter is in the Merck Forest in Rupert, in the Taconic Range. It is primitive but has a good view and a stove; registration fee is \$5. 1.4 mi. moderate hike to reach the shelter. Call the leader for details.

Saturday 23 March, 1 p.m. Leader: Jean Davies 483-6623

HISTORIC PITTSFORD. Tour Pittsford with the help of a leader of the Pittsford Historical Society and see things you never knew were there! 2-3 mi. easy. *Start 1:20 at PAS*

Saturday 29 March, 8:30 a.m. Leader: Karen Cartier (H) 773-3509, (W) 775-8800

MOUNT ASCUTNEY VIA BROWNSVILLE AND WINDSOR TRAILS. 5.9 mi. difficult. Climb Vermont's premier monadnock via the Ascutney Trails Association's Brownsville Trail, passing the Norcross Quarry and several lookouts. Descend from the Stone Hut Site on the 140 year old Windsor Trail, once passable by wheeled vehicles and an inspiration for the Long Trail. Bring snowshoes for at least the top part; snow does not usually melt all the way until mid-May!

Thursday 3 April, 7:30 p.m. Committee Chair: Linda Smith 265-4493

OUTINGS SCHEDULING MEETING at Sue Thomas's house (773-2185), 27 Clinton Avenue, Rutland (first street to the east (right) after Temple Street when going north on North Main Street (US 7). Come help plan the schedule for the next three months, or call in your suggestions to the Chair beforehand. Anyone interested can join the Outings Committee.

Saturday 5 April, 10 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

WHEELERVILLE AREA, MENDON. Depending on what stage of mud season we are in, this may be a walk on present and past roads, including visits to some cellarholes and a forgotten cemetery. 6 mi. moderate.

Saturday 12 April, 5:30 p.m. Coordinator: Linda Smith 265-4493

NOTE: MEET AT THE ECONOLODGE- PICO ON ROUTE 4 IN MENDON.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KILLINGTON SECTION preceded by **POTLUCK** and followed by **SLIDE SHOW ON HIKING IN SWITZERLAND**, by Ray Catozzi. Bring a salad, side dish, main dish, or dessert and your own utensils. Annual meeting topics will include moving the Long Trail west of Pico Peak, moving Pico Camp to avoid the Pico-Killington Interconnect, changes in dues, and possibly hosting an event in the James P. Taylor Series as a few other Sections have done.

Sunday 20 April, 1 p.m. Leader: Walter Churchill Scott 775-1494

LAKE NINEVAH, MT. HOLLY. Old road to a pretty place. 3 mi. moderate.

Sunday 27 April, 9 a.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208

AIRPLANE WRECK NEAR BRISTOL NOTCH. 6 mi. moderate, about half bushwhacking.

Saturday 3 May, 10 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

FLOWER HIKE. 2-3 mi. easy. Location depends on how the season advances.

Sunday 4 May, 10 a.m. Leader: Larry Walter 773-2014

BICYCLE EXCURSION on the east fringe of the Taconics, leaving by the Whipple Hollow Road in West Rutland and returning by the West Proctor Road. 15-20 mi. moderate.

✓ Saturday 10 May, 8:30 a.m. Leaders: Phil and Linda Smith 265-4493

NOTE: THIS LEAVES FROM THE McDONALDS ON ROUTE 4 IN FAIR HAVEN, NOT FROM THE USUAL MEETING PLACE IN RUTLAND.

PILOT KNOB on Lake George, New York. 3 mi. moderate.

Saturday 17 May, 10 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

HAMILTON FALLS, JAMAICA. Visit spectacular high falls, then probably an old cemetery and maybe Ball Mountain Dam. Bring food for a cookout. 2 mi. easy.

Saturday 24 May, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

LOWLAND WALK-THROUGH, WALLINGFORD AND SHREWSBURY. Check and do light maintenance on various parts of the Long Trail assigned to the Killington Section, from Wallingford Gulf (Vt. 140) to the Governor Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury. We need people to note trail conditions, paint blazes, clean out shelters, clear brush and blowdowns, clean out waterbars, and more. Something for everyone! Tools and instruction provided. If you don't choose to take this occasion to earn the discount you receive for Section membership, just come along for the hike.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

Herb Ogden, President	20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland VT 05701	775-1350
Phil Smith, Vice-President	9A Capitol Hill, Fair Haven VT 05743	265-4493
Roma Pulling, Treasurer	RFD 3, Box 7269, Rutland, VT 05701	773-6997
Jean Davies, Secretary	Box 37, Pittsford, VT 05763	483-6623



Vol 50 Number 2

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

April 1997

Killington Section Annual Meeting

April 27, 1997

by Jean Davies, Secretary

President Herb Ogden opened the meeting after the potluck supper. The Secretary's report was read and accepted. m/s/p Ray Catozzi/Al Pulling.

Roma Pulling, treasurer, passed out a printout. She had to take \$200 from savings to pay the Main Club assessment, and took money from the CD to beef up the savings. She explained the Kirk Fund, a \$10,000 Trust set up by Dorothy Kirk in memory of her husband. The interest from it can be used for trail maintenance. The report was accepted, and Roma was applauded for her fine work for six years as treasurer.

Rob Carey still would like hike leaders to get their articles in promptly for Smoke & Blazes, right after hikes- even if they didn't go for some reason. It is especially important to get the news out before the date of the first hike of a new hike schedule. Any reports sent to Rob on diskette are appreciated. Rob's work on the Smoke & Blazes was applauded. Herb said that our newsletter was one of the best among the Sections.

Herb Ogden gave the trails report. He claimed that Jerry Parker did most of the physical work while Herb did paper work. The Pico shelter needs jacking up. Trail re-locations near it are unsettled, making the future of this shelter uncertain, but jacking it up seems a logical temporary step. A gate is needed on the trail to Clarendon Shelter. This shelter is on land that does not belong to the government, and therefore it may need to be moved eventually. It is approximately 1/10th of a mile off.

All Pulling wondered if there was any chance of buying the land. Herb planned to investigate that.

The GMC Section President's meeting is scheduled for Saturday. Herb called for interested persons who might like to go with him.

The GMC Annual Meeting in Wallingford went well, thanks to the work of Rob and Sue Carey and Sue Thomas.

Bernie Donahue puts the hike notices in the Rutland Herald.

Old Business:

Motion - Members of the Killington Section express their dismay at the adoption of the uniform dues policy (i.e. Section elimination policy). We ask the GMC Board of Directors reconsider that policy. We view the continuation of vibrant Sections as questionable under the current policy. m/s/p Rob Carey/Al Pulling.

Main Club proposed dues are \$27 for adults; \$35 for families. A \$7 discount is available to some. It was noted by Herb that the other Sections voted approximately 2 to 1 against Killington's stand on this in the past. We keep more money under the new dues system than in the past setup. [Our existing dues were set to operate at a slight loss in order to preserve the existing membership - Ed]

Elections to the Board of Directors

Linda Smith by Sue Thomas/ Al Pulling
Phil Smith by Sue Thomas/ Ray Catozzi
Al Pulling by Ray Catozzi/ Rob Carey

Motion - The Secretary cast one ballot for the slate
m/s/p Ray Catozzi/ Rob Carey

Directors Meeting The question of who might be treasurer arose, since Roma's term is up. Al Pulling was nominated as interim treasurer until Herb can find out if Wally Rogers or Jake Sherman might serve. m/s/p Jean Davies/ Sue Thomas

Herb Ogden- President by Sue Thomas/ Al Pulling
Phil Smith - Vice-President by Sue Thomas/ Al Pulling

Jean Davies - Secretary by Al Pulling/ Ray Catozzi.
The secretary cast one ballot for the slate. m/s/p

Phil Smith will remain as director to the main club.
Al Pulling elected alternate (Sue Thomas/Ray Catozzi m/s/p)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM and was followed by a fine slide/talk show on Switzerland by Ray Catozzi.

Glen Dam March 9, 1997 by Ray Catozzi, Leader

This was a short afternoon walk from Churchill Scott's house on Chasanna Drive in Rutland Town; up a snow packed road to CVPS's Glen Dam. About 12 or so showed up and we left our cars at the Scott's front yard. Three put on their cross-country skis and skied up the road.

It's only a mile or less to the dam so we voted to continue walking up past the ice covered pond even though the snow wasn't packed down very well. We managed another 1/2 mile or so and then opted to turn back. The three skiers decided to go further on, and they didn't come back to the Scott house until an hour or so after the walkers returned.

We had scheduled a wine and cheese party after hiking, but a few canceled that and went home. Even one of the skiers went home after returning. I'm mentioning the split up of our total number, to remind those who went home early what they

missed. Something I had not seen or hear happening after any of our hikes in all the many years I've been hiking with the Section. Oh yes the wine, my homemade elderberry, plus other drinks and loads of different snacks was wonderful. But when a lull took place in the conversation, Bernie Donahue told a joke. Which one I don't remember, because he's got so many to tell, but after his joke, someone else threw in a joke, then another, then another. Out of the 8 or 9 who were present, only 2 or 3 kept quiet and just listened and laughed. Around and around the group we went for about an hour and a half. It was hilarious, and many who were there probably hadn't had such an after hike time in their whole lives, like me.

Michigan March February 16, 1997 by Eric Dietschbein, Leader

Our snowshoe hike did not send us all the way to Michigan, of course, but rather we went to Michigan Road in Pittsfield. The first part of the hike was along the road, which was packed down pretty well and hardly required snowshoes. Myself, Jerry, Sue and Pat were accompanied by Connie Youngstrom, a friend of Sue's. We met a skier right at the start, and though the road was packed, hers were the only legible tracks. I was surprised not to see fresh snowmobile tracks, and within the first mile we did see two snowmobiles coming up towards us.

We chose to continue on the main road, and since I had no planned route we took our first available right turn, which was close by an old stone foundation we wanted to inspect anyway.

We proceeded to wander up a long ridge line, finding the snow to be very soft and the going difficult in spots, while in other places we stayed up on top easily. We found many animal tracks after leaving the main road, including a lot of moose prints and even some chewed trees. Mount Carmel loomed large on our left, until we reached the end of the log trail we were on and headed off to our right (north and east) through the woods.

After a short lunch stop (it was rather cold, and when the wind kicked up a little, it was time to go), we continued on through the woods a ways, until we came upon a logging trail headed back down. We came out on our own track, not far from where we had turned off the main road. Other snowmobiles had traversed the road by this time and the trail was even more packed down, but we kept our snowshoes on for the trip back.

We saw an unusual sight on our way back. A man was walking his dog, who it seemed was pulling a sled of some type. When they got closer, we saw that the dog was paralyzed in the hindquarter, and his master had rigged up a harness to support her pack end. The mechanism had wheels on it, but he had added a small pair of skis beneath them, and his dog was motoring around quite well with its front legs. Such obvious devotion was truly heartwarming, and made for a happy end to a good outing.

Excursion to Eagle Rock

by Eric Dietschbein, Leader

A beautiful day for a hike, it was - seeing as how there was not enough snow cover to justify snowshoes. We had a good size group, including several non-members. As I have a horrible memory, and Jerry had to take the register when we were done, I cannot give names except for the regulars; Jerry, Mary Ellen, Sue Thomas, and myself and Frank.

We parked at the "end" of Ganson Hill Rd. and began our hike along the old road. After 1/2 mile, we veered left and crossed 2 hayfields, spooking two deer (only Jerry got a good look) and then entering the woods. The ground was fully covered with snow but there was an icy glaze almost everywhere. We followed log trails for less than a mile, then cut through some dense upland bog (frozen over) to come out on the ridge above Eagle Rock.

The rocks here were very icy and we were unable to climb down as I had expected, but we worked our way along until we were able to descend the short distance and avail ourselves of the fine view off

Eagle Rock. After obligatory picture taking, we began a hazardous, but first descent of the steep slopes toward Rt. 30. To my surprise, no one whined or complained about this route, which can be tricky even in best conditions. I'm sure there were privately held reservations concerning my sanity, but everyone maintained great humor.

We found the normally active brook and waterfalls at the base of the slope to be frozen over and not as spectacular as usual. We returned the 1.5 to 2 miles back to our vehicles via the farm trails that used to be a through road between Rt. 30 and Monument Hill Rd., finding a ramshackle cabin and a couple of old wrecked autos along the way. We paused only briefly in all our travels, as we (I) wanted to see the football conference championship games. Many thanks to those who attended

Bingo Brook Trail February 1, 1997

by Herb Ogden, Leader

Four Killington Section stalwarts met in Rutland on this fairly inviting Woodchuck Eve. Up in Bingo, we were joined by two more GMCers. Except for the lone snowshoer, we skied all the way or almost all the way to the end of the Forest Service road that follows Bingo Brook from Rochester up into Hancock, aiming vaguely at Romance Gap until it ends at a big turnaround just south of the brook.

Bingo is or was a neighborhood of the Town of Rochester, northwest of the hamlet of Robinson on the Brandon Gap Road. There was once a Bingo School (we passed it) and a Bingo Cemetery (we almost passed it too but were too tuckered out to explore on the way back). Does anyone know the origin of the name?

We parked at the last house, where the Pine Bend Brook Trail comes across a bridge from the north. We followed easy grades on the wide USFS road. Soon, we noticed the tracks of some at least medium-sized animal that seemed to have checked out the inside of every culvert on the road. We saw no four-footed wildlife, but we heard red squirrels scolding in the pines, and we were treated to a va-

riety of bird songs. By afternoon, when the temperature had risen to well over freezing, we also saw some tiny flies winging over the snow.

The snow started off great but turned into a problem. As the temperature rose, the snow became amazingly wet — great for snowmen but bad for skiing. The people with the waxless skis had the worst of it, but even those with waxables had trouble finding the right wax. Some had trouble by the time we passed the upper end of the Pine Bend Brook Trail. By the time we climbed past the last old house foundation, high over Bingo Brook, everyone was having trouble. For the last third of a mile or so, while the Leader kept assuring people that they were almost to the point where one might begin to say that they were nearly on the last stretch, and kept making other hopeful noises, we struggled mightily with wet snow that sank a foot under our skis and stuck to the bottoms and even the tops of the skis, making them very heavy. The wet snow plagued us on the way down, too, though, curiously, it sometimes seemed drier as we descended. The combination of the snow, the elevation, and the weather did strange things that day.

There were inviting side trails to the south and north. We already took one of them, the Pine Bend Brook Trail, a few years ago. Maybe next time we'll try the one that goes over the ridge to the West Hill Road -- if the snow is not like cement!

**KNOW A TRAIL THAT SHOULD -- OR
SHOULDN'T -- BE IN THE DAY HIKER'S GUIDE
TO VERMONT?** by Herb Ogden

The Green Mountain Club is preparing a new edition of this popular guide to trails that are not part of the Long Trail System. It should include hiking trails, nature trails, recreation paths, and any ski trails that make pleasant walking. It should NOT include any trail that cannot reliably be followed even with a guidebook, nor any trail where trailhead parking or something else will cause a problem with the landowner.

If you want to recommend a trail for inclusion or exclusion, or if you are willing to check out or measure a trail, please contact the GMC's Managing Editor, Sylvia Plumb, at the main office, RR 1, Box 650, Waterbury Center VT 05677; telephone 244-7037; gmcsylva@sover.net.

Wheelerville Area April 5, 1997

by Herb Ogden, Leader

Spring had finally come when we had this somewhat muddy excursion in the hinterlands of Mendon. One of the thirteen hikers even wore shorts! We drove as far as the snowplow turnaround at the girl scout camp site on the Tamarack Notch Road, then continued east. Soon an old road branched downhill to the right. It used to lead to the north-south road from McLaughlin Falls in Mendon to the Brown Covered Bridge in Shrewsbury. We continued on a road that is passable in summer, leading to a four corners at a two-grave cemetery. Sue Thomas made a snow rabbit there, complete with pine needles for whiskers. It was, of course, a Snow Bunny.

From the four corners, we headed north on the old town road to McLaughlin Falls, unfortunately widened just recently for logging. Soon, on the right, we passed the cellarhole of what was the P. Quirk farm according to the 1969 Beers Atlas of Rutland County. Farther uphill, about 300' off in the woods and at the edge of a steep slope, was a smaller cellarhole. The house was also in the Beers Atlas but, unlike Quirk's, had apparently fallen down by the time the 1891 U.S.G.S. map was made. Near the crest were the remains of a farmhouse that had apparently fallen down even before 1869. We saw no wildlife bigger than a chipmunk, but did notice some melted moose tracks on the old road. Thoughts of melted mousse led to the noon break. We lunched on a stone wall in the sun, with a nice view of the back side of East Mountain. There also, we were joined by two hikers who had looked in vain for us at the part of Main Street Park that has the bandstand. They then set out to track us, and

succeeded thanks to the Snow Bunny and muddy footprints leading north from it.

Heading downhill, we passed yet another cellarhole before hearing the roar of McLaughlin Falls. This icy spectacle was just before the old road joined the Wheelerville Road. We returned along the Wheelerville Road, pausing to inspect the old cemetery and another cellarhole. This was a fine spring walk.

The Icebreakers (Poultney River Canoe Trip) November 16, 1997
by Eric Deutschbein, Leader

They said it couldn't be done - and it almost wasn't. Despite a clear, sunny day, low temperatures over previous days had covered much of the river with ice. Indeed, Frank and I found our intended exit point completely iced over, which shortened our trip by over a mile. But such intrepid adventurers are not so easily thwarted. Sue Carey and son Seth, both sporting exceptionally fashionable hats, led most of the way. Myself and Mary Ellen, who by the way drove from Massachusetts at 5:00 am (locals, for shame!) followed and Frank, in a solo canoe, paddled ceaselessly to keep apace.

We had to plow through a lot of ice, perhaps 10% of our approximately 4 mile paddle. This was actually a great deal of fun, with only one spot having ice thick enough to slow us down seriously. Indeed, Seth made sure his canoe went through as much ice as possible, he and Sue often crossing the river to break up as much ice as possible.

We did see a blue heron as well as several ducks. Otter slides were also evident on the river banks, although the otters themselves declined to make an appearance.

The only problem with the trip was the failure of the trip leader's Jeep to start at the end. As it is a Jeep, this is hardly surprising, and in truth the vehicle is still not running, though it did start the next day and travel almost a full five miles before the ignition module completely melted down.

All Participants were insistent that future canoe or tubing trips be planned next summer, and you can be sure that they will be (if my Jeep is running by then!)

Grandpa Knob February 22, 1997
by Gordon & Helen Cawood, Leaders

This was a joint Bread Loaf/Killington Sections hike. Due to the weird weather, we did not expect the hike to happen. Two weather reports said it was raining that morning. However, those of us who look out windows could see patches of blue sky amongst skittering clouds. We got no calls from Bread Loafers. But, we went to West Rutland on the off-chance that some Killington members might show up. Five did, probable because they had less travel time and could make up their minds later.

The hike started at the gate to the service road at the end of the northern spur off the Belgo road. The service road was icy, but passable without snowshoes or crampons. The summit had been blown clear of snow. We stopped briefly for the views, and to examine the foundation of the 1940's wind generator. Although warm, it was too windy to stay for lunch. We lunched in the shelter of trees near the "funny rocks." These rocks are geological oddities, the crowns shaped by normal weathering, while their bases were undercut by running glacial ice melt. The weather held until the trip down, when a brief thunderstorm urged us along with rain and hailstones. Landowner permission from Beth Friese, 468-2466 in summer, 864-5264 in winter.

Please send the articles soon after the hike.
Deadline for the next issue is August 6, 1997.
Please send copy to Rob Carey, RR1 Box 340,
Wallingford, VT 05773. Or Email to
ROBCAREYSW@AOL.COM.

Killington Section Membership List

Aines, Linda D	RR 1, Box 1201,	Sudbury VT 05733
Badger, Robert L	16 Grant St	Potsdam NY 13676
Beaudin, Roger/Jean Boudah,	31 Karen Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Bebee, Vivian L	185 Church St	Rutland VT 05701
Bickford, Channing	16 Birchwood Ave	Rutland, VT 05701
Carey, Rob & Sue	RR 1, Box 340	Wallingford, VT 05773
Carleton, Maxwell A	RR 1, Box 2560	West Rutland, VT 05777
Cartier, Karen W	63 Evergreen Ave	Rutland, VT 05701
Catozzi, Raymond	103 Bellevue Ave	Rutland, VT 05701
Charland, Rachael W	40 Belmont St #704	Worcester, MA 01605
Cohen, Norman	26 West St	Rutland, VT 05701
Conlon, George	9 Sunset Dr	Rutland, VT 05701
Corrigan, Susan E.	RR 3, Box 7369	Rutland, VT 05701-9242
Crowley, Gretchen	68 Crescent St	Rutland, VT 05701
Darrow, Dr Robert	RR 2, Box 7562	Rutland, VT 05701
Davies, Jean	Box 37	Pittsford VT 05763
Deutschbein, Eric	33A Cottage Ave.	Springfield, VT 05156
Dicton Sr, Joseph	RR 1, Box 3999-3	Rutland, VT 05701
Donahue, Bernard G	50 Edgerton St	Rutland, VT 05701
Durkin, Betty	RR 1, Box 550	Pittsford, VT 05763
Edgar, Charles R	HCR 65, Box 8	Killington, VT 05751
Fusco, Roti	308 West St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Gallagher, Peter/B Yon	RR 1, Box 3415A	Rutland, VT 05701
Gibbud, Ruth	69 Temple St	Rutland, VT 05701-3527
Gilmore, David L.	RR 1, Box 515	Wallingford, VT 05773-9310
Hall, Karen A	POBox 576	Bomoseen, VT 05732
Hannegan, Patricia K	50 Nichols St	Rutland, VT 05701
Hare, Ruth E	82 N Main St	Rutland, VT 05701-3256
Hawley, Ira/Lorraine	RR 3, Box 7264	Rutland, VT 05701
Heitkamp, Kenneth	4603 Stearns Hill Rd.	Waltham, MA 02154
Hiebert, Charles W	35 S Gordon St	Alexandria, VA 22304-4929
Holden, Judith A	195 State St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Hughes, John	18 Ronaldo Ct	Rutland, VT 05701
Johnson, Phil	3 Moore Ln	Greenville, SC 29615-5912
Knox, Tamsin/K Yucel	POBox 62	Chittenden, VT 05737
Kodis, Rebecca	109 U. S. Rt. 4	Mendon, VT 05701
Lamb, Ruth/Sandy	POBox 1395	Bolton Landing, NY 12814-0127
Little, John J	POBox 292	Killington, VT 05751-0292
Martin, David S	POBox 324	Mt Holly, VT 05758
Martin, John/Janet	7 Curtis Ave	Rutland, VT 05701
McGill, Chuck/Charlene	33 Greenwood Ln	Westford, VT 05494
McNeil, Mary	6 Benson Ln	Fair Haven, VT 05743
Meany, Marjorie V	300 N Grove St #19	Rutland, VT 05701
Montague, Alan & family	16 Mt Pleasant Dr	Brandon, VT 05733

Ogden Jr, Herbert/Hannah	20 Birchwood Ave	Rutland, VT 05701-3605
Oldenburg, Sally V	RR 3, Box 4635	Rutland, VT 05701
Omland, Erling	RR 2, Box 8503-9728	Rutland, VT 05701
Parker, Gerald	Rt 1, Box 586	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Perkins, Robert/Thelma	RC 34, Box 2162	Rutland, VT 05701
Pettrone, Mark	86 Mt View Dr	Averill Park, NY 12018
Phillips, Don/Diane	RD 1, Box 203	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Pranger, Pat	RR 2, Box 192C	Wallingford, VT 05773-9718
Pulling, Roma/Al	RFD 3, Box 7269	Rutland, VT 05701
Reynolds, George	POBox 83	Springfield, VT 05156-0083
Robichaud, William T	POBox 457	Rutland, VT 05701
Rogers, Wally	RR 2, Box 5370	Castleton, VT 05735
Russell, Ellen B	10 Tenney Brook Ct	Rutland, VT 05701-2415
Schwartz, Charlotte S	POBox 157	Rumney, NH 03266-0157
Scott, Churchill	RR 3, Box 4869	Rutland, VT 05701
Sheldon, Marilyn	Rt 1, Box 2145	W Rutland, VT 05777
Sherman, Jacob R	48 Morse Place	Rutland, VT 05701
Sibley, Joan	RFD, Box 132	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Smith, Phil/Linda	9-A Capitol Hill	Fair Haven, VT 05743
Southworth fam, Ann C	RR 2, Box 8080	Mendon, VT 05701
Swanson, Ernest	6 Brookwood	Rutland, VT 05701
Thomas, Catherine	20 Birchwood Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Thomas, Sue	27 Clinton Ave	Rutland, VT 05701
Trotta, Bob	32 Rt 103 South	Ludlow, VT 05149-9777
Trubisz, Jeffrey	66 Haskell St # 2W	Beverly, MA 01915-2146
Tufano, Albert L	RR 1, Box 1025	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Vale, Robert/Ann	POBox 1565	Castleton, VT 05735
Waite, Sidney/Mary	POBox 176	Castleton, VT 05735
Waldhauer, Carolyn	1072 Bixby RD	Ludlow, VT 05149-9773
Walter, Larry A.	209 Lincoln Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Ward, Tim	Box 342	Whitehall, NY 12887
Woodard, Rebecca	36 Washington St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Wright, David P	POBox 1001	Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Youngstrom, Connie	Box 1160	Shrewsbury, VT 05738
Zizis, Maryellen	122 Nichols St	Wilmington, MA 01887

Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Thelma Perkins
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701-3772



Killington Section Green Mountain Club Outing Schedule Summer 1997

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown and bring lunch unless noted. **Non-members are welcome!**

Wear sturdy, water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Saturday 31 May 9:00 a.m. Leader: Karen Cartier 773-3509(hm) 775-8800(wk)
Long Trail to Little Rock Pond to Green Mtn. Trail - 6.6 miles moderate. Hoping to see wild flowers.

Sunday 1 June: 10:00 a.m. Leader: Rick Pingree 773-8767
Granite Quarry - Cuttingsville 2 miles moderate.

Saturday 7 June: 9:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350
Highland Walk-Through - Covering L.T. from Sherburn Pass(US 4) to Gov. Clement Shelter. Something for everyone: prune brush, whack weeds, clean out waterbars, paint blazes, saw blowdowns, or just come along for spring hike. 3-6 miles, tools and instructions provided.

Saturday 14 June: GMC Annual Meeting

Saturday 14 June: ~~Contact leader for details~~ ^{9:00 AM} Leader: Ruth Gibbid 747-0732

~~Sunday 15 June:~~ **Canoe Trip on Otter Creek** - Bring own canoe, paddles, pfd, lunch.

Saturday 21 June: Leader: Mar Harrison 352-1074
Joint hike with Breadloaf Section - Upper Cold River Road to Shrewsbury Peak, 8 miles moderate. Call for time and meeting place.

Saturday 28 June: 9:00 a.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006
New England's Largest Glacial Boulder - Near Whitingham Vt. a long drive but a short easy hike to see a really large rock!!!! Bring your camera Rain date June 29.

Sunday 6 July: 1:00 p.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208
Mystery Hike - A short easy hike about 2 miles, bring the kids.

Saturday 12 July: 1:00 p.m. Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982
Eight Annual Taconic Mountains Ramble - Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with view north, south, east, and west, a Japanese garden, and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. 2 to 5 miles easy to moderate; walkers can leave the group at several different points and wait on the lawn for the rest. No lunch. Rain date is July 13; call the leader if in doubt.

Sunday 13 July: 10:00 a.m. Leader: Dave Hardy
Clarendon Gorge Bridge work party - Help out with yearly maintenance of the suspension bridge spanning the Mill River. Tools provided.

Saturday 19 July: 8:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185
Old Job Trail to Griffith Lake and Baker Peak - A long hike with great view and a beautiful mountain lake. 7-8 miles difficult, rain date Sunday July 20.

Saturday 26 July: 1:00 p.m. Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982

Third Annual Falls of Lana Ramble - Salisbury and Leicester. One of the most spectacular waterfalls in Vermont, a panoramic view of Lake Dunmore, an enchanted sort of forest, and a mountain lake encircled by white birch. 3 miles moderate. Good family excursion. Walk to Silver Lake optional; swimming there or in Lake Dunmore possible afterward. Rain date July 27; call the leader if in doubt.

Saturday 2 August:

Leader: Eric Deutschbein 885-4641

Canoe West River to Brattleboro - Call leader for time and meeting place.

Thursday 7 August: 7:00 p.m.

Schedule meeting at Sue Thomas 773-2185

Sunday 10 August: 1:00 p.m. Leader: Churchill Scott 775-1494

Killington Section Hike - 3 miles moderate; walking to Styles Cemetery in the Ira area. There is a marker for a revolutionary soldier among other stones of the eighteenth century.

Saturday 16 August: See times below Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

White Rocks Scramble 1:00 p.m. - Come with your fearless leader while he climbs the white rocks talus slope for the fourth time. 4 to 5 miles steep, rocky and difficult, but if he can do it again, you can do it at least once. Return down Keewaydin Trail to picnic area to join those coming down (see below) for a fireless picnic supper on Little Rock Lookout.

Fireless Picnic Supper 4:00 p.m. - Leader: Bernie Donahue; meeting at park to join the White Rocks Scramble group at Little Rock Lookout. Rain date August 17.

Saturday 23 August: 9:00 a.m. Leader: Dave Hardy

Map and Compass Trek - Help the GMC explore and map out a new location for the Bucklin Trail, from Brewers Corners to Cooper Lodge on Killington Peak. 8 to 9 miles difficult, bushwhack.

Sunday 31 August: 9:30 a.m. Leader: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

Forest Service Rd. 30 to Lost Pond Shelter and Return - 5 miles easy to moderate.

Saturday 6 September

Leader: Dave Hardy

Bear Mountain Bushwhack - Use maps and compass to explore a LT/AT relocation near Wallingford. Moderate bushwhack, mileage uncertain. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at junction Rts 7 and 140 center of Wallingford.

Saturday 13 September 9:00 a.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

Mystery Hike - ^{in Taconics} ~~Easy to~~ moderate; some bushwhacking; great view from the top. Rain date September 14. **5 Miles Round Trip**



Smoke & Blazes

Vol 50 Number 3

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

July - August 1997

Lake Ninevah

by Churchill Scott, Leader

Just a few days after one of the largest snowstorms of the season a group of 11 hikers visited the grave of Vermont's "Unknown Soldier". Due to the snow the leader had doubts about going up to Mount Holly and Lake Ninevah, but Parker and other 4-wheel drivers said "No problem", so we went. Walking conditions were very good and everyone enjoyed the short hike.

The early account of the area tells of two colonial soldiers returning home stopping at a nearby spring where one of them had a fatal heart attack. His companion buried him on a nearby knoll and no record was kept.

In the early 1900's a group of Boy Scouts and leaders excavated the site and found this tale true. Around 1994 the Vermont Legislature passed a bill naming this spot Vermont's "Unknown Soldiers Grave".

PS - The leader would like to apologize to Charlie Edger for not being more certain as to the destination of this hike. I did have cold feet about the area but was finally told we could make it

Hamilton Falls, Jamaica

by Sue Thomas, Leader

The club's old enameled coffee pot got some exercise at the state park campground, where we began our trip with a cook-out. It was a chilly spring day, so hot chocolate was just the thing, and hot dogs are at their best cooked over a campfire. Once stuffed, we walked along the river to the base of the Hamilton Falls trail. Along the way we spotted eider ducks and got a demonstration of skillful white water kayaking, and found many wildflowers, including a "quadrillium" (Hopefully this had nothing to do with proximity to a nuclear power plant or superfund site. No eight legged frogs were sighted.)

Spring run-off made the falls spectacular, we climbed up to the top where there's an interesting series of pot holes, smoothed out by the running water.

Everyone opted then to hike on to Ball Mountain Dam, where we climbed up the gravel side to the top, expecting to see a lake on the other side. Unfortunately the lake had not had time to refill after the most recent release, so our view was of mud flats. Turkey vultures were making good use of it though, snapping up stranded fish. We saw several soaring by at our eyelevel which was great, made the climb worthwhile.

On the way back we unfortunately managed to dunk one of the kids in the frigid river. He was an awfully good sport about it and had recovered by the time we reached Rutland. Thanks to Eric, who crossed back over the river to retrieve a lost pack, and to Carol who came down from Burlington for the hike and identified warblers for us.

Please send the articles soon after the hike.

Deadline for the next issue is December 11, 1997.

Please send copy to Rob Carey, RR1 Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773. Or Email to ROBCAREYSW@AOL.COM.

Spring Wildflower Wade

by Sue Thomas

The weather for our annual spring wildflower walk was to say the least, uninspiring! I was amazed to find a good sized group assembled at the park, decked out in slickers and rainpants and ready to brave the elements.

It had taken me several scouting missions to find any wildflowers at all, it being an unusually cold, wet spring. We started out from Inman Pond in Fair Haven, here I'd seen large stands of hepatica in many colors just the day before. This day however, they had wisely folded themselves up to wait out the rain, proving once and for all that plants are smarter than hikers! We did find lots of trailing arbutus though, fragrant flowers and larger and more abundant than usual. We found a fairly good variety of flowers all in all - trillium, wild ginger, saxifrage, coltsfoot, Solomon's seal, spring beauties and violets among them, and were able to get in out of the rain for lunch at a very chic establishment - namely inside an abandoned tractor trailer. Somewhat lacking in atmosphere, but dry!

The question of the day was, where were we? We studied maps of the area and I have since spoken to several people we live around there. No one can figure out what lake our cozy lunch spot overlooked. A mystery ...

Otter Creek Canoe Trip

by Ruth Gibbud, Leader

On a sunny June day with just enough breeze to chase the black flies away, twelve intrepid boaters gathered to explore the northern reaches of the Otter Creek, between West Salisbury and Middlebury. These included five canoes, one with a fisherman, and two kayaks, skittering about visiting and encouraging those in the larger boats. There was a bit of racing on the smooth water, a luscious picnic lunch by the bridge and an unexpected dip in the river by two of the party; they dried quickly in the sun. At the pull-out, all agreed we should do it again.

Old Job Trail to Baker Peak

by Sue Thomas, Leader

In the midst of a summer heat wave, I managed to schedule this long trek on a cold and windy day. The thermometer on my jacket read 52 in the middle of the day! It felt pretty good to us after several days in the 90's, that is until we got to the summit, where the wind on the exposed rocks was really frigid. Seemed like we'd fast forwarded right through July and August and on into November!

We were glad we'd stopped at Griffith Lake for lunch and didn't linger long at the top, though the view was great. While there we were joined by a dog who'd had a porcupine encounter along the trail, poor thing. Pat, who is a vet, tried to help the owner yank a few quills out, but pliers were needed, and probably anesthesia, so she administered dog biscuits instead. We also shared our cookies with a couple who were doing trail maintenance. All of us who do that work ourselves know it should be rewarded!

White Rocks Scramble & Picnic Aug. 16

by Ray Catozzi, Leader

This outing was a daring attempt to entice a few adventuresome climbers to do what I had done four times in the past, with only a few joining me then. Once I went up the talus slope alone. It's not easy, and one has to use caution as one approaches the looser and smaller rocks near the top.

But we had eight who wanted to do it, including 9 year old Seth Carey. Seth was having so much fun we had a tough time holding him back to stay with the gang. We got boxed in up under the near perpendicular cliff and too quite some time to find our way out of the box, and get on top. Therefore we were late in getting back down so we didn't go up to lookout rock to join the supper people. They went up, waited, then came back down so we ate at the picnic area. T was quite a trip, but I don't think I'd care to do it again.

Killington Section Green Mountain Club Outing Schedule Fall 1997

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown. Participants should bring lunch unless noted. **Non-members are welcome!**

Wear sturdy, water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Sat Sept. 20 and Sunday Sept. 21 Leaders: Rob and Sue Carey 446-2830. Call for details.
Easy, historical backpack in Little Rock Pond Area.

Saturday Sept. 27 8:30 AM Leader: Mary Ellen Zizis, call Sue Thomas for details (773-2185) Rain date Sunday Sept. 28. **Stratton Mountain.** Climb the peak where James Taylor dreamed of the Long Trail, continue on to Stratton Pond. Great Views from summit tower. 12 miles - difficult.

Saturday Oct. 4 10:00 AM Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185
Moscow Pond and Glen Lake Visit several remote beaver ponds and cliffs overlooking lake Bomoseen 4 to 5 miles, moderate.

Saturday Oct. 11 10:00 AM Leaders: Al and Roma Pulling 773-6997
Fourth Annual Senior Shuffle - Deer Leap - Sherburne See the new trail for yourself. The view from the top is unchanged.

Sunday Oct. 19 9:15 AM Leaders: Gordon and Helen Cawood 352-4310
Mt. Carmel. Hike in from the Pittsfield side to the Long Trail, then up the abandoned summit trail. 6 miles moderate, with some climbing.

Sunday Oct. 26 9:00 AM Leader: Gretchen Crowley 7759354
Okemo Mountain. Great views from the summit tower. 5 miles difficult (steep in places).

Saturday Nov. 1 8:30 AM Leader: Connie Youngstrom 492-3502
Black Mtn. Near Lake George. Beautiful view of the Lake, Adirondacks, and Green Mountains. Will follow the loop trail to return past several Beaver Ponds. 8 miles, difficult.

Saturday Nov. 8 10:00 AM Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350
Woodard Cemetery, Sherburne. This is way up on the ridge that separates East Sherburne (or Little Sherburne from the rest of town. We will reach it by hiking east on the Appalachian Trail from the River Road up toward Quimby Mountain. Via woodroads, we will reach the two-grave Woodard Cemetery from the 1840's. Also the remains of two nearby houses, one large and one tiny. There is a good view toward Pico and Killington. We will descend on the Quimby road back to our starting point. 4.5 miles, moderate; but steep in places.

Saturday Nov. 15 1:00 PM Leaders: Al and Roma Pulling 773-6997
Historic Rutland. Explore the origins of Rutland with members of the Rutland Historical Society. 3 miles, easy.

Saturday Nov. 22 5:30 PM Call Linda Smith 265-4493
Annual Fall Potluck Dinner. Bring a dish to share and your own place setting(s) (plate, cup, silverware). Come and see a great slide show. **Meet directly at the Econo-Lodge on Rt. 4 in Mendon.**

Thursday Dec. 4 7:00 PM Sue Thomas 773-2185
Scheduling Meeting. Meet directly at Sue's - 27 Clinton Ave.

Sunday Dec. 7 1:00 PM Leader: Churchill Scott 775-1494
Glen Dam - Rutland. Short, easy hike, walk, or ski depending on snow.

Saturday Dec. 13 10:00 AM Leader: Wally Rogers 468-3210
Nature Conservancy Preserve - West Haven. Hike or ski depending on the weather. 5 miles, moderate.
Meet at Fair Haven Grand Union.

Saturday Dec. 20 10:00 AM Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350
Delaware & Hudson Rail Trail - Castleton to Poultney. Cross Country ski *only* (no walkers or snowshoers please) from Castleton State College to Poultney on former railbed past fields and forests on a very gentle grade. 6 miles easy. If there is insufficient snow, the leader may substitute another trip, so call ahead if in doubt.

Sunday Jan. 10 9:00 AM Leader: Gretchen Crowley 775-3509
Snowshoe up Snake Mountain. Spectacular views of the Champlain Valley and the Adirondacks. 4 miles difficult.

Saturday Jan. 17 8:30 AM Leader: Karen Cartier 773-3509
Snowshoe from Middlebury Gap to Silent Cliff then down the Burnt Hill Trail. 6 miles difficult

Sunday Jan. 25 10:00 AM Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208
Shrewsbury Snowshoe or Cross-country ski. 4 miles, moderate.



Mr. Alfred L. Pulling
Route 3 Box 7269
Rutland, VT 05701-9260



Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Thelma Perkins
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701-3772



Smoke & Blazes

Vol 50 Number 4

Killington Section Green Mountain Club

December 1997

Historic Rutland November 15, 1997

by Roma Pulling, Leader

With the first day of deer hunting we arranged an outing that avoided areas overrun with hunters. We concentrated on landmarks from the earliest days of Rutland's settlement. Alfred and I met nine other hikers at the park, and two ferrets!!

Leaving our cars at the park, we walked down Main Street as far as Washington Street, down the hill to Depot Park, along Merchants Row to West Street, up West Street to Main Street, north on Main Street for a way, after which we retraced our steps to Center Street and explored it.

Along our route were the homes of four Vermont governors: John Page, John Meade, Israel Smith and Charles Williams. We paused at the home of George Chaffee, now an art gallery, and that of Nathaniel Chipman, a judge and senator. The founder of the *Rutland Herald*, Samuel Williams, had a house on Main Street as well.

Downtown we stopped to read the new historic display across from City Hall and went into the Opera House, a former theater. Along West Street stands the former store of Nathan Osgood, now a law office, and markers at the location of Vermont's first state house and Fort Rutland. Our last stops were at the old Bank of Rutland on Center Street, the old post office and jail (now the library) and the bank building across the street, in recent years the Recreation Center.

I want to thank Bernie Donahue very much for his assistance on this hike.

Uniform Dues Now in Effect

The Uniform Dues Policy, enacted by the Main Club Board of Directors on January 18, 1997, over the objection of the Killington Section, is now in effect. Dues are now \$27 for and individual, \$35 per family. 20% (\$5.40 of an individual membership) will be returned to the Section. There is a \$7 discount available for volunteers or those of limited income. Use of either discount is on the honor system. [The above information is from *The Long Trail News* Spring 97, page 16].

The editor believes that all memberships and renewals will now be handled by the Main Club office. They will probably send out one or more renewal notices.

Editor Resigns

This is the last issue of *Smoke & Blazes* that I will be doing. I have enjoyed putting out the newsletter, but now have difficulty finding the time to put in the concentrated effort required to make the deadlines. Also due to several considerations, my interest and time to participate in Club functions has dropped to a minimum.

Green Mtn Club or VT Parks Dept.???

[The following is reprinted from *Smoke & Blazes* Vol. 24 No 3. July - Sept. 1972. The letters were written by Herb Ogden Senior. They were very prophetic, and express my feelings very well]

Here is a copy of a letter I have sent to Ray Secor [then KS President]. Can you include it in the next issue of S&B?

(continued on page 4)

Quimby November 8, 1997

by Herb Ogden, Leader

The pervious day's weather forecast for the day of this hike was rain, rain and rain. Instead of that, we got a mild Novemberday with even a little sun. The only hint of rain lay in the magnificently braided clouds we saw near the end of the day. Moral: don't give up on an excursion until you see what the weather actually is on the chosen day.

Seven of us headed up the Appalachian Trail from the River Road in Sherburne toward Quimby Mountain. The woods on the first ascent were very pleasant, as was the Ottauquechee Section's well-maintained trail. From below, the slope looks steep and continuous, but there are actually little shelves on the way up, some with huge boulders. Some may consist of part of the Taconics that slid over the Green Mountains and were separated from the rest of the Taconics by erosion that brought the Greens to the surface again. With the leaves off, there were also good distant views toward Killington, Pico, Deer Leap, and Kent Pond. From our lunch spot atop a 2523' summit, I think we could see Spruce Mountain in Plainfield.

We crossed under a power line, admired the views there, and soon turned off the A.T. after about 2.2 miles to walk down a wide, well-built logging road. Where it hit the older Quimby Road, a log landing gave expansive views of the Coolidge Range. We then followed a woodroad south. Partly blocked by logging slash, it was soggy and obscure -- yet, as recently as 1995, it was easily passable by four wheel drives and was the only north-south route I found then. (The main route is now the wide logging road that leads south, crosses the ridge, then leads north to Notown.) In about 500', just after passing a left turn that leads up to a 2480' gap that may once have had a primitive road to Stockbridge, it passed about 60' east of a well-preserved 35' x 25' stone cellarhole with a 13' x 9' chimney platform in the middle. It was about 6' deep. A few old apple trees, a big retaining wall, and other stone walls are evidence of what seems to have been a substantial farm.

About 500' farther south and 150' west of the old woodroad lies the Woodard Cemetery, surrounded by a stone wall. There are only two headstones and footstones, though there is room for two more. Asa Woodard's stone says he died 11 July 1845, at age 74. Mary Woodard's says she died 16 February 1845, at age 72.

(Madeline Fleming's *History of Sherburne* says the ages are clearly 24 and 22, but Ray Catozzi and I say the first digit of both is a "7," and he's a professional signmaker, so that's that.) Because there is no reference to her being anyone's wife and her last name is engraved "Woodard" rather than the maiden name that usually followed a married woman's first name, we concluded Mary was probably Asa's sister, not his wife. Our final historical stop was a smaller, shallow foundation about a tenth of a mile farther south, also just west of the old woodroad. Does anyone know of any other signs of 19th century habitation up there? It is not clear (to me, anyway) when the houses whose foundations we visited were built. They are both in Right No. 38. (All the original Rights show on the 1869 Beers Atlas of Rutland County.) Sherburne land records show Asa Woodard, then of Stockbridge, buying land in 1824 that may have included at least the southerly house site. He bought the west third and easternmost sixth of Right 38. He sold it in 1831. In the meantime, in 1829, he was listed as "of Sherburne" and bought land that probably included the cemetery and the northerly house site. This was the south half of the middle third and the southwest quarter of the east third of Right 38. He bought the north half of the middle third and northwest quarter of Right No. 38 in 1834. This left him with none of his original purchase in Right 38 but also with the entire middle part of Right 38 that he did not originally buy. Maybe he first built the southerly house after his 1824 purchase. Then, when he sold the 1824 purchase, maybe he built the more substantial northerly house.

Asa Woodard's son Asa, Jr., may have hung on up in Quimby for only one winter after his father died. In the fall of 1846, he sold to John Woodard, who

was probably his uncle, his property in Right 37 (at least 50 acres of which he had acquired in 1833; the book of the Sherburne Land Records that may have shown the rest was lost in a fire). The land records do not say what became of the Woodard holdings in Right 38, where we were. John Woodard may have inherited them when Asa died in 1845. By then, however, John no longer lived in Sherburne, having moved back to Stockbridge. John Woodard disposed of his last Sherburne property in 1851. Neither of the houses whose sites we visited appears in the 1869 Beers Atlas, nor even in a 1858 map. Perhaps Asa, Sr., was the last to live in the big northerly house and it fell or burned down after he died in 1845.

After ruminating some about what mountainside farming must have been like for the Woodards, we started down the Quimby Road, soon passing the camp that Madeline Fleming says is on the site of a camp a Mr. Erwin built in 1944 from an old logging shack of the International Paper Co. The really good road ends at a log landing west of the camp. The Quimby Road then took us along a very steep, narrow valley. The lower section was formerly the route of the Appalachian Trail. We descended it to the River Road by the courtesy of Section member Charles Edgar, over whose land it passes.

Quimby has a neighborhood, a mountain, and a road named after him, but who was Quimby? The late Madeline Fleming's history says Archie Baker's grandfather knew a Mr. Quimby. The 1869 atlas shows a "R. Quimby" house at the end of a poor road leading from about the Town Office on the River Road up into Right 40. This is almost a mile south of the foundations we visited. Has anyone found a trace of Mr. Quimby's house? Maybe we'll look for it next year.

Middlebury Gap LT to Burnt Hill Trail January 17, 1998 by Karen W. Cartier

On Saturday five of us discovered first-hand the awesome destructive forces of nature. After conferring for a short while about the possibility of an alternate hike due to the recent ice storm which had affected Addison County, we decided to go ahead with the original plan. We were delighted by

the sun and intense blue sky by the time we arrived at the Middlebury Ski Touring Center, where we dropped off one car. We started at the trail head on Rt. 125, where we entered another world of the crystal forest.

Recent television coverage of the ice storm did not prepare me for the awesome spectacle we found north of the Lincoln Gap. It was simply indescribable. The amount, and quite frankly, sheer weight of the ice was incredible. Passing under tree limbs (actually stooping under tree limbs) was met with the loud clanging of wind chimes wrought from ice. As the sun began to warm up the forest, the crashing of ice chandeliers could be heard all around. We had to be very careful of where we stopped to take breaks, or simply to take stock, lest ice daggers impale our heads (there were jokes of making hard hats mandatory on GMC hikes!)

Alas, the wretched beauty impeded our progress enormously. It was more like a search team than a hike, as we spend most of our time just trying to locate the trail (although I spent a considerable amount of my time falling down!) At about 2:00, we had been out for 3 1/2 hours and realized we hadn't made it half-way, and were still bushwacking our way, inch by inch. A difficult decision was made to retrace our steps back to our starting point to avoid the prospect of spending the night in the woods! As we returned the way we came, it became painfully obvious that we had only gone about two miles as the crow flies! We all vowed to return in the summer and complete the LT-Burnt Hill Trail Loop

Rails to Turnpikes December 20, by Herb Ogden, Leader

This was supposed to be a ski tour on the Delaware & Hudson Rail Trail from Castleton to Poultney. The day before the excursion, the Castleton end appeared pretty bony; almost all the snow had melted. When only three people showed up for the trip, two had skis, and the one without skis was glad to go home, I changed the plan to a short ski tour on the Old Turnpike Road in Mendon.

Otherwise known as the Elbow Road, this old road once was the main route over the mountains, from Mendon to NorthSherburne. We skied it from the trailhead on the Mendon side to the last camp before the old beaver ponds. There is one old foundation and an old kiln on the pretty route, which has easy grades. Snowmobiles had flattened but not ruined the snow, and Mike O'Neill and I had a nice trip.

Directors to Meet

Tuesday March 10, 1998

The Killington Section's Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 10 March at the home of Section President Herb Ogden, 20 Birchwood Avenue, Rutland.

Topics will include

- Bear Mountain and Pico West relocations
- Status of Cooper Lodge and Pico Camp
- Relocating the lower end of the Cauty Trail and possibly extending it to Route 4 on newly acquired U. S. Forest Service land
- Update from the Directors who are designing a membership brochure and short guidelines for trip leaders
- Improving publicity
- Plans for the Section Annual Meeting in April

The meeting is open to any Section member, but comments by non-Directors may be limited.

Hoe #4 and Lopper #2

Where are You?

During the work parties in the spring of 1997, two new pieces of our trail maintenance equipment disappeared. One was a brand new \$19 heavy-duty garden hoe, used to clear out waterbars. The other was a \$31 heavy-duty lopper, used to clear brush and branches. Probably someone threw them into a truck after a hard day's volunteer work and they are now forgotten in a shed somewhere.

If you have either of these tools, please call Trails & Shelters Chair Herb Ogden at 775-1350. If you plan to do trail work with them in April, before the first scheduled work party, you may as well keep them until then, but do let Herb know so he won't

have to spend more of the Section's money on replacement tools.

Mt. Carmel October 19, 1997

by Gordon and Helen Cawood, Leaders

Twelve hikers mounted an assault on Mt. Carmel in Chittenden. From the center of Pittsfield we drove west on FR 35. About a mile of this is rough road which improves on entering the GMNF. We then followed FR 97 south for about 1/2 mile to a snowmobile trail which was the start of the hike. We followed this trail, stopping briefly at "Art's View" to take a look at Mt. Carmel and Bloodroot Mtn. Thank you, Art, whoever you are. On reaching the LT, we proceeded north to the cairn on the right indicating the abandoned fire warden's trail which is not difficult to follow up to the summit. No one climbed the tower. Since it is flopped over horizontally, it wouldn't do much good. Nevertheless there were limited views to the west and a good place for lunch.

One mishap to report: John Little's dog, Samantha, who thrilled at running on ahead, returned once with a faceful of porcupine quills. John tried to deal with this on site, but it became obvious that he should abandon the hike and take poor Samantha out for professional care. We wonder if the GMC might want to rethink its policy of allowing unleashed dogs on hikes. Hat Hanneghan's Omar was leashed through-out the hike and emerged unscathed.

Thank you for coming: Caroline Waldhauer, Mary Ellen Zizis, Ray Catozzi, Michael O'Neill and friend Helen, Bob Perkins, Bernie Donahue, Pat Hanneghan, Sue Thomas and John Little. We enjoyed your company.

New England's Largest Glacial Boulder

June 28, 1997 by Ray Catozzi, Leader

After failing to find my way into this really large stone a few years ago I once more inquired in the small town of Whitingham, near the Massachusetts border and found a person working in their post office who had been there. He told me where the trail was that led up to the rock, and I drove to it a few miles west of the village on Rt. 100. That was

last year. So, even before I lucked into it, I put it on the schedule. Then I asked and received some assistance in hiking in to the boulder from Jerry Parker, back last spring. A short but very steep ATV trail led us to the rock in about 1/2 hour hike time.

After finding the rock and then taking pictures, we continued on as the trail to what looked like the top of the hill. It was, and the trail turned west and headed back down in a nice gradual decline, and lo and behold, we came back down to Rt. 100 about a mile west of our entering trail. I said this is the way we're going to hike in of June 25. Another advantage was parking for a dozen cars, against only 2 at the first trail.

So 8 of us made the gradual, but hot climb as we were in the sun most the way up. There it was, the rock, right where Jerry and I left it last spring. It is about 60 ft long, 35 ft wide, and 25 ft high, with a tree growing out of the top.

Then we rode a few mile to Harriman Reservoir Dam and had a late (3pm) lunch while watching all the motor boats on the water

Okemo Mountain October 26, 1997

by Gretchen Crowley

The rainy weather held off for seven of us to hike up to the fire tower at the summit of Okemo Mountain. Our fearless leader, Kinsman "The Wonder Dog" led us gradually up the trail that was covered with Autumn's quilt of colors laid down to blanket the Earth for the upcoming Winter.

As we neared the top we were greeted with patches of snow from the previous night's storm. The view from the fire tower offered a panoramic view of the surrounding ski areas which will be bursting to life by Thanksgiving.

On the trip down, Ray was tantalizing our tastebuds with his secret recipe for Elderberry wine. Once back at the car, Ray surprised us with a sampling of his Elderberry wine complete with wine glasses - which was a perfect ending to a pleasant hike! Thanks Ray!

Green Mtn Club or VT Parks Dept.??? (Cont)

I think it is important that members of the Killington Section should know that I am withdrawing because of Main Club action, not because of anything that has occurred in the Killington Section.

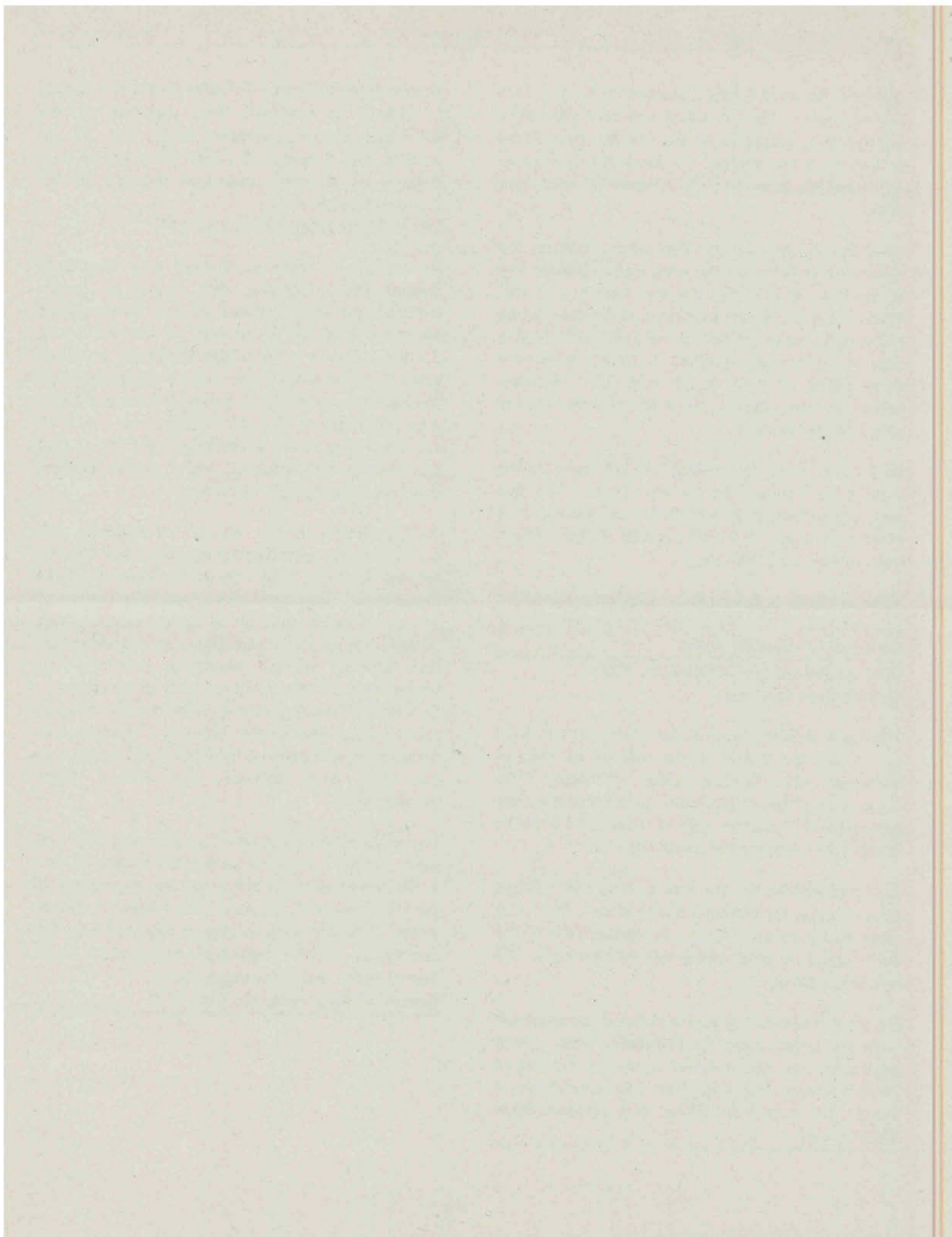
Sincerely, Herb Ogden Sr.; June 1972

Ray [Secor], I have concluded, after Saturday's Annual GMC Meeting, that I can no longer volunteer my whole hearted services for the Green Mountain Club as a member of the Killington Section. This is not a sudden decision. In recent years it has seemed to me that an unhealthy trend has been strengthening as Sections falter and Main goes "big time." I am inclined, in any such situation, to go either whole hog or get out. I find this trend so disheartening, over a period of years, that I can no longer go whole hog.

As I indicated in my "memo" on Saturday and sought to point up during the seminar, I feel that the present trend can lead only to the Vermont Parks Department. This trend involves standardization of too many facets of trail & shelter maintenance, directives from Main, permission from Main rather than advice, salaried executive secretary, the executive-committee-of-the-executive-committee (Advisory Board?), a stifling of individual initiative and responsibility in the Section, a position that Sections are creatures of the Main Club rather than the other way around-- and several other considerations.

I have, in recent years, spend considerable time and money on the Long Trail as an active member of the Killington Section, in hopes that my perception of the trend might be clouded. That hope no longer exists. I do not wish to play an active role in the dissolution of the volunteer organization once known as the Green Mountain Club.

Sincerely, Herb Ogden Sr.; May 1972



Killington Section Green Mountain Club Outing Schedule Winter & Spring 1998

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown.
Participants should bring lunch unless noted. **Non-members are welcome!**

Wear sturdy, water-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

January 31, Saturday: Leaders Roma and Al Pulling, 773-6997, 1:00 p.m.
Snowshoe from Belview Ave. to leaders house for fireplace party. 2 mi. conditions permitting else alternate route.

February 7, Saturday: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 10:00 a.m.
Ski or snowshoe old turnpike road to elbow road, long trail – Sherburne. 4 mi. mod. Old beaver pond.

February 21, Saturday: Leaders Gordon and Helen Cawood, 352-4310, 9:30 a.m.
Meet at Leicester Four Corners, grade school.
Joint hike with Breadloaf Section, snowshoe or hike (no skis), Moosealamoo from Keewaydin camp. 5 mi. mod.

February 28, Saturday: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 9:00 a.m.
Ski or Snowshoe, Chittenden Brook Trail through moose territory past beaver ponds and overlooks. 7.5 mi. difficult.

March 7, Saturday: Leader Mary Ellen Zizis, Call Sue Thomas for details 773-2185, 10:00 a.m.
Hike or Snowshoe Long Trail north from Brandon Gap. Difficult

March 14, Saturday: Leader Gretchen Crowley, 775-9354, 10:00 a.m.
Mystery snowshoe or hike. 4-5 mi. moderate.

March 21, Saturday: Leader Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502, 9:00 a.m.
Shrewsbury snowshoe or hike. 4-5 mi. moderate.

April 4, Saturday: For details call Linda Smith, 265-4493, 5:30 p.m.
Annual Meeting and potluck at Econo Lodge, route 4 Mendon.
Bring your own place setting and a dish to share, also your ideas for the summer hike schedule.

April 26, Sunday: Leader Gretchen Crowley, 775-9354, 10:00 a.m.
Mystery hike, 4-5 mi. moderate.

May 2, Saturday: Leader Jean Davies, 483-6623, 1:00 p.m.
Pittsford trails, easy 4-5 miles. Mileage subject to groups desires.

May 9, Saturday (rain date May 10) Leader Ray Catozzi, 773-3006, 10:00 a.m.
Suzy Peak, Timouth/Clarendon. Easy to moderate, less than four miles, good views.

May 16, Saturday: Leader Sue Thomas, 773-2185, 10:00 a.m.
Wildflower hike, call for details.



Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Thelma Perkins
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701-3772

KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

Telephone
(802) 775-3368 weekdays
(802) 775-1350
Fax (802) 775-7051

Section President
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
20 Birchwood Avenue
Rutland, Vermont 05701

18 February 1998

Dear friend of the Killington Section:

Regrettably, the *Smoke & Blazes* that was mailed at the end of January contained misinformation about membership renewal. The GMC's Waterbury Center headquarters will **not** send out renewal notices for the Killington Section, because we have not asked it to and do not want it to. As it has for years, our Section will continue to send out its own renewal notices.

We prefer to collect Section dues ourselves and send the GMC's share to headquarters, rather than have the GMC staff collect the dues and send us our share. This way, the Section gets the money faster. Also, having our Section volunteers do the work ensures that the GMC need not hire additional paid staff to deal with Section memberships. This is good, because the more staff the GMC hires, the more the dues seem to increase.

If there is a "paid" next to your address label, you have renewed for 1998. If there is a "life," you are a Life Member and need not pay. Otherwise, **please send your dues to the Section Treasurer** at the address on the form that accompanies this letter. The GMC Bylaws give you until 1 May to pay, but your **prompt renewal now** will help us plan for the future at the 10 March Killington Section Directors meeting.

The second reason for this letter is to clarify an item in the last schedule: the scheduling meeting for outings from mid-May to mid-August will be combined with the Killington Section Annual Meeting at the Econo-Lodge on Route 4 in Mendon at 5:30 p.m. on 4 April. If you have an idea for an outing but cannot attend, please call Outings Committee Co-Chair Linda Smith at 265-4493.

The third reason for this letter is the urgent need to find a new *Smoke & Blazes* editor and assistant editor. I would have put a call for volunteers in the last *Smoke & Blazes* if I had known the editor was quitting. Editorial duties are (1) editing articles received, if necessary; (2) laying out the newsletter; (3) printing a master copy; (4) taking the master to a commercial printer; and (5) seeing to it that the final product is mailed well before the first outing on the new schedule. The Outings Committee prepares the outing schedule, so the editor should only have to have it printed commercially with the newsletter. This has to be done every three

months. Contributors can be urged to send in material on computer diskette or E-mail. A couple hours' work can produce an acceptable issue. If you want something that looks more professional or includes artwork, it takes longer. If you want more information, please ask me. I edited *Smoke & Blazes* on a computer from 1988-94.

Because we need to get the next issue to the printer by early May, please contact me by the end of March if you are interested in helping with *Smoke & Blazes* or know of someone who might be. I would hate to see our newsletter end after 50 years of continuous publication.

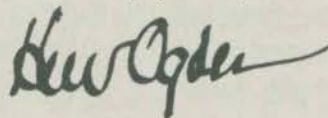
We need other volunteers, too:

- ☺ Trail maintainers (work with clippers, saws, hoes, shovels, pick-mattocks, paintbrushes, brush scythes, and more)
- ☺ Shelter and outhouse maintainers (work with hammer, nails, roofing, wood preservative, and more)
- ☺ Sign makers (work with wood router)
- ☺ Trails & Shelters Chair to coordinate the above and link our work with that of the GMC as a whole (involves some paperwork)
- ☺ Outing leaders (lead hikes, snowshoe hikes, ski tours, bike trips, canoe trips, and more)
- ☺ Outings Committee co-chair (help find people to lead outings; compose the quarterly outing schedule)
- ☺ Publicity people (contact newspapers, radio, and community access TV to let people know about our outings and trail & shelter work; develop a Section brochure)
- ☺ Educators (speak at public meetings about the Section, the GMC, hiking, camping, and the other things we do)

If you are interested in volunteering, please note your interest on your membership renewal form or call me.

Finally, a personal note: I did not know my late father's 1972 resignation letter would appear in the last *Smoke & Blazes*. I respected his reason for quitting, but I disagreed. I joined the Section in 1962 (before he did), I have been a member ever since, and I intend to remain a member. As readers of *Smoke & Blazes* and the *Long Trail News* know, I have opposed the growth of some GMC bureaucracy and vociferously fought some main club initiatives like Uniform Dues. I have lost most of the fights. That is no reason to quit, though. The GMC's overall work is more important than my dissatisfaction with some aspects of that work. I hope those of you who are dissatisfied with some aspect of the GMC will work to change it, not abandon the organization that built and maintains the Long Trail.

Sincerely yours,





Volume 51, Number 1

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

May 1998

Killington Section of the GMC - Annual Meeting

April 4, 1998

By Jean Davies, Secretary

President Herb Ogden opened the meeting after the potluck supper. The Secretary's report was read and accepted. m/s/p Al Pulling/Roma Pulling.

Al Pulling's printed treasurer's report was accepted. m/s/p Jake Sherman/Eric Deutschbein.

The Section President's meeting will be held at the Vermont Law School on April 18. Herb Ogden is going, and will be glad to have other interested members go with him. Herb Ogden and Jake Sherman will attend the GMC May Sections meeting.

Rob and Sue Carey contributed over 20 years of service to the Killington Section, but disagreed so strongly with the uniform dues structure of the GMC, now in place, that they did not renew their membership. Motion: I move a resolution of thanks go to Rob and Sue Carey. m/s/p Madeline Sherman/Roma Pulling.

Trails:

Herb Ogden gave a trails committee report. He would appreciate someone to head up this committee, since he is also president of the Killington Section. Contact him if you are interested.

Before the ice storm, from Route 140 north was in good shape. The Bucklin Trail will not be moved for the present.

The Blue Ridge Cauty Trail was in fine condition. The Forestry Service bought land bordering the Old Turnpike Road (alias Old Elbow Road), and the Cauty Trail may be relocated somewhat to come out on Route 4, if there is the interest in doing so. It can be flagged, but probably clearing action will not take place for a year, anyway.

Pico camp was not jacked up last year since it appeared it

might not survive trail relocation. Dave Hardy, GMC Trail Supervisor, said that there was a slowdown on the Killington development due to protests from a landowner on the Woodward Reservoir. This means that the Pico shelter can remain for now, and can be jacked up if we want.

Hardy reported that they will start cutting this year on the Killington/Pico relocation trail, but the new Pico trail will not open this year. The presence of the Bicknell Thrush holds back work high up on the Pico Trail until late August. The Long Trail Patrol is slated to work on the western Pico route to Route 4. There will be five weeks of volunteer patrol and five of paid patrol plus a couple of weeks of YCC work. The YCC workers stay at Gifford Woods. They will also relocate the Long Trail around the Juggernaut Trail and more.

On the Bear Mountain/Route 140 relocation: The White Rocks Trail will go down the Keewaydin Trail to Sugar Hill Road, put in a bridge over Route 140, and go up Bear Mountain. This trail should open this year. There are still a few places the Long Trail remains in the same location!

Annual Meeting, page 2

From the Editor . . .

I'm sure all of you are eager to get back out on the trails and hats off to all of you who kept hiking through the winter months. This is my first edition as editor of *Smoke & Blazes*, and I hope that I can follow in the footsteps of editors past. I am looking to become more active in the club as I am a fairly new member. My first hike of the season was just a couple of weeks ago, and it felt great to be out on the trails again! However I also saw that many of the trails in our section will need some clean-up after this winter's ice storm. Feel free to call, email or snail mail anytime with thoughts, suggestions and stories.

Kim Armstrong
HC70 Box 112A,
Plymouth, VT 05056
(Day) 802-672-4191
(F) 802-672-4190
kapr@vermontel.com



Annual Meeting, continued from page 1

The 1998 Ice Storm: (by Dave Hardy)

South of Route 4 there are approximately 15 blowdowns above the snow. As the snowmelts, a better idea of the underlying brush will appear.

Route 4 to the Appalachian Gap is the worst area, although most damage is under the snow pack. Chain saws can be dangerous in clearing ice damaged trees.

The GMC plan is to let the sections plan their own work and do what they can. There are around 180 unattached volunteers who Hardy will send out to help sections as needed. Hardy hopes the Long Trail will be all open by July 4.

Kim Armstrong planned to attend the Annual Meeting, but did not appear. She is the new *Smoke & Blazes* editor. Her address is HC70, Box 112A, Plymouth, VT 05056.

Based on Phil Smith's Director's report, Jake Sherman passed out a printout of the Killington Section's views. Eric Deutschbein moved that we adopt Sherman's draft. m/s/p Eric/Roma Pulling.

Sandy Tarbor is the membership and volunteer coordinator for the GMC. She fielded questions from the floor concerning the proposed expansion of GMC headquarters in Waterbury, and the make-up of the staff. She said that there is no GMC plan to go to the membership for money. Money appropriated by the Legislature for the GMC all goes to land projects. She said there were 10 full-time staff with the rest being seasonal. Those include shelter caretaker staff and the LT patrols.

Sue Thomas and Jean Davies went off the Killington Section Board, having served the maximum two terms. Davies took notes for the remainder of the Annual and the Director's meetings.

Nominations for the Killington Section Directors:

Connie Youngstrom by Sue Thomas, 2nd by Roma Pulling
 Jake Sherman by Al Pulling, 2nd by Sue Thomas
 Bob Perkins by Ray Catozzi, 2nd by Al Pulling
 Karen Cartier by Sue Thomas, 2nd by Eric Deutschbein
 I move the nominations be accepted.

m/s/p Madeline Sherman/Jake Sherman.

The election was by ballot with Youngstrom, Sherman and Perkins being elected to the Board.

A Director's Meeting followed: Nominations:

Herb Ogden for President by Jean Davies, 2nd by Al Pulling
 Phil Smith for Vice-President by Al Pulling, 2nd by Jake Sherman

I Pulling for Treasurer by Jake Sherman, 2nd by Bob Perkins
 Jake Sherman for Secretary by Bob Perkins, 2nd by Connie Youngstrom

It was decided that a copy of Sherman's proposal should be sent to Phil and Linda Smith and the secretary of the GMC.

Bob Perkins agreed to serve in the new post of historian. m/s/p Jean Davies/Jake Sherman.

It was suggested that the next *Smoke & Blazes* let members know that we are starting to collect GMC history, in case they have pictures, ledgers and other memorabilia.

The Directors' meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m., followed promptly by the adjournment of the Annual Meeting. m/s/p Bernie Donahue/Al Pulling.

Have You Renewed Your Membership?

Remember *Smoke & Blazes* ends for you with this issue if you have not renewed your membership for 1998. Take a minute to fill out the membership form in this issue to renew today.

In Memory . . .

Arnold G. Bebee Sr.

Arnold Bebee passed away February 16 in Cambridge, New York, at the age of 77. Mr. Bebee was the father of Vivian Bebee Walter, a Killington Section member. Mr. Bebee worked in Bennington for the W.E. Daily co. and served as town clear and lister in Rupert. REP

Cornelia Mould Baker

Cornelia "Corky" Baker, of Forestdale, passed away recently. She was a former member of the Killington Section, known then as Corky Wilbur. She was the daughter of Fred Mould, who was a Sterling Section member and tireless worker on the Long Trail. Moulds Lodge, on the site of the present Beaver Meadow Lodge, was named for him. REP

Wanted: GMC Memorabilia

Have you been collecting old pictures, ledgers and other memorabilia about the Long Trail and the Killington Section? We will begin to collect these items to start a GMC history archive.

If you have items you would like to donate, please call Bob Perkins at 773-0184.

Excursion Reports . . .

Three Dog Hike

October 1997

by Sue Thomas, leader

Having encountered an unusually belligerent porcupine on a previous trip to Moscow Pond, I was a little uneasy about the three dogs who enthusiastically joined us from an October hike. The 20 people were none too pleased to hear about it either. Luckily I'd waited to warn them till we were on our way so there was no escape for them. We took a trail built by the YCC (Youth Conservation Corps.) that connects Half Moon State Park with Bomoseen, by way of Moscow and Said Ponds, an area rich in wildlife, mostly harmless though we kept an eye out for "Spiney Norman" as I have named my attacker.

We had lunch on the rocks surrounding Moscow Pond and explored a newly flooded beaver pond where many trees had been chewed and removed. Perhaps we could enlist their help in clearing the ice storm damage on the Long Trail!

Our next stop was an overlook above Glen Lake, then the trail winds down and circles the lake, coming out on several points jutting into the waters, very scenic. All made it back un-spined and happy.

Quarterline Road

January 31, 1998

By Roma Pulling, leader

If you thought that the January 21 hike was to be crosslots to our house for a fireplace party, you were right. We devoted quite a bit of time to finding a route that would avoid the swamp because it had failed to freeze, but a few days before the 31st it became clear that even a bypass of the swamp wouldn't be satisfactory. We had several inches of snow on the ground with a thick crust, which broke with every step. An alternate route had to be found, as provided in the schedule.

Years ago Harold Rogers used to lead winter hikes on the Quarterline Road in Rutland Town, and we decided to go there again. Parking near where the paved road turned to dirt, we started walking. Immediately off to our left we had a lovely view of the Green Mountains in the distance. Soon the road forested on both sides until it crossed through fields further on. We walked until the road intersected a paved one, at which point we turned back. The weather was sunny and perfect for a winter hike, although the day had started out cloudy. We saw turkey tracks beside the road. One jeep passed us.

Elbow Road, Mendon

February 7, 1998

by Herb Ogden, leader

Which road between Shrewsbury and Duxbury crosses the Green Mountains at the lowest elevation? Which one has its highest point somewhere other than where it crosses the east-west watershed? I think the answer to both is the Old Turnpike Road from Mendon to North Sherburne. It crosses the watershed (and the Long Trail) at The Elbow, elevation 1951'. It reaches its highest point, about 2020', over one mile west of there. That's atop the first rise in the unmaintained part the road as one heads east from the snowmobile trailhead. It's near the old kiln that shows on the 1869 *Beers Atlas of Rutland County*.

Another interesting fact about the Old Turnpike Road, otherwise known as the Elbow Road, is that it used to be the main crossing of the mountains between Brandon Gap and Shrewsbury, after the Green Road (which crossed near North Pond in Chittenden) fell into disuse. After the 1927 flood, it was supplanted as the mail route by the road over Sherburne Pass, now US 4. For more information on the Old Turnpike Road, the Green Road, and other abandoned parts of Rutland County, see Faye Smith Moulton's *Adventuring Into Vermont's Past*, printed by Academy Books in 1990.

Ready to explore this road on a bright but cold morning were nine Killington Section members and guests. We left the cars at the Mendon snowmobile trailhead. The snowshoes that most of had brought were unnecessary. Even after the main snowmobile route diverged to the Wildcat Road, enough machines had traveled the route to pack it down and provide solid footing. The one skier did make some use of her skis, though she wisely took them off on the descent toward North Sherburne. We met one other skier, one other walker, and one snowmobile. Someone had skied north on the woodroad from The Elbow and one person had walked south on the LT. That was it for people tracks. We also saw the tracks of a bobcat, a moose, and a small deer descending into North Sherburne. East of The Elbow, we noticed considerable damage from the January ice storm. Many trees had no tops, and some of the tops had ended up in the old road. Luckily, all had been cleared away before we got there.

Going west to east, the first point of interest is the old kiln just below the road. To judge from the 1940 LT guidebook, the old Hellebore Trail from Blue Ridge to Willard Gap crossed somewhere around here. At the foot of the kiln's hill, on the south side of the road, is an old foundation.

Elbow Road, continued on page 4

Trail Excursions, continued from page 3

After passing a camp on the right, descending a hill, and passing two big camps (houses, really) on the left, the part of the road that is passable in summer ends. We descended to the first of the beaver ponds, passing another foundation on the right. At the Wildcat Road junction, we marveled at the marks left by someone who had apparently driven up the snowmobile trail on the Wildcat Road and gotten stuck when all four tires broke through the crust. The snowmobiler told us a tow truck had come and pulled it out. We wended our way along the edge of a beaver pond that covered the road long ago, ascended past what appeared to be an old dam, crossed an active beaver pond on a little causeway, and climbed gently up The Elbow. Because it wasn't even lunch time yet, we descended to the first house on the Sherburne side. Though a surveying quirk it is in Mendon, however. We admired the old house in its snug valley, then, shedding some layers as the day warmed up, retraced our tracks uphill to lunch at The Elbow.

Mt. Moosalamoo**February 21, 1998***By Gordon and Helen Cawood, leaders*

Twelve hikers and dog Cuckoo assaulted Mt. Moosalamoo from Keewaydin Camp on Route 53, Salisbury. We followed the Summit Road to Keewaydin Trail to Oak Ridge Trail to the summit; in all, a 2,000 foot elevation gain. There were spring conditions (no snow, a lot of mud) at the foot and winter conditions (6" + snow) at the summit.

Snowshoes were not necessary but might have been helpful near the top if it had been worth carrying them all that distance. The Summit Road is well marked with blue blazes and easily followed to the point where the Campsite Trail goes off to the north. Beyond that, the Summit Road and Keewaydin Trails are poorly marked and maintained. They might present a problem for anybody who is either not familiar with the area or unused to following obscure trails. We had lunch on the summit and enjoyed an excellent view of the inside of a fog bank. Most of the group retraced steps smartly. However, a few of us took advantage of another viewpoint on the Overcliff Trail to check on scenery to the west, including Lakes Dunmore and Champlain.

Thank you for coming, Mike and Ginger Fiskio, and Jack Burbank (Breadloafers), Sue Thomas, Herb Ogden and Jerry Parker (Killingtoners), and Joe Menoff, Michael O'Neill, Patrice Clark and Susan Mulholland. We enjoyed your company.

Chittenden Brook Ski Trail**February 28, 1998***by Herb Ogden, leader*

Who would have thought that we would need to find a

shady place to have lunch on a winter outing? Not only was this a brilliantly blue and beautiful day, but it was downright warm! Fortunately there was plenty of new snow, so the lone skier (the leader) and a half-dozen or so snowshoers were not disappointed.

The gate just up from the Brandon Gap Road was closed, as it usually is in winter, so we began our tour there. Leaving the Forest Service road at the summer trailhead, we followed Chittenden Brook on the old woodroad that doubles as the summer and winter trail. The icicles on the ledges overhanging the trail had grown huge, and this part of the trail was especially pretty. We followed recent tracks as far as the pretty beaver pond. Beyond that, no one had ventured since the previous week's snowstorm, but the going wasn't bad in about two feet of snow. Some of the downhill in wet, heavy snow taxed the meager skill of the skier, but he only ended up in one embarrassing position. He made up for this by greatly outdistancing the snowshoers on the downhill leg of the ski trail circle. The only other problem was encountered by the only dog, who cut his paws on some crusty spots but didn't seem to mind much. There was only very slight damage from the January ice storm.

About the only wildlife noted were chickadees and a woodpecker. Despite the warmth of the day, there were almost no animal tracks. Maybe they had been out earlier in the morning before the thin crust melted and thus left no tracks.

Killington Section Board of Directors Meeting*By Jean Davies, Secretary*

The March 10, 1998 board meeting was held at Herb Ogden's home with the following present: President Herb Ogden, Jake Sherman, Ray Catozzi, Sue Thomas, Treasurer Alfred Pulling, Sue Carey, and Secretary Jean Davies.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after correcting the dates. m/s/p Sue Carey, Al Pulling. Killington Section members pay their dues to Al Pulling, treasurer, who forwards the amount owed to the main club.

With the new dues system, the status of 30-year members who automatically became life-members, is cloudy. The following are exempt from paying dues as 30-year members: Raymond Catozzi, Rachael Charland, Ellen B. Russell, W. Churchill Scott, Ira/Lorraine Hawley, John/Janet Martin, Robert/Thelma Perkins.

Board Meeting, page 5

Board Meeting, continued from page 4

Life members are: Herbert/Hannah Ogden, Catherine Thomas, Gerald Parker, Joan Sibley, and David Wright. To date, the higher dues have not had an apparent effect on the Killington Section membership. Motion: Anyone who was a member for 30 years at the time the GMC main club credited them as being a life members should be considered a life member for the Killington Section as of December 31, 1997. m/s/p Sue Thomas, Jean Davies. Motion: To establish the status of George Reynolds. He should be on the above list. m/s/p unanimously. Al Pulling, Sue Thomas.

Ray Catozzi will remain on the board until his term expires in 1999. Sue Carey resigned. Motion: I move to replace Sue Carey with Jake Sherman. m/s/p unanimously. Sue Thomas, Ray Catozzi. A discussion followed on filling other upcoming vacancies.

Membership. There were 34 members of the Killington Section at this time in 1997. As of March 1, 1998 there are 52 members, although some are families. There are many new people.

Finances. The cost of getting out *Smoke & Blazes* including stamps runs around \$80 to \$90 per issue. Finances seem stable for 1998 at this time. Motion: Phil Smith should urge the GMC directors to investigate ways people can belong to two sections without paying double dues. m/s/p Al Pulling, Ray Catozzi.

The Board went on record as thanking Sue Carey, Sue Thomas, Jean Davies, and Ray Catozzi for their service on the board, and Rob Carey for his hard work as editor of *Smoke & Blazes*.

Vice President Phil Smith sent his report for the Killington Section. It appears that less traffic will be around Pico this year. The blasting that hikers complained of last year was for the pipeline (probably snowmaking and sewage). Phil is a GMC Director. The GMC Annual Meeting will be held June 13. The GMC directors are considering a proposal for three expansion phases, including a staff of 30. Our board wondered if we wanted more paid staff in a volunteer organization. The initial GMC plan was for a big push to pay the mortgage on the new headquarters, then put energy back into the trails. Jake Sherman will write up our concerns for the Annual Meeting.

Governor Clement Road

Discussion of Gov. Clement Road landowner contracts dealt with the question of "throwing up" the road and installing a gate during the hiking season. This would allow landowners to unlock it, but keep out the problem pickup trucks. The snowmobilers are using it responsibly in the winter.

Jerry Parker contacted some landowners who seemed satisfied with the idea. Herb planned to contact others.

Dave Hardy is GMC's Southern Coordinator. He hopes to develop a new Pico trail this summer. Discussion: whether help from other Sections should be accepted. The Killington Section has always maintained the old trail. We don't have a signed agreement with the main club about contacting us and working through us on trail maintenance to agree on changes and work crews.

There are plans to avoid the Juggernaut ski trail. The GMC would like our help on a two thirds mile stretch involved with the relocation of the main trail and the Appalachian Trail. It is flagged. Gary Salmon may have his crew working on it this summer. If asked, Killington Section should help with work parties.

Cooper Lodge is the responsibility of the main club. Ruth Cooper Lamb sent a card regarding its future and the interest of the Cooper family in it. She wrote, "If the current Cooper Lodge is to be maintained, the ski area needs to agree to oversee its winter use. If that can't be worked out, we urge abandoning it and rebuilding a lodge or lean-to somewhere . . ." The family would support a new building serving Pico and Killington which would retain the Cooper name in memory of her grandfather. Motion: We encourage the ski area to do more on the upkeep of Cooper Lodge. m/s/p Jake Sherman, Al Pulling.

Herb noted our Section By-laws need revision. Since all members can vote, the last sentence in Article 2 saying they shall be at least 18 years old should be deleted. And Article 14 should be deleted on account of uniform dues. Other items will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

Trails: Ice damage trail work may take precedence over helping the GMC with new trail work between Route 140 and Button Hill. An exemption will be needed to use power tools in the National Forest. We should keep our eyes open for ice damage on the trails and report the location.

The U.S. Forestry Service is thinking of making some changes on the Cauty Trail on Blue Ridge. Herb will look into it. Discussion on the meeting place and parking problem for Killington Section hikes remains unresolved. Burlington's guidelines on Difficulty Ratings as guidelines for our hikes should be used in the outing schedule. The new GMC trip leader guidelines booklet will be lent to new hike leaders. Sue Thomas will continue work on a form for new members. Phil Smith and Jean Davies will pursue the ideas of Fox Room programs at the Rutland Library. Jake Sherman will talk with Jim Davidson of the Rutland Historical Society about possible storage of Killington Section archives.

Volunteers Step Forward; More Needed!

by Herb Ogden, Trails & Shelters Committee Chair

I am happy to report a substantial response to this year's plea for volunteers. We have a new editor for *Smoke & Blazes*. She is Kim Armstrong, a Plymouth resident who owns her own public relations business. Nine other people volunteered for the following (the total is more than nine because some were willing to do more than one thing): Trail work (9), Shelter work (6), Signmaking (3), and Publications (1).

Unfortunately, no one volunteered to lead outings or help with public education. Nobody stepped forward at the Section Annual Meeting, either. Bob Perkins, a new member of our board, did agree to become Section Historian, however.

If you haven't signed up for trail or shelter work but want to help in that department, just show up for a work party, or, if the work parties don't mesh with your schedule, call me at 775-1350 (evenings) or 775-3368 (days) and I will put you to work. If you are interested in other work for the Section, please call. We especially need someone to coordinate trail and shelter work in my stead. We are the only Section where the President is also the Trails & Shelters Chair, and I would like that distinction to end as soon as possible.

Killington Section Green Mountain Club Outing Schedule Late Spring/Summer/Early Fall 1998

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown.
Participants should bring lunch unless noted. **Non-members are welcome!**

Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

May 23, Saturday: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 9 a.m.

Lower Walk-Thru. Join us for our spring clean up on the Long Trail from Rt. 140 in Wallingford to Gov. Clement Shelter. Tools provided or bring your own.

May 30, Saturday (raindate May 31): Leader Ray Catozzi, 773-3006, 8:30 a.m.

Appalachian Trail, Massachusetts. Wildflower loop hike from Blackinton, Mass. and down the Pine Cobble Trail to Williamstown. 4.6 miles easy to moderate, a few short steep pitches. Hopefully we'll see dogwood, mountain pinks, mountain laurel and lady slippers.

June 6, Saturday: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 9 a.m.

National Trails Day. Spring cleanup from Gov. Clement Shelter to Sherburne Pass. Tools provided or bring your own. Help us get the Long Trail in shape for summer hiking.

June 13, Saturday: Leaders Gordon & Helen Cawood, 352-4310, 8:30 a.m. in Middlebury or 9:30 a.m. at the trailhead

Hurricane Mountain, Adirondacks. Joint hike with Breadloaf Section. A steep hike to an open summit with a firetower and exceptional views. 6 miles moderate. Call for details.

June 21, Sunday: Leaders Bill MacDonald, (603) 448-6434 or Eric Deutchbein, (802) 875-1216

Canoe the Connecticut River. Wilder Dam. Joint with Ottaquechee Section. 15 miles from Wilder Dam to the Windsor Bridge.

June 27, Saturday: Leader Kit Davidson, 273-2982, 9 a.m.

Falls of Lana, Salisbury. Climb to a spectacular cascading falls near Lake Dunmore, option to continue on to Silver Lake. 3-6 miles moderate, with some steep climbing.

July 5, Sunday: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 10 a.m.

Work Party. We'll be working on any unfinished projects in the Killington area. Tools provided.

July 11, Saturday: Leader Eric Deutchbein, 875-1216, Meet in Rutland at 9:30 a.m. or behind the Equinox Hotel at 10 a.m.

Mt. Equinox, Manchester. Up the steep Burr & Burton Trail to a spectacular summit, and down the Beartown Notch Trail. Come for a day hike or bring a tent and camp overnight, option to join Sunday's work party. 5-6 miles difficult.

July 12, Sunday: Leader Eric Deutchbein, 875-1216, 9 a.m. behind the Equinox Hotel, Manchester Village

Mt. Equinox Work Party. Join the Friends of Equinox Preservation Trust doing maintenance on the Burr & Burton Trail.

July 18, Saturday: Leader Ruth Hare, afternoons 747-7542, evenings after 7, 747-6133, 9 a.m.

Bicycle Trip, Rutland. 20-25 miles in the Rutland area, moderate pace.

July 25, Saturday: Leader Carol Hignite, 860-1530, Meet in Rutland at 10 a.m. or at the dam at 10:30 a.m.

Canoe Chittenden Reservoir, Chittenden. Joint trip with the Burlington Section. A leisurely paddle around a scenic lake, home to moose and loons.

August 1, Saturday: Leader Kit Davidson, 273-2982, 1 p.m.

Taconic Ramble. Spend an afternoon exploring a unique property with varying terrain, from a waterfall to rocky cliffs and a Japanese garden. Followed by refreshments with a spectacular view.

August 2, Sunday: Leader Eric Deutchbein, 875-1216

Tubing the Sacandaga River, New York State. Approximate fee \$20, call one week in advance for details.

August 8, Saturday: Leader Jerry Parker, 775-6208, 6 p.m.

Moonlight Hike, Shrewsbury. A full-moon ramble through the woods in Shrewsbury. 4 miles easy.

August 15, Saturday (raindate August 16): Leader Sue Thomas, 773-2185, 8:30 a.m.

Mt. Abraham, Lincoln. Via the Battell Trail and down the Long Trail to Lincoln Gap. Beautiful views from one of Vermont's three alpine tundras. 6 miles difficult.

August 22, Saturday: Leader Karen Cartier, 773-3509, 8:30 a.m.

Mt. Ellen. Up the Long Trail from Rt. 17 to the summit and down the Jerusalem Trail. 9.6 miles difficult.

August 26, Wednesday: Leader Sue Thomas, 773-2185, 7 p.m.

Scheduling Meeting. Come help us plan our upcoming hike schedule.

August 29, Saturday: Leader Channing Bickford, 773-1794, 10 a.m.

Old Turnpike Road, Mendon. See the remains of an old kiln and a beaver pond. 3 miles easy.

September 13, Sunday: Leaders Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997, 9 a.m.

Homer Stone Brook Trail, Mt. Tabor. Up the Homer Stone Brook Trail to scenic Little Rock Pond and out via the Long Trail to Big Branch. 4 1/2 miles moderate.

September 19, Saturday: Leader Jerry Parker, 775-6208, 10 a.m.

Shrewsbury Cemetery, Shrewsbury. Explore an old cemetery and mill site on the Cold River with interesting sights along the way. 3-4 miles easy -moderate.

September 26, Saturday (raindate September 27): Leader Sue Thomas, 773-2185, 8:30 a.m.

Sleeping Beauty Mt. & Fishbrook Pond, Lake George. Great views of the Adirondacks and the lake from open ledges, and a side trip to a remote pond. 7.8 miles, moderate.

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section, a chapter of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4, plus side trails) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES

Individual \$ 27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*

Family \$ 35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*

Individual Lifetime \$500 (entirely tax-deductible)

Family Lifetime \$750 (entirely tax-deductible)

* People who volunteer substantial time for the Section or the G.M.C., or whose income is unusually low, may deduct \$7 from dues.

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. As required by the G.M.C., the Killington Section retains 20% of annual dues and passes the rest on to the central Green Mt. Club. All Section members are also members of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

I/We would like information about volunteering for the following activities (circle your choices): trail work, shelter work, signmaking, publications, leading outings, publicity, education, other: _____.

I/We also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Please make checks payable to Killington Section, G.M.C.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland VT 05701



Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Thelma Perkins
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701-3772





Smoke & Blazes

Volume 51, Number 2

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

September 1998

Lowland Walk-Through

May 23, 1998

By Herb Ogden, leader

An unusually good turnout of volunteers allowed us to check all the Long Trail from Wallingford Gulf almost to Consultation Point (north of Gov. Clement Shelter) and fix most of the problems we found. For the first time in years, we also freshened up some of the trail blazes during a walk-through. We left this part of the LT in good to excellent condition.

Remaining tasks include improving the signage and blazing so hikers won't miss Minerva Hinchey Shelter and Clarendon Shelter, moving the full privy at the latter, adding stepping stones in the cow pasture south of the Lottery Road in Shrewsbury, rerouting a short stretch near Hermit Spring, fixing wet spots on both sides of the Keiffer Road, adding waterbars to the ascents between the Cold River Roads, repairing steps on a hill south of Gov. Clement Shelter, and repainting numerous blazes. Please contact Trails & Shelters Chair Herb Ogden (home phone 775-1350) if you are interested in any of these projects.

Highland Walk-Through

June 6, 1998

By Herb Ogden, leader

Earlier in the spring, we had visions of spending days clearing trails that the Vermont state authorities and the Appalachian Trail Conference had told us were severely damaged in the January ice storm. As it turned out, however, the tales of ice damage were greatly exaggerated, and we had a very successful bunch of work parties on National Trails Day.

Some of us, including Bill Robichaud and Jerry Parker, got a head start on the annual inspection of the Long Trail in the Coolidge Range during May. Also, three volunteers with chainsaws from the Killington Ski Area cleared all the bigger blowdowns from Cooper Lodge to Sherburne Pass. When the date for the Walk-Through rolled around, most of the Bucklin Trail and the LT north of Cooper Lodge were already done. We had enough people to form three good-sized work parties. One, led by Greg Western

from the Waterbury office, went from Cooper Lodge to Consultation Point, thoroughly clearing the trail and cleaning waterbars, some of which had been neglected for years. One, led by Bob Perkins, finished trimming the trail from Cooper Lodge to Sherburne Pass and freshened up the blazes between Cooper and Pico. One, led by Herb Ogden, ventured outside the Killington Section's usual area and tackled the north end of the Shrewsbury Peak Trail. This is nominally maintained by Farm & Wilderness Camps, but it looked like the ice storm damage south of Shrewsbury Peak would keep them busy for some time, so we decided to help out. The part of the Shrewsbury Peak Trail we worked on has seen little or no maintenance since at least 1986 and was so grown-in that walking parts of it was like swimming through spruce. We cleared it to GMC standards south to a point about ¼ mile south of the gap between Little Killington and Shrewsbury Peaks. The trail up in the saddle leading to the south peak had some old blowdowns but was nowhere near as bad as the trail from Shrewsbury Peak Jct. down to the gap.

Remaining tasks on this part of the LT include adding puncheon or stepping stones in wet areas about 1 mile north of Gov. Clement Shelter and about 1 mile south of Pico Camp, moving the Pico privy to a new hole because the old one is nearly full, adding still more waterbars, and repainting the blazes from Cooper Lodge south to Gov. Clement Shelter. Please contact Trails & Shelters Chair Herb Ogden (home phone 775-1350) if you are interested in any of these projects.

From the Editor . . .

Please send me fun stuff about your hikes! I need to hear from you!

Send hike reports and other interesting info to:

Kim Armstrong
HC70 Box 112A,
Plymouth, VT 05056
(Day) 802-672-4191
(F) 802-672-4190



On this Walk-Through, we had help from not only our own volunteers but also from a dozen people that the Eastern Mountain Sports store in Lebanon, New Hampshire had recruited for National Trails Day. Many thanks to EMS Assistant Manager Greg Greene, of Bridgewater, for providing the majority of our work force this day. Thanks also to Killington, Ltd. not only for its volunteers but also for giving our work party free passage on the new Killington Gondola and a free barbecue after work was done.

Connecticut Canoe

June 21, 1998

By Eric Deutschbein, leader

Though only four people from the section attended, this trip with the Ottaquechee section was certainly well worth the effort. Our two boats were joined by seven from the Ottaquechee gang, and after vehicles were shifted and equipment accounted for, we set off from the base of Wilder Dam.

The river was up some, but a glance at the bank showed that it had very recently been two to three feet higher. The current was quite strong, though not nearly dangerous. In fact, this made paddling much easier and we finished the trip at least an hour quicker than would normally be expected. We were also able to float with impunity over gravel bars that would normally require either fancy maneuvering or canoe dragging (with consequent wet toes).

Below White River Junction we passed through some minor rapids, and went past a couple of small islands. The sun had broken forth just as we had started down-river and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. There was not a lot of wildlife to be seen, some ducks of course and a hawk or two. I don't even recall seeing a turkey vulture, which is odd, as I have seen many who seem very fond of the Connecticut on past canoe trips.

We stopped for lunch and a swim at Sumner Falls, which is actually just rapids. A kayaker was playing on the waves, but we all chose the better part of valor. After the "falls," the river widens somewhat and the current is correspondingly a bit slower, but we still made good time to the take-out point, just above the Windsor covered bridge on the New Hampshire side.

Getting all the boats on the vehicles was somewhat of an adventure, mostly due to the exceptionally slimy mud on the riverbank. But of course we somehow managed, and our adventure came to a close. Many thanks to Mary Ellen, Doug and Marta for attending, as well as the members of the Ottaquechee section. A special

thanks is due to Doug, who stayed up half the night before the trip devising a method to transport his canoe on a different truck, as his had died the day before!

Hurricane Mountain, Adirondacks - Joint Bread Loaf/Killington Hike

June 13, 1998

By Gordon and Helen Cawood, leaders

Trip was cancelled due to a forecast of rain and thunderstorms. We had only one disappointed caller, Mary Ellen Zisis (Killington). No one showed up at the scheduled meeting place. P.S. Sue Thomas (Killington) was in Adirondack Loj at the time. She reports that the weather was so bad she could not go hiking that day.

Canty Trail Work Party

July 5 1998

By Herb Ogden, leader

This work day was originally scheduled to take care of any remaining ice storm damage on the Killington Section, but that was all done a month or more before. This gave us the luxury of sending a full-fledged work party all the way to the top of Blue Ridge Mountain for the first time since the Killington Section formally took over maintenance of this trail from the late Craigie Perkins about ten years ago.

Most of our time was spent digging silt out of old water-bars and adding new ones. There had been few above the falls that are two-thirds of the way up the trail. We also cleared a half-dozen blowdowns, trimmed brush, and mowed a considerable stretch of the old logging road just south of the U. S. Forest Service boundary. Finally, we spent a lot of time sawing off the ugly, high tree stumps that had been left at the summit and hauling the brush off into the woods. The trail also has a new register just north of Tall Timbers Camp. My late father made it about thirty years ago, and I thought it was about time to put it to good use.

Tasks remaining include repainting the blazes, adding puncheon or stepping stones in wet places in the first half mile, and scouting a switchbacked reroute between the U. S. Forest Service boundary and the falls so as to avoid a very steep and eroded stretch. Please contact Trails & Shelters Chair Herb Ogden (home phone 775-1350) if you are interested in any of these projects.

Mount Equinox (Hike & Camp)

July 11, 1998

By Eric Deutschbein, leader

The weather for this trip was quite questionable, perhaps accounting for the miserable turnout. Though the forecast said warm and sunny, the undeniable reality was cloudy and on the coolish side. Only Sue Thomas and Mary Ellen Zizis joined me for the hike up, and Sue returned to Rutland leaving only two to camp.

The climb up the steep Burr and Burton (or "Blue") Trail was, as always, a stern test for even the most fit. We kept a steady pace though, and stopped only briefly on the way, once at the Upper Spring, which unfortunately has suffered from the intervention of mankind and now sports a huge PVC pipe where it comes out of the mountain.

We found the weather at the top to be windy, cold and clammy, but the excellent view and close proximity of a hot dog vendor on the porch of the Equinox Hotel was enough to make us hang around for lunch. We were treated to the unique sight of a miniature rain squall working its way along the back side of a nearby ridge and right up to our location, but it was such a light shower that I had to insist that it really had not rained at all.

We descended the mountain via the Bear Town (or "Ridge") Trail, which is one of my favorite trails anywhere. Much of it is the actual ridge of the north side of the mountain, and you have some views to both sides, blocked only by the trees. After a couple of miles we came out on a truck trail and returned the last mile to the "civilized" part of Bear Town Road.

Sue then departed, and Mary Ellen and I loaded our gear into my truck and set off for a camping spot I had spotted on the way down. We cleared off two small spots on an overgrown log trail to set up our tents, and gathered some of the dead limbs around us for a fire. Most of the wood was of poor quality (being softwoods tossed aside by loggers), but a section of perfectly seasoned beech saved the day and cooked Mary Ellen's "campfire stew" just fine (you really have to try this stuff!).

We went to sleep as soon as the sun did, with vague hopes of a possible moonlight hike down the truck trail in the backs of our minds. Though the moon was near full, it was riding low in the sky (being a waning moon, two days past full) and the desired illumination just wasn't there, with the mountain itself cutting off much of the light.

The scheduled work party with the Equinox Preservation Trust for Sunday had been canceled (by them) on short notice, so after a hearty breakfast at Mrs. Murphy's Donuts, we took a stroll up to Lye Brook Falls. This is a relatively short hike to a very tall, "staggered" falls in a steep ravine. The weather on Sunday was also considerably brighter, and it was a good end to the weekend.

Little Rock Pond

September 13, 1998

By Roma Pulling, leader

Little Rock being one of the most popular destinations on the Long Trail, it wasn't surprising that we were part of a very large group there on the day of our hike. I counted thirty hikers and then gave up. Alfred and I later estimated there must have been at least fifty in the area. Some were Middlebury College freshman on an orientation outing.

In the morning when we met five other people at the park, the skies were cloudy. Happily, it soon cleared off and was a beautiful, sunny day, perfect for hiking. We drove in three cars to South Wallingford, where three hikers got out and waited while the three drivers left to spot two cars at Big Branch parking area in Mt. Tabor, where we planned to end our hike.

When the drivers returned in one car, we were waiting at the Little Red Schoolhouse, which provides a parking area for hikers. This is the beginning of the Homer Stone Brook Trail, an alternate route to the pond. It proved to be a good choice because we met no other hikers and enjoyed having it to ourselves.

On reaching the pond and threading our way through the groups of people, we sat at the edge of the pond near the tenting area and ate our lunch. One hiker even went in swimming, but this late in the summer it wasn't a popular activity. After a leisurely break, we made our way south from the pond to the Big Branch area and our cars.

REPORT OF THE KILLINGTON SECTION TO THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB 1998 ANNUAL MEETING

The Killington Section maintains the Long Trail from Wallingford Gulf (Vt. 140) north to Sherburne Pass (U.S. 4), the Killington Spur Trail, the Bucklin Trail, and the Pico Link Trail. We also maintain the Cauty Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain, which is no longer part of the Long Trail System. This amounts to 21.6 miles of Long

Trail and 6.4 miles of side trails. Although most of the shelters in our section have good adopters, the Section as a whole has also worked on structures as needed.

We usually have three or four work parties per year. In the last six years, at least 81 people (not including staff) have participated in at least one, and we have registered at least 151 days of volunteer labor. Since November 1992, some people have participated in sixteen or more work parties. In the last year, we had three work parties and 24 new volunteers. Many of them came to us through a National Trails Day promotion by the Eastern Mountain Sports store in Lebanon, N.H. Through this EMS store, the GMC is also receiving \$1,000. It will probably be used for puncheon on a long boggy stretch in the Killington-Pico saddle.

Aside from our primary mission of maintaining trails and shelters, we promote outdoor involvement and education by offering about one activity per week. Most are day hikes, but we also offer an overnight, some ski tours, a few bicycle and canoe trips, a Fall Potluck, and the April Annual Meeting. We try to reduce use of the Long Trail by scheduling most outings elsewhere, often on trails or old roads known only to the outing leader. The most-attended event this year was the Eighth Annual Taconics Ramble, which drew at least 27 people to Kit Davidson's Japanese gardens and craggy trails in Hubbardton. Our Annual Meeting drew 22, and our Coolidge Range work party (helped mightily by EMS) drew a record 19 for a work party. In the last year, we had 40 outings, attended by about 391 people.

Challenges for the coming year include moving or replacing Pico Camp (which is to be under a new ski lift), working with Cooper Lodge's adopters to avoid its demolition, finding some way to hinder vehicles from reaching Gov. Clement Shelter without antagonizing nearby landowners, updating our trail signs, helping with three major relocations, and recruiting new members to replace those (including two of the last three Section Presidents) who quit rather than pay Uniform Dues.

The Section is run by a nine member Board of Directors limited to two consecutive three year terms. We are having difficulty attracting people for the harder jobs such as Trails and Shelters Chair, especially because people do not want to deal with paperwork. We did, however, just have the first contested election for a Board seat in at least the last dozen years. We also finally have a Section Historian who is preserving our records and wonderful old photographs.

At its Annual Meeting, the Section overwhelmingly resolved that it "views with concern the rapid growth and expansion of GMC headquarters in Waterbury," especially the proposal to spend \$300,000 to \$450,000 for what would essentially be a new headquarters. The resolution said "the other concern involves the rapid growth

of the headquarters staff." At the Section Presidents' Meeting and through its representatives on the Sections Committee, we have cautioned against asking our members and donors for too much. We have urged the GMC leadership to consider proposed new staff positions in light of whether the Sections and other volunteers can do what the new staffer is supposed to do, and whether the new staffer's proposed job is essential to the GMC.

I am pleased to see that the new GMC President is more attentive to the needs and wishes of the Sections, and much more respectful of their feelings, than his three immediate predecessors. I think he is ushering in a new era of cooperation and understanding between the club leadership and the Sections. I hope the GMC Board of Directors supports this improvement.

Rutland, 11 June 1998
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
President, Killington Section

VOLUNTEERS FOR PEACE IMPROVE LOCAL TRAILS

By Herb Ogden

As they have for several years, the Volunteers for Peace gave us two days of their time for trail projects. Their first day was 3 August. Led by Herb Ogden, they tackled the Deer Leap Trail from near Willard Gap to Little Deer Leap. While this trail had been cleared enough so that it could be followed despite the horrible January ice storm damage, much clearing remained to be done. Ten young volunteers from Belgium, England, France, Greece, Japan, Philadelphia (no, this is not a mistake) and Scotland spent five hours bringing this trail up to GMC standards, sawing and trimming countless limbs that had fallen into or bent over the trail in the ice storm. They also cleared out many waterbars both on the above stretch of trail and also from Little Deer Leap to Maine Junction.

On their second day, 4 August, the volunteers were led by Bob Perkins. They opened an approximately .1 mile relocation of the LT around Hermit Spring, which had been a "footbath" in the wilderness" even in summer. They also worked on wet areas on both sides of the Lottery Road.

This year's volunteers were unusually friendly and capable, and it was a pleasure working with them.

Killington Section Green Mountain Club Outing Schedule Fall/Winter 1998-99

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown.
Participants should bring lunch unless noted. **Non-members are welcome!**

Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

September 26, Saturday (raindate September 27): Leader Sue Thomas, 773-2185, 8:30 a.m.

Sleeping Beauty Mt. & Fishbrook Pond, Lake George. Great views of the Adirondacks and the lake from open ledges, and a side trip to a remote pond. 7.8 miles, moderate.

Sunday, October 4: Leaders Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997, 9 a.m.

Snake Mountain Addison. Beautiful views from the summit, 4 miles moderate.

Saturday, October 10: Leader Sue Thomas, 773-2185, 9:30 a.m.

Silver Lake via Chandler Ridge Trail - Goshen. A pretty trail along a ridge overlooking Lake Dunmore, 8 1/2 miles, moderate.

Saturday, October 17: Leader Gretchen Crowley, 459-0018,

Kid's Hike. A mystery hike especially for kids. Approximately 3 miles, easy.

Sunday, October 18: Leader Mary Ellen Zizis, 773-2194, 10 a.m.

Fall Bike Trip. Approximately 20 miles.

Sunday, October 25: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 1 p.m.

Bridgewater Goldmines. Explore a series of caves and excavations where gold diggers once mined in Vermont. 2 miles, moderate.

Sunday, November 8: Leader Gretchen Crowley, 459-0018, 10 a.m.

Mystery Hike. 4-5 miles, moderate.

Friday, November 13 - Sunday, November 15: Leader Sue Thomas, 773-2185.

Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center - Mystic, Conn. Native American museum with life-size dioramas, artifacts, films on the history of the Northeast woodland tribes, 16th century village and 1780 farmstead. Possible trip to Mystic Seaport or aquarium. Admission charge and motel. Please call by Oct. 15 so we can make reservations.

Saturday, November 21: Leader Linda Smith, 265-4493, 5:30 p.m.

Annual Pot Luck Dinner and Slide Program. At the Econolodge on Rt. 4 in Mendon. Bring your own place setting and a dish to share.

Sunday, December 6: Leader Bob Perkins, 773-0184, 10 a.m.

Pine Hill/Rocky Pond. Rutland, 3 miles, moderate.

Saturday, December 12: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 9 a.m.

Backwoods of Bridgewater. Hike or snowshoe (dependent on conditions). Visit old cemeteries and cellarhouse with some nice views. 6 miles, moderate.

Sunday, January 10: Leader Jerry Parker, 9 a.m.

Mystery Hike or Snowshoe. (Dependant on conditions.) 5 miles, moderate.

Sunday, January 17: Leader Jean Davies, 488-6623, 1 p.m.

Cross Country Ski the Pittsford Trails. Explore Pittsford's new trails system, mileage variable.

WANT TO LEAD A HIKE?

Our next schedule will include mid-January - mid-April. Please call Linda Smith, the outings committee chair, by December 15 to guaranteed a spot on our schedule. 265-4493.

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 51, Number 3

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

December 1998

Killington Section, GMC, Director's Meeting October 27, 1998, 7 p.m.

The meeting was held at the home of Pres. Herb Ogden with the following present: Herb Ogden, Ray Catozzi, Bob Perkins, Al Pulling, Bill Robichaud, Phil Smith, Linda Smith, Ruth Gibbud, Connie Youngstrom, and Jake Sherman.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of both the March 10, 1998 Directors' Meeting as well as those of the annual meeting, having previously appeared in *Smoke & Blazes*, were unanimously approved with no corrections or additions. m/s/p Phil Smith, Al Pulling

Treasurer's Report: Al Pulling reported a balance in the checking account of \$100.94 as of this date. This will increase by approximately \$308 when the section is reimbursed by the main club for materials used in constructing a new outhouse to replace one destroyed by fire at Gov. Clement Shelter.

Long Trail Relocation Report: Bill Robichaud reported on the many relocation projects currently being carried out by the GMC within the Killington Section. Bill has been working closely with the GMC people and doing much volunteer work himself. It is estimated that as much as half of the section's approximately 20 miles are to be relocated. It is anticipated that all of this work can be completed by the end of next year.

Some of the major portions being relocated include:

1. from U.S. 4, well west of Sherburne pass, up the west side of Pico, a section of new trail close to 4 miles long.
2. the section from Gov. Clement Shelter north to Consultation Point would be relocated to the west.
3. between Rtes. 140 and 103 the trail would again be relocated to the west along Bear Mountain and would cross 140 west of its present location.
4. Little Killington where a relo would allow the LT to avoid crossing the Juggernaut ski trail.
5. north of U.S. 4 up back side of Deer Leap

Mtn. into Willard Gap (this stretch is officially outside the KS's maintenance area).

PICO CAMP: The section will recommend to the GMC that no attempt be made to move Pico Camp. It was the unanimous view that the shelter is in too poor a condition to withstand removal to another site. Killington had offered to do this when its helicopters begin working the site in connection with extensive ski trail development. American Skiing Company has reportedly offered \$5,000 to help build a shelter or tent platform in another location, and it was felt this should be pursued.

CONTINUED KILLINGTON SECTION MAINTENANCE: After much discussion it was passed unanimously that for the time being responsibility for maintaining all trails within the Section including several miles of new rels would continue to rest with the Killington Section. (m/s/p Ray Catozzi, Bob Perkins). This was in response to concern that with slim work party turnouts the extra burden may be beyond our capabilities.

KS ARCHIVES: Jake Sherman will check with Jim Davidson of the Rutland Historical Society about a permanent home for the club's archives with the Society. Bob Perkins, our historian, urged that an agreement be worked out with RHS whereby they would preserve and order the material but we would be allowed to borrow it back out for programs and such. The archives presently consist of a complete run of *Smoke & Blazes*, *LT News* and account books but could come to include scrapbooks and photo albums.

SMOKE & BLAZES: There was positive reaction to *Smoke & Blazes* under the new editorship of Kim Armstrong. The names of directors will be included in upcoming issues for ease of contact.

NOMINATIONS: Herb Ogden urged the group to think of a good potential nominee to replace Ray Catozzi, whose second term is expiring in 1999. Since it is a second

(continued on page 3)

OPEN MEETING FOR GMC MEMBERS ON JAN. 7 IN RUTLAND

How is the Green Mountain Club doing? How can we improve? What are your ideas and visions for the future of the Long Trail?

YOU are invited
to join an open meeting with
GMC Executive Director Ben Rose
on
Thursday, January 7, 1999.

This is one of a series of discussion groups being held throughout the state, offering GMC members a close-to-home opportunity to discuss the management and future of our club in a friendly, informal format.

When: Thursday, January 7
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: U.S. Forest Service,
Rutland

For more info contact:
Herb Ogden, 775-1350
or Ben Rose, 244-7037 ext. 12

From The Field . . .

**SCAR RIDGE -
WMNF NEW HAMPSHIRE**
7 October 1998
by Ron Kirschbaum

This hike began at the Little East Pond trailhead off the Tupoli Rd. After a leisurely 1 1/4 mile hike to the pond, the fun really began.

I took my initial compass reading from the north shore of the pond and headed due magnetic-north. I immediately encountered some of the thickest balsam fir boughs. As I gained altitude the woods opened up a bit, and

(continued on page 5)

Killington Section Directors, Including Officers

Year in parenthesis indicates end of three year term.

President:

Herbert G. Ogden
20 Birchwood Ave.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 775-1350 eves,
775-3368 workdays
E-mail lco@together.net (1999)

Vice-President:

Philip Smith
9A Capitol Hill,
Fair Haven VT, 05743
Tel. 265-4493 (2000)

Secretary:

Jacob R. Sherman
48 Morse Place,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 775-2784 (2001)

Treasurer:

Alfred R. Pulling
883 U.S. Rt. 4 East
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-6997
E-mail ra137@juno.com (2000)

Historian:

Robert Perkins
6 Rachel Dr.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-0184 (2001)

Raymond Catozzi (1999)
Ruth Gibbud (1999)
Linda Smith (2000)
Connie Youngstrom (2001)

Killington Section members of Green Mt. Club Board of Directors

Philip Smith
(see above for info) (1999)

Alternate:

Alfred R. Pulling
(see above for info) (2000)

Smoke & Blazes Editor:

Kim Armstrong
PO Box 373
Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035
(Day) 802-672-4191
(F) 802-672-4190
Email: kapr@vermontel.com

Notice of Proposed Section Bylaw Change

At the 27 October meeting of the Section's Board of Directors, the Board unanimously approved the following Bylaw changes, subject to ratification by a two-thirds vote of those Section members who attend the Annual Meeting in April 1999. Additions are **redlined** and deletions are **stricken out**. Present Article 15 would become Article 14. For an explanation of the proposed changes, please see the article on the Directors Meeting elsewhere in this issue.

Art. 2 Membership in the Killington Section is open to anyone who supports the purposes of the Killington Section and pays the annual dues. All voting members shall be at least 18 years old.

Art. 14 Annual dues, to cover the G.M.C. assessment, trail and shelter work, social and other appropriate activities including publication of a newsletter, shall be set by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority of those present at an Annual or Special Meeting.

Art. 15 If the Section is dissolved or otherwise ceases to function, all of its property of every kind shall pass to the Green Mountain Club, Inc., or the G.M.C.'s designated successor.

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club By-Laws

*(Including amendments ratified at
1991 Annual Meeting)*

1. The purposes of the Killington Section of the G.M.C. shall be to maintain that part of the Long Trail, along with side trails and shelters which it agrees to maintain for the G.M.C.; to encourage proper trail and shelter use throughout its section of the Long Trail; and to arrange for group hikes and other social and appropriate activities.

2. Membership in the Killington Section is open to anyone who supports the purposes of the Killington Section and pays the annual dues. All voting members shall be at least 18 years old.

3. The Killington Section shall conduct all activities without prejudice in regard to race, gender, religion, national origin, or sexual preference. We shall encourage persons with disabilities to participate according to their limitations.

4. The activities of the section shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of nine members. The Directors shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the Annual Meeting.

5. The terms of office of the Directors shall be three years, with three Directors elected each year. A Director who has served two full consecutive terms may not be re-elected until one year has passed.

6. The absence of a Director from two consecutive meetings of the Board, without a valid reason accepted by the Board, shall terminate membership on the Board and create a vacancy. Vacancies on the Board, created thus or through resignation, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, subject to approval of the Section at the next Annual Meeting.

7. Officers shall be elected by the Directors from among their number at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual Meeting. They shall consist of a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer, with the

last two being combined if found desirable. The term of office shall be one year.

8. Whenever necessary, the Directors shall elect, preferably from their number, G.M.C. Directors and alternate Directors as allocated by the G.M.C. By-laws. The Directors may at their discretion elect G.M.C. Directors and alternates from the general Section membership.

9. The By-laws may be amended by the affirmative vote of seven Directors, effective upon ratification by a two-thirds vote of those Section members who attend an Annual or Special Meeting, following a notice of at least two weeks.

10. The Board shall meet at least twice a year, upon the call of the President or at the request of three or more Directors. A quorum for all business of the Board shall be a majority of the total number of Directors.

11. A quorum for all business of the Section shall be one-tenth of those members eligible to vote.

12. The Annual Meeting shall be held no later than the end of April to nominate and to elect Directors, hear reports of the Officers and G.M.C. Director(s), plan for the coming year, and transact any other appropriate business.

13. Within fourteen days after a vote of a majority of the Directors or a petition of ten per cent of the members, the President shall set the date of a Special Meeting of the Section and give at least fourteen days notice, with an agenda, to all members.

14. Annual dues, to cover the G.M.C. assessment, trail and shelter work, social and other appropriate activities including publication of a newsletter, shall be set by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority of those present at an Annual or Special Meeting.

15. If the Section is dissolved or otherwise ceases to function, all of its property of every kind shall pass to the Green Mountain Club, Inc., or the G.M.C.'s designated successor.

Killington Section, GMC, Director's Meeting, from page 1

term, Ray can not be reelected according to the by-laws.

GMC DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

GMC Director Phil Smith reported on the last main club meeting which occurred Sept. 19 in Waterbury. Discussion at that time focused on a proposal for the GMC to buy all or part of a sizeable tract of upwards of 40 acres of land adjacent to the headquarters complex which may soon be coming on the market. The price of this land would be in the \$300,000-\$400,000 range. The acquisition, contend those who support it, would provide a number of expansion opportunities at the main club site and protect against potential adverse development.

This is in addition to ongoing plans and proposals to upgrade and expand the present headquarters building which appear at present could cost upwards of another \$100,000.

These developments were received with concern. There was unanimous consensus that spending significant club money to "preserve the view" was not a legitimate club function. There also was unanimous consent that: (a) a proposed 12-mile "connecting trail" from Waterbury headquarters to LT was a "separate question" from the land purchase, and (b) it was difficult to support purchase of extra land before determining if presently owned land were sufficient to support the club's planned uses.

Phil also reported that the 400-member New York Section was contemplating seceding from the GMC over the uniform dues issues.

TRAILS & SHELTERS CHAIR:

Herb again asked for a volunteer to be the Trails & Shelters Chairman. It is burdensome for him to continue to have to fulfill this role while serving as section president.

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER: The masonry is in need of repair. It was agreed Herb will pursue a possible grant for this work from the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). The shelter is perhaps the oldest on the present AT. If a grant is not forthcoming, consideration will be given to doing the job ourselves out of the Kirk Fund.

Meanwhile, vandalism at the shelter continues to be a problem. In August the privy was burned. A new one was prefabricated by Jerry Parker and set in place by Jerry and Roy Arthur at a cost for materials of \$308.39 which will be reimbursed by the GMC. The center post supporting the roof overhang also was pulled down by vandals. This will be replaced by Roy Arthur. Herb has been in touch with landowners in the area concern-

ing putting up a closed gate during hiking season.

BY-LAWS CHANGES: It was unanimously approved to recommend to the membership at the annual meeting changes in two of the section's 14 by-laws. (m/s/p Bob Perkins/Ray Catozzi). These changes would eliminate the provision in Article 2 that only members over 18 can vote and eliminate Article 14 entirely since it deals with dues which are now entirely in the control of Waterbury.

GROUP SIZE POLICIES: Among proposed amendments coming out of a recent section presidents' meeting were several dealing with size of day-hiking groups. One in particular called for there to be a leader for every four hikers rather than the present 10 hikers. It was unanimously agreed that a ratio of one leader to every six hikers would be more workable and reasonable (m/s/p Bob Perkins/Phil Smith).

CLARENDON GORGE: Bob Perkins expressed concern over the possible sale of the lower part of Clarendon Gorge Near Rte. 7 and possible subsequent restriction to the public. He is pursuing this matter.

COOPER LODGE: Damage and trashing to this historic CCC-built cabin, high on the west slope of Killington, by skiers continues to be a problem. Talk continues of having to abandon the shelter if there is no improvement in the situation. The issue is how much supervision of the structure is Killington prepared to undertake. It was suggested meanwhile that a sturdier latch would be helpful. Herb will pursue this.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: It was moved and seconded (Al Pulling, Ray Catozzi) that George Reynolds, having been a 30-year member of the Killington Section, be adopted as a life member of the GMC. In order to obtain more info about present dues policies of the GMC as they relate to life membership, it was moved to table the motion to the next meeting. (m/s/p Ruth Gibbud/Phil Smith).

PUBLICITY: There have been some problems with hike publicity during the past month. Ray Catozzi agreed to keep the *Rutland Herald* informed and Ruth Gibbud will do the same for *The Mountain Times*.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. The next Director's meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,
Jake Sherman,
Secretary

ARSON!

by Herb Ogden

We regret to announce that the Lieutenant Governor Jarvis Snodgrass Memorial Gazebo, otherwise known as the outhouse at the Percival W. Clement Memorial Shelter, was lost to arson this summer. It was the only two-holer on the LT. Its first career was as a residential privy in Humble Hollow in Shrewsbury. In August 1966, my late father and I bought it for \$5 (or \$2.50 per hole), trucked it to Gov. Clement, painted it white, added a window, and gave it a name to match the shelter's grandiloquent one. We got so many inquiries about its namesake that we had to fabricate a biography of Lt. Gov. Snodgrass. We even had Jarvis Snodgrass Memorial Excursions whenever the first of April fell on a weekend. Alas, a few inconsiderate partygoers have put an end to this pilgrimage spot.

The burned "gazebo" has been replaced by a very serviceable outhouse, which Jerry Parker prefabricated based on plans obtained from the Ottauquechee Section and modified to give the "head" a little more head room. Jerry and shelter adopter Roy Arthur trucked it in and built it soon after hearing that the old structure had burned.

Apparently at the same time as the arson, someone tried to destroy the front of the shelter itself. The middle support for the overhang was yanked out, probably with the help of a vehicle. It was probably burned, as no trace has been found. It appears there was an attempt to yank out the corner support. Luckily, it failed, and the overhang did not collapse. How people can get their kicks from trying to destroy the oldest shelter on the Long Trail is beyond me. We would like to find the criminals and have the State teach them a lesson, but there are unfortunately no leads.

All this has given new impetus to a project the U.S. Forest Service and the GMC thought of a few years ago: trying to persuade the Town of Shrewsbury to allow a gate on the Gov. Clement Road (probably just south of the first brook crossing), to be locked in hiking season. The owners of the three camps between the brook crossings would have keys. Several landowners on the road welcome this idea. Anyone who has thoughts about this is asked to contact Section President Herb Ogden at 775-1350 evenings.

Killington Section Green Mountain Club - Outing Schedule Winter 1999

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown. Participants should bring lunch unless noted. Non-members are welcome! Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader.

Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Sunday, January 10: Leader Jerry Parker, 747-4439, 9 a.m.

Mystery Hike or Snowshoe. (Dependant on conditions.) 5 miles, moderate.

Sunday, January 17: Leader Jean Davies, 488-6623, 1 p.m.

Cross Country Ski the Pittsford Trails. Explore Pittsford's new trails system, mileage variable.

Sunday, January 31: Leader Jerry Parker, 747-4439, 1 p.m.

Children's Adventure Series. Easy 1 to 3 miles, mileage flexible.

Saturday, February 6: Leaders Roma and Al Pulling, 773-6997, 1 p.m.

Quarterline Road. Easy to moderate 3 miles.

Saturday, February 13: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 10 a.m. Return about 2 p.m.

Spring Lake Ski Tour in Shrewsbury. Follow wood roads from Spring Lake Ranch to the Long Trail and tour a bit of the Bear Mountain relocation scheduled to open in 1999. Beaver ponds, views, and an old homesite with orchard. About 3 miles, generally easy. Good for any moderately experienced skier. Lack of snow will result in an alternative outing. Call if in doubt whether we're skiing, snowshoeing or hiking.

Saturday, February 20: Leader Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502, 10 a.m.

Snowshoe or cross-country, bring both or call leader for details. Moderate 5 miles.

Saturday, February 27: Leader Ray Catozzi, 773-3006, 9 a.m.

Cross-country ski at Hildene Ski Touring Center. Fee. Bring lunch or eat at cafeteria.

Saturday, March 6: Leader Gordon Cawood, 352-4310, call leader for time and meeting place.

Join hike with Breadloaf Section. Hike or snowshoe Lincoln Road with views to the west and south. Moderate 5 miles.

Saturday, March 13: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 9 a.m. Return about 4 p.m.

Pine Brook Trail Ski Tour. Follow U.S. Forest Service roads along Pine Brook and Bingo Brook. Steep uphill, a possibly tricky brook crossing, then some views and long downhill on broad roads. About 5 miles, part easy and part moderate. Lack of snow will result in an alternative outing. Call if in doubt whether we're skiing, snowshoeing or hiking.

Saturday, March 20: Leader Sue Thomas, 773-2185, 10 a.m.

First Day of Spring. Moderate 4 to 6 miles.

Sunday, April 11: Leader Jerry Parker, 747-4439, 1 p.m.

Second Children's Adventure Series. Easy 1 to 3 miles.

Saturday, April 17: Leader Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502, 9 a.m.

Early signs of spring walk. Call leader for details.

Saturday, April 24: Call Linda Smith, 265-4493, 5:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting and Potluck at the Econo Lodge. Bring a dish to share and place setting.

WANT TO LEAD A HIKE? - Our next schedule will include mid-April through mid-October. Please call Linda Smith, the outings committee chair, by April 1 to guaranteed a spot on our schedule. 265-4493.

FALL POTLUCK WITH FORESTER

21 November 1998

by Herb Ogden, eater

Linda Smith ran this by remote control, otherwise known as Sue Thomas, so I guess I have to write the article. Attendance was less than usual, possibly because we were competing with a contra dance, a Unitarian-Universalist coffee house, and another concert, but the food was if anything more sumptuous than usual, and the program was first-rate. Gary Salmon, a State Forester in the Department of Forest, Parks & Recreation, gave an interesting slide lecture on trail work and how the woods affect us all. Among the most interesting photos were those of rock work on the new relocation of the LT north of Consultation Point on Little Killington and those of sliding a doped sow bear out of its winter den as part of a study on how ski areas affect bears. Also, Ray Catozzi brought a couple the Section's old scrapbooks, and many of us enjoyed looking at the photos from as far back as the nineteen teens.

Many thanks to the Econo-Lodge at Pico for again letting us use their downstairs fireplace lounge for the event!

From the Field, continued from page 1

the views to the east were magnificent.

Upon reaching the ridge top I found the first heard paths of the hike. Ten minutes later I had made the summit!

Because of the thickness of the woods and the need to use the compass with discipline, this bushwack is one of the most rewarding climbs of a lesser hiked peak, on the New England highest hundred list.

PANTHER PEAK ADIRONDACK PARK, NEW YORK

24 October 1998

by Ron Kirschbaum

Panther Peak at 4,442', is the 18th highest peak in New York. Because of its location in the western part of the park, it affords views of Mt. Marcy and at least 23 other 4,000-footers that can only be seen from it and Sananoni Mountain to the south.

The trailhead is located two miles south of the abandoned mining village of Tahawus. (Well worth checking out.)

We had beautiful weather for this hike, no clouds and deep blue skies!

After following a very muddy trail to Bradley Pond, we then followed an unmaintained trail to the summit. This trail proved to be in better condition than many maintained trails. The last half mile of this hike is above tree-line, and we had 360 degree views. We spend a good hour at the summit and then headed for the lower elevations and the mud!

BRIDGEWATER GOLD MINE

25 October 1998

by Herb Ogden, Leader

A good-sized group of treasure seekers showed up on this fine fall afternoon. By the time we reached the trailhead on the Daley Hollow Road, the group was a little smaller. One veteran hiker misunderstood the rendezvous in Bridgewater Corner. He spent some time looking for us in locales as distant as Chateaugay (pronounced "chat-a-ghee"), then gave up and took his passenger on a different hike. They found just as much gold as we did.

From the Daley Hollow Road, the old road used to go to the Pioneer Mine and others. After climbing up a narrow valley with an impressive stone wall on the other side, we turned off the old road at the first house foundation on the right, where daylilies still grow. After identifying a few pieces of iron that were in the cellarhole or near it, we walked uphill a couple hundred feet to a much larger foundation. I think Churchill Scott once said it was probably the remains of a boardinghouse for the miners. Whatever it was, it's a huge three-sided structure dug into the hillside. Below it is a big barn foundation. A little farther east, below a lane, is the actual mine.

SMOKE & BLAZES ENDS

for you, if you don't renew your membership for 1999. If you don't want this to be your last issue, please use the membership form to send your dues to Treasurer Al Pulling, 883 U.S. Rt. 4 East, Rutland VT 05701. The GMC and the Section appreciate your support for the Long Trail and our activities.

The mine, which has no name on the 1869 Beers Atlas, is a level, dry shaft extending maybe 200' into the hill. It is the longest shaft I know of in Bridgewater. Someone had placed candles at strategic intervals. We lit them as we walked along, and the scene was pretty. Toward the end of the shaft, we encountered quite a number of hibernating bats hanging from the ceiling of the shaft. (Made a note not to visit the place so late in the fall as to disturb the furry little fliers.) The last one out blew out the candles. We then stood on the heap of tailings at the shaft's mouth and puzzled about a circular foundation that looked to be partly buried, inspected the barn foundation closer to the old road, and returned to the cars.

The road actually continues up the valley past at least two more mines and a small cellarhole. Along with Mara Carey, Killington Section member Channing Bickford and I explored this earlier in the fall. Unfortunately, after we gained maybe another hundred feet of elevation, we encountered the results of the January ice storm in full force. We slithered under trunks, clambered over them, pushed through branches, and occasionally had to make considerable detours away from the road to avoid the destruction. Consequently, I decided not to lead any official hikes farther up the road until either saws or rot clear the way again.

BRIDGEWATER HOLLOW HILL ROAD

12 December 1998

by Herb Ogden, Leader

No, "Bridgewater Hollow Hill" is not one of the Bridgewater hills that was hollowed out by gold seekers. As far as I know and the old maps show, there were no gold mines east of the North Branch of the Ottauquechee River, and we kept to the east of that. Instead, it's my name for the partly abandoned road from Bridgewater Village north to Bridgewater Hollow. Even Roma Pulling, whose great-grandfather lived on a branch from this road down to Bridgewater Center, didn't know the proper name for this road. Does anyone?

We began at a sharp turn where the only maintained road veers east. Heading about due north, we reached Bridgewater Hollow in about 3.3 miles. We passed two ruined camps and two active ones. In that same distance, the 1868 H.B. Thompson map of Bridgewater (sold at the Bridgewater Center store) shows

11 houses and two schools. Curiously, the 1869 Beers Atlas shows only seven houses and one school. I assume that, while the Thompson map was published in 1868, the survey was done earlier, because it is hard to imagine four houses and a school disappearing in just one year. By the time of the first U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle in 1911, only the Bridgewater Hollow school remained. Now that is gone, too. Although abandoned, the road is a major snowmobile route, but most of the old cellarholes are obscure enough so that the motorized folks probably never realize they are traversing an old neighborhood except when they see the Kellogg-Bassett cemetery.

Heading north from the Gold Coast Road, we at first passed some open fields, then climbed moderately through hardwoods past several old house sites. In about a mile, in a little clearing, we reached an abandoned camp where a side trail went east. We crossed a little brook and very soon reached another clearing, where a side road leads down to Bridgewater Center past the farm where Roma's great-grandfather lived. Soon after that, at the height of land, we reached the Kellogg-Bassett burying ground. Although it is large, there appears to have been many years when it was poorly maintained, to judge from stumps of trees and brush. Many of the graves are marked only by unscrubbed fieldstones. Some of the inscribed stones are unusual, like the one showing a funeral obelisk. The Vermont Old Cemeteries Association book says the earliest grave is from 1813 and the latest from 1865.

At a sunny noontime, we lunched near a still-maintained camp, about ¼ mile north of the cemetery. A partly filled-in cellarhole was at the edge of its lawn, and it had a pretty little pond too. Less than half a mile farther north, just before what the 1966 U.S.G.S. quad says is a trail to Montague Hill, we found a cellarhole identified as "A.L. Allen & Co." in the 1869 atlas. It was actually a double cellarhole. We speculated that, when the owner enlarged the house, he simply added another cellar rather than disturb the existing cellar wall. Around here, we saw that a bobcat had followed the old road a ways. So had either a coyote or a dog that was far from home and master.

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section, a chapter of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4, plus side trails) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES

Individual \$ 27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*
Family \$ 35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*
Individual Lifetime \$500 (entirely tax-deductible)
Family Lifetime \$750 (entirely tax-deductible)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

* People who volunteer substantial time for the Section or the G.M.C., or whose income is unusually low, may deduct \$7 from dues.

TELEPHONE: _____

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. As required by the G.M.C., the Killington Section retains 20% of annual dues and passes the rest on to the central Green Mt. Club. All Section members are also members of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

I/We would like information about volunteering for the following activities (circle your choices): trail work, shelter work, signmaking, publications, leading outings, publicity, education, other: _____.

I/We also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Please make checks payable to Killington Section, G.M.C.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland VT 05701



Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Thelma Perkins
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701-3772



Volume 52, Number 1

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

April 1999

Killington Section, GMC, Director's Meeting February 16, 1999 - 7 p.m.

The meeting was held at the home of President Herb Ogden, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland, with the following present: Herb Ogden, Ray Catozzi, Bob Perkins, Al Pulling, Phil Smith, Connie Youngstrom, Jake Sherman, and special guest Dave Hardy, director of field operations for the GMC.

Treasurer's Report:

Al Pulling reported \$972.29 in the checking account and \$524.17 in interest from the Kirk Fund. There also is \$1,317.58 in a Chittenden Bank savings account.

Section Membership:

Al reported that as of this date, 16 individual memberships had been renewed as well as five family memberships. The section has 15 life members. Al noted that the Killington Section lost 40 members when the main club went to uniform dues.

Archives Agreement:

Section historian Bob Perkins negotiated an agreement with the Rutland Historical Society to house our archives which presently consist of scrapbooks, photo albums, back runs of *Smoke and Blazes*, and other memorabilia. A motion to adopt the agreement (m/s/p Bob Perkins, Jake Sherman) was passed unanimously. Bob suggested that the historical society might be interested in a history of the section for one of its upcoming quarterlies.

Smoke & Blazes:

The next issue is due in March. This will be the last issue current members receive unless they renew. Jake Sherman will include a reminder that hike leaders or their designees are responsible for submitting written hike reports to the editor.

Director Candidates:

Ray Catozzi's term is expiring, and he is not eligible for re-election. The names of a number of individuals who would be qualified to fill this slot were mentioned. The new direc-

tor to replace Ray will be elected at the section annual meeting April 24.

GMC Field Operations Report:

Dave Hardy gave an extensive report covering relocation work within the section and several other topics. He reported that the GMC had a lot of staff members working on the various rels within the section and that they hoped to complete two of the major ones, Pico and Bear Mountain, this year.

Pico Relocation - The game plan is to have the approximately five-mile relo from Willard Gap north of U.S. 4 to just south of Pico Peak open by September. The new trail will swing well to the west and will intersect the highway near Beaver Pond. An old logging road bridge on the trailhead at U.S. 4 will be replaced by a narrower bridge that will serve both the LT and the Catamount Trail. Dave felt the new Rte. 4 crossing would be safer than the present one at the top of the pass. He did not envision any kind of pedestrian overpass at the site. Meanwhile, Pico Camp will be spared for at least another year due to delays in American Skiing Company's development plans. However, the privy needs to be moved this year.

Bear Mountain Relocation - It is also hoped Bear Mountain will be completed by September. A lot of "side hilling" up the south side has been done. The new section will offer plentiful vistas to the west and a nice bald outcrop of rock. It will cross Vt. 140 $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile west of the present crossing. The old route will be closed. Relo plans for south of 140 are not finalized, however the Greenwall Shelter will continue to be used and will be about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the Long Trail. The LT will be using a significant portion of the Keewaydin Trail no matter what configuration is finally selected.

(continued on page three)

Annual Meeting This Saturday

New
Location!



*Annual Meeting
and Potluck*

Saturday, April 24
5:30 p.m.

New Location at
The Unitarian Universalist Church
basement,
West Street, Rutland
Bring a dish to share
and a place setting.

Call Sue Thomas at 773-2185
for more information

From The Field . . .

White Rocks Snowshoe Hike
February 20, 1999

Our group of eight hikers and two lively dogs had a perfect winter's day with the temperature in the high 20's, calm winds and a pale blue sky overhead. By way of the White Rocks picnic area we started off on the Keewaydin Trail, some on foot and others on snowshoes. The Keewaydin Trail is a steep climb, though fairly short in length, and offers some nice wintertime views of Bear Mountain and other hills through the trees.

We made our way through a mixed hardwood forest before entering spruce, balsam and paper birch woods nearer the summit.

(continued on page five)

Killington Section Directors, Including Officers

Year in parenthesis indicates end of three year term.

President:

Herbert G. Ogden
20 Birchwood Ave.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 775-1350 eves,
775-3368 workdays
E-mail lco@together.net (1999)

Vice-President:

Philip Smith
9A Capitol Hill,
Fair Haven VT, 05743
Tel. 265-4493 (2000)

Secretary:

Jacob R. Sherman
48 Morse Place,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 775-2784 (2001)

Treasurer:

Alfred L. Pulling
883 U.S. Rt. 4 East
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-6997
E-mail ra137@juno.com (2000)

Historian:

Robert Perkins
6 Rachel Dr.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-0184 (2001)

Raymond Catozzi (1999)
Ruth Gibbud (1999)
Linda Smith (2000)
Connie Youngstrom (2001)

Killington Section members of Green Mt. Club Board of Directors

Director:

Philip Smith
(see above for info) (1999)

Alternate:

Alfred R. Pulling
(see above for info) (2000)

Smoke & Blazes Editor:

Kim Armstrong
PO Box 346
Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035
(Day) 802-672-4191
(F) 802-672-4190
Email: kapr@vermontel.com

50 Years Ago in Smoke and Blazes

By Bob Perkins

Historian, Killington Section

A decision made at the annual Section meeting on January 20, 1949 was to continue publication of *Smoke and Blazes*, then a four-page monthly, which had been started on a trial basis the previous September. This article recalls some highlights of 50 years ago from that first full year of publication.

Section officers for 1949 included President Fred Field, Vice President Leone Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Eleanor Walker, Trails Ray Catozzi and Churchill Scott, Shelters Craigie Perkins, Harold Valiquette and Gale Spaulding, Outings Billy Allard, Photography Shirley Morris, and Newsletter Mary and Vera Perkins.

For entertainment at that annual meeting there was a contest to choose the seven natural wonders of Rutland Country. The selected wonders will be revealed later in this article.

The major trails and shelters project for the year was the relocation of the old Blue Triangle Camp from its site next to the brook near Gov. Clement to its new home above Spring Lake. On a January work party the shelter was cut into sections and trucked to the south shore of the lake. At least seven more work parties at Spring Lake were reported during the year. The camp sections were tobogganed across the lake ice, carried up through what was then an open pasture, and re-assembled high on the hill.

Membership in the Section for 1949 topped out at 95 with 60 adult members and 35 juniors. Dues were then \$2.00 for adults and \$0.50 for those through high school. Thirty dollars of the dues payments was forwarded to the main club. Outings were held to just about every shelter in our section as well as to Bradder's Camp in Tinmouth, the Canty-Fostman Camp on Bomoseen, Tucker Lodge (twice), Little Rock Pond, Noyes Pond, White Rocks, Mt. Carmel, Mooselamoo, and Equinox. There also were several special events. The February winter weekend was held at Craigie Perkins' camp in Mendon (later known as Tall Timber). It was necessary to hike in from Route 4 because Old Turnpike was not a plowed road in those days. In April, Leone Smith hosted a Maple Sugar-on-Snow party at Camp Sangamon in Pittsford with the traditional pickles, doughnuts and coffee.

The Intersectional, an annual gathering for members of all GMC sections, was organized by the Killington Section in August, again at Tall Timber. The November rummage sale, promoted with newspaper and radio advertising, was the big money making event of the year. Proceeds were \$101.88. By the way, the Section, ended 1949 with a bank balance of \$558.40.

The final social event of the year was a covered dish supper at Vera Perkins' Beechwood. After supper Churchill Scott showed some movies taken on the Long Trail.

Smoke and Blazes carried a few "personals" and in July took note of the wedding of Bob Perkins and Thelma Cole. The October issue carried Thelma's story of their Long Trail hike from Danby to West Wardsboro.

In another interesting story Clyde Spaulding recalled a winter adventure of nearly 40 years before (i.e. about 1909). The trip involved a four-horse "barge" called the Marble City Queen and about 20 people on snowshoes going to Killington via Brewer's. The old hotel was still standing at that time.

It seems pretty clear that there is a continuity of interest over the years for those of us who love the "mountains of Vermont" and who support the Club that "makes (them) play a larger part in (our) lives." We're lucky that *Smoke and Blazes* has recorded some of the history of our predecessors for more than 50 years. Soon a complete run of *Smoke and Blazes* from 1948 to date will be available at the Rutland Historical Society. The seven natural wonders of Rutland County, as selected by a vote of the Killington Section in 1949, were/are Killington View, Pittsford Ice Caves, White Rocks, Bird Mountain, Spring Lake, McLaughlin Falls, and Deer Leap. Do you agree?

Killington Section Memorabilia

Do you have stashed away somewhere old photos, slides or other mementos of Killington Section folks, activities or trail scenes? Would you like to be able to share them with others now and with future generations of Long Trail lovers? Our Section has made an arrangement with the Rutland Historical Society, where the Society has started a Killington Section GMC collection and has agreed to accept, care for, and make available to the public, items related to the presence of the Green Mountain Club in the Rutland area.

In addition to photos and slides, such items as trail or shelter registers, hike schedules, newsletters, newspaper clippings, posters, video tapes, home movies, club account books, meeting records, and correspondence would be appropriate. If you have anything that you would like to donate to the Society for our collection please contact Bob Perkins (802-773-0184). If you have material that you don't wish to part with right now but might donate at a future date, please let us know of its existence. The new year marks the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Green Mountain Club in 1910. This is a great time to take a step to preserve our history.

Killington Section, GMC, Director's Meeting, from page 1

Gov. Clement Shelter - Cooper Lodge - No definite plans have yet been formulated for relocating this stretch.

Lottery Road to Kieffer Road - Preliminary scouting has taken place but we are "2-3 years away from doing anything."

Walkthroughs:

The section will soon be scheduling the traditional annual walkthroughs. The walkthrough of lower portions will be scheduled in May while that for upper elevations will await the complete melting of snow in June.

Cold River Road Parking:

It was unanimously approved (m/s/p Connie Youngstrom/Ray Catozzi) that the section recommend to the GMC that it not plan for any parking lots on the upper Cold River Road. At present there is a wide spot offering spaces for two or three vehicles and this is deemed sufficient.

Gov. Clement Shelter:

Numerous proposals for keeping vehicles away from the shelter, a frequent target of vandalism and site of rowdy partying, were discussed but, each having drawbacks, it was decided to do nothing for now.

Trails & Shelters Adoption Program:

Dave indicated that the GMC is expanding its present trails and shelters adoption program to include sections of trail. Thus if it were agreeable to us the main club could assign sections within the Killington Section to outside adopters. This is merely a proposal at this point but it prompted concern by some directors that it would erode the traditional role of the section as trail maintainers. The adopters would report to the section's Trails & Shelters chairman.

GMC Wilderness Support:

Dave indicated that the GMC plans to support legislation calling for the designation of additional wilderness areas within the Green Mountain National Forest. One of the proposed new areas would be in the Philadelphia peak region south of Vt. 125 while the second would take in the virtually unpopulated Glastonbury mountain region thereby extending the present Lye Brook wilderness south to Kelley Stand Road. The legislation could be written up in a way favorable to existing trails and campsites.

GMC Director's Report:

Phil Smith reported at the last main club

meeting the New York Section voted by a margin of 156 to 68 to leave the club. Dissatisfaction over the uniform dues was seen as a major factor in this unfortunate decision.

Also at this meeting a motion to purchase some 40 acres of land adjacent to the Waterbury headquarters to create a campus-like environment and protect the "viewshed" was tabled after 1 ½ hours of discussion. The prospective purchase at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars left "a sufficient number of people uneasy." However, an expenditure of \$10,000 over what was budgeted was approved for renovations and changes to the headquarters facility. Also, it was voted to expend \$30,000 to upgrade the club's maps and get them into digitized form. The club is looking at several cartographers before selecting one to carry out this process.

There is a GMC meeting March 20 in Manchester at the Equinox and the Long Trail meeting will take place June 12 at Stratton Mountain. The main club is looking for nominations from the sections for life memberships.

Gov. Clement Masonry Repair:

Herb Ogden hopes to secure a grant from the Appalachian Trail conference for this needed repair work, but if he were not able to obtain the grant, he sought permission to use Kirk Funds to hire a mason to do the work. It was estimated that four hours would be required. A motion to authorize \$200 from Kirk Fund interest (m/s/p Bob Perkins/Al Pulling) to pay for this job was passed unanimously. It was hoped that the Shrewsbury Snowbirds, a snowmobiling club, might go 50-50 on the job and that Roy Arthur might be willing to do the work.

Resignation:

Linda Smith has resigned from the position of hiking schedule coordinator. Appreciation was expressed for her past efforts in this important post.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will take place Saturday, April 24 at the Annual Meeting and Potluck at the Unitarian Universalist church on West Street in Rutland.

Check Your Smoke & Blazes Label

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. If your mailing label on this issue of *Smoke and Blazes* has a red check mark it means that, according to our records, you have not yet paid dues for 1999.

**Please send \$27
(for individual) or \$35
(for family) to:**

**Killington Section, GMC
Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
883 US Route 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701-9038**

There also is a membership application at the end of this newsletter. This includes membership in both the Killington Section and in the main Green Mountain Club.

Subscriptions to Smoke and Blazes and to the Long Trail News must soon be terminated if 1999 dues are not paid. We appreciate your support and look forward to hearing from you.

Keep a Section Member in Your Thoughts

Our thoughts go out to Herb Ogden, president of the Killington section, who's mother passed away a few months ago after a brief illness. She was 84. Ruth Emily Ogden was born in New York and received her bachelor's degree from Vassar College in 1936 and her master's degree from Columbia University School of Library Science in 1938. In 1946 she married Herbert Gouverneur Ogden, and they moved to Hartland. Together they owned and operated a dairy goat and sheep farm, a sugarbush, the Lull's Brook Inn, and Ogden's Cider and Grist Mill, all in Hartland. Mrs. Ogden started the Hartland Elementary School Library and did volunteer work. Ruth and her husband moved to Rutland in 1993.

Killington Section Green Mountain Club - Outing Schedule Summer 1999

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown. Participants should bring lunch unless noted. **Non-members are welcome!** Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Saturday, April 24 - **ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK** - 5:30 p.m. Sue Thomas, 773-2185 for information.

****Location Change**** Unitarian Universalist church basement, West Street, Rutland. Bring a dish to share and a place setting.

Sunday, April 25 - **BRISTOL PLANE WRECK** - 9 a.m. Jerry Parker, 775-6208.

Hike to the site of a WWII plane wreck, some bushwhacking. 6 miles moderate.

Saturday, May 1 (Rain Date, Sunday, May 2) - **MAY DAY AT SHAW MOUNTAIN** - 10 a.m. Sue Thomas, 773-2185.

Benson. A slow paced hike through many varied habitats, bring binoculars and field guides, we'll see many returned migrants and early wildflowers. (This is a Nature Conservancy Preserve, no dogs please.) 2 1/2 - 3 miles, easy with some climbing.

Saturday, May 8 - **MOUNTAIN BIKE TREK** - 9 a.m. Lynn Pilcher, 459-2851. Approximately 20 miles on old roads, moderate.

Sunday, May 16 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** - 1 p.m. Jerry Parker, 775-6208. A short trip, great for children and families.

Saturday, May 22 - **LOWER WALK-THRU** - 9 a.m. Herb Ogden, 775-1350.

Join us for our spring clean-up on the Long Trail from Rt. 140 in Wallingford to Gov. Clement Shelter. Tools provided or bring your own.

Sunday, May 23 - **A BOTANIZING RAMBLE** - 2 p.m. Roy Pilcher, 459-2851.

Joint outing with Rutland County Audubon. Join botanist Jim Graves to explore and identify some of our spring woodland flowers. Meet at Barstow School, Chittenden.

Saturday, May 29 - **STONE HUT COOKOUT** - 10 a.m. Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997.

Shrewsbury - 3 miles, easy. Bring hot dogs to roast, club will furnish hot beverages.

Saturday, June 5 - **NATIONAL TRAILS DAY** - Herb Ogden, 775-1350.

Help us get the Long Trail in shape for summer hiking. Gov. Clement Shelter to Sherburne Pass. Tools provided or bring your own.

Saturday, June 12 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** - 6:30 p.m. Jerry Parker, 775-6208. An evening hike for kids and families.

Saturday, June 19 - **MYSTERY HIKE** - 10 a.m. Gretchen Crowley, 483-9448. Moderate.

Saturday, June 26 - **BAKER PEAK** - 8:30 a.m. Karen Cartier, 773-3509.

Via the Long Trail and out the Old Job Trail past Griffith Lake. 13 miles, moderate.

Sunday, July 11 - **HURRICANE MOUNTAIN TRAVERSE** - For meeting place and time call Gordon & Helen Cawood, 352-4310.

Adirondacks. Joint with Breadloaf Section. Steep ascent to a bald summit with excellent views. 6 miles, moderate.

Saturday, July 17 (Rain Date Sunday, July 18) - **TONGUE MOUNTAIN** - Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502.

Lake George - a long hike with spectacular views of the lake, possibility to see rare timber rattlesnakes. 12-13 miles, difficult.

Sunday, July 18 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** - 1 p.m. Jerry Parker, 775-6208. A short trek for children and families.

Saturday, July 25 - **WORK PARTY** - 9 a.m. Herb Ogden, 775-1350. Help out with trail maintenance, tools provided or bring your own.

Saturday, July 31 (Rain Date Sunday, August 1) - **NINTH ANNUAL TACONIC RAMBLE** - 1 p.m. Kit Davidson, 273-2982.

Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east, and west, a Japanese Garden and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. 2-5 miles easy to moderate, walkers can leave the group at several points and wait on the lawn for the rest.

Saturday, August 7 (Rain Date Sunday, August 8) - **FIFTH ANNUAL FALLS OF LANA RAMBLE** - 10 a.m. Kit Davidson, 273-2982.

One of the most spectacular waterfalls in Vermont, a panoramic view of Lake Dunmore, an enchanted sort of forest, and a mountain lake encircled by white birch. 3 miles, moderate, good family excursion. Walk to Silver Lake optional, swimming there or at Lake Dunmore possible.

Sunday, August 8 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** - 1 p.m. Jerry Parker, 775-6208. For kids and families.

Saturday, August 14 (Rain Date Sunday, August 15) - **MT. IRA ALLEN** - 8:30 a.m. Sue Thomas, 773-2185.

Fayston - via the Hedgehog Brook Trail and the Long Trail. We'll pass over Burnt Rock Mountain with excellent views and a glacial pothole. 8 miles, difficult.

WANT TO LEAD A HIKE? - Our next schedule will include mid-August through mid-November. Please call Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502 or Sue Thomas, 773-2185 by July 17 to guarantee a spot on our schedule.

From the Field, continued from page 1

Animal tracks meandered through the woods, crossing the trail several times. Snowshoe hare, red squirrel, coyote and deer tracks were among those seen. Any hopes of hearing winter bird calls was next to impossible because of the loud crunch, crunch of our booted or snowshoed feet on old crusty snow. Henry, a youthful energetic golden retriever, and Woody, a young brown Labrador, stole the show with their playful antics. They rolled, tumbled and chased up and down the snowy trail, never once letting up.

Warm mellow sunshine greeted us when we sat ourselves down on the marble boulders at the top of the cliff for lunch. We took in the view overlooking the valley while overhead two ravens circled lazily. Karen's chocolate chip cookies were a welcome treat! It was a speedy downhill return and soon we were back to the cars. A fine day it was in the good company of those who love the outdoors.

Pittsford Trails Network Hike

By Jean Davies, leader
January 17, 1999

For the first time in years, I prayed for 40-degree temperatures in January. The problem was the thick layer of ice over the snow. X-C skiing is fun on snow, but impossible on ice. Happily, by 1 p.m. on the 17th, the weather cooperated, and even the sun showed up to greet Sue Thomas, Bernie Donahue, Connie Youngstrom, Lynn Pilcher, Bob Perkins, Charlie Edgar, Cody Hesse, and me. Seven-year-old Cody, the kid next door, represented the youngsters we wish we'd see more of on our GMC hikes. This was Cody's first introduction to the GMC, and he's eager to come again.

We admired Bob's 1940's ski equipment, but we agreed that he's in style, sort of. He used close to what they're using now for back-country skiing.

The warm snow caused us to move on the slow side, stop to admire the views, geography, and history of the area, and allowed Bernie to keep up by walking. For once we were glad to see the snowmobilers, since skiing was good only where they'd broken in the trails, but none of us wanted to convert to machines.

After an hour or so, some of the group opted to leave (to watch a game on TV). Lynn, Sue and Connie snowshoed on the Cadwell section of the trail, seeing interesting animal tracks on the way.

It was cold and icy the day before, and poured the day after our hike. We lucked out for a fine day.

Quarterline Road

By Roma Pulling
February 6, 1999

Editorial Deadline

Hike Leaders and Other Inspirational Writers

Please get your hike reports and stories in to the editor no later than **Friday, July 30**, for the next issue of *Smoke & Blazes*. Remember to put your name, date and hike destination on the report. You can send your stories handwritten, typewritten, on disk, or via fax or email to:

Kim Armstrong, PO Box 346, Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035
P 802-672-3157 F 802-672-4190 Email: kapr@vermontel.com

The Killington Section frequently sponsors ski or snowshoe hikes this time of year. Skating trips are less common, but this outing qualified as one. For most of its length the road was glare ice disguised by a thin coating of snow. Although we slewed and skidded, no one fell.

After meeting six other people at the park, Alfred and I led the way to the point where the Quarterline Road turns to dirt and parked beside the road. While usually not maintained in the winter, it showed signs of having been plowed and had been driven on. One car passed us.

A nice view that I remembered from the past was obscured by haze on that cloudy day. We saw some animal tracks, but other than squirrel and rabbit most were not identified.

When we stopped to take a break about 2:30, it was mutually agreed we should reverse course and return to our cars. Think spring!

Robert Frost Mountain in Ripton, Hike or Snowshoe, Joint Outing Breadloaf/Killington Sections

By Gordon & Helen Cawood, leaders
March 6, 1999

The trip was cancelled due to winter storm warnings. The back roads of Ripton are not place to be in 10-12 inches of snow. We had planned to hike the snowmobile trail from Lincoln Road to the peak. In winter there are good views to the north along the trail, and to the west from the peak. All were notified of the trip cancellation.

Pine Brook Ski & Stick Tour

By Herb Ogden, leader
March 13, 1999

Despite a new snowfall and nice, seasonable weather, only three skiers showed up to tour some of Green Mountain National Forest ski trails in the Bingo area of Rochester. We parked at the last house on Bingo Road, crossed the Bingo Brook bridge, and headed north up the Pine Brook Trail. This gains about 400-feet before crossing Pine Brook and heading west, and herringboning was in order on the steeper pitches. Soon we came across the

track of a moose with a little fresh snow on it. Then, right in the trail, there was a large packed-down area, the sign of a moose-nap. We thought we could see where it had moved its head around eating snow. Nice not to have to get out of bed when thirsty! After the second moose-nap crater, there was no longer any snow on the track or the piles of moose manure, so we knew we were close to it. We never saw or heard it though.

Some gullies on the way up required delicate side-stepping so we wouldn't get our skis wet in the little brooks that crossed the trail. That got me a bit worried about the crossings of the two branches of Pine Brook. I was glad to discover that since that last ski tour I'd led up there, the Forest Service had bridges both of the crossings nicely.

We lunched at an old farm site overlooking the remains of a pasture and an old apple orchard, with nice views south over the Bingo Brook valley. Then misfortune hit the skier with the waxless skis. As the day warmed, the fine-grained new snow reached just the consistency that makes it stick to a waxless ski like instant cement. Maybe the disaster would have been avoided if the skis had been resurfaced recently. At any rate, we could scrape the snow off them only to have it stick again in a few yards. The only solution was for the two skiers who had waxed skis to pack down the trail ahead by making several passes, so the waxless skis would no longer have much to stick to. Eventually, though the owner of the waxless skis just took them off and walked. I learned a lesson from this: when leading a ski tour, carry not only all the waxes you might need, but carry everything that might be needed for the other style of ski. I had everything conceivable for waxed skis, from green wax to yellow wax (which I used at the end), plus extra tips in case a ski broke - but nothing, let alone glide spray, for waxless skis.

There may be something about weather conditions in the Bingo area that makes for tricky snow. The last tour I led in this area went all the way up to the end of the Bingo Road in Hancock, and we encountered such sticky snow that neither waxless nor waxed skis worked well.

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section, a chapter of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4, plus side trails) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES

Individual \$ 27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*
Family \$ 35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*
Individual Lifetime \$500 (entirely tax-deductible)
Family Lifetime \$750 (entirely tax-deductible)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

* People who volunteer substantial time for the Section or the G.M.C., or whose income is unusually low, may deduct \$7 from dues.

TELEPHONE: _____

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. As required by the G.M.C., the Killington Section retains 20% of annual dues and passes the rest on to the central Green Mt. Club. All Section members are also members of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

I/We would like information about volunteering for the following activities (circle your choices): trail work, shelter work, signmaking, publications, leading outings, publicity, education, other: _____.

I/We also enclose a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Please make checks payable to Killington Section, G.M.C.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US Route 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701-9038



PERKROB

Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Thelma Perkins
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701-3772



Smoke & Blazes

Volume 52, Number 2

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

August 1999

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting, April 24, 1999

The annual meeting of the Killington Section, Green Mountain Club, was held Saturday evening, April 24, in the basement of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Rutland following the traditional pot luck supper. President Herb Ogden conducted the meeting and special guests representing the main club were Dave Hardy, director of field programs; Sandy Tarburton, membership and volunteer coordinator; and Gregg Western, supervisor of caretakers and crews in the Coolidge Range and closely involved with the many trail relocations currently being carried out in our section.

MINUTES

The secretary's minutes, which had previously appeared in *Smoke & Blazes*, were approved unanimously without being read aloud (Al Pulling, Jean Davies).

MEMBERSHIP

Following discussion of the fact that section membership is down and members seem to be slow in renewing this year, it was moved and seconded (Bob Perkins, Bill Robichaud) that membership reminder notices be sent out by the main club. This was carried unanimously. Sandy Tarburton noted that their regular procedure is to send out an initial notice followed by two reminder notices.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Herb was pleased to report that Bob Perkins and Bill Robichaud have agreed to take over as the new co-chairmen of Trails & Shelters, relieving him of that responsibility. Clearing and blazing will take place during walk-throughs coming up in May and early June. There were 151 hours of volunteer labor between 1992 and 1998 contributed to maintaining trails in the Killington Section.

PICO CAMP

The American Skiing Company doesn't have the funds to build its planned interconnect between Killington and Pico thus sparing Pico Camp for at least another year. However, the structure should be jacked up and leveled out as the register is full of complaints from overnight visitors unhappy with having to sleep on a slant.

GMC DIRECTOR

Phil Smith is unable to serve another term as director to the GMC. Al Pulling, the alternate director, agreed to take over the position and keep us abreast of the many plans and projects being formulated at the Waterbury headquarters. All agreed GMC leadership is much more sensitive to section needs than in the past.

TRAIL REPORTS

The Cauty Trail is in good shape but problems exist near the trailhead. These include lack of parking, wet terrain, and liability from semi-abandoned buildings. Much of this could be solved by relocating the trail to all federal land.

On the Long Trail itself, relocations are progressing well on the whole. North of U.S. 4 it is "pretty much ready to go" and the flag line is easily followed. South of Rte. 4 a lot of work remains to be done but hopefully will be completed by Labor Day.

The relo in Little Killington is partly done. No relo is planned for the Bucklin Trail but a good bridge is needed across Brewers Brook. Gary Salmon is currently building a bridge with the Youth Corps across the lower Brewers Brook crossing.

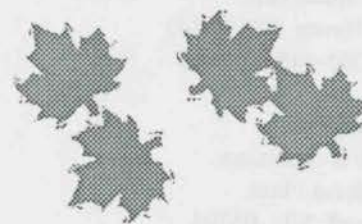
North of Gov. Clement Shelter there are plans for a possible relo but nothing has yet been picked out.

On the Bear Mountain relo there is a difference of opinion between the GMC and the U.S. Forest Service archaeologist with regard to the treatment of old cellar holes. The debate centers on whether it is better to go right past them or give them a wide berth and approach only by short side trails. The Minerva Hinchey to Vt. 140 portion is mostly done. New signage will be needed on Vt. 140 to properly indicate the changes. Local volunteers who would like to work with Dave and Gregg on Long Trail Patrols building new routes in the section are more than welcome.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Herb complimented editor Kim Armstrong on the new professional look of *Smoke*

FALL POTLUCK AND PROGRAM



Saturday, November 20
5:30 p.m.

The Unitarian Universalist Church
basement,
West Street, Rutland
Bring a dish to share
and a place setting.

Call Sue Thomas at 773-2185
for more information

& *Blazes*. Connie Youngstrom has agreed to take over as Outings Chairman replacing Linda Smith. She will be helped by Sue Thomas.

RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGREEMENT

Section historian Bob Perkins has worked out an agreement with the Rutland Historical Society to serve as a permanent repository for our scrapbooks, albums, *Smoke & Blazes* collection, meeting notes, and other memorabilia. Anyone with such material or perhaps a personal collection is encouraged to donate it to the Society.

CLARENDON GORGE

Bob is currently wearing another hat as chairman of the Clarendon Gorge Park Association. This group is concerned that the lower part of the Clarendon Gorge just east of where the Mill River crosses Rte. 7 will fall into private hands and no longer be publicly accessible. The group would like to have some pub-

Killington Section Directors, including Officers

Year in parenthesis indicates end of three year term.

President:

Herbert G. Ogden
20 Birchwood Ave.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 775-1350 eves,
775-3368 workdays
E-mail lco@together.net (1999)

Vice-President:

Philip Smith
9A Capitol Hill,
Fair Haven VT, 05743
Tel. 265-4493 (2000)

Secretary:

Jacob R. Sherman
48 Morse Place,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 775-2784 (2001)

Treasurer:

Alfred L. Pulling
883 U.S. Rt. 4 East
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-6997
E-mail ra137@juno.com (2000)

Historian:

Robert Perkins
6 Rachel Dr.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-0184 (2001)

Raymond Catozzi (1999)
Ruth Gibbud (1999)
Linda Smith (2000)
Connie Youngstrom (2001)

Killington Section members of Green Mt. Club Board of Directors

Director:

Philip Smith
(see above for info) (1999)

Alternate:

Alfred R. Pulling
(see above for info) (2000)

Smoke & Blazes Editor:

Kim Armstrong
PO Box 346
Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035
(Day) 802-672-4191
(F) 802-672-4190
Email: kapr@vermontel.com

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club ANNUAL REPORT, JUNE 1999

The Killington Section maintains the Long Trail (and hence the Appalachian Trail) from Route 140 in Wallingford Gulf to Route 4 at Sherburne Pass, the Killington Spur Trail, the Bucklin Trail up Killington from the west, and the Pico Link. We also maintain the Cauty Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain, which is no longer part of the Long Trail System. This amounts to 21.6 miles of Long Trail and 6.4 miles of side trails, for a total of 28 miles. That works out to precisely half a mile of trail for every membership in the Section.

Even a few years ago, the ratio was much better. We usually had over 100 members, and approached 150 in the last decade. Now we have 14 Life Members, 27 Individual Members, and 13 Family Memberships. Counting two people per family, that works out to 67 members. I'm a little puzzled at the slump. We know some reasons. Several formerly very active members, including one long-time President, quit as soon as unified dues greatly increased their dues. The added cost alone apparently wasn't the only reason, since it appears no one took advantage of the \$7 low income or trail maintainer discount. Some may have quit to protest the loss of autonomy by all Sections. Of course, some just moved away or lost interest. To make up for the losses, maybe our dues reminders have to be more forceful, and maybe we need to work with sporting goods stores and others to publicize the Section better.

Despite our relatively low membership, our outings are generally well-attended. Except during mud season and hunting season, we offer about one activity per week. Jerry Parker's series of Children's Adventure Outings has been popular. We have also had canoe trips, bicycle tours, cross country ski treks, and snowshoe outings. We continue to try to reduce traffic on the Long Trail by scheduling most of our trips on side trails and old roads that are known only to the hike leader and a few others.

Our part of the Long Trail is in the best shape ever. Puncheon donated by Eastern Mountain Sports has fixed the mud wallows in the saddle between Pico and Killington. Hours of work by Trails & Shelters Co-Chair Bill Robichaud and others have slowed the erosion on the north slope of Pico. Rocks moved by the GMC trail crew and griphoist have let hikers cross Gould Brook dryshod except during real high water. The relocation north of Cooper Lodge has moved the trail onto a better footway away from Killington's ski trails, thanks to GMC crews.

Speaking of relocations, this will be the year for them. By this fall, about one-third of the Long Trail in our section will be moved from where it was last fall. Another several miles will probably move in the next few years. We have helped some and will continue to do so, but most of the work has been done by GMC crews and the Youth Conservation Corps. Although the resulting trail will be significantly longer than it is now, the Section has, however, voted to maintain all the new trail plus the present route from Pico to Sherburne Pass, which will become a side trail.

We continue to be very pleased that GMC President Rolf Anderson is attentive to the needs and wishes of the Sections. He has ushered in a new era of cooperation between headquarters and the local groups. I am sure I speak for all nine members of the Killington Section's Board of Directors in applauding him for this.

Rutland, 11 June 1999

Herbert G. Ogden, President

Killington Section, GMC Annual Meeting, from page 1

lic entity such as the Town of Clarendon own it and is hoping to raise money toward this goal through grants.

Continued on page 3

LONG TRAIL GUIDE

Dave Hardy noted that a new edition may be published next year and sought input on how many of the new changes ought to be included. A motion to include description of all or as many as possible of the new relocations in our section was passed unanimously (Jake Sherman, Al Pulling). A motion was also passed to recommend to main club that relocations be published in the Long Trail News.

HONOREES

Churchill Scott suggested that Ellen Russell be honored by the Club as a benefactor. Sandy Tarburton noted that the GMC asks for names of individuals eligible for five and 10 year service awards as well as Volunteer of the Year. There are also honorary Life Members.

DIRECTORS MEETING

At a special Directors' meeting Bill Robichaud was unanimously elected to a three-year term replacing Ray Catozzi whose term has just expired. Bob Perkins was elected vice-president to fill the term of Phil Smith who has resigned. Al Pulling will take over Phil's term as GMC Director with Connie Youngstrom serving as alternate. Ruth Gibbud was also elected to another term as a director. All of these new officers were unanimously approved by the general membership. The business portion of the meeting was then adjourned upon a motion by Janet Martin.

PROGRAM

The evening's program was a slide talk presented by Cara Clifford Nelson who, two years ago with her sister, hiked the Long Trail from end-to-end to honor the 70th anniversary of her grandmother's hiking the trail. Her grandmother, Kathleen Robert Clifford, along with two other young women, thru hiked the LT in the summer of 1927, the first women ever to do so. Known as "The Three Musketees," they carried their rations and extra clothes in pack baskets and completed the journey in a remarkable 26 days. In paying tribute to her grandmother's accomplishment, Cara and her sister also raised \$30,000 for the Long Trail Protection Fund. Cara was introduced by program chairman Ray Catozzi. The presentation cleverly interwove yesteryear with today and was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Killington Section Membership Report

Badger, Robert L	16 Grant St	Potsdam NY 13676
Baitz, Scott	Box 564	Ludlow, VT 05149
Bebee, Vivian/L Walter	14 Belmont Av	Rutland VT 05701-3322
Bickford, Channing	16 Birchwood Ave	Rutland, VT 05701
Boutwell, Rev/Mrs Robt	690 Town Line Rd	Rutland, VT 05701-9342
Bushey, Philip J Jr	POBox 156	E Wallingford, VT 05742
Cartier, Karen W	63 Evergreen Ave	Rutland, VT 05701
Catozzi, Raymond	103 Bellevue Ave	Rutland, VT 05701
Charland, Rachael W	414 Chestnut St Apt 1005	Springfield, MA 01104-3440
Conlon, George	299 Sunset Dr	Rutland, VT 05701
Darrow, Dr Robert	19 Cream Hill Rd	Mendon, VT 05701
Davidson, Kit	321 St John Rd	Castleton, VT 05735
Davies, Jean	Box 37	Pittsford VT 05763
Deinzer, Walter	9 Tenney Brook Ct	Rutland, VT 05701
Devereux, Charlene	2 Orion Av	Ludlow, VT 05149
Dicton Sr, Joseph	2728 US Route 7 N.	Rutland, VT 05701
Donahue, Bernard G	50 Edgerton St	Rutland, VT 05701
Flynn, Michael T/Gauthier	POBox 47	Gaysville, VT 05746
Gallagher, Peter/B Yon	2637 E Pittsford Rd	Rutland, VT 05701
Gibbud, Ruth	69 Temple St	Rutland, VT 05701-3527
Ginsberg, Frances	155 Highland Rd	Rye, NY 10580
Hawley, Ira/Lorraine	819 US RT 4 E	Rutland, VT 05701
Henkel, Margaret	RR 1, Box 264	Shrewsbury, VT 05738
Hooker, Geo, Cheryl & TJ	11 Royce St	Rutland, VT 05701
Johnson, Willard	2393 Flag RD	Abilene, KS 67410-6949
Lamb, Ruth/Sandy	POBox 1395	Bolton Landing, NY 12814-0127
Little, John J	POBox 292	Killington, VT 05751-0292
Malkus, Sam	31 Williams St	Proctor, VT 05765
Martin, David S	IPA, 411 LaFayette St. 303,	NY, NY 10003
Martin, John/Janet	471 Perkins Road	Rutland Town, VT 05701-4614
Mathewson, Jon/Kimberly	POBox 1262	Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Mathis, Dave	260 Lincoln Ave	Rutland, VT 05701
Matteson, Richard E	POBox 760	Killington, VT 05751-0760
McGill, Chuck/Charlene	33 Greenwood Ln	Westford, VT 05494
Nelson, Cara/Jonathan	POBox 224	Williston, VT 05495
Ogden Jr, Herbert/Hannah	20 Birchwood Ave	Rutland, VT 05701-3605
Parker, Gerald	Rt 1, Box 586	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Partalis, Catherine	POBox 6052	Rutland, VT 05701-6052
Perkins, Robert/Thelma	6 Rachael Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Pettrone, Mark	86 Mt View Dr	Averill Park, NY 12018
Phillips, Don/Diane	RD 1, Box 203	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Pranger, Pat	RR 2, Box 192C	Wallingford, VT 05773-9718
Pulcer, Ronald/Sarah	317 Countryside Dr	Rutland Town, VT 05701-9315
Pulling, Roma/Al	883 US Rt 4 E	Rutland, VT 05701-9038
Quigg, Peter	Currier Rd, Box 62	Killington, VT 05751
Reynolds, George	POBox 83	Springfield, VT 05156-0083
Robichaud, William T	POBox 457	Rutland, VT 05701
Rogers, Wally	RR 2, Box 5370	Castleton, VT 05735
Romeo, F John	121 Ellison's Lake Rd	Ludlow, VT 05149
Russell, Ellen B	6 Heritage Hill	Rutland, VT 05701-2415
Scott, Churchill	RR 3, Box 4869	Rutland, VT 05701
Sheldon, Marilyn	1118 W Tinmouth Rd	W Rutland, VT 05777
Sherman, Jacob R	48 Morse Place	Rutland, VT 05701
Sibley, Joan	RFD, Box 132	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Smith, Jesse	RR 3, Box 4496	Rutland, VT 05701
Smith, Phil/Linda	9-A Capitol Hill	Fair Haven, VT 05743
Suddarth, John/Lindsey	3 Meadow View Dr	Mendon, VT 05701
Thomas, Catherine	20 Birchwood Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Trubisz, Jeffrey	3 Settlers Way	Salem, MA 01970
Tufano, Albert L	RR 1, Box 1025	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Waldhauer, Carolyn	1072 Bixby RD	Ludlow, VT 05149-9773
Wright, David P	POBox 1001	Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Youngstrom, Connie/Mark	1608 Lottery Rd	Shrewsbury, VT 05738
Zeh, Stuart/V Backaitis	41 Vreeland Ave	Totowa, NJ 07512
Zizis, Maryellen	122 Nichols St	Wilmington, MA 01887

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section, a chapter of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4, plus side trails) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES

Individual \$ 27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*

Family \$ 35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*

Individual Lifetime \$500 (entirely tax-deductible)

Family Lifetime \$750 (entirely tax-deductible)

* People who volunteer substantial time for the Section or the G.M.C., or whose income is unusually low, may deduct \$7 from dues.

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. As required by the G.M.C., the Killington Section retains 20% of annual dues and passes the rest on to the central Green Mt. Club. All Section members are also members of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

I/We would like information about volunteering for the following activities (circle your choices): trail work, shelter work, signmaking, publications, leading outings, publicity, education, other: _____.

I/We also enclose a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Please make checks payable to Killington Section, G.M.C.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US Route 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701-9038



PERKROB

Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Thelma Perkins
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701-3772



Volume 52, Number 3

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

December 1999

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club Director's Meeting, November 20, 1999

A meeting of the Killington Section's officers and directors was held Saturday, Nov. 20, 1999, at 4:30 P.M. at the Unitarian Church in Rutland prior to the club's annual fall potluck supper. Attending the meeting were Herb Ogden, section president; Bob Perkins, vice-president and 'historian'; Al Pulling, treasurer and GMC director; directors, Bill Robichaud and Ruth Gibbud, and secretary, Jake Sherman.

TREASURER'S REPORT -- Al Pulling reported that the section currently has \$1,124.74 in its checking account and \$1,317.58 in the savings account. There has been no change in the Kirk Fund. The section now numbers 41 individual members, 36 family members, and 14 life members.

It was noted that membership renewal letters are now being sent out from the main club in Waterbury. Dues can be paid either directly to the main club or to our own section treasurer, the same percentage being returned to the section in either case. It was also noted that the main club's letter can be tailored to section needs and in our case should include a reminder that dues include *Smoke & Blazes*.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT -- Bob Perkins reminded the meeting that the section's archives are now being stored and preserved at the Rutland Historical Society's building on Nickwackett Street. If anybody has any photos, diaries or other memorabilia related to the section looking for a 'permanent home,' they would be most welcome.

SMOKE & BLAZES -- All were pleased with the job being done by editor Kim Armstrong (now Jackson). All hike leaders were reminded about the need to submit hike reports promptly.

NOMINATIONS -- Several candidates were suggested to fill two directors' terms that will be beginning in April 2000.

GMC DIRECTOR'S REPORT -- Al Pulling reported that at the last main club meeting there was much discussion of a recent \$100,000 donation in relation to the purchase of land surrounding the Waterbury headquar-

ters. The donation is apparently limited to that purpose only. The amount of money available, however, is still well short of that needed for the 40-odd acres the club would like to purchase to preserve a suitable natural environment around itself and prevent unwanted development.

SECTION LEADERS MEETING -- Bob Perkins and Bill Robichaud represented the section at this meeting held Saturday, Nov. 13, at Vermont Law School in South Royalton. Among items discussed there was an earlier suggestion by section leaders that the main club return a larger percentage of dues to the sections. This proposal, however, has been referred by the club to its membership committee and still remains 'on the table.'

Another item brought up was that some sections now have Web pages. Some sections have them while others don't. Ours is among those who don't. A section's web page can contain a tremendous amount of info about the section including its history, membership, and hike schedules. A section web page might also be linked to the main club's web page as well as to the web page of the local Chamber of Commerce under 'Recreational Opportunities.' Obviously, some sections contain members with the skills to put these pages into operation. Bob is going to look into what would be required to 'get one up.'

Another topic raised was group use of the LT, particularly in sensitive areas or times such as during mud-season, on Alpine summits, etc. The trail traverses land under many different ownerships including state land, U.S. Forest Service land, etc. each with its own set of rules. The rules are unclear and lack uniformity. The club plays a dual role because while we aim to be protectors of the trail we are also users. It was felt that 10 people on an overnight hike and 20 on a day hike were reasonable limits but these do not represent anything hard and fast.

The section leaders also addressed the need to recruit younger members into the club. One successful idea has been the creation of so-called 'Turtles' hikes presently popular in the mid-state area. 'Turtles' hikes are geared to families with young children and are less than five miles, involve less than 500 feet of

climbing, and take no more than four hours. There are about eight or 10 of these hikes during the year. Any section can schedule 'Turtle' hikes if it wants to and is free to make use of the name.

RENAMING OF SIDE TRAIL -- After much discussion of possible names for the section of old LT between Pico South and Sherburne Pass, which with the new rerouting of the AT/LT has now become a side trail, the name Sherburne Pass Trail was selected from about a dozen possibilities. It was felt this name would avoid confusion and provide a geographical place name that would make the purpose of the trail clear to hikers. The section will now report its recommendation to the main club which had requested us to come up with a name. They needed it fairly quickly to be able to use in new maps and guidebooks.

HIKE PUBLICITY - It was felt the section needed better hike publicity and that the appointment of a publicity chairman would be a good idea. Some other thoughts about publicizing hikes included a 'postcard' size schedule that would be handy for attaching to refrigerators or just carrying; a table display at such locations as the mall, the Rutland Fair, and Arts in the Park, and having hikes with a leader possessing special knowledge, for example, a geology or a botany hike.

In terms of trail maintenance, it was suggested that in the newsletter volunteers should be sought for specific jobs rather than just being asked for generally. Bill Robichaud felt the main club needed to go after the state for more money for this purpose. It was noted that more 'ridge-runners' or caretakers were needed and also needed to be better paid. Herb asked what the section might do to assist the ridge-runners charged with patrolling the Coolidge Range.

Also, it was felt that with Castleton, College of St. Joseph and Green Mountain in the area more college students ought to be interested in associating with the club.

Continued on page 3

Killington Section Directors, including Officers

Year in parenthesis indicates end of three year term.

President:

Herbert G. Ogden
20 Birchwood Ave.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 775-1350 eves,
775-3368 weekdays
E-mail lco@together.net (1999)

Vice-President:

Robert Perkins
6 Rachel Dr.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-0184 (2001)

Secretary:

Jacob R. Sherman
48 Morse Place,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 775-2784 (2001)

Treasurer:

Alfred L. Pulling
883 U.S. Rt. 4 East
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-6997
E-mail ra137@juno.com (2000)

Historian:

Robert Perkins
6 Rachel Dr.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-0184 (2001)

Raymond Catozzi (1999)
Ruth Gibbud (1999)
Linda Smith (2000)
Connie Youngstrom (2001)

Killington Section members of Green Mt. Club Board of Directors

Director:

Alfred L. Pulling
see above info (2000)

Alternate:

Connie Youngstrom
(2000)

Smoke & Blazes Editor:

Kim Jackson
PO Box 346
Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035
(802) 672-3157
Email: kapr@vermontel.com

Pico Camp Register - September 19, 1998 - June 16, 1999

Below is a summary of the Pico Camp use from September 19, 1998 through June 16, 1999. Bear in mind plenty of hikers do not sign in, and some do not indicate they are only one of a large party.

9/19-30/98	43	10/98	33
11/98	23	12/98	12
1/99	6	2/99	45
3/99	22	4/99	13
5/99	32	6/1-16/99	32
Total	261		

Most hikers did not say where they lived, but Argentina, Germany, and the Netherlands were included. AT and LT end-to-enders apparently signed in more regularly than those hiking a shorter distance. Comments (verbatim; include all mention of conditions at any shelter and background of writer, if apparent)

10/5/98	Warmer than expected night. All new shelters should be enclosed. AT '96, LT '98.
10/7/98	Cooper Lodge sucked. LT end to ender.
10/26/98	Here for the night. Cooper Lodge sucks. Headed to Burlington.
5/11/99	What a great cabin this is, by far the best yet. AT MA-ME
5/11/99	Great cabin. AT hiker from PA.
5/19/99	I feel as if the shelter may tumble down the mountain at any second.
5/20/99	This fine little cabin. Canada.
5/29/99	Glad to see Pico Camp is still on the trail. It was a welcome sight.
6/6/99	What a great place to stay.
6/13/99	Pico's a great old camp.
6/16/99	Feel sorry for the folks up at Cooper w/ no windows. LT end to ender

Compiled by Herb Ogden, Killington Section GMC, July 1999.

From The Field

EXPLORING LOWELL LAKE

August, 29, 1999

by Ruth Gibbud

Five canoers traveled to Londonderry to explore one of the prettiest lakes around on August 29th. With its multiple coves and four islands, there was lots to see. We found blossoming pitcher plants in the bog and got fairly close to what we determined, by consensus, was a cormorant. We saw a beaver lodge and several stashes of food awaiting the winter. Although the lake level was quite low, we had an enjoyable day, quitting the water and loading our craft before the winds came up and the rain came down.

ROBERT FROST MT., RIPTON, VT October 16, 1999

by Helen & Greg Crawford

Someone on today's hike organized a beautiful, warm, sunny October day for

us. The trip leaders can't take credit. Seventeen of us, including six from the Bread Loaf section and five from the Rutland area, charged into the woods on a snowmobile trail from the Ripton-Lincoln Road. The trail led to the peak of Robert Frost Mountain. There was no snow or snowmobiles to get in the way. But mud boots proved useful.

At the peak we met George Smith and his wife from White River Jct. George had called to go on our trip. But somehow, we missed connections. Being resourceful, the Smiths climbed on their own.

We stopped at a viewpoint facing east, a short distance below the summit for lunch and relaxation. I'm sure Sue Thomas' photos will show just how relaxed we got, and what a good view we had of Bread Loaf Mountain and the surrounding Greens.

Killington Section, GMC Director's Meeting, from page 1

On the matter of adopters, the only ones presently working in the section are Ruth and Sandy Lamb of the Lake George area who are taking care of Cooper Lodge. It was felt that if Waterbury would have the adopters work directly through the section rather than the main club, the section would be much more receptive to the idea.

Finally, it was felt that follow-up letters for membership should be sent to all who come on hikes and sign the hike register.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M. as the clamor or eager potluckers and the aroma of a variety of home-cooked dishes focused all further attention on the food and program portion of the evening. In all, about 35 individuals participated.

PROGRAM -- A very interesting slide talk was presented by Ruth Mary Cooper Lamb who as mentioned above, with her husband Sandy has adopted Cooper Lodge, the log camp high on the west side of Killington Peak. This structure has been much abused by skiing parties and others over the past few decades and has required a great amount of work and attention to keep it serviceable so the efforts of the Lambs are much appreciated. Cooper Lodge was named after Ruth's uncle Edward Cooper, who was president of the Green Mountain Club in the 1920s and instrumental in the establishment of the Long Trail.

Ruth's talk focused mainly on her aunt Mary Cooper Back who wore many hats during her 86 years including girlhood years in Vermont (during which she hiked the LT from Sherburne Pass up to Warren solo), art school in Chicago, and marriage to a Wyoming artist-cowboy with whom she settled in that state's Wind River Valley in 1935. Ruth has chronicled her aunt's struggles and passion for life in a memoir based on her letters and journals entitled 'Mary's Way.' The program was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jake Sherman
Secretary*

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES IS FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2000

You can send your stories handwritten, typewritten, on disk, or via email to:

Kim Jackson, PO Box 346,
Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035
P 802-672-3157
Email: kapr@vermontel.net

Killington Section Membership Report

Badger, Robert L	16 Grant St	Potsdam NY 13676
Baitz, Scott	Box 564	Ludlow, VT 05149
Bebee, Vivian/L. Walter	14 Belmont Av	Rutland VT 05701-3322
Bickford, Channing	16 Birchwood Ave	Rutland, VT 05701
Boutwell, Rev/Mrs Robt	690 Town Line Rd	Rutland, VT 05701-9342
Bushey, Philip J Jr	POBox 156	E Wallingford, VT 05742
Cartier, Karen W	63 Evergreen Ave	Rutland, VT 05701
Catozzi, Raymond	103 Bellevue Ave	Rutland, VT 05701
Charland, Rachael W	414 Chestnut St Apt 1005	Springfield, MA 01104-3440
Conlon, George	299 Sunset Dr	Rutland, VT 05701
Darrow, Dr Robert	19 Cream Hill Rd	Mendon, VT 05701
Davidson, Kit	321 St John Rd	Castleton, VT 05735
Davies, Jean	Box 37	Pittsford VT 05763
Deinzer, Walter	9 Tenney Brook Ct	Rutland, VT 05701
Devereux, Charlene	2 Orion Av	Ludlow, VT 05149
Dicton Sr, Joseph	2728 US Route 7	N. Rutland, VT 05701
Donahue, Bernard G	50 Edgerton St	Rutland, VT 05701
Flynn, Michael T/Gauthier	POBox 47	Gaysville, VT 05746
Gallagher, Peter/B Yon	2637 E Pittsford Rd	Rutland, VT 05701
Gibbud, Ruth	69 Temple St	Rutland, VT 05701-3527
Ginsberg, Frances	155 Highland Rd	Rye, NY 10580
Green, Donald	34 Chasanna Dr	Rutland, VT
Hawley, Ira/Lorraine	819 US RT 4 E	Rutland, VT 05701
Henkel, Margaret	RR 1, Box 264	Shrewsbury, VT 05738
Hillier, Steven	PO Box 299	Stockbridge, VT
Hooker, Geo, Cheryl & TJ	11 Royce St	Rutland, VT 05701
Jackson, Steve/Kim	PO Box 346	Bridgewater Cnrs, VT 05035
Johnson, Willard	2393 Flag RD	Abilene, KS 67410-6949
Lamb, Ruth/Sandy	POBox 1395	Bolton Landing, NY 12814-0127
Little, John J	POBox 292	Killington, VT 05751-0292
Malkus, Sam	31 Williams St	Proctor, VT 05765
Martin, David S	IPA, 411 LaFayette St. 303	NY, NY 10003
Martin, John/Janet	471 Perkins Road	Rutland Town, VT 05701-4614
Mathewson, Jon/Kimberly	POBox 1262	Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Mathis, Dave	260 Lincoln Ave	Rutland, VT 05701
Matteson, Richard E	POBox 760	Killington, VT 05751-0760
McGill, Chuck/Charlene	33 Greenwood Ln	Westford, VT 05494
McGowan, Sandi	PO Box 694	Killington, VT 05751
Nelson, Cara/Jonathan	POBox 224	Williston, VT 05495
Ogden Jr, Herbert/Hannah	20 Birchwood Ave	Rutland, VT 05701-3605
Parker, Gerald	Rt 1, Box 586	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Partalis, Catherine	POBox 652	Rutland, VT 05701-6052
Perkins, Robert/Thelma	6 Rachael Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Pettrone, Mark	86 Mt View Dr	Averill Park, NY 12018
Phillips, Don/Diane	RD 1, Box 203	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Pranger, Pat	RR 2, Box 192C	Wallingford, VT 05773-9718
Preiser, John	6 North St. Apt 5	Rutland, VT
Pulcer, Ronald/Sarah	317 Countryside Dr	Rutland Town, VT 05701-9315
Pulling, Roma/Al	883 US Rt 4 E	Rutland, VT 05701-9038
Quigg, Peter	Currier Rd, Box 62	Killington, VT 05751
Reynolds, George	POBox 83	Springfield, VT 05156-0083
Robichaud, William T	POBox 457	Rutland, VT 05701
Rogers, Wally	RR 2, Box 5370	Castleton, VT 05735
Romeo, F John	121 Ellison's Lake Rd	Ludlow, VT 05149
Russell, Ellen B	6 Heritage Hill	Rutland, VT 05701-2415
Scott, Churchill	RR 3, Box 4869	Rutland, VT 05701
Sheldon, Marilyn	1118 W Tinmouth Rd	W Rutland, VT 05777
Sherman, Jacob R	48 Morse Place	Rutland, VT 05701
Sibley, Joan	RFD, Box 132	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Smith, Jesse	RR 3, Box 4496	Rutland, VT 05701
Smith, Phil/Linda	9-A Capitol Hill	Fair Haven, VT 05743
Suddarth, John/Lindsey	3 Meadow View Dr	Mendon, VT 05701
Thomas, Catherine	20 Birchwood Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Trubisz, Jeffrey	3 Settlers Way	Salem, MA 01970
Tufano, Albert L	RR 1, Box 1025	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Walczkowski, Jane	PO Box 302	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Waldhauer, Carolyn	1072 Bixby RD	Ludlow, VT 05149-9773
Wright, David P	POBox 1001	Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Wood, David	160 Allen St.	Rutland, VT
Youngstrom, Connie/Mark	1608 Lottery Rd	Shrewsbury, VT 05738
Zardus, Joan	8 Barbara Dr	Amesbury, MA
Zeh, Stuart/V Backaitis	41 Vreeland Ave	Totowa, NJ 07512
Zizis, Maryellen	122 Nichols St	Wilmington, MA 01887

Killington Section Green Mountain Club - Outing Schedule Winter 1999/2000

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown. Participants should bring lunch unless noted.

Non-members are welcome! Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader.

Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader.

Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Sat. December 4 - **SNAKE MOUNTAIN** 9a.m. Sue Thomas, 773-2185.

4 miles round trip, weather depending.

Sat. December 11 - **BRIDGEWATER HOLLOW TO THE LOOKOUT** 9 a.m. Herb Ogden, 775-1350.

From Bridgewater Hollow, we will climb to the Appalachian Trail north of the Pinnacle on an old road that passes the remote Bridgewater Hollow Cemetery and the more remote site of a large farm. We will follow the AT from the Lookout Farm Road to the Lookout, which has a wonderful panorama. We'll continue west on the AT to an old highway leading from Barnard back to Bridgewater Hollow, past the remains of more farms that disappeared about a hundred years ago. 5.5 mi. moderate, with about 1000' vertical climb. Return around 4 p.m.

Sat. January 8 - **QUARTERLINE ROAD HIKE** Roma and Al Pulling, 773-6997.

1p.m. Easy to moderate, 3 miles.

Sat. January 15 - **SHREWSBURY PEAK SKI AND SNOWSHOE** 10 a.m. Connie & Mark Youngstrom, 492-3502.

Snow conditions permitting we will cross country ski along snowmobile trails to where the Shrewsbury Peak hiking trail crosses. From there we will stash our skis and hike the rest of the way to the summit on snowshoes. Ought to be fun if the snow is fine. Difficult, about 6 miles round trip. Call for details.

Sat. January 22 - **AIKEN STATE FOREST WINTER TREE IDENTIFICATION** 10 a.m. Gary Salmon, 492-3315.

Learn the winter trees by bark and bud with the expert. This will be a snowshoe or ski event depending on weather conditions. Please call for details. Easy. 1 - 2 miles.

Sat. February 5 - **GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER AND BEYOND**, in Shrewsbury. 10 a.m.; return about 2:30 p.m. Depending on snow cover, we'll ski, snowshoe, or walk from the Upper Cold River Rd. up the Gov. Clement Rd. to this historic stone shelter, the Long Trail's oldest. Any skiers, at least, may want to continue up to the Sargent Brook crossing before turning back. There will also be a visit to the long abandoned farm north of the shelter, and probably a fire in the shelter's inside fireplace for lunch. 3 mi. Easy, expandable to about 4 mi. Moderate.

Sat. February 12 - **MERCK FOREST** 10 a.m. Gretchen Crowley 483-9448.

Ski, snowshoe, or hike depending on the weather. Please call for more information.

Sat. February 19 - **OLD TURNPIKE ROAD SNOWSHOE HIKE** 9 a.m. Sue Thomas, 773-2185.

We will hike from the Old Turnpike Road to the Long Trail.

Sun. February 27 - **MYSTERY SNOWSHOE HIKE** 10a.m. Gretchen Crowley. Please call for info.

Sat. March 11 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** 1p.m. Jerry Parker, 775-6208.

1-3 miles, Easy. Great time for kids!

WANT TO LEAD A HIKE? Our next schedule will include mid-March through mid-June. Please call Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502 or Sue Thomas 773-2185 by **March 1** to guarantee a spot on our schedule.

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section, a chapter of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4, plus side trails) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES

Individual \$ 27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*

Family \$ 35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*

Individual Lifetime \$500 (entirely tax-deductible)

Family Lifetime \$750 (entirely tax-deductible)

* People who volunteer substantial time for the Section or the G.M.C., or whose income is unusually low, may deduct \$7 from dues.

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. As required by the G.M.C., the Killington Section retains 20% of annual dues and passes the rest on to the central Green Mt. Club. All Section members are also members of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

I/We would like information about volunteering for the following activities (circle your choices): trail work, shelter work, signmaking, publications, leading outings, publicity, education, other: _____.

I/We also enclose a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Please make checks payable to Killington Section, G.M.C.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US Route 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701-9038



(11864)
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perkins
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701-3772



Volume 53, Number 1

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

March 2000

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club Director's Meeting, February 2, 2000

The meeting was held Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Herb Ogden in Rutland. Present were Herb Ogden, president; Bob Perkins, vice-president and "historian;" Al Pulling, treasurer and GMC director; Directors Bill Robichaud and Connie Youngstrom, and Secretary Jake Sherman

SECRETARY'S MINUTES - The minutes of the Nov. 20, 1999 meeting were passed unanimously without additions or corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The section as of Feb. 1 had \$1,091.77 in its checking account and \$1,346.22 in the savings account. We owe \$185 to the main club as their share of dues. Currently there are 19 family memberships, 14 life memberships, and 43 individual members. Kirk Fund interest for the year was \$649.32. Starting next year on a one-year trial basis the GMC will refund the sections 25% of dues instead of the current 20%.

MEMBERSHIP FORM -- The main club has drawn up a section membership renewal reminder form which will go out under the signature of Herb Ogden. Herb suggested a number of changes including an indication of how much of dues is tax-deductible. This year the reminder letters will go out only to those who haven't renewed but next year they will be sent to everybody. Dues may be sent directly to Waterbury or to section treasurer Al Pulling. When dues are sent to the main club, our portion has been received promptly. A suggestion was made that life members could be asked for an additional contribution or to volunteer

for particular activities. A short note in *Smoke & Blazes* could accomplish this.

HISTORIAN - We are planning to cooperate with the Burlington Section in adding a section on archives to the proposed Section Leaders' Handbook. Bob Perkins will be getting in touch with the Burlington Section historian, Dot Myers, on this. At present there is great inconsistency among sections in the thoroughness with which minutes and other records are kept. Herb suggested that the proposed handbook should be reviewed by at least one person from each section. It is unclear at just what stage this handbook is at. Meanwhile, a new Long Trail guidebook is slated to be published this year. This is most welcome since there have been so many relocations including many in the Killington Section.

SMOKE & BLAZES -- Hike leaders are again reminded to submit reports in a timely manner to editor Kim Jackson. They're best done while the event is still fresh. Connie agreed to call procrastinating hike leaders.

OUTINGS -- Connie suggested it would be a nice idea to send hike leaders a postcard of thanks which at the same time could serve as a reminder of the hike report. We just happen to have a large supply of section postcards. Meanwhile, Jake offered to draft a letter which would be sent to non-members who go on hikes with the club inviting them to join.

As a solution to the problem of getting the hike register from the last leader to the next, Herb offered to keep the register in box outside his office where it could be conveniently picked up. The

Killington Section Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 25

Potluck at 5:30 p.m.,
Business meeting at 7 p.m.,
and short program on hiking in the
Sierras by Bob Perkins following.

Fellowship Hall (downstairs) of the
Unitarian-Universalist Church,
117 West St., Rutland

office at 92 Center Street is about a block away from Koltonski Fire Station. He would see that accompanying it would be hike schedules for distribution.

We've had bad luck with the weather on recent outings. Both Gary Salmon's and Connie's hikes were on bitterly cold days and no one showed up.

GMC DIRECTOR'S REPORT -- Al Pulling reported on a recent GMC meeting in Waterbury at which some new and probably controversial proposals were put forward. The first was a proposal that the GMC become involved in overseeing the recreational use of the so-called "Champion lands." These are large tracts of land primarily in the northeastern part of the state which were recently acquired by the state from the Champion Lumber Co. On the face of it this activity seemed to have little connection with the Long Trail or its side trails. The board after much discussion passed a motion instructing our Director to express serious concern about any GMC involvement in the Champion lands unless it can be shown that this will contribute to the objectives of the club.

Continued on page 3

Killington Section Directors, Including Officers

Year in parenthesis indicates end of three year term.

President:

Herbert G. Ogden
20 Birchwood Ave.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 775-1350 eves,
775-3368 workdays
E-mail lco@together.net (1999)

Vice-President:

Robert Perkins
6 Rachel Dr.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-0184 (2001)

Secretary:

Jacob R. Sherman
48 Morse Place,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 775-2784 (2001)

Treasurer:

Alfred L. Pulling
883 U.S. Rt. 4 East
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-6997
E-mail ral37@juno.com (2000)

Historian:

Robert Perkins
6 Rachel Dr.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-0184 (2001)

Raymond Catozzi (1999)
Ruth Gibbud (1999)
Linda Smith (2000)
Connie Youngstrom (2001)

Killington Section members of Green Mt. Club Board of Directors

Director:

Alfred L. Pulling
see above info (2000)

Alternate:

Connie Youngstrom
(2000)

Smoke & Blazes Editor:

Kim Jackson
PO Box 346
Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035
(802) 672-3157
Email: kapr@vermontel.com

Trails and Shelters Committee Needs Workers

The story of the Green Mountain Club is the story of volunteers who conceived, built and maintained the Long Trail. It is essential for the future success of the Club that volunteers continue to play a major role. A major function of the Killington Section is to provide an opportunity for members to do just that.

Each year we list a few "work parties" in the outing schedule. We are finding, however, that we are unable to know, several months in advance, when, where, and what work will be needed. Therefore, we're hoping that several members will volunteer to join the Trails and Shelters Committee.

Membership on the Trails and Shelters Committee does not constitute a commitment to any specific trail work. It simply means that you would like to be notified and invited to participate in any "work parties" that are needed in addition to those listed in the schedule. Trails and Shelters work is at times strenuous, but it also includes tasks appropriate for any member such as trimming brush, painting blazes, or even just walking over a short section of trail to report its condition.

The moral and financial support of every member is truly appreciated but if you would enjoy making a hands-on contribution to the "oldest long-distance hiking trail in the country" please join the Trails and Shelters Committee by giving me a call.

Bob Perkins, (802) 773-0184
Co-chair, Trails and Shelters

From The Field

QUARTERLINE ROAD, RUTLAND TOWN

January 8, 2000

By Roma Pulling

A winter hike leader faces a lot of uncertainty. Weather conditions on the day of the hike can range from freezing rain to gale force winds to below-zero temperatures. But we encountered none of that. January 8 turned out to be mostly sunny with mild temperatures. That was partly responsible for the fact that there were 14 of us on the hike, and being an afternoon hike was another factor.

Quarterline Road was a popular winter hike destination in the early days because it wasn't maintained for vehicular traffic. Now we find it plowed and sanded but with little traffic and still provides a pleasant outing. One of the most rewarding parts of the hike comes at the beginning, when there is a great view of the Green Mountain range. At 2:30 p.m. we turned back toward our cars because some of our hikers had commitments later in the afternoon.

Burlington Free Press Celebrates the GMC's 90th Birthday

The Burlington Free Press has invited readers to send in their favorite memories of hiking the Long Trail. The best submissions will be printed as part of "90 Tales from the Long Trail." Mail entries to Long Trail Memories, 191 College Street, Burlington, Vermont 05401; email: bfreepress@aol.com; or fax: (802) 660-1802. We encourage all to send in their stories and memories.

In Memory Of Merritt Thomas

Our thoughts are with KS Life Member Catherine Thomas on the loss of her father, Merritt L. Thomas, on January 19. Merritt was 73-years-old and had been in fragile health for some time.

Mr. Thomas was a graduate of Rutland High School and was part owner of Thomas Dairy in Rutland Town. He was a Vermont State Representative, a director of the First Vermont Bank and a trustee for the Vermont State Fair.

He is survived by his wife, Natalie Thomas, six daughters, a son, and two brothers. Three brothers predeceased him. Cathy is married to KS president, Herb Ogden.

National Trails Day: Saturday, June 3, 2000

It's a great day to give back to the trails you love year 'round! If you are looking for a complete listing of National Trails Day events in Vermont, contact Karen Sharpwolf at (802) 244-7037 ext. 23 or after May 1.

GMC Annual Meeting Weekend: June 9 - 11, 2000

Inn at the Long Trail, Sherburne, Vt. Hosted by the Ottauquechee Section, this year's GMC Annual Meeting is right in our own backyard, providing us a great opportunity to learn about the entire club. Details and registration forms can be found in the spring 2000 *Long Trail News* or by contacting the GMC at (802) 244-7037 or gmc@greenmountainclub.org.

**Killington Section,
GMC Director's Meeting, from page 1**

It was suggested that the state forest and parks department would be the proper agency for such oversight.

Another proposal was for the GMC to purchase a bed & breakfast across the highway from its headquarters for conversion into office space. The price would be \$275,000. The GMC is considering this move because it has been unable to reach a satisfactory agreement on price with the landowner on its (western) side of Rte. 100 where it had hoped to purchase 40 or so acres for expansion and protection. The B&B would cost money to renovate and in addition lacks sufficient sewerage capacity for projected use by the GMC.

After much discussion, the board passed unanimously a motion expressing concern about these plans and that based on the information available it would seem the club would be better off paying a higher price on the western side to get what it really wants rather than get involved in a complex and potentially risky venture with the B&B property. The next GMC meeting will be in March in Middlebury.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER

-- Several suggestions were made for dealing with vehicular access to the shelter with its potential for serious vandalism which has occurred in the past. It was agreed the best approach was for a gate to be installed just after the second bridge and no parking lot. This proposal will first be taken to landowners who own camps in the vicinity as well as the Shrewsbury Snowbirds, the local snowmobiling club. If they approve, the next step would be to approach the Shrewsbury selectmen which would be done by Connie, a Shrewsbury resident, and a GMC representative.

SHERBURNE PASS TRAIL -- A decision was made to extend the name Sherburne Pass Trail to cover that portion from U.S. 4 north to the former Maine Junction. It was felt this would provide the most logic and clarity for hikers. Ear-

**Welcome New Members to the
Killington Section Since December 1999**

Hogenkamp, William & Joan	POBox 262	Rutland, VT 05702
Kellogg, Daniel & Miranda	31 High St	Proctor, VT 05765
Moreton, Kelly & Bruce	POBox 374	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Pilcher, Paul	22 Gibbs St	Proctor, VT 05765
Southworth, Ann	19 Town Line Rd	Rutland, VT 05701-9707

lier the board had endorsed the name for that portion of the old LT between Sherburne Pass and Pico Camp. Also discussed was whether the section would want to take on the maintenance of this mile-long stretch of trail north of the pass. The Ottauquechee Section comes up to Maine Junction but not to the highway. This may be brought up at the annual meeting.

RTE. 4 LT/AT TRAILHEAD -- The main club has come up with a proposed parking lot for the new trailhead of the LT/AT where it crosses Rte. 4. The parking lot would be directly opposite the entrance to the Fox Hollow condominiums and would be quite sizeable with space for what appears to be at least 20 vehicles. The plans were prepared by Enman Engineering. There is some parking there right now but it is not well maintained particularly in winter. Plowed snow presently blocks the entrance.

ANNUAL MEETING -- The annual meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the basement of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Rutland. There will be a potluck supper followed by a business meeting at 7 p.m. and then a slide show of the High Sierras presented by Bob Perkins. Killington Section memorabilia will be on exhibit.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Sherman, Secretary

**DEADLINE
FOR NEXT
ISSUE OF
SMOKE &
BLAZES
IS**

**THURSDAY,
JUNE 15, 2000**

**You can send your stories
handwritten, typewritten,
on disk, or via email to:**

**Kim Jackson,
PO Box 346,
Bridgewater Corners,
VT 05035
P 802-672-3157
Email:
kapr@vermontel.net**

Killington Section Green Mountain Club - Outing Schedule Spring 2000

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown. Participants should bring lunch unless noted.

Non-members are welcome! Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader.

Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader.

Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Saturday, March 11 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** - 1 p.m. Jerry Parker, 747-4439, 1-3 miles, Easy. Great time for kids!

Saturday, March 18 - **AIKEN STATE FOREST LATE WINTER TREE IDENTIFICATION** - 10 a.m. Gary Salmon, 492-3315. Learn the winter trees by bark and bud with the expert. This will be a snowshoe or walk depending on the weather conditions. Call for details. Easy, 1 - 2 miles.

Saturday, March 25 - **KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING** - 5:30 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. brief meeting. See front page of newsletter.

Sunday, April 2 - **MOOSALAMOO MTN HIKE** - Gordon and Helen Cawood, 352-4310. A joint hike with Breadloaf Section. 5 miles. Please call for details.

Saturday, April 8 - **DORSET TO DANBY HIKE** - 9 a.m. Sue Thomas, 773-2185. Via an old forest road, we will traverse a ridge where we'll pass a natural rock bridge and explore a marble quarry. 4-5 miles, easy to moderate.

Sunday, April 16 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** - 1 p.m. Jerry Parker, 747-4439. Look for signs of spring on this easy family hike.

Saturday, April 22 - **EARTH DAY: HAYSTACK MOUNTAIN IN PAWLET** 9 a.m. Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502. We'll travel to Pawlet and hike the trails, do some birding and botanizing, too.

Saturday, April 29 - **MYSTERY HIKE** - 10 a.m. Gretchen Crowley, 483-9448. Please call for details.

Saturday, May 6 - **HAYSTACK MOUNTAIN** - 9 a.m. Connie Youngstrom 492-3502. We'll travel to Pawlet and hike the trails, do some birding and botanizing, too.

Saturday, May 6 - **8TH ANNUAL MARSH CLEANUP** - 9 a.m. West Rutland Town Hall. Join the Rutland County Audubon Society in helping preserve this important local wetland and observe marsh dwelling birds at the same time. More information: David McDevitt, 438-2381.

Saturday, May 13 - **PERU PEAK WILDERNESS HIKE** - 8:30 a.m. Lynn Pilcher, 492-2401. Mileage 12.1 miles, Difficult.

Saturday, May 20 - **SPRING WILDFLOWER HIKE** - 10 a.m. Sue Thomas, 773-2185. Location to be determined. You may need your bug dope for this one!

Sunday, May 21 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** - 1 p.m. Jerry Parker, 747-4439. Fun for the kids. Easy 1-3 miles.

Saturday, May 27 - **LOW ELEVATION WALK THROUGH** - 9 a.m. Bill Robichaud, 775-2567. Trail inspection & maintenance of Wallingford Gulf Road (Route 140) and Gov. Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury. Moderate. Sturdy shoes, gloves, & a light lunch. Tools provided.

Sunday, May 28 - **GRANDPA'S KNOB HIKE** - 9:30 a.m. Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997. Views of Hubbardton. 3 miles, moderate.

Saturday, June 3 - **NATIONAL TRAILS DAY HIGH ELEVATION WALK-THROUGH** - 9 a.m. Bill Robichaud, 775-2567. Celebrate National Trails Day by joining us in inspecting and maintaining our trails between Gov. Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury and Route 4 in Mendon. Moderate to Strenuous. Bring sturdy shoes, work gloves and a light lunch. Tools provided.

Sunday, June 4 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** - 1 p.m. Jerry Parker, 747-4439. Easy, 1-3 miles

Friday, June 9 - Sunday, June 11 - **GMC ANNUAL MEETING WEEKEND**. See article for more information.

Saturday, June 17 - **BIKE TRIP** - 9 a.m. Sandy McGowan, 775-8841. Moderate to difficult. Location to be determined, call for more detail.

Saturday, June 24 - **BRIDGEWATER HOLLOW HIKE** - 9 a.m. Herb Ogden, 775-1350. From Bridgewater Hollow, we will climb the Appalachian Trail north of the Pinnacle on an old road that passes the remote Bridgewater Hollow Cemetery and the more remote site of a large farm. We will follow the AT from the Lookout Farm Road to the Lookout, which has a wonderful panorama. We'll continue west on the AT to an old highway leading from Barnard back to Bridgewater Hollow, past the remains of more farms that disappeared about 100 years ago. 5.5 miles, moderate, with about 1000' vertical climb. Return around 4 p.m.

WANT TO LEAD A HIKE? Our next schedule will include mid-June through mid-August. Please call Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502 or Sue Thomas 773-2185 by **June 15** to guarantee a spot on our schedule.

Long Trail's New Trailhead at Route 4

The Long Trail has a new trail head on Route 4, just West of Pico and right across the street from the Fox Hollow Condominiums.

This spot is currently an open area, a sort of pull off. The appearance of the site dates back to the mid 1950s. Most people probably know that Route 4 used to be more windy than it is now. When the highway was straightened the property of the abandoned right of way usually reverted to whoever the neighboring land owner was. However, at the spot that is now the trailhead the state retained ownership of the sliver of land between the highway and the brook that parallels it.

Fast forward to the year 2000 - since the state retained ownership, the land is available to use as a public parking lot and trail head.

Over the past couple of years we have focused our energy on building the new route of the Long Trail around the west side of Pico. Now that this trail is open, we are turning our attention to improving the trailhead.

Eventually we would like to have a safe, solid, constructed parking lot at the site. The current site is OK as a temporary parking area - but it's not a long term solution. The ground is rough, gets muddy, and runoff from Route 4 tends to make gullies there. In addition, as everyone knows - cars on Route 4 drive pretty fast - so in the long run we should have a regular driveway entrance to the parking so that folks can safely pull on and off Route 4.

In 1999 the Green Mountain Club got a small grant from the National Park Service to hire an engineer to design a parking lot. The gist of the design is a gravel lot that will take up about half of the current open area near the trail head. (That would make it big enough to accommodate a similar number of cars as the parking lot at the top of Sherburne Pass.) The lot would be in the East half of the current open area, away from the route of the hiking trail. (People who are walking through will not have to walk through the parking lot.) It will have a paved entrance that will be directly opposite the drive way for the Fox Hollow

Condominiums. (AOT says that driveways should be directly opposite each other - it is safer and also makes it easier to put in traffic controls like turning lanes if needed in the future.)

We've shown this parking lot plan to some contractors in the Rutland area, and it looks like the parking lot would cost around \$40,000 to build. That means it may be a while before it gets built. There is some federal highway money set aside for projects like this, and we're actively putting the GMC's name in to be considered for that money.

In the meantime it would be great if folks kept an eye on how the current "unimproved" parking area is doing - and spoke up with any simple things we could do to make it work better.

In anticipation of eventually having money for construction, we are going ahead and getting the permits we will need. AOT issued a permit last fall. The Town of Mendon Planning Commission will review the plans at an upcoming meeting.

In the Fall of 1999 the Mendon Planning Commission asked that the project include a "landscaping plan." This is a really good idea. The goal of the "landscaping" would be to revegetate or reclaim the disturbed area around the parking lot. In the end it would look like the woods (and the edge of the woods) - not like a vacant lot with a parking in the middle.

If folks have ideas about how this trailhead and parking area should look, are interested in helping with planning or planting the landscaping, or want to know more about this project - just call Greg Western at the GMC office 244-7037 ext. 18 (greg@greenmountainclub.org).

Also, it would be great if anybody who lives in Mendon, particularly, would like to look over the trailhead plan before it is presented to the town planning commission - and/or could come to the planning commission meeting and help present the plan.

A Preliminary Idea of What Planners Would Like the Parking Area to Look Like When Finished, and How You Can Be Involved

Greg has provided us with some simple, rough ideas of how the parking lot might look when it is finished. However, he is looking for input, especially from those who are members of the Section and have interest in gardening or landscaping, especially being involved in actually laying out the plants and work on the ground, when the time comes. As more news comes to us, we'll get it out to you. Here are some preliminary ideas:

For people driving by and for people who live across the street: Between the parking lot and the road would be low plants and/or jumbled boulders. This would visually "break up" the view of the parking lot.

For hikers:

- A clear path from the parking lot to the LT/AT. For example: a gravel turnpike similar to that built just north of Route 4.
- A clear route of the LT/AT for people hiking through (who are not going over to the parking lot at all). All ready in place: metal highway signs and blaze posts. When landscaping is done the route of LT/AT south of the road could also be turnpiked to make it very clear.

For the land: Aside from the area taken up by the parking lot itself, the land at the trailheads would be "reclaimed." There would be a healthy community of native plants behind the parking lot and away from the road. This would eventually just grow up and be "the woods."

For the GMC staff and volunteer maintainers: The landscaping would not require unusual amounts of ongoing maintenance. The point of the landscaping would not be to have a "yard" or "garden" that would need regular care. The "landscaping," as such, would be a one time effort to "recover" the disturbed land around the parking lot and at the trail head. After this initial effort the management needs would be the same as for any patch of natural ground near a road, near a parking lot, or at a trail head.

Is Your Membership Up for Renewal?

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. Could the next issue of *Smoke & Blazes* be your last because you have not paid your dues for 2000? If your mailing label on this issue of *Smoke and Blazes* has a red check mark, it means that you have not paid your dues.

Please send \$27 (for individual) or \$35 (for family) to:

Killington Section, GMC
Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
883 US Route 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701-9038

There also is a membership application at the end of this newsletter. This includes membership in both the Killington Section and in the main Green Mountain Club.



**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section, a chapter of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4, plus side trails) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES

Individual \$ 27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*
Family \$ 35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*
Individual Lifetime \$500 (entirely tax-deductible)
Family Lifetime \$750 (entirely tax-deductible)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

* People who volunteer substantial time for the Section or the G.M.C., or whose income is unusually low, may deduct \$7 from dues.

TELEPHONE: _____

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. As required by the G.M.C., the Killington Section retains 20% of annual dues and passes the rest on to the central Green Mt. Club. All Section members are also members of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

I/We would like information about volunteering for the following activities (circle your choices): trail work, shelter work, signmaking, publications, leading outings, publicity, education, other: _____.

I/We also enclose a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Please make checks payable to Killington Section, G.M.C.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US Route 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701-9038



(11864)
ROBERT & THELMA PERKINS
6 RACHEL DRIVE
RUTLAND VT 05701-3772

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 53, Number 2

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

July 2000

Killington Section Annual Meeting; March 25, 2000 Unitarian Universalist Church, Rutland, Vt.

The annual meeting of the Killington Section, Green Mountain Club, was held Saturday evening, March 25, in the basement of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Rutland following the traditional potluck supper. President Herb Ogden conducted the meeting. Special guest representing the GMC was Greg Western, assistant supervisor of field operations, who has been very involved the past couple of years directing trail relocations in the Killington Section.

MINUTES - The secretary's minutes of the last annual meeting, April 24, 1999, were approved unanimously. They had previously appeared in *Smoke & Blazes*.

TREASURE'S REPORT - Treasurer Al Pulling was unable to be present and submitted a written report. In our regular funds we have a total of \$3,428.18 as of Dec. 31, 1999. This consists of \$869.77 in the checking account, \$1,346.22 in the savings account, and \$1,212.19 in a CD at Charter One Bank. This represents a gain of \$51.79 over last year's balance. The balance in the Kirk Fund is \$15,201.40, a gain of \$812.17 over last year. Kirk Fund money is kept in three CDs at the Chittenden Bank. Membership as of the end of '99 was 78, an official decrease of one from the previous year, but there have been several new members recently. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT -

Sherburne Pass Trail: Herb reported that section directors recommended the former Long Trail between Pico Camp and Maine Junction, north of Sherburne Pass, be renamed the Sherburne Pass Trail. The main club officially approved this new designation at its latest meeting.

Vehicles at Gov. Clement Shelter: The section is continuing to deal with the

problem of full-sized vehicles getting into Gov. Clement Shelter and possibly being used for vandalism. Our present idea is to put a gate on that road by the upper bridge and not include a parking lot. The first step is to take this proposal to landowners in the vicinity for their approval. If this is obtained, we would then go to the Shrewsbury snowmobile club and to the town select board.

Road Widening at Brewer's Corners: The Town of Mendon has proposed that Wheelerville Road be widened at Brewer's Corners to provide for parking. From that 90 degree bend in the road the Bucklin Trail takes off for Killington Peak. The goal would be to create five or six parking spaces even in winter. Bill Robichaud expressed concern that such widening would involve taking down trees and this would further open up the area to ATV four-wheelers, which have already wrecked water bars. Gary Salmon of the state forestry department has rounded up resources including funds to build ATV barriers on the Bucklin Trail, but it may not be possible to do much with the beginning part of the trail given its flat and open terrain.

Work parties: Dates have been set for this year's work parties. The "low-level walk-through" from Gulf Road to Gov. Clement Shelter will take place on May 27. One week later on June 3 will be the "high-level walkthrough" from Gov. Clement north to Rte. 4. With the GMC's Annual Meeting taking place the following weekend at The Inn at Long Trail, it would be nice to have trails in the area including the Deer Leap Trail, in very good shape. Greg Western noted there may be a group of volunteers who've signed up through Eastern Mountain Sports in Manchester to supplement our own work parties for the June 3 date.



Ira Hawley, 84

Our section has recently lost another of its most stalwart members. Ira Hawley, who was a Life Member, passed away June 19 at the age of 84. Until his health failed, he was one of the more popular hike leaders whose outings were always well prepared and accompanied by knowledgeable commentary. Ira's daughter Lorraine is also a Life Member and assists in distribution of *Smoke & Blazes*. His wife, Irene, who passed away in 1996, was a member and enthusiastic hiker. Ira did many hours of work on the trails and shelters. He will be widely missed.

Smoke & Blazes: Compliments were voiced on the professional look of *Smoke & Blazes* and the work of editor Kim Jackson. Kim, who was unable to be present, has mentioned that the number of hike reports has been dwindling. It was urged that all hikes be written up whether by leaders or their designees.

Continued on page 3

Killington Section Directors, Including Officers

Year in parenthesis indicates end of three year term.

President:

Herbert G. Ogden
20 Birchwood Ave.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 775-1350 eves,
775-3368 workdays
E-mail lco@together.net (2003)

Vice-President:

Connie Youngstrom
Box 1160
Shrewsbury, VT 05738 (2003)

Secretary:

Jacob R. Sherman
48 Morse Place,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 775-2784 (2004)

Treasurer:

Alfred L. Pulling
883 U.S. Rt. 4 East
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-6997
E-mail ral37@juno.com (2003)

Historian:

Robert Perkins
6 Rachel Dr.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-0184 (2003)

Raymond Catozzi (2003)
Ruth Gibbud (2003)
Gretchen Growley (2003)
Sue Thomas (2003)

Killington Section members of Green Mt. Club Board of Directors

Director:

Alfred L. Pulling
see above info (2003)

Alternate:

Connie Youngstrom
(2003)

Smoke & Blazes Editor:

Kim Jackson
PO Box 346
Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035
(802) 672-3157
Email: kapr@vermontel.com

From The Field . . .

ETHAN ALLEN TO BURNT MT. - JOINT HIKE WITH KILLINGTON AND BREAD LOAF SECTIONS April 2, 2000

By Gordon & Helen Cawood

Five hikers embarked on today's expedition. Several other callers were put off by the forecast of rain in the afternoon, or chose not to go for other reasons. We decided to take the shorter quick-exit route, and not go to the peak of Mt. Moosalamoo. We started at Branbury State Park campground, visited Ethan Allen cave and Pitch Pine point where we had limited views of Lake Dunmore. It started to rain while we were having lunch at Pat's Pad. Our fastest exit was to Upper Plains Rd., where we left a car, saving Burnt Mt. for another trip. Thanks for coming, Tony Lahendro, and Barbara and Al Stiles. We enjoyed your company.

SPRING WALK THRU May 27 and June 3

By Bob Perkins

On May 27 and again on June 3 a small but dedicated group of members conducted our annual Spring Walk Thru. This event is designed to inspect our trails and to perform light maintenance prior to the start of the summer hiking season. We want to be sure the trails are ready for use, and we want to identify what additional work will be needed. By working in teams of two or three and assigning a manageable piece of trail to each team we were able to cover most of our section of the Long/Appalachian Trail and as well as the former Long Trail (now the Sherburne Pass side trail) on Pico.

In general we can report that our trails are in quite good condition. There are two or three blow-downs to be removed and several wet spots where puncheon should be installed. Some new signs would be helpful. The center post supporting the roof of Governor Clement Shelter was ripped out by vandals and has been missing for some time. We hope to replace it this year.

Our next work party is on the schedule for August 12 but Trails & Shelters co-chair Bill Robichaud no doubt will be out on the trail in the meantime. Anyone willing to help can give Bill a call at 775-2567.

GRANDPA'S KNOB May 28, 2000

By Roma Pulling

The day of our hike was cool and cloudy, but considering the many rainy days in this rather wet spring, we felt very fortunate. With eight hikers besides ourselves, we left the park in three cars, headed for Hubbardton.

Grandpa's Knob is notable for several things including the location of an early experimental wind tower erected during World War II. A small amount of power was generated but came to an end when the blades blew off. The cement foundations of the tower and some of the hardware are still visible.

Secondly Grandpa's Knob is the location of transmitting facilities for Channel 28, Vermont Public Television. Years ago on our first hike to the summit the studio was still manned and we went inside to talk with the operator. It is now operated remotely.

Last but not the reason for our trip to the summit, the view from the top is remarkable and panoramic. A cool breeze discouraged most of us from admiring the view for a long period. We escaped to a sheltered place near the transmitting facility and ate our lunch before returning to our cars and heading home.

BRIDGEWATER HOLLOW TO THE LOOKOUT June 24, 2000

By Herb Ogden, Leader

Despite fine weather, only four people went on this hike. It must be that rumors of my bushwhacking to old cellarholes have spread. Like most rumors, there is some truth in them, but mostly we stayed on cleared old roads or trails.

We left our cars at the intersection of Bridgewater Hollow Rd. and Bridgewater Hollow Rd. Extension. No, I'm not making up the second name. Though it sounds pretty urban it's what the Town of Bridgewater calls the road west from the former pond at the Hollow, after you've climbed up the narrow valley from the Chateaugay Road. We crossed the brook, went right through the snowmobile gate, passed the Hollow Schoolhouse site, and soon turned left uphill on the always-muddy old highway that runs over The Pinnacle to North Bridgewater.

After climbing about a tenth of a mile on it, we struck off west through the brush and reached the Hollow Cemetery in a few hundred feet. It was beautiful with a canopy of ferns, but the ferns made it hard to see some of the lower gravestones, many of which are simple unfinished fieldstones. The oldest stone, at the top of the graveyard, is a proud marker from 1811. I understand a Boy Scout or a troop has made it their project to keep down the underbrush. They've done a good job, but the place is due for a cutting now.

Back on the old highway, we soon kept going straight on an overgrown road where the more used one bore right, crossed a brook, and climbed between stone walls about three rods apart, an almost sure sign of a former public highway. No other trace of the highway remains at this point, though it may show on the 1868 map of Bridgewater. At a fairly level spot, we came to the large foundation of a house. We got some idea of how long it had been since a house stood there from the presence of a big yellow birch stump right on one of the walls. Obviously no tree had grown there while a house stood on the foundation, and the big birch had been born and died since then. Just north of the cellarhole was a mostly filled-in well. South, across the former road, are a barn foundation and barnyard walls, but we didn't visit them because the underbrush was in full foliage. Instead, we bushwhacked another several hundred feet to an old road (now used by ATVs) running from the highway over the Pinnacle up to the high point of the Lookout Farm Road. Near where the Appalachian Trail joins it, we saw a small cellarhole to the west. We pondered what farming must have been like in the early 1800s in such a high, isolated spot.

After the AT crosses the Lookout Farm Road, it follows an old road to The Lookout. So did we. The view from The Lookout was excellent. To the north, we could see beyond Mansfield. Below us lay Lake Lakota. To the east, we could probably see Lafayette in the White Mountains, and, further south, Tripityramid. To the southeast, we could see Ascutney and probably Monadnock. To the southwest were the outlines of Okemo, Stratton, and probably Equinox. To the west lay the whole Coolidge Range, from Shrewsbury to Pico, and more. Many thanks to the private landowners who not only allow the public to visit The Lookout but even maintain a viewing platform on the roof of their cabin!

Killington Section, Annual Meeting, from page 1

Hike Register: Starting this weekend, the official hike register will be kept in a letterbox on the porch of Herb's office at Center & Nickwackett Streets, a block away from Koltonski Fire Station. We also want to make sure to get addresses of any guest hikers in order to better contact them regarding joining the section.

GMC Board Meeting: Al Pulling, our director to the GMC, submitted a written report summing up the recent GMC Directors meeting March 18 at the Kirk Alumni Building at Middlebury College. The main item of business was the unanimous approval of the club's decision to purchase some 40 acres of land adjacent to the club headquarters in Waterbury to allow for

growth and control development in the area. After a long period of negotiations, the landowner Don McCain agreed to meet the price the club was willing to pay. Details pertaining to maintenance of the property such as snow plowing and grass moving are still being negotiated. All by \$120,000 of the purchase price is assured from grants and donations and raising the balance was not thought to be a problem.

Meanwhile, there is less enthusiasm about another proposed deal at headquarters, the purchase of a bed & breakfast property across Rte. 100. This property was being considered at one time for expansion space as well, but has numerous problems such as inadequate sewage dis-

posal associated with it. The above is welcome news to the Killington Section, which at its last directors meeting Feb. 2, had expressed the view that the main club not get involved with the B&B property if the McCain property was what it really wanted. The final item was the vote to adopt the name Sherburne Pass Trail as well as to rename other side trails caused by the LT relocations.

GMC Report: The following items were brought up by Greg Western:

Champion Lands Involvement: Greg noted that there are people in the Northeast Kingdom who want to form a new section of the GMC in order to take care of trails in that area including those in the huge tract recently purchased by the state from the Champion Lumber Co. The news that the GMC was contemplating involvement in the area so far removed from the CT and its side trails prompted skepticism at the last Killington Section directors meeting at which the section instructed its GMC director to express serious concern about this involvement unless it could be shown to contribute to the club's objectives. Some feel that area is more geographically and geologically linked to the White Mountains and in fact the AMC was contemplating starting a section there.

Other proposed developments still in the thinking state include a Taconic Trail and a proposed trail from Mt. Equinox to Merck Forest.

Guidebooks: A new version of the Long Trail Guide Book should be ready by June or July. Meanwhile, work is proceeding on a complete revision of the guidebook to be released a year from now. Bob Perkins requested that a preliminary text of these revisions concerning our section be sent to us in advance for editing and proofreading. A new edition of the day hiker's guide is also being readied.

Killington Section Annual Report 2000

The Killington Section is responsible for maintaining the following:

- The Long Trail from Vt. 140 in Wallingford Gulf to Tucker-Johnson Shelter 25.1 mi. (This is also the Appalachian Trail as far north as Maine Jct. at Willard Gap.)
- The Sherburne Pass Trail from the Long Trail north past Pico Camp to 3.0 mi. U.S. 4 in Sherburne Pass (this was the Long and Appalachian Trails until 1999)
- The Bucklin Trail from Brewers Corners on the Wheelerville Road in 3.3 mi. Mendon to the Long Trail near Cooper Lodge on Killington Peak
- The Pico Spur from Pico Camp (on the Sherburne Pass Trail) to Pico Peak 0.4 mi.
- The Killington Spur from Cooper Lodge to Killington Peak 0.2 mi.
- The Cauty Trail from Elbow Road in Mendon to Blue Ridge Mountain 2.4 mi.

This is 34.4 miles, an increase of about six miles over 1999. We not only agreed to keep maintaining the old route of the Long Trail in addition to taking on the reroute west of Pico Peak but also took responsibility for some of the Long Trail north of U.S. 4 for the first time since it was moved from west of Deer Leap to east of Deer Leap in the 1960s. We and our shelter adopters also maintain Minerva Hinchey Shelter, Clarendon Shelter, Governor Clement Shelter, and Pico Camp.

Ruth and Sandy Lamb have independently adopted Cooper Lodge, which belongs to the State of Vermont. We hope we can manage all this. Our three or four work parties per year have had as few as six and as many as 20 participants. The high count was thanks to the EMS store in Manchester and to a contingent from Headquarters.

The Killington Section conducts frequent outings, described in the calendar sections of the Rutland Herald and the Mountain Times of Killington. In the late spring, summer, and early fall these occur weekly or more often. In the last year, outings have included not only ordinary hikes on official and unofficial trails but also special children's "discovery" hikes, bicycle trips, cross country ski tours, and snowshoe hikes. Members receive a quarterly, *Smoke & Blazes*, which we think is the oldest continuously published section newsletter. We are also trying to gather the archives in one place, led by Section Historian Bob Perkins. He has already gathered a complete set of *Smoke & Blazes*, which was given to the Rutland Historical Society for better access by the general public.

**Killington Section,
Annual Meeting, from page 3**

Interpretive Billboard: Greg noted that Deer Leap day hikers and other hikers new to the Sherburne Pass area are likely to be confused as to why the Inn at Long Trail is located there when the relocated LT/AT now crossed far below, a mile to the westward. He suggested that an interpretive billboard display at the top of the pass explaining the history and significance of the trail, the pass, and the inn would be a welcome addition to that area.

Elbow Road Logging: Greg noted that logging is presently going on just a little north of Sherburne Pass. This area is in the Green Mountain National Forest and the logging is perfectly legal, but it may be upsetting and confusing to some hikers who think they are in a wilderness. Greg suggested a sign explaining that this is a "working forest" and, perhaps facetiously, "watch out for trucks." This is part of the price for having the LT follow a logging road in a national forest. The trail is still blazed and can be easily followed but a staircase has been torn out. The loggers are expected to be there through this fall and can be expected back in 15 years.

Clarendon Gorge Suspension Bridge: This is described by Greg as an "ongoing hot potato." Dave Hardy, GMC director of field operations, is currently trying to get the Federal Highway Administration to send a natural bridge engineer to the site to make sure the bridge is safe and structurally sound. Last summer a crew replaced some of the boards and this was a "scary experience."

New Cooper Lodge Outhouse: The Vermont Youth Conservation Corps will be constructing a new outhouse this summer at Cooper Lodge. The new "Cooper Pooper" is going to be "a really big outhouse" with a 70-gal. capacity which will enable it to be used year-round.

Shrewsbury Peak Trail: The Shrewsbury Peak Trail is about to be moved. The goal is to get it off the Juggernaut Ski Trail. This work will be done by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps. If anyone is interested in talking to these young people about the natural history of the area or the history of the GMC, these young people are always looking for speakers. It is a good opportunity to interest them

specifically in the GMC.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trail Maintenance North of Sherburne Pass: A motion was made and seconded to have the section expand its maintenance responsibility to the section of trail between U.S. 4 and Tucker Johnson Shelter. The Ottauquechee Section at present maintains the area westward to Willard Gap but is not willing to do it up to the highway. Jake Sherman suggested the section might have its hands full with the Killington Section itself particularly in light of the many relos and that the area north of Rte. 4 was a much traversed one that might be better handled through the main club and adopters. After some discussion it was voted with at least one nay to take responsibility for the trail from U.S. 4 to Tucker Johnson Shelter.

AT/LT Parking Lot on Route 4: The new parking area for the relocated AT/LT on Route 4 is described as a "weedy mud-hole" right now. The GMC is presently looking for input on what a finished parking lot should look like, what kind of landscaping it should have, etc., what kind of simple things could be done if money is not forthcoming.

It appears that the Park Service seriously under budgeted the cost of a parking lot at the site, according to Greg, by a factor of 10. The \$3,000 originally budgeted went entirely for architectural plans drawn up by Enman Engineering of Rutland. The Appalachian Trail Conference is also looking for funds but nothing is certain at this stage. Anyone's help as amateur landscapers or otherwise would be welcomed.

Election of New Directors: Gretchen Crowley and Sue Thomas were nominated as directors to replace Phil and Linda Smith whose terms had expired. Also nominated as part of this slate for re-election was Al Pulling. The slate was unanimously elected.

DIRECTOR'S MEETING - Following adjournment of the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m. a special director's meeting was held for the purpose of electing officers. Elected as vice-president was Connie Youngstrom replacing Bob Perkins who

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES IS September 15, 2000

You can send your stories hand-written, typewritten, or via email to:

**Kim Jackson, PO Box 346,
Bridgewater Corners,
VT 05035
P 802-672-3157
Email: kapr@vermontel.net**

Letter to the Editor:

To Killington Sec. G.M.C.
Thank you for your generous gift to the Mission in honor of Merritt. He would have been very pleased.

Sincerely,
Natalie Thomas

(Regarding a memorial gift for her late husband Merritt Thomas)

declined to run citing two other section offices he held. All other present section officers were elected: Herb Ogden, President; Al Pulling, Treasurer; Jake Sherman, Secretary, and Bob Perkins, Historian.

Following the meeting, all enjoyed a slide program presented by Bob and Thelma Perkins. They showed slides of family hikes along the Pacific Crest Trail of California between Yosemite and Mt. Whitney during the 1960s. The Perkins' and their four children completed this 212-mile stretch over a period of five summers averaging five miles a day.

Respectfully submitted,
Jake Sherman, Secretary

Killington Section Green Mountain Club - Outing Schedule Summer/Fall 2000

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown. Participants should bring lunch unless noted.

Non-members are welcome! Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader.

Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader.

Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Saturday, July 8 - **SIXTH ANNUAL FALLS OF LANA RAMBLE** - 10 a.m. Leader: Kit Davidson, 273-2982.

One of the most spectacular waterfalls in Vermont, a panoramic view of Lake Dunmore, an enchanted sort of forest, and a mountain lake surrounded by white birch. 3 miles moderate. Walk to Silver Lake optional; swimming there or at Lake Dunmore possible afterward. Rain date: Sunday, July 9, call leader if in doubt. Joint hike with Appalachian Mountain Club.

Sunday, July 16 - **STRATTON MOUNTAIN LOOP** - 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2185.

Climb the mountain where the Long Trail was born! A fire tower on top offers spectacular views, and we'll descend via beautiful Stratton Pond. 10.7 miles - a long hike of moderate difficulty.

Saturday, July 22 - **OKEMO MOUNTAIN** - Leaders: Gordon & Helen Cawood, 352-4310.

Via the YCC trail, with a fire tower on top affording spectacular views. Joint hike with the Breadloaf Section, call leaders for meeting place and time.

Saturday, July 29 - **TENTH ANNUAL TACONIC MOUNTAINS RAMBLE** - 1 p.m. Leader: Kit Davidson, 273-2982.

Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east & west, a Japanese garden and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. 2-5 miles easy to moderate, walkers can leave the group at several different points and wait on the lawn for the rest. Bring no lunch. Rain date Sunday, July 30. Call leader if in doubt. Joint hike with Appalachian Mountain Club.

Saturday, August 5 - **BIKE TRIP** - 9 a.m. Leader: Sandi McGowan, 775-8841.

Moderate to difficult, location to be determined. Call leader for more details.

Saturday, August 12 - **TRAIL MAINTENANCE** - 9 a.m. Leader: Bill Robichaud, 775-2567.

We'll be doing whatever needs doing! Come help us keep the Long/Appalachian Trails in good shape. Bring sturdy shoes, work gloves & lunch. Tools provided.

Sunday, August 20 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES - PITTSFORD ICE CAVES** - 1 p.m. Leader: Jerry Parker, 747-4439.

Trek to the ice caves and venture inside if you dare! Short but steep hike, 2 miles roundtrip. Call leader for details.

Saturday, August 26 - **JACKSON GORE, OKEMO** - 9 a.m. in Rutland. Leader: Eric Deustchbein, 875-1001.

Beautiful waterfalls, cascading down the mountain, a special place not often seen. 4 miles moderate, some bushwhacking. (Can also meet the group at trail head at 9:30 a.m.) Call leader.

Saturday-Sunday, September 9-10 - **BACKPACKING WEEKEND** - Leader: Gretchen Crowley, 483-9448.

Leaving at 10 a.m. Saturday, location to be determined, call leader for details. Moderate pace.

Saturday, September 16 - **PROSPECT ROCK** - 9 a.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling, 773-6997.

Manchester. Follow the Rootville Road for a view of Manchester and Mt. Equinox. Moderate, 4 miles.

Saturday, September 23 - **MT. ASCUTNEY** - 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, 775-1350.

Up the Windsor Trail and down the Brownsville Trail for beautiful views, waterfalls, an old quarry and a fire tower. 5.3 miles difficult. Return by 5 p.m.

Saturday, September 30 - **CANOE TRIP** - Leader: Eric Deustchbein, 875-1001.

A day trip in the historic Mt. Independence area. Contact leader a week in advance, if you want to borrow a canoe or have space for another person in yours.

Saturday, October 7 - **PLYMOUTH 5-CORNERS** - 9 a.m. Leaders: Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997.

Explore a ghost town with cellar holes, an old cemetery and mill site. 4 miles, easy - moderate.

Saturday, October 14 - **SLEEPING BEAUTY MOUNTAIN** - 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2185.

Lake George. Great views of the lake, the Adirondack Mountains and the Green Mountains. Ascend on old carriage roads and on the way down visit remote Fishbrook Pond. 7.8 miles, moderate. Rain date Sunday, October 15.

WANT TO LEAD A HIKE? Our next schedule will include October through December Please call Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502 or Sue Thomas 773-2185 by **September 15** to guarantee a spot on our schedule.

Killington Section Membership List - July 2000

Badger, Robert L	45 Birch Dr	Potsdam NY 13676
Baker, Rick	Box 298	Wallingford, Vt 05773
Baitz, Scott/C. Devereux	2 Orion Ave	Ludlow, VT 05149-1014
Bebec, Vivian/L. Walter	14 Belmont Av	Rutland VT 05701-3322
Boutwell, Rev/Mrs Robt	690 Town Line Rd	Rutland, VT 05701-9342
Brewster, Deb	129 Holly St	Rutland, VT 05701
Bushey, Philip J Jr	POBox 156	E Wallingford, VT 05742
Catozzi, Raymond	103 Bellevue Ave	Rutland, VT 05701
Charland, Rachael W	414 Chestnut St Apt 1005	Springfield, MA 01104
Conlon, George	299 Sunset Dr	Rutland, VT 05701
Darrow, Dr Robert	19 Cream Hill Rd	Mendon, VT 05701
Davidson, Kit	321 St John Rd	Castleton, VT 05735
Deinzer, Walter	9 Tenney Brook Ct	Rutland, VT 05701
Dicton Sr, Joseph	2728 US Route 7	N. Rutland, VT 05701
Donahue, Bernard G	50 Edgerton St	Rutland, VT 05701
Gibbud, Ruth	69 Temple St	Rutland, VT 05701-3527
Ginsberg, Frances	155 Highland Rd	Rye, NY 10580
Glade, Jack	14 Rt 149	W Pawlet, VT 05775
Green, Donald A	34 Chasanna Dr	Rutland, VT 05701
Hawley, Ira/Lorraine	819 US RT 4	E Rutland, VT 05701
Henkel, Margaret	RR 1, Box 264	Shrewsbury, VT 05738
Hogenkamp, Wm/Joan	POBox 262	Rutland, VT 05702-0262
Hooker, Geo, Cheryl & TJ	11 Royce St	Rutland, VT 05701
Jackson, Steve/Kim	POBox 346	Bridgewater Crs., VT 05035
Kellogg, Daniel/Miranda	31 High St	Proctor, VT 05765
Lamb, Ruth/Sandy	POBox 1395	Bolton Landing, NY 12814
Little, John J	POBox 292	Killington, VT 05751-0292
Malkus, Sam	31 Williams St	Proctor, VT 05765
Martin, David S	Box 324	Mt Holly, VT 05758
Martin, John/Janet	471 Perkins Road	Rutland Town, VT 05701
Mathewson, Jon/Kimberly	POBox 1262	Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Mathis, Dave	260 Lincoln Ave	Rutland, VT 05701
Matteson, Richard E	POBox 760	Killington, VT 05751-0760
McGowan, Sandi	POBox 694	Killington, VT 05751
McShane, Maureen	2837 Cold River Rd	N Clarendon, Vt 05759
Moreton, Kelly/Bruce	POBox 374	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Ogden Jr, Herbert/Hannah	20 Birchwood Ave	Rutland, VT 05701-3605
Parker, Gerald	Rt 1, Box 586	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Perkins, Robert/Thelma	6 Rachael Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Pettrone, Mark	86 Mt View Dr	Averill Park, NY 12018
Phillips, Don/Diane	5 Mt. School Road	Shrewsbury, VT 05738
Pilcher, Paul	22 Gibbs St	Proctor, VT 05765
Pranger, Pat	1044 Sugar Hill Rd	Wallingford, VT 05773
Pulcer, Ronald/Sarah	317 Countryside Dr	Rutland Town, VT 05701
Pulling, Roma/Al	883 US Rt 4	E Rutland, VT 05701-9038
Quigg, Peter	Currier Rd, Box 62	Killington, VT 05751
Rantanen, John	17 Clark St	Rutland, VT 05701
Reynolds, George	POBox 83	Springfield, VT 05156-0083
Robichaud, William T	POBox 457	Rutland, VT 05702-0457
Rogers, Wally RR 2,	Box 5370	Castleton, VT 05735
Romeo, F John 121	Ellison's Lake Rd	Ludlow, VT 05149
Russell, Ellen B	6 Heritage Hill	Rutland, VT 05701-2415
Scott, Churchill	RR 3, Box 4869	Rutland, VT 05701
Sheldon, Marilyn	44 Oles Dr	Rutland, VT 05701-9492
Sibley, Joan	RFD, Box 132	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Smith, Phil/Linda	9-A Capitol Hill	Fair Haven, VT 05743
Southworth, Ann	19 Town Line Rd	Rutland, VT 05701-9707
Sweeney, Kevin	210 N Church	Rutland, VT 05701
Thomas, Catherine	20 Birchwood Ave.	Rutland, VT 05701
Thomas, Susan L	27 Clinton Ave	Rutland, VT 05701
Trubisz, Jeffrey	3 Settlers Way	Salem, MA 01970
Tufano, Albert L	386 Robinson Rd	Shrewsbury, VT 05738
Walczkowski, Jane	POBox 302	Cuttingsville, VT 05738
Waldhauer, Carolyn	1072 Bixby RD	Ludlow, VT 05149-9773
Wood, David F	160 Allen St	Rutland, VT 05701
Wright, David P	POBox 1001	Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Youngstrom, Connie/Mark	Box 1160	Shrewsbury, VT 05738
Zardus, Joan	8 Barbara Dr	Amesbury, MA 01913
Zizis, Maryellen	122 Nichols St	Wilmington, MA 01887

Smoke & Blazes Seeks New Volunteer Editor

It is with regret that I must pass the baton for the position of volunteer editor of *Smoke & Blazes* to another member interested in being the new editor.

Smoke & Blazes is published quarterly, coordinating with the outing schedule's different seasons. Very little needs to be typed as members and directors send their reports and articles by email or disk. Those that do need to be typed are usually short pieces. I have used Microsoft Publisher to create the newsletter, but any software will work. The only other aspect that you should be conscious of is proofreading, which I do once the entire newsletter is laid out. From there, other members become your support team in producing the finished product.

The newsletter is copied/printed in Rutland at Prime Offset and then Roma and Al Pulling, along with other volunteers, prepare the newsletter for mailing.

Smoke & Blazes is by far a team effort. If it weren't for its contributors and those who take the newsletter from print to distribution, it would never happen! What I'm trying to say is that producing the newsletter is fun and you are contributing to your GMC section . . . and you don't have to do it all by yourself!

In the section's Annual Report, Herb mentioned that the section believes that *Smoke & Blazes* is the oldest continuously published section newsletter. Let's keep the spirit going!

If you are interested in taking on the newsletter, please call me at 802-672-3157 or email me at kapr@vermontel.net, or contact Herb at 775-1350 or lco@together.net.

Thanks,
Kim Jackson

High Water Warning

As of late May, Gould Brook, between the Lower and Upper Cold River Roads, is so high that it probably cannot be crossed dryshod and must instead be forded. To stay dry, use the Wilmoth Hill Road between the Lower and Upper Cold River Roads, west of the Long Trail. We regret the inconvenience. Your local trail maintainers: Killington Section, Green Mountain Club, Rutland, Vermont. For further information, or to volunteer for any of our activities including trail and shelter maintenance, write or call Section President Herb Ogden, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland VT 05701, (802) 775-3368, LCO@together.net.

Green Mountain Club - Pico Camp Register

Nov. 3, 1990 - June 9, 1991

Compiled by Herbert G. Ogden,
April 22, 2000

Hikers per month:

November	5	December	3
January	3	February	11
March	14	April	23
May	57	June	11 (through 6/9 only)

State or country of origin (which many did not give)

CA	x	CT	xx	FL	x	LA	x
MA	xxxx	ME	x	NH	x	NJ	xxxxx
NY	xxxxxxx	TN	x				
VT	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx			VA	x	Germany	x

Selected comments:

10 Dec. 1990: Windows busted; needs shutters. AMC member from Hartford, CT.

30 Dec. 1990: "All in all a nice camp. These cabins are a good idea and I would like them in other states along the trail." Elizabeth, NJ.

14 Apr. 1991: "On the map, the beginning of the trail from Pico Peak to this cabin wasn't detailed enough. So, we searched for the entrance of the trail" 2 from Rutland.

8 May 1991: "Started at Route 103 yesterday, stayed at Governor Clement Shelter last night when my boyfriend proposed to me. I accepted, of course, and this is the best hike I've ever been on!" CT.

8 May 1991: Came from Gov. Clement and saw her first "trail closed until Memorial Day" sign only at Cooper. Wonders if she missed a sign at Clement. Boston.

19 May 1991: "Trail is super. FABULOUS VIEWS." Ontario.

24 May 1991: "Hiked in from Rt. 4 across from the Inn. Saw a large coyote or timber-wolf on the way up." Long Island NY.

25 May 1991: "Good Lord! When you hit the slope down hill from here, don't just do something, stand there. Right where the trail comes out there's a cluster of trout lilies right in the trail! And how 'bout these trillium? And the sweet flower smell! To feel my heart beat so strong I can hear it, to set my feet down on the soft trail, to move once again through the forest, and be with it, hear it beckon. A fine home coming for 2 former thru-hikers who've pined for this, dreamed of this, longed for this trail in their souls. Thank you, Thank you, THANK YOU to the trail maintainers!!!! You make this happen. To those who aren't, clear a blowdown on your way out, clear a waterbar with your boot heel." [No address]

26 May 1991: "After a 25 year absence I returned to Pico Lodge. Much has changed but still much remains the same. I am here with my son - his first time also. We went up to the peak -- ski lifts and towers and debris. View beautiful. Hope to get back many more times." [Rutland]

27 May 1991: "Started on May 24th from Rt. 103. Trails in excellent shape." Shaftsbury.

27 May 1991: "This is the best Memorial Day weekend I can remember - wildflowers abound, wonderful conversations, three of Tim's gourmet dinners, mist and clear cold water. Oh yes, two white tailed deer and noises from one coyote and one bulky smelly bear." Cambridge MA

29 May 1991: "This is the nicest shelter that I have seen in quite a while. It's a shame it will not be here for much longer." Massachusetts to Canada

31 May 1991: "Slogged up here tonight in the downpour. No fun at all!! Took shelter a few times on my way up, which turned out to be a mistake. Due to the delays I did not reach the cabin until 10:00 p.m. Coming up from Route 4 in the dark during a heavy rain can be quite a challenge!" [no address]

GMC Director's Meeting March 18, 2000

The March meeting of the directors of the Green Mountain took place March 22 at the Kirk Alumni Building at Middlebury College. It was well attended with about three members absent.

As the first order of business, Executive Secretary Ben Rose announced that Don McCain, the owner of the property adjacent to the headquarters in Waterbury Center, which the club was interested in buying, had met the price the board was willing to pay. The pros and cons of the matter were discussed at length and it was voted unanimously to accept the offer. Details pertaining to maintenance of the property such as plowing snow and mowing grass are still being negotiated.

All but \$120,000 of the purchase price is assured from grants and donations, and raising the balance was not thought to be a problem.

The directors were less enthusiastic about the May property across the road than they were previously. Problems with sewage disposal and dangers of crossing Rt. 100 between the two properties, also costs of renovating the buildings, were the factors in the change of opinion.

Near the end of the meeting votes were taken to rename parts of the side trail north of Rt. 4 the Sherburne Pass Trail to correspond with the trail south of Rt 4 and to rename some other side trails necessitated by the Long Trail relocation. The meeting was adjourned about 2 p.m. with the next meeting planned for the Inn at the Long Trail in June.

Respectfully submitted,
Alfred L. Pulling
Killington Section Director

Are You a Turtle?

By Bob Perkins

Do you love to get out for a walk in the woods but fear that Killington Section hikes may go too far or too fast for you? Then maybe you're a turtle.

Randy Travis of the GMC in Waterbury has been leading a series of outings for a group calling themselves the Turtles. My wife Thelma and I joined them on May 31 for a most enjoyable stroll and picnic lunch in the Texas Falls area. Although mostly "mature" hikers, the group welcomes anyone who prefers to enjoy the outdoors at a slow pace.

To learn more about the Turtles and to get on their mailing list, contact Randy at: randall-travis@netscape.net or 802-244-5783.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section, a chapter of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4, plus side trails) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES

Individual \$ 27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*

Family \$ 35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*

Individual Lifetime \$500 (entirely tax-deductible)

Family Lifetime \$750 (entirely tax-deductible)

* People who volunteer substantial time for the Section or the G.M.C., or whose income is unusually low, may deduct \$7 from dues.

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. As required by the G.M.C., the Killington Section retains 20% of annual dues and passes the rest on to the central Green Mt. Club. All Section members are also members of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

I/We would like information about volunteering for the following activities (circle your choices): trail work, shelter work, signmaking, publications, leading outings, publicity, education, other: _____.

I/We also enclose a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Please make checks payable to Killington Section, G.M.C.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland VT 05701



(11864)
ROBERT & THELMA PERKINS
6 RACHEL DRIVE
RUTLAND VT 05701-3772



Volume 53, Number 3

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

October 2000

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club Director's Meeting: August 22, 2000

PRESENT: Herb Ogden, Bob Perkins, Bill Robichaud, Al Pulling, Sue Thomas, Gretchen Crowley, Connie Youngstrom, Mark Youngstrom, Jake Sherman, GMC Director of Field Operations Dave Hardy, and special guest Roy Arthur.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: The minutes from the March 25 annual meeting held at the Unitarian Church were unanimously approved with no additions or corrections.

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER: One of the main purposes of tonight's meeting was to consider solutions to ongoing problems of partying and vandalism at Gov. Clement Shelter. The situation has become so bad that hikers no longer feel welcome there and are avoiding the shelter. In fact, it was noted that both the current edition of the Long Trail Guidebook and the AT Wing-foot book urge hikers not to stay there. Tired hikers may arrive to find a loud, alcohol-fueled party in progress or the partiers might show up at 10 or 11 P.M. after the hikers have sacked out. Often this occurs on weekends. Other damage reported by those present included deep ruts left by a pickup truck, beer bottles around the fireplace, trees cut down, and sometime ago the middle post of the roof support yanked out. Gretchen stated that every hiker Jerry Parker meets asks about the safety of the shelter.

Over the course of a long discussion many solutions were raised including getting more law enforcement up there, posting strong warning signs, banning fires, and relocating the trail away from the shelter. Other more radical measures included gating the access road, a "tank trap" and actually relocating the shelter a mile or two further up the trail.

Since Gov. Clement is the oldest shelter on the LT and a historic landmark, tearing it down and moving it was definitely a last

resort. Problems were also seen with gating which would have to secure town approval, would not likely be favorably received by camp owners along the road, and would not keep out ATVs or even trucks which could approach from another direction. Also, experience has shown that gates themselves can become a target of vandalism.

Roy Arthur pointed out that the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST), a snowmobile club, puts up money to pay for sheriff's patrols who go up to Gov. Clement every weekend between Dec. 15 and April and keep things in order. He didn't know what the cost of this was as it was coordinated by Frank Wilk of VAST.

Herb proposed we initially adopt a three-fold approach: (1) contract with sheriffs and constables to go up each weekend day and one day during the week, (2) put up durable signs saying the shelter is for hikers' use only, and (3) moving the trail away from the shelter. This approach was subsequently adopted with the exception that instead of contracting with the constables Dave Hardy suggested checking with the forest service's law enforcement officer to see what kind of higher profile program could be set up between now and Columbus Day. In a memo the following day, Dave reported that he had talked to Kim Kinville of the U.S. Forest Service and she had agreed to visit the shelter the next few weekends, probably after dark. With regard to fires, he stated that legally they would have to be banned from a resource perspective not a behavior perspective. He also noted again that ATVs are illegal on public lands or town highways and could be ticketed. In addition, the GMC, per the motion, will post signs at the shelter, distribute brochures, and proceed with a trail relo.

Herb said he still needs to contact a mason

Congratulations!

Those members who remember Sandy Tarburton from the GMC staff will be interested to know that she gave birth July 19 to a baby boy, River, weighing 7 lb., 11 oz. Congratulations, Sandy, from all of your KS friends!

regarding repair of stonework at Gov. Clement.

CLARENDON GORGE: Dave reported that a paved parking lot with a better bulletin board at Clarendon Gorge is in the works. There will be money to build the lot through a Federal Highway Enhancement Grant and they are presently getting design bids. However, the parking lot work can't happen until the railroad work gets done. The GMC is hopeful that ultimate management of the gorge will be changed from the state to the U.S. Forest Service.

Another positive development reported by Dave is that the present suspension bridge across the gorge has been checked out by federal engineers and found to be safe due in large part to "overdesigned abutments." These federal inspectors will be coming back every two years to check it out. Still, many hikers find the swaying traverse of the structure a scary experience. Dave said its replacement by a rigid-arch, pedestrian-static, bikeway-type bridge would be the ultimate solution.

PICO CAMP: The GMC plans to build a new Pico Camp a little less than half way up the new Long Trail south from Rte. 4. Dave asked for input from the section as to how it felt about locating the shelter in that area. The proposed site is 1.8 mi. from Rte. 4 and at an elevation of 2490 feet (above 2500 feet requires filing for an Act 250 permit!!). The shelter would be five miles from Cooper Lodge and 3 1/2 to

Directors Meeting, continued on page 3

Killington Section Directors, including Officers

Year in parenthesis indicates end of three year term.

President:

Herbert G. Ogden
20 Birchwood Ave.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 775-1350 eves,
775-3368 workdays
E-mail lco@together.net (2003)

Vice-President:

Connie Youngstrom
Box 1160
Shrewsbury, VT 05738 (2003)

Secretary:

Jacob R. Sherman
48 Morse Place,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 775-2784 (2004)

Treasurer:

Alfred L. Pulling
883 U.S. Rt. 4 East
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-6997
E-mail ral37@juno.com (2003)

Historian:

Robert Perkins
6 Rachel Dr.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-0184 (2003)

Raymond Catozzi (2003)
Ruth Gibbud (2003)
Gretchen Growley (2003)
Sue Thomas (2003)

Killington Section members of Green Mt. Club Board of Directors

Director:

Alfred L. Pulling
see above info (2003)

Alternate:

Connie Youngstrom
(2003)

Smoke & Blazes Editor:

Kim Jackson
PO Box 346
Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035
(802) 672-3157
Email: kapr@vermontel.com

From The Field . . .

MT. OKEMO HIKE - BREAD LOAF/ KILLINGTON JOINT HIKE

July 22, 2000

by Gordon & Helen Cawood

The trip was cancelled due to threatening weather. Thunderstorms were predicted. The observation tower would not be the place to be. Only one person from Breadloaf Section had registered - Carol Kress. Only one person from Killington Section had registered - Ray Catozzi. Jack Burbank (Bread Loaf) called late Friday evening. By that time we already decided to cancel.

PROSPECT ROCK, MANCHESTER

September 16, 2000

by Roma Pulling

We studied the large, black cloud hanging over the park on the morning of this hike and didn't like what we saw. I took a quick mental inventory of the contents of my pack because I

wanted to be sure my poncho and rain bonnet were inside. But as seven of us headed south in two cars, the sky started to clear and was blue with white, fluffy clouds for the duration of the hike.

There is a Prospect Rock in northern Vermont, also, which leads to some confusion. They both give good views of valleys below, and the one where we hiked has a pleasant view of Manchester and surroundings. The trail follows the old Rootville Road, now no more than a rocky jeep trail. We hadn't encountered much traffic on previous trips but this time met several 4-wheel-drive vehicles and a group of four 4-wheelers.

As we settled on the rock to enjoy the view and eat our lunch, a strong, cold wind struck us; so we weren't inspired to linger longer than necessary. We returned to our cars and homes, pleased that we hadn't let the dark cloud spoil the day for us.

INTERVIEW WITH W. CHURCHILL SCOTT

12 June 1999 - By Herb Ogden

I interviewed Churchill while driving him to and from the Green Mountain Club's Annual Meeting at Stratton, where he received an Honorary Life Membership in recognition of his years of service to the Killington Section and the Club.

Churchill graduated from high school in 1932. Willis Ross, a postal employee in Rutland, supervised Churchill in Killington Section trail crews in 1933 and probably 1932. It was the depth of the depression and Churchill could not find a job, so Ross recruited him to be caretaker at "Porky Camp," the closed camp on Killington Peak near the present Cooper Lodge. Churchill spent the summer of 1934 there. His parents would drive up to Sherburne Pass with provisions. Though the hike to Killington was shorter via the Bucklin Trail, Churchill preferred the scenic hike in from Sherburne Pass.

The Killington Summit House was gone by the time Churchill first climbed Killington. He could see its foundation stone piles and some debris. The hotel lay between the Bucklin Trail and the pre-1999 Long Trail, just north of the Cooper Lodge spring. Its croquet lawn was the level spot just above Cooper Lodge.

By the time Churchill began trail work in 1932 or 1933, the Long Trail alternate route around the west side of Pico had been abandoned. He never took it. One of the alternate routes in the Pico-Killington saddle had also been abandoned?

Churchill is familiar with the route of the old Carriage Road from Brewers Corners to Killington Peak. He does not know why the Bucklin Trail was built to replace it.

After the 1938 hurricane made the LT between Pico and Killington impassable, Churchill was one of a crew who cleared it. He is not sure who supervised the crew. It may have been Willis Ross if he was still alive then. The hurricane ended the building of Cooper Lodge in 1938. Before the hurricane, materials were hauled up the Bucklin Trail. After it, they were hauled up the Juggernaut Trail from West Bridgewater, now abandoned to the Killington Ski Area's development.

Sometime in the 1970s, Churchill and Preston Bristow scouted a new route for the LT from Gov. Clement Shelter to Cooper Lodge. It ascended west of the present route and went over Little Killington. The present route is not the first that Churchill remembers. The first he remembers followed the brook farther north than the present route does. About a mile north of Gov. Clement, it turned sharply west away from the brook.

Somewhat north of Gov. Clement, an east-west road crossed the LT. There were ruined buildings on it. (Perhaps one of them stood over the cellarhole GMC Field Supervisor Dave Hardy reported finding somewhat north of Gov. Clement in 1998.)

Mortimer Proctor was higher-class than other Killington Section members Churchill thinks he did no trail work, but gave lots of money for the Long Trail Lodge. One of his cohorts from Proctor, named French, was active in the GMC. For a while, there was a GMC Proctor Section. It maintained the LT from Sherburne Pass north to perhaps Brandon Gap.

Killington Section, Director's Meeting, from page 1

4 mi. from Tucker-Johnson Shelter to the north. Dave said he is leaning toward a three-sided structure and that it would be 100 yards off the trail. The selected site is by a permanent stream. He needs to make sure the shelter is not going to be too near a possible proposed lift and therefore needs to talk to Killington-Pico about their development plans.

Plans are to leave the old Pico Camp until the new one is built but Sue Thomas and others warned that a big chunk cut out of the porch of the badly worn structure is "really hazardous."

TRAIL MAINTENANCE: The section is fortunate to have had volunteers from various parts of the country working for the past three weeks on the Bucklin Trail. This included a second stream crossing. Bill Robichaud was very pleased with the quality of the work. He added that overgrowth of nettle was becoming a problem and that every hiker should put a pair of clippers in his backpack. Others present however suggested that we have excellent trails compared to "up north," the long section from Johnson up through Hazen's Notch being described as "nettle heaven." While not in our section the nettles up around New Boston are described as "terrible." It was noted that the lower part of the Canty Trail is getting brushed in and clipping was needed. Herb will seek Bill Robichaud's input on a thank you letter to the volunteers who worked on the Bucklin Trail.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION: It was moved and unanimously approved that the Killington Section make a \$100.00 contribution out of its general fund to the Long Trail Protection Fund in memory of Ira Hawley. Al and Roma Pulling will write something up for the Herald about the contribution and about Ira's many years of service to the Killington Section and the hiking community.

SMOKE & BLAZES: Kim Jackson has resigned as editor but will keep going for a while until a replacement is found.

VERMONT GROCERS ASSOCIATION HIKE: The Vermont Grocers Association, who apparently will be meeting at Killington, has requested that a member of the

section lead them on a hike Friday, Sept. 15, around Killington Peak. The leader would meet them at 10 a.m. at the base of the gondola, ride up with them to the summit, then perhaps hike down the spur trail to Cooper Lodge and the LT. In return they would contribute \$200 to the section. Herb appealed for volunteers with the time and inclination to lead it. He himself had initially agreed to do it but subsequently had a scheduling conflict.

HIKE PUBLICITY: The section hasn't had a publicity chairman in some time and publicity on upcoming hikes has been lacking. Gretchen volunteered to take up the slack by calling the Herald and The Mountain Times. We particularly want to get listed in the Herald calendar where our events haven't been included the past couple of weeks. This may be their fault as well as their calendar person just left and a new one is being trained. Herb volunteered to send the hike schedule to the Shopper, the Good News, the Mountain Times, the Manchester Journal, and the Black River Tribune. Meanwhile, Herb has prepared an excellent fact sheet on the section which he plans to post at major trailheads. We should also make a better effort to post our hike schedule on store bulletin boards as well as at the library.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Al Pulling reported that there is presently \$943.88 in the checking account and \$1346.22 in the savings account. There is also a Killington Section CD worth \$1263.79. The Kirk Fund has a balance of \$777.61 with \$14,606.94 presently in the Kirk Fund CD. The section presently has 74 members including 19 family members, 14 life members, and 41 individual members. Counting all the family members there are 93 members in all.

HIKING GROUP FROM WALES: Sue Thomas noted that there is a hiking group from Wales coming over in October and they want to do a program for us at Green Mountain College, Poultney. Beyond that there isn't too much information at present, though any program would probably be more convenient and attract a larger audience if it were held at a Rutland location such as the city library's Fox Room. It could cost us for stamps if we wanted to send a mailing.

JAMES P TAYLOR EVENT: Herb announced the section has agreed to sponsor a James P. Taylor Series event. Connie Youngstrom will help with the planning.

HIKING GNOME: Hundreds of hot sweaty hikers have enjoyed an ice cold, brook-chilled soda this summer courtesy of the "Hiking Gnome(s)." These unnamed benefactors have distributed over 900 sodas near the Kieffer Road in Shrewsbury, leaving them in the stream for hikers who then deposit the empties in a bag provided for that purpose. Grateful hikers have noted the kindness in a number of trail registers, but the good times are ending as Labor Day is the cutoff. The gnomes not only put the sodas out, they purchase them themselves. We won't give you their identities but the initials are J.P. and G.C.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jake Sherman, Secretary

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF

SMOKE & BLAZES IS January 10, 2001

**You can send your stories
handwritten, typewritten,
or via email to:**

**Kim Jackson, PO Box 346,
Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035
P 802-672-3157
Email: kapr@vermontel.net**

Killington Section Green Mountain Club - Outing Schedule Winter 2001

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown. Participants should bring lunch unless noted.

Non-members are welcome! Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader.

Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader.

Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Sat. Oct 21 - 9:00 am **LAKOTA LAKE TO NOTOWN ON APPALACHIAN TRAIL**. 9 mi. and about 1500' total climb; difficult. Walk road from Barnard to Bridgewater Hollow, abandoned about 140 years ago, south as far as the Appalachian Trail near Lakota Lake. Then hike the AT west along ridges to Notown. Some good views and cellar holes. Return after 5pm. Herb Ogden (h) 775-1350 (w) 775-3368

Sun. Oct 22 - 10:00 am **WORK PARTY**. Simple preventative maintenance on the swinging bridge at Clarendon Gorge. Tools provided. Bob Perkins 773-0184

Sun. Oct 29 - **BIKE TRIP**. Ripton area, 12-14 mi. Mostly dirt roads, moderately hilly. Meet at 10am at ROBERT FROST INTERPRETIVE TRAIL, ROUTE 125. Ruth Hare (d) 747-6121 ext 1152 (e) 223-1196

Sat. Nov 4 - **AT HIKE IN MOUNT TABOR** 9:00 am Hike the AT north to Little Rock Pond, returning on the Green Mtn Trail, or possibly head south to Baker Peak for some late autumn views. Mileage variable 8-12 mi, moderate. Connie Youngstrom 492-3502

Sat. Nov 11 - 10:00 am **HISTORY WALK - CHAMPLAIN FEEDER CANAL**. Follow the tow path along the historic feeder canal in Fort Edward, NY. Explore the remains of the old locks, with signs explaining their operation and the significance of the canal in the region's history. Possible side trip to the new visitor's center on Roger's Island, featuring models of the two pre-revolutionary forts once sited there, and artifacts. Flat, easy walk, 3-5 mi at your discretion. Sue Thomas 773-2185

Sat. Nov 18 5:30pm - **ANNUAL FALL POTLUCK SUPPER**. Unitarian Church. Join us for our annual potluck and slide presentation (possibly of Nepal). Bring a dish to share (with some good food in it) and a place setting, everyone welcome. Sue Thomas 773-2185

Sat. Dec 9 10:00 am - **MYSTERY HIKE**. Moderate snowshoe or hike, depending on conditions. Gretchen Crowley 483-9448

Sat. Dec 16 10:00 am - **SPRING LAKE SKI TOUR**. Shrewsbury. About 3 mi, easy to moderate. Follow wood roads from Spring Lake Ranch to the Long Trail and then south to Patch Hollow. Beaver ponds, views and an old home site with orchard. Good for any moderately experienced skier. Call if in doubt whether we're skiing, snowshoeing or hiking. Return about 2pm. Herb Ogden (h) 775-1350 (w) 775-3368

Sun. Jan 7 9am - **MYSTERY HIKE**. Moderate. Ski, snowshoe or hike depending on conditions. Jerry Parker 747-4439

Sun. Jan 14 9:30am - **HIKE AND HOT DOG ROAST** - Half Moon State Park, Bomoseen. Mileage variable, ski or snowshoe if conditions are favorable. Bring hot dogs, or whatever, to roast over the fire. Hot drinks will be provided. Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

Fri. Jan 19 7:00pm **GMC TAYLOR SERIES - TRAIL MAGIC**. Jeannie Hines presents slides, music and stories from her 1997 Appalachian Trail thru hike from Georgia to Maine. Unitarian Church, West Street, Rutland. Admission \$4 members, \$7 non-members. Refreshments available.

Sat. Jan.20 9:30am - **OLD TURNPIKE ROAD / LT SNOWSHOE**, Killington. About 5 mi, moderate. Sue Thomas 773-2185

Sat. Jan 27 - **JOINT TRIP WITH THE BREADLOAF SECTION - MOOSALAMOO MTN** - We'll snowshoe, walk or ski depending on conditions. 4-5 mi, moderate. Call leaders for meeting time and place. Gordon and Helen Cawood 352-4310

WANT TO LEAD A HIKE? Our next schedule will include January through April. Please call Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502 or Sue Thomas 773-2185 by **January 10** to guarantee a spot on our schedule.

Interview with Craig Perkins - 21 May 1991

by Herb Ogden

I interviewed Craig at his home on the Old Turnpike Road (Elbow Road) in Mendon. His wife was present, but I don't think any of the following information came from her. The purpose of the interview was to determine the uses that had been made of the land between Sherburne Pass and Killington Peak, so the Green Mountain Club could use the information to help the National Park Service get the best route for the Appalachian Trail (hence also the Long Trail) on the best terms.

I asked about Mortimer Proctor, who granted the public an easement to use the Long Trail over land he once owned. Craig said Mortimer Proctor was a figure-head rather than a doer in the GMC. He knew nothing about the deed by which Mortimer Proctor gave the public the right to pass over Vermont Marble Company land from Sherburne Pass south toward Killington. Proctor did no trail work. Proctor was not an outdoors person and had little contact with the Killington Section. He was pleasant but had no social contact with the Killington Section. He never heard Proctor express an opinion on anything. Proctor gave the right to build Cooper Lodge.

Craig was not sure when this area was last logged. He graduated from high school in 1920 and began hiking it around 1923. He did not recall seeing any logging roads, skid roads, or brush from logging.

The Killington Section always maintained this part of the LT. The fire lookout who was stationed at the fire tower on Pico Peak (since moved to Killington Peak) probably did no maintenance. The ground return phone line (of which a few insulator pegs can still be seen attached to old trees in 1999) was installed in the 1930s. He is not sure when it was abandoned. It served the fire lookout tower.

The central Green Mountain Club erected a metal camp on Killington Peak. He was there riveting seams in black fly season. The materials were hauled up from the west, probably with a horse. They probably used the LT. (This does not seem consistent with coming up from the west.) They may have had to make more than one trip.

Pedestrian use of the LT varied; he probably could not even give an average number of hikers per year. When he was in high school, he knew few people who hiked up there. He graduated from high school in 1920. When he was on the trail, he usually met no one. He could not guess use in the 1930s; it went in cycles. Other uses of the LT included snowshoe hikes.

His first ascent of Killington, probably when he was in high school, was probably up the Bucklin Trail. They pulled toboggans up with blankets and slept at a metal camp once. They also went up the Bucklin Trail another winter. He recalls no snowshoe hikes from Sherburne Pass to Pico Shelter (now Pico Camp). He does not recall skiing on the LT. George Peck and others skied down the west side of Killington, probably on the Bucklin Trail.

The Long Trail is more worn in recent years, but the first half mile south of Sherburne Pass was always muddy.

To reach Cooper Lodge from Sherburne Pass, he may usually have used the alternate trail that went west around Pico (from Pico Jct. to a point south of Pico Peak, shown on old guidebooks). I don't think he said why.

The Bucklin Trail was opened about when Perkins began to be active. The Carriage Road from Brewers Corners to Killington Peak was still passable then.

He thinks he hired people, maybe the Bucklin boys, to clear the LT after the 1938 hurricane.

The Hellebore Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain existed since about the time he began hiking. It was not used much. He was vague on when it was replaced by the Canty Trail. When he began hiking, the Killington Section barely existed.

The GMC used to be more of a social affair than it is now. Perhaps there used to be fewer competing social activities. The Killington Section used to put more pressure on members to do trail work. When he was a GMC Trustee, it was the same in other Sections. The Worcester Section was the most active in trail work. The Killington Section kept an average balance between socializing and working outdoors.

Smoke & Blazes Seeks New Volunteer Editor

It is with regret that I must pass the baton for the position of volunteer editor of *Smoke & Blazes* to another member interested in being the new editor.

Smoke & Blazes is published quarterly, coordinating with the outing schedule's different seasons. Very little needs to be typed as members and directors send their reports and articles by email or disk. Those that do need to be typed are usually short pieces. I have used Microsoft Publisher to create the newsletter, but any software will work. The only other aspect that you should be conscious of is proofreading, which I do once the entire newsletter is laid out. From there, other members become your support team in producing the finished product.

The newsletter is copied/printed in Rutland at Prime Offset and then Roma and Al Pulling, along with other volunteers, prepare the newsletter for mailing.

Smoke & Blazes is by far a team effort. If it weren't for its contributors and those who take the newsletter from print to distribution, it would never happen! What I'm trying to say is that producing the newsletter is fun and you are contributing to your GMC section . . . and you don't have to do it all by yourself!

In the section's Annual Report, Herb mentioned that the section believes that *Smoke & Blazes* is the oldest continuously published section newsletter. Let's keep the spirit going!

If you are interested in taking on the newsletter, please call me at 802-672-3157 or email me at kapr@vermontel.net, or contact Herb at 775-1350 or lco@together.net.

Thanks,
Kim Jackson

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section, a chapter of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4, plus side trails) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES

Individual \$ 27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*
Family \$ 35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*
Individual Lifetime \$500 (entirely tax-deductible)
Family Lifetime \$750 (entirely tax-deductible)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

* People who volunteer substantial time for the Section or the G.M.C., or whose income is unusually low, may deduct \$7 from dues.

TELEPHONE: _____

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. As required by the G.M.C., the Killington Section retains 20% of annual dues and passes the rest on to the central Green Mt. Club. All Section members are also members of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

I/We would like information about volunteering for the following activities (circle your choices): trail work, shelter work, signmaking, publications, leading outings, publicity, education, other: _____.

I/We also enclose a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Please make checks payable to Killington Section, G.M.C.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 3, Box 7269
Rutland VT 05701



ROBERT & THELMA PERKINS
6 RACHEL DRIVE
RUTLAND VT 05701-3772



Volume 54, Number 1

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

January 2001

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club Director's Meeting: January 2, 2001

PRESENT:

Herb Ogden, Bob Perkins, Bill Robichaud, Al Pulling, Sue Thomas, Gretchen Crowley, Connie Youngstrom, Ruth Gibbud, Jake Sherman, and guest Mark Youngstrom. GMC Director of Field Operations Dave Hardy was absent due to illness.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES:

The minutes of the Aug. 22 directors meeting were unanimously approved with no additions or corrections. These minutes have already appeared in the October, 2000, issue of *Smoke & Blazes*.

BUCKLIN TRAIL CONTROVERSY:

The past few months have seen growing controversy over measures taken to reduce and eliminate usage by ATVs or other motorized vehicles of the Bucklin Trail, the popular side trail from Wheelerville Road to the Long Trail and ultimately Killington Peak.

In October a letter-to-the-editor writer to the *Rutland Herald* complained about the boulders and tank traps that have been set up to discourage motorized traffic. Herb Ogden responded in November with a letter defending these measures, noting that ATVs had destroyed half the water bars on the upper portion of the Bucklin and these would require hundreds of man hours to replace. In December Herb's letter drew an irate and personal response from an ATVer.

Directors felt it was important to approach the issue in a calm manner, avoid fruitless exchanges, and explain the legalities. It was also important to involve the state, the city of Rutland, and the main club. The city of Rutland owns the watershed from the Wheelerville Road to the Killington line and does not want to encourage motorized use that would adversely affect water quality. Nevertheless it might be

reluctant to ban it completely due to logging. The upper portion of the trail is on land owned by the state. It is illegal to run ATVs on state land without permission and such use is subject to fine. Bill Robichaud reported that about four years ago the state was giving consideration to finding a new route for the Bucklin but later changed its mind and told Dave Hardy it wanted the GMC to keep the trail on the road.

It was finally decided that the Killington Section along with the GMC should request that Conrad Motyka, chief of the Vermont Forest, Parks & Recreation Department, and the City tell us their stand on motorized vehicle traffic on the trail. State forestry official Gary Salmon has suggested that the best response would be a joint state/city/USFS statement. Another thought was to contact the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC) to see if they become involved in side trail issues.

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER:

Herb, Dave Hardy, and others have given much thought to the wording of a sign at the shelter that would make clear that it was primarily intended for nighttime use by backpackers. One draft stated: "Welcome to the Governor Clement Shelter. This shelter is maintained by the Green Mountain Club for public use; overnight use is limited to backpackers only. Continued overnight use that discourages backpackers will result in removal of this shelter." Various modifications of this wording were discussed and it was also suggested that additional wording to the effect that the shelter "may be patrolled" would help stem mayhem and vandalism by rowdy partiers. Al Pulling said he had been up to the shelter last fall and put in two center posts. This is important since a heavy load of snow on an unsupported roof could cave it in.

Welcome New Members!

Shelley Lutz
3424 Quarterline Rd,
Center Rutland, VT 05736

Michael Ilyichenko
201 Skyline Dr, Coram, NY 11727

Susan Corrigan
16 US Rt 4, Rutland, VT 05701-9737

C Stark Biddle
5 Court St, Rutland, VT 05701

Janet Estelle
3119 Middle Rd.
N Clarendon, VT 05759

Sarah Fearing
90 Center St, Apt 2, Rutland, VT 05701

Ken Rahing
29A Royce St, Rutland, VT 05701

Stephen/Diana Williams
682 Vt Rt 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775

Come spring Bill and Greg Western, the GMC Assistant Director of Field Operations, plan to eyeball a possible relocation of the trail around the shelter. Also suggested was that we encourage the main club to scout out potential sites for a second shelter between Clarendon Shelter and Cooper Lodge. This shelter would more or less replace Tamarack Shelter which was taken down a few years ago because of its proximity to Killington's Juggernaut Ski Trail. There was discussion as to whether this shelter would be better sited higher up at or near Consultation Point or lower down near a brook. It was noted that Consultation Point might be too windy and exposed.

There continues to be discussion about preventing access to Gov. Clement Shelter by vehicles. Dave Hardy has noted

Continued on page three

Killington Section Directors, including Officers

Year in parenthesis indicates end of three year term.

President:

Herbert G. Ogden
20 Birchwood Ave.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 775-1350 eves,
775-3368 workdays
E-mail lco@together.net (2003)

Vice-President:

Connie Youngstrom
Box 1160
Shrewsbury, VT 05738 (2003)

Secretary:

Jacob R. Sherman
48 Morse Place,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 775-2784 (2004)

Treasurer:

Alfred L. Pulling
883 U.S. Rt. 4 East
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-6997
E-mail ral37@juno.com (2003)

Historian:

Robert Perkins
6 Rachel Dr.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. 773-0184 (2003)

Raymond Catozzi (2003)
Ruth Gibbud (2003)
Gretchen Crowley (2003)
Sue Thomas (2003)

Killington Section members of Green Mt. Club Board of Directors

Director:

Alfred L. Pulling
see above info (2003)

Alternate:

Connie Youngstrom
(2003)

Smoke & Blazes Editor:

Robert Perkins
6 Rachel Dr.,
Rutland VT, 05701
Tel. (802) 773-0184
Email: RPerkins@aol.com

From The Field . . .

PLYMOUTH FIVE CORNERS

October 7, 2000

by Roma Pulling, leader

Nine of us met at the park on a very frosty morning and proceeded to Plymouth Five Corners, where we were met by three people who live in that area. The weather, although cool and breezy, was ideal for hiking.

Five Corners was settled as the result of a gold rush in the late 19th century. For a while there were mills, a blacksmith shop, a school, store and hotel, but it did not prove to be a profitable enterprise. Now all that remains are foundations of former buildings. Five corners are formed by roads running to South Woodstock, Reading, Hale Hollow Road, Coolidge State Park, and one that connects with Rt 100 near the Coolidge Cemetery. Two of these roads are closed to traffic now.

Our first goal was to inspect the remains of a foundation in the brook believed to be that of one of the mills. Leaving our cars parked in that area, we walked up Bradley Hill, looking for cellar holes as we climbed. The Plymouth residents were helpful with this enterprise, and we were able to locate four. Continuing on Bradley Hill, we kept to our right where there is a sign for the Five Corners Cemetery and walked there. We were interested to find a listing of the burials under glass near the entrance gate.

Finding comfortable places to sit, we ate our lunch in the cemetery and then returned to our cars. This is an area that never fails to arouse my interest.

PATCH HOLLOW

December 16, 2000

by Herb Ogden, Leader

This was meant to be a ski tour, but the half-dozen participants all walked instead. We did meet a skier on one of Spring Lake Ranch's trails, but he said it was uncomfortably bony. The bridges on the relocated Long Trail leading south to Patch Hollow would have been especially difficult with the shallow snow cover.

Thanks to Spring Lake Ranch, there was plenty of parking at its trailhead. Several cross country skiers had made a track west to Minerva Hinchey Shelter; we walked to the side of it, observing proper trail etiquette. We stopped briefly at the shelter and reflected that its predecessor, Sunnyside Camp, was once the Blue Triangle Camp and stood near Gov. Clement Shelter. We then followed the LT south through pretty winter woods to the old road up to Patch Hollow, which the

relocation uses. Although the relo opened only in 1999, the old trail south over Button Hill could not be seen.

At Patch Hollow, now that the weeds were down, we could see the little foundation just west of the LT. We also noted the old orchard. We wondered who lived there, and when. We lunched amidst the beavers' handiwork (or should it be teethiwork) of many gnawed-down trees. They had even taken down some pretty big ones. The view south across their pond was pretty.

We varied our route a little on the way back, using a Spring Lake trail that runs west of the LT. There were tracks of moose and other animals. This was a nice little three mile jaunt.

HALF MOON STATE PARK

January 14, 2001

by Roma Pulling, leader

This was a gloomy day because there was no sunshine, like so many days this winter, but the temperatures were comfortable and we actually had snow on the ground. It was one of the most enjoyable winter outings I have been on in several years.

We met four other hikers at the park and headed for Half Moon, passing Lake Bomoseen and Austin, Roach, Bresee and Black ponds on the way. Ice fishermen were out in large numbers, mostly on Lake Bomoseen. We saw no one at Half Moon, even though there were tracks of hikers and skiers who had been there before us. Animal tracks were common too, especially those of deer who had been pawing in the snow under oak trees, perhaps to feed on acorns.

Some people came equipped with both skis and snow shoes, but after some discussion we all headed out on snow shoes. Two people hiked all the way to High Pond while the rest of us went a short distance and then returned to a trail junction Alfred had chosen a place for our fire. We had used a plastic toboggan to haul wood and supplies in and now took those items off so we could use it for a table! On it we spread hot dogs, rolls, ketchup, mustard, hot beverages and cups.

Meanwhile, Alfred had quickly built a fire, and by the time the hikers returned we were ready. It is amazing how good the hot dogs, coffee and even soup mix tastes in the outdoors, and we made the most of it. The subject of doing more hiking was discussed, but one person had another commitment and we made a day of it, returning home with very pleasant memories.

Killington Section, Director's Meeting, from page 1

in e-mail correspondence that the routes to the shelter could be regarded as driveways and blocked off with boulders. If vehicles were then parked on the town road, they would be in violation of blocking a town road.

PICO CAMP:

It is clear that the days of the present Pico Camp are numbered but no one has a definite date for when the old and ailing structure will come down. Meanwhile, there are plans for a new Pico Camp which will be erected on the new LT about a mile south of Route 4. This shelter will be built by the GMC but it is unclear whether Killington or the GMC is going to pay for it. We might put out a request for volunteer help to section members once construction gets closer.

GMC TAYLOR SERIES:

Arrangements and assignments were made for the next GMC Taylor Series lecture which is being hosted by the Killington Section. The event is entitled "Trail Magic" and will take place Friday, January 19, at 7:00 P.M. at the Unitarian Church, West Street, in Rutland. Featured will be Jeannie Hines who will present slides, music and stories from her 1997 Appalachian Trail thru hike from Georgia to Maine.

Sue Thomas volunteered to take responsibility for posters and signage; Connie Youngstrom and Ruth Gibbud will share responsibility for refreshments; Bob Perkins will set up a GMC Exhibit on the back tables, and Herb Ogden will make sure the facility is ready and needed equipment such as a screen provided. Herb will also introduce the speaker. Sue and Gretchen will share publicizing the event to local media. There is a \$50 rental fee to the church. It was decided that it would be much nicer and roomier to hold the event upstairs.

SMOKE & BLAZES:

Bob Perkins has risen to the challenge by volunteering to take over *Smoke & Blazes* from outgoing editor Kim Armstrong. Kim had appealed for a successor in the last two issues without success.

Bob's willingness to take this on was conditioned on a replacement being found for him as co-chair with Bill Robichaud of the Trails & Shelters Committee. A search for a replacement is now in progress. Special thanks to Bob for taking on this vital job.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Al Pulling reported that there was presently \$1007.63 in the section's checking account and \$1,346.22 in the savings account. In the Kirk Fund savings there is \$777.61. There are 14 life members, 19 family members, and 53 individual members for a total of 86 memberships representing 105 actual members.

ANNUAL MEETING:

A date of March 31, 2001 was set for the Killington Section annual meeting. There will be no special program that night as the directors meeting and the main meeting take up a good bit of time after dinner. The terms of three directors will be expiring at this time but no additional candidates are needed unless any which to step forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Sherman, Secretary

On Spruce Ledge

by Roma Pulling

Since the day I read about the replacement for Ritterbush Camp being built south of Devil's Gulch in 1998, I was determined to see it. At the time of the dedication May 1, 1999, we had other commitments; so our plans for that date were foiled. This fall (November 2000) an opportunity came our way when we were in northern Vermont visiting family. We spent the night in a motel, listening to election returns on TV, and early the next morning we were off.

The trail starting on Route 118 had been relocated since Alfred and I were there in 1983, and we were momentarily confused by a side trail that seemed to head north whereas we wanted to go south. Getting oriented and picking up the Long Trail across the road from the new parking lot, we made good time on our route. The location of the old Ritterbush camp seems to have been completely obliterated, or at least we didn't see it, and we were soon at Devil's Gulch, a part of the trail that has always fascinated me with its boulders the size of houses, requiring a great deal of scrambling. The new shelter is .7 mile south of the gulch and about .6 mile on a side trail east of the LT.

Spruce Ledge camp was built by the Laraway Section and other volunteers and has sliding doors and bunk space for eight campers. The area has been developed with a picnic shelter off to one side and a camping area with a bench. We were very favorably impressed and made use of the picnic facility to eat our lunch before starting north on the trail to return to our car. The Laraway Section and other workers are to be congratulated on a job well done.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES is April 1, 2001

You can send your stories to:

Bob Perkins

6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701

P - (802) 773-0184

E - RPerkinsVT@aol.com

Killington Section Green Mountain Club - Outing Schedule Winter/Spring 2001

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown. Participants should bring lunch unless noted.

Non-members are welcome! Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader.

Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader.

Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Sat. Jan 27; Call for time and meeting place. **JOINT TRIP WITH THE BREADLOAF SECTION - MOOSALAMOO MTN** - We'll snowshoe, walk or ski depending on conditions. 4-5 mi, moderate. Gordon and Helen Cawood 352-4310.

Sat. Feb 3; 9 a.m. Return after 4 p.m. **BARNARD DISTRICT NO. 2** from the Smith Hill Rd. in Stockbridge. Ski tour, snowshoe, or walk, depending on snow cover. Call the leader to find out. Up to 8 mi., moderate for snowshoers, difficult for skiers, although entirely on old roads. Visit the long abandoned part of Barnard east of Delectable Mountain and see what the early settlers' life must have been like in winter. Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350.

Sun. Feb. 11; Noon. Return after 5 p.m. **SHREWSBURY PEAK**. Ski out to the trail crossing, then switch to snowshoes to climb to the summit. Difficult 6-7 miles. Meet at the Shrewsbury Meeting House and then carpool to Tin Shanty. Call for details. Leaders: Mark and Connie Youngstrom 492-3502.

Sun. Feb. 18; Please call for location and time. **SLEDDING PARTY**. Bring sleds, toboggans, inner tubes, or whatever you have. Suitable for kids and the young at heart! Cocoa and other hot drinks provided, dress warmly. Leader: Gretchen Crowley 459-2098.

Sat. Feb. 24 10 a.m. **LAKE NINEVAH Mt. Holly Snowshoe, Ski or Hike**. Moderate 5-6 miles round trip. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185.

Sat. March 3; 10 a.m. **THE BIG ROCK**. Snowshoe on the slopes of Shrewsbury Peak to visit the largest glacial erratic in Shrewsbury. Not appropriate for skis or walking, moderate to difficult. Leaders: Barry and Barbara Griffith 492-3573.

Sat. March 10; Call for time. **PICO PEAK Snowshoe Hike** from Rte. 4 to the proposed site of the new Pico camp. Moderate, under 4 miles. Leader: Bill Robichaud 775-2567.

Sat. March 17; 1 p.m. **GLEN DAM Rutland Hike, Ski or Snowshoe** depending on weather, refreshments following. About 2 miles, easy. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997.

Sat. March 31; 5:30 p.m. **KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK SUPPER**. Bring utensils and a dish to share, coffee and hot drinks provided. Followed by a short meeting and election of officers. All are invited to bring photos to share of club hikes or trips. Non-members are welcome! Unitarian Church, West Street, Rutland.

Sun. April 1; 10 a.m. **MYSTERY HIKE**. Moderate. Leader: Gretchen Crowley 459-2098. Please call for details.

Sat. April 7; 10 a.m. **LYE BROOK FALLS**. Manchester. A moderate 4 mile hike to one of Vermont's highest waterfalls. Some steep climbing. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185.

Sat. April 14; 10 a.m. **MT. HANLEY**. West Rutland. Easy to moderate with a few steep climbs. Raindate will be May 15. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-7006.

Sat. April 21; Call for time and details. **SUCKER BROOK TRAIL**. Goshen/Ripton. 6-7 miles, easy to moderate. Gordon and Helen Cawood 352-4310.

Sun. April 22; 1 p.m. **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES**. Easy, 1-2 miles. Jerry Parker 747-4439.

Sun. April 29; 1 p.m. Return after 4:30 p.m. **LONG TRAIL from Rt. 103 to Lottery Rd. in Shrewsbury**. Ascending the Great Gorge Gulch to Gorge Lookout, passing Clarendon Shelter, and getting a nice view from Beacon Hill. Return via Adams Rd. and attempt to find the cemetery. 4.5 miles, moderate. Leader: Herb Ogden 773-1350.

WANT TO LEAD A HIKE? Our next schedule will include May through September. Please call Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502 or Sue Thomas 773-2185 by **April 1** to guarantee a spot on our schedule.

Harold C. Rogers

1916-2000

Harold Rogers was a loyal member of the Killington Section for many years before he was forced to discontinue hiking due to physical problems. He had been a Board Member and a good hike leader. A lot of old-timers remember the winter hikes he led nearly every year on the Quarterline Road in Rutland Town. There was always a saw in his right hand. Harold said he couldn't hike without something to carry, and that saw came in handy many times when the group wanted to build a fire at lunchtime.

When Harold passed away October 21 he was a resident of Genesis Eldercare, but his home was on Kendall Avenue with his wife, Alberta. He was the father of five daughters and three sons by his first wife, Florence, who predeceased him. He had worked as a carpenter, also at Vermont Tubbs, Wilson Moving and Storage, and at Trinity Episcopal Church as sexton. Those who knew him have many fond memories.

Letters From The Field . . .

Greetings. We have received the generous \$100 contribution from the Killington Section in memory of Ira Hawley. We very much appreciate this support in honor of a long-time member of the GMC who was a strong supporter of the Long Trail Protection Campaign. Please convey our thanks to all members of the Section.

Robert L. Lincoln, Jr.
Director of Development
Green Mountain Club

Dear Mr. Ogden,
I met you at the trailhead parking lot on hwy Vt. 140 on 23 Sept., a wet Saturday morning. We were all hiking up White Rocks Mt. I was thru-hiking the LT at the time. I am glad to say that I arrived at the northern terminus on 8 Oct, and I am now back at home in Alabama with my family. My purpose in writing is to commend you, as GMC President of the Killington Section, for the condition of the LT from Vt. 140 to Sherburne Pass. This was one of my favorite sections of the trail. As a hiker, I would like to thank you and your supporters/maintainers for the obvious hard work that has gone into the maintenance of this section of the LT. Please ... keep up the good work, Herb.

Warmest regards,

E.T.

Bob Perkins New *Smoke & Blazes* Editor

Bob Perkins has graciously volunteered to continue publishing *Smoke & Blazes* starting with the next issue in April. I have enjoyed compiling the issues for the section, but it is time for me to pass the torch. For the April 1 deadline, please remember to submit anything to Bob, at the address listed on page three. It has been a pleasure receiving all the fun stuff about the section over the past few years!

Sincerely,
Kim Jackson

Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club

Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper

Saturday, March 31
5:30 p.m.
Unitarian Church
West Street, Rutland

Bring utensils and a dish to share. Coffee and hot drinks provided. Supper will be followed by a short meeting and election of officers. All are invited to bring photos to share of club hikes or trips. Nonmembers welcome!

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section, a chapter of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4, plus side trails) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES

Individual \$ 27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*

Family \$ 35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*

Individual Lifetime \$500 (entirely tax-deductible)

Family Lifetime \$750 (entirely tax-deductible)

* People who volunteer substantial time for the Section or the G.M.C., or whose income is unusually low, may deduct \$7 from dues.

TELEPHONE: _____

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. As required by the G.M.C., the Killington Section retains 20% of annual dues and passes the rest on to the central Green Mt. Club. All Section members are also members of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

I/We would like information about volunteering for the following activities (circle your choices): trail work, shelter work, signmaking, publications, leading outings, publicity, education, other: _____.

I/We also enclose a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Please make checks payable to Killington Section, G.M.C.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US Route 4 East
Rutland VT 05701-9038



ROBERT & THELMA PERKINS
6 RACHEL DRIVE
RUTLAND VT 05701-3772



Volume 54, Number 2

Killington Section – Green Mountain Club

April 2001

Killington Section Holds 2001 Annual Meeting and Pot Luck

By Jake Sherman, Secretary

The March 31 meeting was as usual held at the Unitarian Church in Rutland. Following a tasty potluck supper, it was called to order about 6:35 by Pres. Herb Ogden. About 30 members were in attendance.

Secretary's Minutes: The minutes from the 2000 annual meeting were unanimously approved. They had previously appeared in *Smoke & Blazes*.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was provided by Al Pulling. As of the end of the year 2000 there was a total of \$3,653.26 in assets with \$965.63 in the checking account, \$1,375.49 in the savings account, and \$1,312.14 in a CD. The Kirk Trails & Shelters Fund ended the year with total assets of \$15,586.73, a gain of \$385.33 from the previous year. This consisted of \$14,639.37 in CDs and a savings balance of \$947.36. Meanwhile, the section has a total of 88 members, a gain of 10 from the previous year. There were 50 individual members, 24 families, and 14 life members. If two were assigned for each family

membership, the total would be 112. Al's report was unanimously approved. In discussion it was noted that at least a part of the funds to replace Pico Camp might have to come from the Kirk Fund. It is still not known if the GMC will bear all the cost. Part of the money may also come from the American Skiing Co.

President's and Trails & Shelters Reports: Herb Ogden and Trails & Shelters Chairman Bill Robichaud brought us up to date about section news in a variety of areas:

Bucklin Trail: -- A few years ago this popular side trail from Wheelerville Road to the summit of Killington Peak began to be heavily used by all-terrain vehicles. The ATVs unfortunately wrecked numerous stone waterbars, particularly on the upper half of the trail, which had taken many man-hours to build and required many more to fix. To deal with the problem the state had "tank traps" and large boulders put in the trail, tore out some log bridges, and dragged deadwood onto the sides of the woodroad to narrow it. Some ATVer's have protested these measures as "overkill". Last fall the issue surfaced in the Rutland Herald letters column where a letter from

Herb, in response to an ATVer's letter, drew an irate response from another writer. State officials now feel that they may have acted too aggressively and should have first posted signs to warn the ATVer's. Herb agreed that signs should have been posted first but expressed skepticism about their effectiveness. At any rate, state, federal and GMC people came together over the issue and there will be a concerted effort to enforce ATV prohibition on the trail this summer, possibly by contracting with sheriffs to provide policing.

Gov. Clement Shelter -- This venerable stone structure is the oldest shelter on the entire Long Trail. Unfortunately, it is easily accessible to normal vehicles and has become a popular spot for rowdy beer partiers who intimidate and discourage hikers from staying there. Some guidebooks even make a point of warning hikers to avoid it. Signs, visits by Forest Service and law enforcement personnel, and a short trail relocation around the shelter are some of things the club is trying to do about the situation.

See Page 3: **Meeting**

Killington Section Directors:**Term expiring in 2002:**

Ruth Gibbud*
Herbert Ogden*
William Robichaud

Term expiring in 2003:

Gretchen Crowley
Alfred Pulling*
Susan Thomas

Term expiring in 2004:

Robert Perkins*
Jacob Sherman*
Connie Youngstrom*

* Indicates second consecutive three year term;
not eligible for reelection.

Killington Section Officers**President:**

Herbert G. Ogden
20 Birchwood Avenue
Rutland, VT 055701
775-1350 evenings
775-3368 workdays
lco@together.net

Vice-President:

Connie Youngstrom
Box 1160
Shrewsbury, VT 05738
492-3502
marky@sover.net

Secretary:

Jacob R. Sherman
48 Morse Place
Rutland, VT 05701
775-2784
JakeVT@aol.com

Treasurer:

Alfred L. Pulling
883 U.S. Route 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701
773-6997
ral37@juno.com

Historian:

Robert Perkins

**Killington Section
Representatives to GMC****Director:**

Alfred L. Pulling

Alternate:

Connie Youngstrom

Smoke & Blazes Editor

Robert Perkins
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701
773-0184
RPerkinsVT@aol.com

From the Editor

It is with mixed feelings of nostalgia and anticipation that I step into the capable shoes of Kim Jackson who has so competently edited this publication for the last several years.

I remember helping my parents, Craig and Mary Perkins, crank the mimeograph machine in our living room to turn out copies of the early issues of *Smoke and Blazes* which they inaugurated in October, 1948. For half a century while I was away from Rutland, S&B was my primary, almost only, connection with the club. I could not turn down the opportunity to continue the Killington Section tradition of sponsoring the oldest continuously published section newsletter in the Green Mountain Club.

Another attraction of this assignment for me is the excuse it gives me to learn desktop publishing. My professional computing experience did not include that skill, but I am making good progress.

A concern was that there might be a shortage of material to fill the pages. It's clear that this hasn't been a problem for this issue. My sincere thanks go to all who contributed. I encourage hike leaders to continue to send in their reports, and I invite everyone to submit suggestions, letters to the editor, or pieces on any topic that might be of interest to fellow members. My e-mail and snail-mail addresses are at the bottom of the column to the left

I hope to publish S&B quarterly in February, May, August, and November. Over the years the schedule has varied: sometimes three, four, or six times a year. In its earliest years S&B was a monthly. In those days first class postage was three cents.

Don't Forget to Renew

Green Mountain Club and Killington Section dues are collected on a calendar year basis.

If dues are not paid for year 2001
you probably will receive no more issues of
Long Trail News or *Smoke & Blazes*.

Meeting

Continued from Page 1

At present we are negotiating with the Forest Service over how strongly worded the sign can be. There has also been discussion of digging a barrier between the road and the shelter but this is seen as a maximum measure. A few years ago the shelter's middle support post was pulled out and still needs to be repaired. At some point we plan to go to the Shrewsbury Select Board and explain to them what's going on and what we're trying to do.

Cooper Lodge -- There is ongoing debate over whether this shelter, another venerable shelter in our section, originally built by the CCC in the 1930s, high up on the west face of Killington, should be removed. The shelter, for the past 15 years or so, has been the responsibility of the main club and there is an adopter, Ruth Cooper Lamb, whose family name the shelter honors. However, damage to the shelter from skiers has become a chronic problem and every winter it takes a beating. Five or six years ago a new roof was put on, but, with people skiing off the roof, it now leaks. The adopter has expressed the belief that the ski area should oversee the winter use of the shelter and that if that can't be worked out the shelter ought to be abandoned and relocated elsewhere. Three years ago the directors passed a motion encouraging the ski area to do more on the upkeep of Cooper Lodge.

Pico Camp -- The present shelter will need to be replaced when the Killington-Pico interconnect is built and, at any rate, is not in good shape. Two sites for a new shelter are being considered on the new LT relocation. One is at the biggest brook between Route 4 and Pico Peak, while the other is higher up in a birch glade. The question with the latter site is whether the water source is good enough.

Clarendon Gorge Bridge -- There is good news on this front. The bridge has been inspected by professional inspectors from the National Park Service and found to be in good condition, safe, and likely to last a long time. Moreover, the Park Service has agreed to inspect the structure every two years.

Route 4 Trail Head -- We owe a debt to the Vermont Department of Transportation and state highway crews for keeping the parking area of the new LT trail head on Rte. 4 plowed out this winter. However, this area on the south side of the highway about two miles below Sherburne Pass still has a rather rough appearance. There is a beautiful landscape architect's plan for its development but at present no money to fund it.

James P. Taylor Series: Section vice-pres. Connie Youngstrom reported that our sponsorship of a Taylor Series lecture on Jan. 19 was a success. The event was held at the Unitarian Church and attracted more than 30 people, which was not bad at all considering the weather. The speaker was Jeannie Hines of Plainfield, NH, who presented in slides, music and stories her Appalachian Trail thru hike from

Georgia to Maine in 1997. Connie felt she did a nice job and had a great sense of humor. Herb asked if there was sentiment for hosting another Taylor lecture next year and Sue Thomas, who contributed posters and other publicity for this event, suggested scheduling it when the weather was better, perhaps during foliage season. It may be, however, that the series is only done during the winter months. A show of hands indicated support for sponsoring another event.

Smoke & Blazes: Kim Armstrong Jackson served admirably for a couple of years as editor of our publication but was finally compelled to relinquish the reins. Fortunately, she agreed to stay on until a successor was found. All are pleased that Bob Perkins has stepped forward to assume this responsibility.

Bob said he was learning a lot about desktop publishing and thanked all who have submitted material to him. He reminded and encouraged hike leaders to submit their reports in a timely fashion. The newsletter comes out every three months and deadlines are the first or second week of the month of publication.

Outings Committee: Sue and Connie have been handling this all-important committee that puts together the quarterly schedule of hikes, outings, and other get-togethers. Sue expressed the need for those who wish to lead hikes to notify them in a timely way.

Gretchen Crowley has volunteered to contact various local media about publishing our hike schedule. It was noted that the Herald has been better in this regard now that Jack Crowther is handling it.

Historian's Report: Bob reported that we are making efforts to preserve our history. A big part of this has been our agreement with the Rutland Historical Society to provide a permanent home for any scrapbooks, clippings, archives, memorabilia, or complete runs of *Smoke & Blazes* we care to submit to them. Anyone with pictures or other material is encouraged to add them to our holdings at the Society.

Green Mountain Club Director's Report: As usual there are many new developments and projects emanating from Waterbury, but as GMC director Al Pulling noted, "95% of the time the talk is of money." The last GMC board meeting was held Jan. 20. One big project on the front burner is a new pedestrian bridge crossing of the Lamoille River. The proposal is for a suspension bridge over the river's main and secondary channels, which would cost \$165,000.

Also mentioned was an agreement with Jay Peak to control more land around the Jay Peak ski area. Another area up north to receive attention was the former Champion lands in the Northeast Kingdom where the

GMC has expressed interest in becoming the "corridor manager" for hiking trails. Al also reported that he raised a question at the meeting about the club's policies on cleaning up after your dog during a hike and allowable distances from the trail for canines to "do their business".

The GMC is also seeking volunteers to make presentations to school, scout, and other groups about its goals and in particular the "Leave No Trace" program. It was noted that long before this our section was the first to adopt a "pack it in, pack it out" policy.

Old Business: There was none from last year.

New Business: Herb sought input on the question of memorial gifts...whether the section ought to be making contributions outside the club, even if it is in memory of a valued member. The feeling was that memorial contributions from our limited funds should be limited to the GMC.

Election of Directors: Unanimously reelected to second three-year terms as directors were Bob Perkins, Jake Sherman, and Connie Youngster. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Election of Officers: The directors adjourned for the traditional brief meeting to elect officers. This was quickly accomplished by reelecting the present slate. The officers are: Herb Ogden, Pres.; Connie Youngstrom, Vice-Pres.; Jake Sherman, Secretary; Al Pulling, Treasurer and GMC Director; Bob Perkins, Historian; Bill

Robichaud, Trails & Shelters Chairman.

Ray's Hobblebush: Before the meeting adjourned, Ray Catozzi reminded all those interested in a few sprigs of hobblebush to sign his list. It will be another few weeks however, as right now there is so much snow he can't even find the bush.

Program: Providing the evening's entertainment was Herb Ogden who offered a humorous account of the life of one Jarvis Snodgrass, who gave his name to the famed Jarvis Snodgrass Memorial Sanitary Annex at Gov. Clement Shelter. Actually, this celebrated "two-holer" was purchased by Herb's father back in the '60s and trucked to the location it would occupy for the next 30 or so years. Unfortunately, the structure burned three years ago. The various phases of Snodgrass's career occasioned much hilarity, notably his opposition while a legislator to a "clean privy" bill and his death of "aromatitis" at Consultation Point. While it was tempting to believe in a real Snodgrass, whose tenure as Percival Clement's Lt. Governor was all too brief, the whole thing was an April Fool.



Ripton Area Bike Trip

29 October, 2000

By Ruth Hare

This ride never happened as planned. The morning in late October dawned with blustery wind, swirling snow and a temperature probably around 30. After waking up and looking outside, and reflecting that I had received not one inquiry beforehand from an interested rider, I concluded that no one could possibly be crazy enough to show up for that ride in that weather. So I went back to bed. If anyone was indeed crazy enough, I apologize for disappointing them and promise to try it again in a more favorable season.

Hike to Baker Peak

4 November, 2000

By Connie Youngstrom

Once again the Killington Section was blessed with a lovely autumn day. The skies were pale blue, the air balmy and calm. After delivering the cars to the bottom of the Lake Trail, our group of seven set off on the AT/LT south in the direction of Baker Peak. Passing over the bridge that spans Big Branch Brook, we noticed several perfect swimming holes but got no further than discussing and daring each other to take a dip.

The trail followed an old road on a gentle grade so walking was easy. The loud crunching of dry leaves underfoot and the splash and tumble of the brook alongside was our background music most

of the way. Now that the trees are entirely free of leaves, their trunks stood out boldly against the warm tans and browns of the forest floor. The different tree species held varied textures and hues, fascinating to observe closely. Evergreen ferns and club mosses, as well as the many different lichens and mosses, were in showy greens and blues now that they were not competing with the rest of the summer greenness.

We made Baker Peak our lunch stop and found plenty of rocks to sit on. Clouds began to move in from the northwest as we finished up our lunches and munched Halloween candy. Other hikers arrived and shared the hazy view to the west of the hills and fields in Danby and the big marble quarry on the mountainside. Via the Lake Trail, we crossed several splashing streams while making our return to Route 7 and the cars.

Mt. Moosalamoo

27 January, 2001

By Gordon and Helen Cawood

This was meant to be a joint Breadloaf/Killington Section snowshoe. The morning of the hike Sue Thomas called to say that it was snowing heavily in Rutland, and that the Killington group decided against making the trip.

Six of us started out in spite of the looks of the sky. From Camp Keewaydin we snowshoed up Summit Road to its junction with Keewaydin-Overcliff Trails. Dull, hazy conditions limited

viewing. Nevertheless, we saw Lake Dunmore and the hills to the west from Overcliff Trail. From that height the fishing shanties on the lake looked like Monopoly game hotels.

Thanks for coming Pat, Barbara, Fern, and Kim. We enjoyed your company.

Barnard District No. 2 in Winter

3 February 2001

By Herb Ogden

This was billed as a hike, snowshoe or ski tour, depending on conditions. Luckily, everyone brought snowshoes, for the snow was at least two feet deep in places. Also luckily, no one brought skis, for various moose had made such a hummocky mess of the old roads in places that skiing would have been frustrating and difficult.

While we saw no moose, one hiker's dog did find a moose antler while we were lunching, and one of us soon found the antler's mate close by. Apparently a moose feels off-balance once one of the heavy antlers comes off and works like mad to get rid of the other as soon as possible. The antler finder cut quite an interesting figure on the way back, with two huge antlers tied to his pack.

We went in from the Smith Hill Road, which leads from the Stony Brook Road in Stockbridge east to the Nye District of Barnard, over Delectable Mountain (of

which Mount Hunger is a peak!). Leaving our cars where the 1869 *Beers Atlas of Windsor County* shows a side road heading south, we walked up Smith Hill Road to the next brook crossing, followed the old Smith Hill Road for a couple hundred feet, then diverged southerly on a wide woodroad. After a half mile or so, we turned west on another wide woodroad, crossed Davis Hill Brook, and reached the old side road shown in the 1869 atlas.

We soon passed an enigmatic huge rock pile on the north. On several sides it is laid up in nice dry masonry but apparently contains no cavity and serves no apparent purpose. One of us heard from an old-timer that it was an Indian grave. Coming to a height of land with a nice view west, where a house stood in 1869, we encountered smaller laid-up rock structures, also mysterious. From here, it was easy going to the road from Stony Brook to Barnard District No. 2, apparently abandoned soon after 1911. Years before that, it used to lead over Delectable Mountain to the Chataugay Road in Barnard, as shown in the 1869 atlas. Parts of it are now very hard to find, as some people who were with me on a hike a few summers ago found out firsthand in an unplanned way.

From a cellar hole in the middle of a log landing, we snowshoed east on the old road, soon reaching an old farm site on a terrace overlooking a brook. At the edge of the terrace, a root cellar had been dug. The stone

chamber is still mostly intact, though the entrance is mostly blocked by a big fallen tree. We crossed the brook, ascended past another old farm site on the left, and finally came to the site of School No. 2, where there is a large cellar hole. William M. Newton's *History of Barnard, Vermont* (Vt. Historical Society 1930) has a photo of it, half caved in. If the original school was the building shown in the photo, it was unusually careful construction for a backwoods school, for they usually lacked cellars or even a full foundation. Maybe what began as a dwelling house was converted to a school when the original school fell down. At any rate, though it boasted 31 pupils in 1815, it is long gone, and the whole district has been uninhabited for about a century.

We turned around at the next brook crossing, because a horde of snowmobilers was passing on the far side. We lunched at the old school site and varied our return by taking an old woodroad east to the snowmobile trail over Delectable Mountain, then returned to our original route on that trail. Reflecting on what life in No. 2 must have been like in winter in the early 1800s, we concluded it probably wasn't that much different from life in the country generally, since even non-remote farms were pretty self-sufficient in those days. Still, we wondered what folks did in case of sickness or catastrophe with so few neighbors near, and what it was like to slog a couple miles over hill and dale to that old

school every day through the snow.

Shrewsbury Peak Ski and Snowshoe

11 February, 2001

By Connie Youngstrom

With snowshoes strapped to our daypacks our group of four set off on x-c skis on the snow covered CCC road. After two days of warm temperatures and rain, the snow surface proved to be very fast and hard. Clear blue skies and a frigid wind kept us moving to stay warm. We had a nice view of Shrewsbury peak, Saltash Mountain, and several nearby hills as we reached a high point on the road.

After our skis were stashed in a thick stand of balsams, on went the snowshoes for the climb up the Stone Chimney Trail at the site of the old CCC pavilion. We crunched our way noisily up the trail on a crusty snow surface 36 or more inches deep. While the mountain protected us somewhat from the bitter wind, it could be heard whistling in the high branches overhead. Occasionally a chickadee or a white winged crossbill sang from a spruce or balsam spire. Steadily upward we climbed, until the hardwoods gave way to conifers and the going became somewhat tricky. With several feet of snow under underfoot, we were up in the dense evergreen boughs.

Once on the summit, the view stretched from the mountains in New Hampshire to Stratton,

Bromley and Magic Mountains, and west to the Taconics. Nearby we saw the wetland areas in Plymbsbury Wildlife Management Area and the hills: Kinsman, Jockey, and Ingalls

The descent was rapid and at times a big slide on our bottoms. With the temperature dropping as sunset approached, we kept up a brisk pace. The ski back was a fast downhill run as the setting sun cast a deep rosy glow on the hills.

Sledding Party

18 February, 2001

By Gretchen Crowley

This outing was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Snowshoe to Pico Peak

10 March, 2001

By Steve Williams

Following the significant snowfall of the preceding Tuesday, the first question was where could cars be parked if the parking area on the south side of Route 4 was not open. Bill Robichaud contacted the traffic department responsible for that section of Route 4 who then did a great job of clearing the area, leading to parking space for a whole army, let alone the two cars requiring space.

The hike objective was to reach the proposed new site of the shortly to be relocated Pico shelter. This involved following the Long Trail over a steady but undulating grade generally south

east from Route 4. The key features of the hike were one excess and one shortage; the excess being the snow and the shortage being trail blazes. With the recent twenty plus inch snowfall, naturally deeper in gullies, this led to some hard work for the leader, who did a sterling job of making things easier for those behind. The depth of snow also led to some challenges in the crossing of gullies where the technique of avoiding sinking up to your waist was not known to all, and in particular to the writer who found himself in a "locked down" position which required some in-depth digging to allow disentanglement.

With the trail covered by virgin snow, and many tree trunks having snow patches stuck on to them, the visibility of blazes (white, at that) was far from optimum. Several times the trail appeared to have been lost altogether, but Bill, with what we can only assume was training by native Americans at some time in his past, found indentations on the surface of the snow implying the location of a path beneath, leading eventually to the finding of additional blazes.

After some two and a half hours of steady ascent, it appeared that reaching the objective and returning at a reasonable hour were incompatible ideas. During a soup and refreshment break, the democratically arrived at decision was made to declare, "we won" and set off on the return.

Thanks to Bill for the leadership.

Shrewsbury's Big Rock

3 March, 2001

By Barbara and Barry Griffith

Soon after moving to North Shrewsbury we became privileged to know Gordon, Glendon and Marjorie Pierce, proprietors of the Northam store operated by their family since 1918. The Pierces were -- among many other things -- faithful stewards of the land and our local historians.

During our early explorations we discovered a large glacial erratic on the south slope of Shrewsbury Peak. Marjorie identified our find as Picnic Rock. On summer Sundays after church in Northam as a girl, Marjorie related, folks would pack lunches and travel by horse and buggy up the old logging roads for an afternoon picnic at the Big Rock. On March 3, eight of us passed Pierce's Store for our own trip to Picnic Rock. The gods smiled on us, presenting us with a perfect winter day for our hike. Starting at the Tin Shanty, we began our trip on snowmobile trails maintained by VAST, as well as the Catamount Cross-Country Ski Trail. Our snowshoes, optional for the first hour, became necessary for the second half of our trek, as we continued our climb on long-abandoned logging roads. The rock cairns, which mark the way, were covered with snow, but discreet tree markers left last summer kept us going in the right direction.

We made it to the Big Rock by noon. After a circumferential tour, we celebrated with a picnic lunch, which was satisfying, although perhaps not as grand as those of a century ago. After the usual obligatory photographs, the return was all downhill.

Marjorie Pierce recently passed away at age 98, joining her siblings who had predeceased her. The Pierces -- who never married and left no children -- placed the family property in trust, to be preserved and enjoyed by future generations. This report is dedicated to their memory.

Glen Dam

17 March, 2001

By Roma Pulling

After several "open" winters, I was pleased when this winter brought ample snowfall for winter sports. On St. Patrick's Day fifteen of us went to Glen Dam, which used to be a popular winter hike when Churchill Scott was one of our volunteer hike leaders. It seemed like a good time to repeat this outing.

It had been my plan to delegate a lot of the responsibility for this hike to my husband, as he grew up not far from Glen Dam and was more familiar with the territory. But the 17th turned out to be the day of the GMC directors' meeting in Middlebury, leaving me on my own. There were two people on skis; the rest used snowshoes.

What can I say? We followed the road, which had been plowed, to the dam, and then struck out across lots past the old reservoir and across lands of the Rutland Town recycling shed and athletic fields. After some brief confusion at the town lands, we made our way back to the plowed road, although not exactly at the point I had planned.

I want to thank three people especially: Sue Thomas for coming to my rescue when I was temporarily without wheels; John Rantanen for helping sort out the maze of trails near the athletic field; and Virginia and Churchill Scott for allowing us to park at their house nearby.

1st Annual Shrewsbury Moose Tracking Hike

1 April 2001

By Gretchen Crowley

I must first give credit to Jerry Parker, the real trip leader, who led three women through five feet of snow in the wild Shrewsbury wilderness on the 1st annual Shrewsbury Moose Tracking Hike. The exact location of the hike will not be disclosed; as we are hoping to have more folks join us for the second annual moose tracking hike next year.

It was a dreary Sunday morning as we departed from Rutland to the hills of Shrewsbury for our moose tracking expedition. When we arrived at the designated parking area to begin our expedition, Parker's truck decided to get stuck in the snow, so it took

three strong women to help him get his truck out before the expedition could go on. Men drivers!!!

We went out into the woods and tramped around in snow shoes for about 30 minutes when Parker found us a big, old bull moose about 800 lbs., taking a little afternoon siesta in the snow. I was so excited, as this was the first moose I had seen out in the woods in this part of Vermont. Mr. Moose got up from his bed and paced back and forth while Parker tried a few moose calls. The moose was not impressed with this noise, as it really sounded like a dying cow rather than something that would be of interest to him. We got to view the moose for about five minutes (total) when he decided it was time to go find another restful spot without two-legged varmints interrupting his nap time.

We then hiked around for about another hour looking for more moose tracks, but no further tracks or moose did we find. We did get a little misdirected out there in them woods, but a little chocolate from Sue Thomas got the leader right back on track to the cars.

We hope more folks will join us next year for some more moose tracking fun.

P.S. Jerry Parker has more than 35 years of experience when it comes to being out in the woods, and is an excellent tracker and hiking guide.

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule: May - August 2001

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and, for morning departures, bring a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader.

Sat. May 5, 1p.m. White Rocks Picnic Area, Wallingford. Easy one mile hike down to the ice beds area, then back to the picnic area for a cookout. Bring food to grill; hot drinks furnished. Rain date: May 6. Ray Catozzi 773-3006

Sun. May 6, 10 a.m. Bicycle the Middlebury Loop on dirt roads. 12-14 miles, moderate. Helmits strongly recommended. Ruth Hare 223-1196.

Sat. May 12, 9 a.m. Appalachian Trail from Pomfret to W. Hartford, passing Bunker Hill Cemetery and historic Kings Highway with many scenic vistas. 8.6 miles, moderate, 1800 ft. elevation gain. Return about 5 p.m. Herb Ogden 775-1350.

Sat. May 19, 10 a.m. Wildflower Hike to Shaw Mountain, Benson. We should see white trillium, bloodroot and wild ginger among others at this Nature Conservancy preserve. Possible side trip to East Creek Waterfowl Preserve. Bring binoculars and bug repellent! 3-4 miles, moderate, slow pace. No dogs please in the preserve. Sue Thomas 773-2185.

Sun. May 20, 1 p.m. Children's Adventure Series. An easy 1-2 mile hike for the whole family, all welcome! Jerry Parker 747-4439.

Sat. May 26, 9a.m. Low Elevation Walk Through. Inspection and light maintenance of sections of the Long Trail between Wallingford Gulf Road (Route 140) and Gov. Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury. Moderate. Bring sturdy shoes, work gloves and a lunch. Tools provided. Bill Robichaud 775-2567.

Sat. June 2, 9a.m. National Trails Day High Elevation Walk Through. Inspection and light maintenance of our trails in the Coolidge Range between Gov. Clement shelter in Shrewsbury and Route 4 in Mendon. Moderate to strenuous. Bring sturdy shoes, work gloves and a lunch. Tools provided. Bill Robichaud 775-2567.

Sun. June 10, 9 a.m. Griffith Lake via the Old Job Trail. Explore the summer home of Vermont's first millionaire, Silas Griffith. Down the old carriage road, with an optional climb to the summit of Baker Peak for a beautiful view. 6-8 miles, moderate. Barry and Barbara Griffith 492-3573.

Sat. June 16, 7:30 a.m. The Long Trail in Stowe, from Smugglers Notch north to Route. 15. 12 miles, difficult. Rain date: Sun. June 17. Gretchen Crowley 459-2098.

Sat./Sun. June 23/24. Hike and camp weekend at Reading Pond, Plymouth. We'll set up a base camp and explore the area in day hikes. Call the leader for time and details. Eric Deutschbein 875-1226.

Sat. June 30. Treadway Mountain in the eastern Adirondacks. We'll be parking at Putnam Pond: \$5 fee per car. A moderate 7-mile hike with 900 feet elevation gain to an open summit with spectacular views. Call leaders for meeting time and place. Gordon and Helen Cawood. 352-4310.

Sat. July 7, 10 a.m. Bear Mountain Loop, Wallingford. Easy to moderate hike with a few steep pitches. 3.5-4 miles. We are going north on the old Long Trail from Route 140 to junction with new LT., then south to top of Bear Mountain and down to new 140 crossing. Rain date: Sun. July 8. Ray Catozzi 773-3006.

Sat. July 14, 9 a.m. Butler Lodge, Mount Mansfield. Erected in 1933, Butler Lodge on Vermont's highest peak got a thorough face-lift last year. We'll climb to the shelter, and then hike down the Long Trail to Nebraska Notch. 6 miles, moderate, steep. Rain date: July 15. Sue Thomas 773-2185.

Sat. July 21, 10 a.m. Haystack Mountain, Pawlet. Hike to an open summit with beautiful views of the surrounding Taconic Mountains and Mettowee River valley. Three miles, moderate with some steep spots. Steve & Diana Williams 645-9529.

Sat./Sun. July 21/22. Canoe the Battenkill, Vermont's most famous trout stream with lots of beautiful scenery along the way. This will probably be an overnight trip; weather dependent. Call leader for time and details. Eric Deutschbein 875-1226.

Sun. July 29, 1p.m. Children's Adventure Series. An easy 2-mile hike for the whole family. All welcome! Jerry Parker 747-4439.

Sat. Aug. 4, 9a.m. Killington Peak via the Bucklin Trail. At 4241 ft., Killington is Vermont's second highest peak. We'll keep a slow pace but be prepared for some steep climbing. 7.5 miles, difficult. Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997.

Sat. Aug. 11, 1p.m. Eleventh Annual Taconic Mountains Ramble - Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east and west, a Japanese garden and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. 2-5 miles, easy to moderate. Walkers can leave the group at several different points and wait on the lawn for the rest. Bring no lunch. Rain date: Sun. Aug. 12. Call leader if in doubt. Kit Davidson 273-2982.

Sat. Aug. 18, 8:30 a.m. Camel's Hump via the Burroughs Trail. 5 miles, difficult, with stunning views at the top. Gretchen Crowley 459-2098.

Sat. Aug. 25, 9 a.m. Black Mountain, N.Y. Easy to moderate hike with a few steep pitches. Beautiful 360-degree view looking right down to the west on Lake George. Will ascend trail to top, down to the south, then east past two shelters. 5.6 miles. Rain date: Aug. 26. Ray Catozzi 773-3006.

Want to Lead a Hike?

Our outing schedule is coordinated by Sue Thomas, 773-2185, and Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502. The fall schedule will include September through November. To make a suggestion, or to get your favorite outing on the schedule give Sue or Connie a call before August 1. Don't wait 'til the last minute.

Rutland Senior Hikes: May – August 2001

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of "Turtle" hikes for seniors and others who wish to enjoy their outings at a somewhat slow and easy pace. The outings typically cover two to four miles, involve limited elevation gain, and avoid treacherous footing. All trips leave from the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street off Woodstock Avenue on Fridays at 9 a.m. and return in early afternoon. Leaders are Charlie and Jean Davies, 483-6623; Bob and Thelma Perkins, 773-0184; or Al and Roma Pulling, 773-6997.

Fri. May 4. **Town Walk**, Proctor/Pittsford. Leaders: Davies

Fri. May 18. Part of **Trail Around Middlebury**. Leaders: Davies.

Fri. June 1. **Slack Hill**, Plymouth. Leaders: Pulling.

Fri. June 15. **Via the Elbow**, North Sherburne to Chittenden. Leaders: Perkins

Fri. June 29. **Lead Mine Mountain**, Chittenden. Leaders: Pulling.

Fri. July 13. **Cook out, Robert Frost Wayside**, Ripton.. Leaders: Perkins.

Fri. July 27. **Mount Peg**, Woodstock. Leaders: Pulling.

Fri. Aug 10. **Blueberry Picking, Green Mtn. Nat. Forest**, Goshen. Leaders: Davies.

Fri. Aug 24. **Little Rock Pond**, Mount Tabor/Wallingford. Leaders: Perkins

Outreach Volunteer Opportunity

By Brian Aust,
GMC Headquarters

Teach school groups, outing clubs, scout troops, and other organizations about the Long Trail. Impart your knowledge of how to prepare for the backcountry to groups of varying ages. Become part of the GMC's upcoming traveling "Leave No Trace" presentations while learning about wildland ethics and state-of-the-art minimum impact backcountry skills. The mission of the Leave No Trace (LNT) program is to promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation through education, research, and partnerships. Materials and a weekend LNT training course with presentations on and off the trail will be provided. Contact AmeriCorps Member and GMC Group Outreach Coordinator Brian Aust at 802-244-7037 ext. 27.

Vermont Wildernes Slide Show

Courtesy of *The Vermont Sierran*

On May 23 at 6 p.m. in the Fox Room of the Rutland Free Library the Vermont Chapter of the Sierra Club will be sponsoring a talk and slide show about the push to preserve wilderness in Vermont. The speaker, Matteo Burani of Worcester, VT, is Vermont Outreach Coordinator for the Northern Forest Alliance, a coalition working to protect the northern forests of NY, VT, NH, and ME. She has been particularly interested in the West Mountain Wildlife Management Area and the Nulhegan Basin Unit of the Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge, both in Essex County, VT. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

Application for Membership

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

DUES: collected for a calendar year:

Individual \$27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*

Family \$35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*

Individual Lifetime \$500 (all tax-deductible)

Family Lifetime \$750 (all deductible)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

* People who volunteer a substantial amount of time for club work or who have a limited income, may deduct \$7.

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Make check payable to: Killington Section, GMC and mail with application to:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701



Volume 54, Number 3

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

August 2001

Bill Robichaud Earns Trail Service Award

Bill Robichaud, Killington Section Trails & Shelters Co-chair, received some well-deserved recognition recently at the Green Mountain Club annual meeting in Bolton. Bill was named winner of the prestigious Roy O. Buchanan Award for ten consecutive years of trail service for the GMC.

It was noted, "He has worked on just about every inch of trail the Killington Section maintains." [That would be more than one and a half million inches. *Ed.*] In addition to working the trail

himself almost every week, Bill leads work parties of Killington Section members and of volunteer youth groups, and serves as an Appalachian Trail corridor monitor in Shrewsbury. Bill says he enjoys chatting with thru hikers that he meets on the trail and that nearly all of them express appreciation for his work

The award is named in honor of Professor Roy O. Buchanan, legendary father of the Long Trail Patrol, which he organized in 1931, and lead for the next 36 years.

Cindy Taylor-Miller Adopts Minerva Hinchey

No, this isn't a probate court story. Cindy, a section member from Wallingford, has adopted *Minerva Hinchey Shelter* under the GMC's shelter adoption program. This means that she has volunteered to visit the shelter at least three times a year, inspect and report on its condition, and do minor maintenance and repairs on the shelter, the outhouse, water supply, and wash pit.

In her new role Cindy joins other shelter adaptors in our area: Carleton Maxwell, *Clarendon*; Roy Arthur, *Gov. Clement*; Ruth Lamb, *Cooper*; and Erling and Kristian Omland, *Tucker-Johnson*. *Pico Camp* is still an orphan. To learn more about the shelter adoption program contact office manager Jane Coffey at Green Mountain Club headquarters in Waterbury.

Steve Williams New Co-chair of Trails & Shelters

Steve Williams, section member from West Pawlet, has accepted the post of Trails & Shelters Co-chair, which he now shares with Bill Robichaud. Thank you, Steve.

Ray Catozzi Attends Appalachian Trail Days in Virginia

Section member Ray Catozzi recently attended Appalachian Trail Days in Virginia. Read his impressions on page 8.

Be an Exhibitionist

The Killington Section gets together twice a year for an evening potluck and slide presentation. We're always looking for new presenters. If you've been on an interesting trip lately, or in the past, and would like to share your slides, call Sue Thomas, 773-2185 or Connie Youngstrom, 495-3502. We guarantee you an appreciative audience and good food!

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

* Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Term expires in:

2002..... * Ruth Gibbud
 "..... * Herbert Ogden
 "..... William Robichaud
 2003..... Gretchen Crowley
 "..... * Alfred Pulling
 "..... Susan Thomas
 2004..... * Robert Perkins
 "..... * Jacob Sherman
 "..... * Connie Youngstrom

Killington Section Officers

President..... Herbert Ogden
 Vice President... Connie Youngstrom
 Secretary..... Jacob Sherman
 Treasurer..... Alfred Pulling

Committee Chairs/Co-chairs

History..... Robert Perkins
 Outings..... Susan Thomas
 "..... Connie Youngstrom
 Trails & Shelters . William Robichaud
 "..... Steve Williams

Delegates to GMC Board

Director..... Alfred Pulling
 Alternate Connie Youngstrom

Smoke & Blazes

Editor..... Robert Perkins

From the Editor

Thanks Jon

Any writer or editor knows that it is nearly impossible to verify the accuracy of one's own work. Whatever is on the printed page seems to be what was intended. Fortunately, Jon Mathewson, section member from Middletown Springs, has volunteered to proofread *Smoke & Blazes*. Of course, I'll be responsible for the errors that slip through, but I can assure you, based on my first issue, that they will be far fewer due to Jon's careful work.

Where's Cold River Cave?

During World War II in the early '40s gasoline was in short supply and was rationed. Section outings were sometimes scheduled to be within walking distance from town. One destination I remember was Cold River Cave.

As I recall, perhaps incorrectly, the cave was on the north side of the river. The crawl-in entrance, maybe three by five feet, was nearly at water level and not more than a few yards from the river. But I have no recollection of where on Cold River it was.

A few weeks ago, in search of the cave, I waded up the river from Old Route 7 to Cold River Road with no success. I'd be happy to hear from anyone who can show me the way to Cold River Cave.

Trip Reports

My thanks to all who contributed material for *Smoke & Blazes*. Trip leaders: If you prefer not to submit a report, please recruit a volunteer to do so.

Contact Information

Gretchen Crowley, 32 Pleasant St., Proctor, VT 05765, 459-2098, gcrowley@rrmc.org
 Ruth Gibbud, 69 Temple St., Rutland, VT 05701, 747-0732
 Herbert Ogden, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368, lco@together.net
 Robert Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com
 Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, ral37@juno.com
 William Robichaud, 215 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2567
 Jacob Sherman, 48 Morse Pl., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2784, jakesher@hotmail.com
 Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
 Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net
 Connie Youngstrom, Box 1160, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3502, marky@sover.net

Mt. Hanley**Castleton Rail-Trail**

14 April 2001

By Ray Catozzi, leader

On this day in mid-April I had planned an interesting hike one way up Mt. Hanley in West Rutland to the mountain top, then back down to the hang glider take-off platform for lunch, then down a different route to the Whipple Hollow Road.

We had had the heaviest total snowfall of any March in recorded history, so I checked out the trailhead a couple of days before our hike date. There was still two feet of snow covering our trail. I cancelled the hike, but...

We still gathered at our Main Street meeting place where I told the gang of eight my change of plans. We headed for Castleton State College where the D & H Railroad ran right behind the college. This railroad is now a rail-trail. We left a car there and then drove to where the rail-trail crosses Route 30, and hiked five miles back to the college. No elevation gain except climbing over a foot of snow every few hundred yards. It was mostly bare ground, which made an easy, enjoyable hike.

I'll save Mt. Hanley for this fall.

Sucker Brook

21 April 2001

By Gordon & Helen Cawood, leaders

Six or eight folks snowshoed from the Ripton-Goshen Road to Sucker Brook Shelter for lunch,

and returned.

Kids' Hike to Rocky Pond

22 April 2001

By Jerry Parker, leader

The first children's hike of the season turned out a small group, which I led up to Rocky Pond in Rutland for some pollywog and frog hunting. The children had a great time, and no one took an early spring dip in the chilly water.

Clarendon Shelter Loop

29 April 2001

By Herb Ogden, leader

Among the sixteen participants in this outing were two octogenarians or thereabouts, and four children, the youngest only 7. All made it from Vt. 103 up the Great Gorge Gulch to Clarendon Lookout, however. At Clarendon Shelter, we met an elderly fellow who had come in on an ATV, I guess from Lincoln Hill Rd., and was busy cleaning up the place. Apparently he does this often. Was this the mysterious "Kestrel" who used to leave beverages in the brook?

We headed up the abandoned Gaynor Road to the brook crossing and then began looking for the two-grave Bullard Cemetery from the 1840s, using directions from the Pullings and Churchill Scott. We found a likely looking spot at the confluence of two streams, but no graves, despite much poking around in the ground by the enthusiastic children. The group then divided. Some went back down the old public road to

Route 103, while others explored the barn and house cellarholes above the brook crossing. The children found bits of crockery, an old handle, and possibly the skeleton of a perambulator. Although the Gaynor Road presented sloppy going at this point, apparently having confused itself with a brook, we slogged up it to the Lottery Road, which we followed east to the Long Trail. The LT south of the Lottery Road was so wet I had to carry the 7 year old at one point. The children combed the little cellarhole at the foot of Beacon Hill for artifacts but found none. Just north of Beacon Hill, we walked for a few feet through lingering snow. The brook crossing at Clarendon Shelter was a little tricky on account of meltwater, but most made it dryshod. We then took the Gaynor Road the rest of the way to Route 103, ending a very pleasant sunny Sunday afternoon walk.

White Rocks Picnic Area

5 May 2001

By Ray Catozzi, leader

This afternoon hike is one I've led many times over the years. One time we hiked up the Keewayden Trail to the top of the White Rocks talus slopes and back to the picnic area for a supper cookout.

This time I took the group up the short trail to the open lookout to see the whole talus slope, then down to the ice beds at the bottom of the slope. We did find some ice, a very small amount, but it was there.

We then hiked back to the picnic area for our cookout supper.

Leicester Hollow Bike Trip

6 May 2001

By Ruth Hare, leader

At the park I gathered my "group" for the day – myself and Lucy, whom I'm told is an enthusiastic new club member and outing participant. She proved it that day by explaining that she had dug her bike out from long disuse, determined to tackle the ride.

We decided to change the plans for the day to keep us closer to home and afford a somewhat shorter ride, so we headed up to the Leicester Hollow Trail in Goshen. It was a sunny and reasonably warm early-spring day, perfect for riding. The route, however, demonstrated once again that my sunglasses must be rose-colored: as usual the climbs proved tougher and the trail rougher than I remembered. But Lucy was a good sport and even tackled the many deep water-bars with more aplomb than her leader. Point the handlebars down and -- thump, bump -- she'd be through.

At one point about halfway, temporarily defeated by a particularly cavernous and muddy ditch, we stopped for a short wildflower-identification session.

"Hmm, what's the one with the spotted leaves?"

"Oh, I don't remember."

"Doesn't that little yellow one look familiar?"

"Hmm, sort of."

"Oh, (with relief in the voice) there's a trillium!"

"Yes! That's definitely a trillium."

"Yup, no doubt about it."

Only slightly reassured as to our identification skills, we pressed on and finally reached Silver Lake, where we met up with a couple of club members who had hiked in. There we all basked in the spring sunshine for a while along the beach. And eventually the cyclists coaxed themselves back on the bikes for the bumpy ride back down.

Pomfret to W. Hartford A/T

12 May 2001

By Herb Ogden, leader

The weather forecast said 80% chance of rain, and we five hikers got more than 80% of the way before it rained, so I guess we did all right although 100% of us got somewhat wet at the end. Actually, we did quite well, since the sun was out for a good half of this hike and it had been so dry that we were not bothered by bugs.

Driving from Rutland and spotting a car took an hour and a half, so we hit the Appalachian Trail at the South Pomfret to Pomfret Center Road at 10:30 a.m. A steep climb brought us to what one guidebook says is part of the King's Highway, one of the first roads in Pomfret, now a grass-grown snowmobile trail. Just northeast of an old four corners, we found the cellarhole of a house that shows on both the *Beers Atlas of Windsor County* and the 1911 U.S.G.S.

quadrangle. We liked the old road, but the A.T. diverged east near a smaller foundation. Atop a bare hill, we found a half-dozen members of the G.M.C. Ottauquechee Section enjoying the view, which included Ascutney, probably Stratton, and Okemo. They continued west while we continued east to another nice open hilltop where we lunched in the sun and enjoyed a view of the above plus the whole Coolidge Range.

After lunch, we descended to a very pretty part of Cloudland Road, ascended to the junction with the side trail to Cloudland Shelter, followed it a ways north but concluded it would be too far, and continued over Thistle Hill to a spur trail to the new Thistle Hill Shelter. We didn't go to it, but another hiker said it was nice. Here, we heard an owl hoot repeatedly. Sign of a coming storm? Soon, we encountered three runners on the trail. We descended to the Joe Ranger Road through beautiful woods and fields. Just after we crossed another old road, we found a big cellarhole and barn just south of the trail and a catch basin just north of it. Then the promised rain began, accompanied by rumbles of thunder. The rain was actually refreshing and surely needed. It rained off and on for the rest of the hike, and the continued thunder led us not to linger on the last nameless hill with the beautiful view of the White River Valley.

Fauna: Aside from birds, we saw one deer, two little toads, and a few squirrels and chipmunks.

Flora: Painted and purple trilliums, wild leeks, spring beauties, trout lilies, mayflowers, yellow and blue violets, flowering hobblebush, and some stunningly blooming apple trees.

Kids' Hike to Kit Davidson's

20 May 2001

By Jerry Parker, leader

We had a nice turn out for our hike over to Kit Davidson's in Hubbardton. The kids couldn't get out of the car fast enough to scoop up a fishing net and race down to the ponds to see who could catch a frog the quickest. You have to be pretty quick to catch some of the frogs in Kit's ponds.

The second part of the adventure that day involved looking for rock crystals or diamonds, as some kids called them. The kids could have stayed there all day long filling their pockets if I let them. I did eventually have to drag them away so we could hike out to the overlook and then hike down the trail to the rocky ledges. You had to hang on to a cable to get down in some places. The kids loved this - fearless they are.

I do hope everyone had a good hike, including the adults, and look forward to seeing everyone again on my next hike.

Trail Walk-Thrus

26 May 2001

2 June 2001

By Bob Perkins

As is our custom, maintenance

walk-thrus of our section of the Long Trail were scheduled for National Trails Day (this year on 2 June) for the higher elevation portion north of Gov. Clement shelter and, on the preceding weekend, for the lower portion to the south.

The weather looked somewhat iffy on the 26th but eight volunteers showed up and Trails & Shelters Co-chair Bill Robichaud assigned four teams of two to cover the trail thru Wallingford and Shrewsbury. The trail was found to be in fairly good condition. Minor maintenance was performed and the locations of a few mud holes and larger blowdowns were noted for future work.

There was nothing iffy about the weather on the following Saturday, however. Our Trails Day outing was completely rained out. (But see Gretchen Crowley's story on the 16 June outing below.)

Griffith Lake

10 June 2001

By Barry & Barbara Griffith, leaders

We began by spotting two cars at the end of the old carriage road (now known as the Lake Trail) at Danby's south end. We then proceeded up Forest Road 10 in Mt. Tabor until we reached the AT/LT, parking in a very nice, roomy Big Branch parking lot. As we started we noticed that three of the vehicles in the lot had been vandalized with windows smashed out. In the near distance we could hear shots from the direction of a

private camp nearby. This made us a bit nervous about leaving our vehicles there.

Our hike started with eight people and ended with eight. We always see that as quite an accomplishment. From the parking lot (elevation 1500 feet) we walked east on the road for a short distance, then turned right and began a gradual descent heading south on the Old Job/Long Trail. It's an easy hike to the Big Branch Shelter. The trail then paralleled the Big Branch Brook, eventually turning right and crossing the stream via a suspension bridge. At the end of the bridge we admired two huge white-pine trees that appeared to be well over a hundred years old.

Once over the bridge, instead of continuing south on the AT/LT, we turned left and followed an abandoned road (now a trail) along and up Big Branch Brook. Along the way we saw the remains of charcoal kilns from a century ago. Eventually we reached Mill Glen, the Old Job site, where we paused to review the history of the area and the man who once owned this forested expanse, Danby's Silas L. Griffith.

Born in 1837, Griffith returned to Danby after the Civil War intending to operate a general store. However, after acquiring woodlands in Mt. Tabor in payment of a debt, he turned to the business of logging and lumbering. He pioneered the use of saws rather than axes and mills powered by steam rather than water wheels. He used his raw materials efficiently, operating

numerous kilns to make charcoal from the branches of the trees not large enough for lumber, and even shipped the sawdust to ice companies to use as insulation.

The Old Job site at Mill Glen was the location of Griffith's first sawmill. By the late 1880s there was a bustling community at this site, with more than forty structures including a large sawmill and charcoal kilns, a large boardinghouse for single men, tenant houses and cottages for families, a schoolhouse, a general store, and a post office where mail was postmarked "Griffith, Vermont". Changing times led to abandonment of the site a century ago. Only a few remnants remain.

Leaving the Old Job site we passed a large mound of sawdust on the left and followed Lake Brook along the Corridor Trail about five miles to Griffith Lake. It was here that Silas Griffith built his summer home where he entertained guests and pursued his passion for trout fishing. Griffith had a carriage road constructed to get supplies and guests to his summer home on the lake. At the Danby Library one can see pictures of how the men built the carriage road.

We didn't linger long at Griffith Lake, as thunder and lightning descended upon us from over the ridge to our west, so down the carriage road we went. This three-mile descent brought appreciation from all as to the road building skills of a century ago to engineer this trail into the side of the mountain. We

retrieved our vehicles at Town Highway 10, intact, and went home.

Smuggler's Notch Killington Work Party

16 June 2001

By Gretchen Crowley, leader

The 16 June outing that was supposed to go to Stowe for a 12-mile hike on the Long Trail turned into a work party up at Killington. The weather that day was kind of crummy, so I decided to lead a work party (with the help of Bill Robichaud) up to the peak of Killington. Bill's work party from the previous week was a wash out, so there was still plenty of work to be done up there.

At 9:00 AM six of us got to ride the gondola up to Killington Peak. That was a nice treat. At the top, the group and a million bugs set off on the side trail to Cooper Lodge. At Cooper Lodge we doused ourselves in bug juice and then set out in two groups to do some trail work. We worked for about four hours north and south on the Long Trail and called it a day.

Mount Treadway

30 June 2001

By Gordon & Helen Cawood, leaders

Ten of us started out from the Putnam Pond Campground off New York Route 74 west of Ticonderoga. From the campground parking area we followed the Grizzle Ocean Trail around the southern tip of Putnam Pond to the trail's intersection with the Rock Pond

Trail. North on the Rock Pond Trail brought us to the Treadway Mountain Trail. The bugs were hungrier than we were at the lower elevations. We waited until we got to the wind-blown lower peak to have lunch. After lunch most of us hoofed it over to the higher peak for views. There were distant rumbles of thunder so we didn't stay long.

Our congratulations to Bill Lucas who negotiated the hike with some tricky rock scrambles in spite of impaired vision. And our thanks to those who helped guide him along.

Bear Mountain-Loop White Rocks Lookout

7 July 2001

By Bob Perkins

When a trail is relocated and the original trail is abandoned one might think that it would take many years for the old trail to become obscured. Not necessarily so. The Long Trail north of Route 140 was relocated a couple of years ago and replaced with a new trail over Bear Mountain. Our leader, who prefers to remain anonymous, planned to take us up the old trail and to loop back to Route 140 via the new trail.

Cars were spotted and we set out up the road that the old trail had followed. We soon realized that we had missed a right hand turn and had followed the road too far. After some consultation one of our hikers, being of the female persuasion, actually asked a local resident for directions. ;-)

Once on the old trail the

challenge was to follow the blazes. There is a good reason why our blazes are painted white. The blazes on the abandoned trail had been carefully painted over in a very rustic cocoa color and were nearly invisible. We never did get lost. We knew where we were at all times. But, eventually, the trail did get lost. The wood road we were following just petered out.

Realizing that discretion is the better part of valor, we reverted to plan B. We retraced our steps to Route 140, retrieved the cars, and drove to the White Rocks picnic area for lunch. After lunch we all went up to the lookout and two of the group went on to the ice beds. The weather was beautiful; the flies were minimal and, in spite of the change in plans, a good time was had by all.

Haystack Mountain

21 July 2001

By Steve Williams, leader

Sue Thomas led a small convoy from Rutland to the assembly point at the Williams' residence in Pawlet, a convoy notable for its diversion as a result of the Wells' fair and the loss of one car whose driver elected to follow his own route. Before departure from the Williams' another potential participant was regrettably lost, though whether through the intimidating intrepidity of the remainder of the party or because, as a new hiker, three hours was longer than expected, was never determined. Including the

leaders, Steve and Diana Williams, this left ten to tackle the Pawlet Haystack, the southernmost of three small hills running north-south on the east side of Route 30 (not to be confused with the Wilmington Haystack or one other Haystack reportedly located in the northern part of the state).

Accessed from a Route 30 side road some two miles north of Pawlet, the trail follows an overgrown old track for some six tenths of a mile before reaching the Nature Conservancy maintained trail. From this point it is about an hour's hike to the 1900-foot summit. The trail, the undulations, the foliage are all standard Green Mountain, or in this case, Taconic Mountain, fare for which no new literary description immediately comes to mind. However, the view from the rocky summit, north and south along the Mettowee valley, east to Danby and the Green Mountains and west to the Adirondacks does provide a very high reward to effort ratio.

After a half hour of peak and place identification, lunch and use of the photo opportunities available, the descent began. The return trip was notable for meeting up with the previously lost participant who had demonstrated great initiative in finding both the peak and the trail, and was merely an hour and a half behind the rest of the party.

The outing concluded with iced tea and lemonade in the Williams' garden and the cooling of feet in the adjacent

Mettowee River. The Williams have to date received no reports of any persons missing from the return trip to Rutland.

Kids' Hike to Chaffee Falls

29 July 2001

By Bob Perkins

Toads and toadstools were the fauna and flora that attracted the most interest of the half-dozen pre-schoolers and the two pre-teens that joined Jerry Parker on this mid-summer kids' hike. Also along for the fun were several parents, grandparents and other adult friends.

We did a loop of about two miles on some of the Pittsford trails with the key destination being Chaffee Falls on Furnace Brook. The brook and falls were flowing quite full in spite of a near record dry July, and the pools below were most inviting. Several of us doffed hiking boots to wade in cool, clear water. You can guess which two managed to get in all over, clothes and all.

These kids are our future club leaders and trail maintainers, folks, and this is the age at which they can be hooked.

A Senior Climbs Vermont's Second Highest

4 August 2001

By Roma Pulling, co-leader

It was always a possibility that we wouldn't be able to complete the climb up Killington but have to wait on the trail for our younger hiking companions to meet us on their way down, but three hours after starting on the Bucklin Trail from Brewer's

Corners we hauled our septuagenarian bodies into the clearing at Cooper Lodge. There we parked ourselves for rest and recharging our batteries while the four others crawled the remaining .2 mile to the actual summit to join the communication towers and enjoy the view.

It was a very active day on the mountain. We were told that early that morning there had been a wedding at the top. Among the people entering the clearing at the lodge was a couple looking for "Trail C." We showed them the trail leading down the mountain, which they thought was the right one, but later we met them coming back up, saying they were on the wrong side of the mountain. Further down we saw a plane flying very low, perhaps doing a little aerial photography.

The trail was in good shape and well blazed. It was longer, steeper and strewn with more rocks than it was five years ago (I swear this is true). And I'm not referring to the boulders the size of our car that have been placed to deter 4-wheelers and other motorized atrocities. Those I approve of. [Or ... of those I approve.] The carpets of violet wood sorrel that would have been covered with bloom in July still had a few delicately beautiful blossoms. Wildlife was scarce, but at the lodge a chipmunk came close, but when Alfred tossed it a crust of bread it disappeared, not to be seen again.

[Note: Shortly after writing this

Appalachian Trail Days in Damascus, Virginia

By Ray Catozzi

As many of you hikers already know I have been section-hiking the Appalachian Trail for over 15 years now, having completed about 1300 miles of the total 2168-mile trail.

I planned a trip for this May to do a 42-mile southbound piece ending in downtown little Damascus, VA on the weekend of Appalachian Trail Days. The AT goes right thru the center of town and, on Trail Days, thousands of hikers and their families tent all around the town.

This was the fifteenth year Damascus has celebrated the hikers coming through their town and the celebration gets bigger and bigger every year. Saturday afternoon all the hikers and their families gathered at the east end of Main Street and, at a given signal, a parade through town started, led by their fire trucks, police cars, and a Scottish band playing marching music. Up and down the march the hikers were throwing water balloons at the spectators and vice versa. It was

a grand, fun-filled parade.

At a gazebo at the recreation field, there were many rock bands playing at different times and hundreds of hikers and families, including young children, were dancing on a large black area in front of the gazebo. Hundreds and hundreds more were sitting down around the dancers, watching and enjoying it all.

Sunday afternoon another band played at the gazebo. A dozen or so young boys and girls were dancing all around the paved area, mostly alone. Then a three-year-old boy came out on the pavement and danced totally naked while all the spectators applauded from the sidelines. It was a completely unexpected occurrence but everyone, including the three-year-old boy, enjoyed it immensely.

Oh, the week-long hike you asked. Yes, it was good. Many miles of the trail were through open, wild horse pastures at 3000 to 4000-foot elevation. The wild horses came right up to us looking for food. I tried to pet them but they immediately backed away from me.

I stayed in three shelters, tented four nights, and, because of the hot weather, drank far more water than what little food I ate.

T'was a great backpack! But AT Trail Days was more fun.

spoof, I read about 80-year-old Bob Northrup completing the Long Trail for the 7th time. That put me in my place. The idea of an 80-year-old person climbing Camel's Hump and Mansfield is, to repeat an overused expression, mind-boggling. I'm re-energized. So take away that rocking chair and leave my walking stick where I can reach it. From now on it's full speed ahead.]

[Note: Ray's story was edited to fit in this space. Ed.]

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Sept. – Nov. 2001

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and, for morning departures, bring a lunch. Wear sturdy footgear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader listed at the right.

September 1 Saturday 10 AM	Bridgewater Hollow From the west, over a long-abandoned road with one glorious old farm site along the way and some nice nearby views. We'll also visit the hard-to-find Bridgewater Hollow Cemetery and the site of the school. Moderate 4-mile hike with 800-foot elevation gain.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
September 8 Saturday 10 AM	Long Trail Work Party Join us for a day of light maintenance on the Long Trail. Bring work gloves and a lunch. Tools provided, or bring your own.	Bill Robichaud 775-2567
September 15 Saturday	Robert Frost Mountain, Ripton A joint hike with the Breadloaf Section. Five miles, moderate, with scenic views to the east and southwest. Note: Call leaders for meeting time and place.	Gordon & Helen Cawood 352-4310
September 22 Saturday 9 AM (Rain date 9/23)	Mount Hanley, West Rutland We'll ascend from Whipple Hollow Road, stop for lunch at the hang glider platform, and descend by a different route. Four miles; easy to moderate; some climbing.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
September 29 Saturday 9 AM	Abbey Pond, Middlebury A beautiful, remote beaver pond. Four and a half miles; moderate, with some climbing.	Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
October 6 Saturday 10 AM (Rain date, 10/7)	Bear Mountain, Wallingford Easy to moderate with some steep climbing to the top of the mountain. Three miles. Note, for this hike only: Meet near the 99-Restaurant in Green Mountain Plaza on Route 7 south. (Due to Art-in-the-Park).	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
October 14 Sunday 8:30 AM	Stratton Mountain, Stratton Rained out last year, so we'll try it again! Spectacular views from the fire tower. We'll descend via beautiful Stratton Pond for a 10.7-mile loop. A long hike of moderate difficulty.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
October 20 Saturday 10 AM	Shrewsbury Peak, Shrewsbury Up the Black Spruce Swamp trail to Shrewsbury Peak. Easy to moderate; steep near the peak. Enjoy sweeping views to the northeast, east, and south. Return by the same route, or via the more difficult trail down to the "chimney". Round trip about 4 miles.	Barbara & Barry Griffith 492-3573
October 27 Saturday 10 AM	Mystery Hike Five miles; moderate. Destination: leader's surprise.	Gretchen Crowley 459-2098

November 4 Sunday 8:30 AM	Pharaoh Mountain, near Lake George, NY Ten to twelve miles; 1600-foot elevation gain. Difficult due to distance.	Connie Youngstrom 492-3502
November 17 Saturday 5:30 PM	Annual Killington Section Potluck Supper Join us at the Unitarian Church, 117 West Street, Rutland for a potluck supper and a slide program. Bring a place setting and a dish to share. Coffee provided.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
November 18 Sunday 10 AM	Long Trail Work Party Join us for a day of light maintenance on the Long Trail. Bring work gloves and a lunch. Tools provided, or bring your own.	Bill Robichaud 775-2567
December 1 Saturday	Mystery Hike Save this date and see November Smoke & Blazes	Steve & Diana Williams 645-9529

Want to Lead a Hike?

Our outing schedule is coordinated by Sue Thomas, 773-2185, and Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502. The winter schedule will include December thru February. To make a suggestion, or to get your favorite outing on the schedule give Sue or Connie a call before November 1. Don't wait 'til the last minute.

GMC /Forest Watch Wild Hikes on Wednesdays

Easy to moderate trips; leave Wednesdays at 3:30 PM. Space limited. You must register in advance.

September 5	Abbey Pond Area, Middlebury	Must register by August 29	223-3216
September 19	Cape Area, Goshen	Must register by September 12	223-3216

Rutland Senior Hikes – September – November 2001

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of "Turtle" hikes for seniors and others who wish to enjoy their outings at a somewhat slow and easy pace. The outings typically cover two to four miles, involve limited elevation gain, and avoid treacherous footing. All trips leave from the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street off Woodstock Avenue on Fridays at 9 AM. and return in early afternoon

September 7	Carriage Trails to the Pogue, Woodstock	Charlie & Jean Davies	483-6623
September 21	Chittenden Brook Trail, Rochester	Al & Roma Pulling	773-6997
October 5	Around Lefferts Pond, Chittenden	Bob & Thelma Perkins	773-0184
October 19	Trails at Camp Betsy Cox, Pittsford	Charlie & Jean Davies	483-6623
November 2	McLaughlin Falls, Mendon	Al & Roma Pulling	773-6997

Killington Section Members – August 1, 2001

Robert L. Badger	Potsdam, NY	Dave Mathis	Rutland
Scott & C. Devereau Baitz	Ludlow	Richard E. Matteson	Killington
Karen Barnouw	Rutland	Sandi McGowan	Killington
Vivian & L. Walter Bebee	Rutland	Donald McIntyre	Rutland
C. Stark Biddle	Rutland	M. Cecilia McMillen	Ludlow
Joel Blumenthal	Proctor	Kelly & Bruce Moreton	Cuttingsville
Rev. & Mrs. Robert Boutwell	Rutland	Hanna Ogden	Rutland
Jeffrey Breslow & Ginna Frabtz	Chicago, IL	Herbert Ogden & Cathy Thomas	Rutland
Maria L. Carreno	Saxton's River	Gerald Parker	Cuttingsville
Raymond Catozzi	Rutland	Catherine Partalis	Rutland
Rachael W. Charland	Springfield, MA	Robert & Thelma Perkins	Rutland
George Conlon	Rutland	Mark Pettrone	Averill, NY
Dave & Clare Coppock	Rutland	Paul Pilcher	Proctor
Susan Corrigan	Rutland	Pat Pranger	Wallingford
Gretchen Crowley	Proctor	Ronald & Sarah Pulcer	Rutland Town
Dr. Robert Darrow	Mendon	Roma & Al Pulling	Rutland
Kit Davidson	New York, NY	Ken Rahing	Rutland
Theresa L. Davis	Pittsford	John & Susan Orzell Rantanen	Rutland
Walter Deinzer	Tinmouth	Leslie Ratley-Beach	Bridgewater
Joseph Dicton, Sr.	Rutland	George Reynolds & R. Hastings	Windsor
Bernard G. Donahue	Rutland	William T. Robichaud	Rutland
Janet Estelle	North Clarendon	Wally Rogers	Castleton
Sarah Fearing	Rutland	F. John Romeo	Ludlow
Alice Flyte	Wallingford	Ellen B. Russell	Rutland
Ruth Gibbud	Rutland	Churchill Scott	Rutland
Frances Ginsberg	Rye, NY	Marilyn Sheldon	Rutland
Zed Grande	Rutland	Jacob R. Sherman	Rutland
Donald Green	Wallingford	Joan Sibley	Cuttingsville
Barry & Barbara Griffith	North Shrewsbury	Janine Small	Rutland
Patricia K. Hannegan	Rutland	Carlene P. Smith	Proctor
Ruth Hare	Montpelier	David Smith	Chittenden
Lorraine Hawley	Rutland	Phil & Linda Smith	Fair Haven
Margaret Henkel	Shrewsbury	Ann Southworth	Rutland
William & Joan Hogenkamp	Rutland	Kevin Sweeney	Rutland
John & Nadine Horchner	Rutland	Cynthia Taylor-Miller	Wallingford
Patrick & Lucille Hurley	Rutland	Susan L. Thomas	Rutland
Michael Ilyichenko	Coram, NY	Jeffrey Trubisz	Salem, MA
Steven & Kim Jackson	Bridgewater Corners	Albert L. Tufano	Shrewsbury
Joseph R. Jalbert	Rome, NY	Jane Walczykowski	Cuttingsville
Robert Kancir	Fairfield, CT	Carolyn Waldhauer	Ludlow
Ruth & Sandy Lamb	Bolton Landing, NY	Rob & Celeste Walker	Rutland
Marianne Largello	Ludlow	Stephen & Diane Williams	West Pawlet
Marty Lawthers & Ed Madzer	Peru, NY	Joyce K. Wilson	Shrewsbury
John J. Little	Killington	David Wood	Rutland
Shelley Lutz	Center Rutland	David P. Wright	Middletown Springs
Sam Malkus	Proctor	Paul Yager	Castleton
David S. Martin	McLean, VA	Connie & Mark Youngstrom	Shrewsbury
John & Janet Martin	Rutland Town	Joan Zardus	Amesbury, MA
Jon & Kimberly Mathewson	Middletown Springs	Maryellen Zisis	Wilmington, MA

Individual memberships: 73. Family memberships: 25.

Total members: 123 (assuming two people per family).

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

Application for Membership

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

DUES: collected for a calendar year:

Individual\$27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*
Family\$35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*
Individual Lifetime\$500 (all tax-deductible)
Family Lifetime\$750 (all deductible)

* Anyone who volunteers a substantial amount of time for club work or who has a limited income, may deduct \$7.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

____ trail work, ____ shelter work, ____ sign making, ____ publications, ____ leading outings, ____ publicity, ____ education, ____ other.

Make check payable to: Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 54, Number 4

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

November, 2001

Don't Miss Our Fall Potluck

The annual Killington Section fall potluck supper and program will be held at 5:30 PM on Saturday, November 17 at the Unitarian Church, 117 West Street in Rutland.

Members and nonmembers are welcome. Bring a place setting and a dish to share. After supper we'll be treated to slides and a talk by section member Paul Pilcher from Proctor.

This event goes rain or shine. Rating: easy.

Welcome New Members

We're happy to welcome the following folks who have joined the Killington Section since our membership list was published in August. We hope to see you on the trail.

Lynda Baydin	Morristown, NJ
Gerard Coursey	Rutland
Michael H. Foster	Killington
Margaret Johnson	Rutland
Pamela Johnson	Rutland
Peter Kirk	Rutland
Bonnie Lucas	Rutland
Robert Lucas	Rutland
Charlotte Schwartz	Goffstown, NH
Kathleen Wood	Chittenden

Coolidge Range – Our Home Turf



Killington and Mendon Peaks over the Notch from Rutland Valley. Killington, at 4241 feet, is the high point of Rutland County and the second highest in Vermont.

Come Join Our W * * * Parties

By Herb Ogden, Section President

Work should not be thought of as a four-letter word, despite the title of this. Please help!

This began as an article about our 8 September work party, which consisted of one Leader (Bill Robichaud) and one Follower (me). Between us, I think we carried a one-man crosscut saw, a shovel, a pick-mattock, a crowbar, pruning

shears, and lunch. Our main work was at a couple of usually wet spots about half a mile south of US 4 on the new Long Trail. We heaved some pretty big rocks into place, improving a waterbar or two. We also sawed down the rest of a large birch, the top of which had nearly fallen on some hikers earlier

See page 8. **Work Parties**

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

* Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Term expires in:

2002.....* Ruth Gibbud

".....* Herbert Ogden

"..... William Robichaud

2003..... Gretchen Crowley

".....* Alfred Pulling

"..... Susan Thomas

2004.....* Robert Perkins

".....* Jacob Sherman

".....* Connie Youngstrom

Killington Section Officers

President.....Herbert Ogden

Vice President...Connie Youngstrom

Secretary Jacob Sherman

Treasurer Alfred Pulling

Committee Chairs/Co-chairs

History.....Robert Perkins

Outings..... Susan Thomas

"..... Connie Youngstrom

Trails & Shelters William Robichaud

"..... Steve Williams

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Alfred Pulling

Alternate..... Connie Youngstrom

Smoke & Blazes

Editor.....Robert Perkins

Contact Information

Gretchen Crowley, 32 Pleasant St., Proctor, VT 05765, 459-2098, gcrowley@rrmc.org

Ruth Gibbud, 69 Temple St., Rutland, VT 05701, 747-0732

Herbert Ogden, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368, lco@together.net

Robert Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com

Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, ral37@juno.com

William Robichaud, 215 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2567

Jacob Sherman, 48 Morse Pl., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2784, jakesher@hotmail.com

Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185

Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net

Connie Youngstrom, Box 1160, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3502, marky@sover.net

From the Editor

More on Cold River Cave

As I related in the August issue, I have had no luck in locating Cold River Cave, which I recalled having visited years ago. Ray Catozzi says he remembers the Cave as being just west of the Cold River Road but that the entrance has been long since obliterated. Diligent research, however, has turned up the following photographic evidence that supports my memory.



Killington Section junior members Marjory Perkins, Jean Spaulding, and Bobbie Spaulding (l. to r.) emerge from Cold River Cave on a section outing circa 1937.

Smoke & Blazes Illustrated

Now that we have the technology for including pictures I encourage one and all to submit photos of recent or not-so-recent section activities or, in fact, any pictures that would be of interest to other members. We are printing in black, white, and gray only but, in most cases, color prints will reproduce reasonably well.

Taconic Ramble

11 August 2001

By Sanjukta T. Ghosh

After the sweltering 90-plus days in the first week of August, we deserved it -- the sunny skies, the occasional white fluffy clouds, the mild temperatures and the low humidity. It was a day perfect for a hike; a perfect day to meander along the Taconics, taking in the serenity of the Japanese Gardens, the breathtaking panoramic vistas of the historic Hubbardton Battlefield and beyond.

Led by owner Kip Davidson, whose frail appearance belies his energy and strength, about a dozen of us and two energetic dogs winded our way through mountain brooks, meadows and rolling hillsides. The approximately 4-mile leisurely hike took about three-and-a-half hours.

Starting from the car park at the base of Mount Zion, we first strolled across the lush meadows to East Hubbardton Road. Crossing this major road, we went up the fields along the east side to the trails leading up to the waterfalls on Breton Brook. The thick forests almost caused some of us to lose our way. Unfortunately, the intense heat of the summer had all but dried up the brook, so the waterfalls were down to a trickle. But with a little imagination and help from others who'd been on the hike before, it was easy to hear the rush of the brook and feel the sprinkle of the mountain waters. We crossed the brook and zigzagged our way out back to

the fields and East Hubbardton Road. In less than an hour we had made a giant loop and were at the Japanese Garden at the foot of Zion Minor.

The Japanese Garden has miniature pagodas and bridges over parts of a small pond. At the center of the pond are the falls, created just by strategically placed rocks. After resting here a bit, a smaller group started off for the top of Zion Minor. Though it looks steep, we were at the apex in less than 15 minutes taking in the spectacular view of the majestic Taconic range and the Pittsford Ridge. We wound our way to another overlook, sardonically named "Moot Point" by Kip's friend. Though the view is not as extensive, we could, this time, see the southern extension of the Taconics. From Moot Point we backtracked our way and started off for Zion Major.

The path to Zion Major is tricky and steep. For the adventurous, there is an even riskier path complete with cables to cling to. (Only one of us chose this latter path!). Though this too was a short trek up, the incline was enough to make even the fittest of us sweat a lot. But it was all worth it at the top -- we were greeted with breathtaking views of the Adirondacks on our left and the Hubbardton Battlefield, looking like a small backyard from that height, to the front of us. While we picnicked here red-tailed hawk soared the blue skies above us. After a good rest, we started our descent -- a path just as narrow and

tricky as the ascent. But we were down in minutes trudging through lush vegetation. I was told by one group member that on a previous hike, a botanist friend of his had commented on the wide variety of ferns he had seen here. At least 11 different varieties of fern are found in these forests, he told me.

The stillness in the green forest base made me wonder how my dog, who had accompanied us, had experienced the hike -- after all she can hear sounds and sniff out odors we hardly know even exists. I was reminded of a saying by the Greek philosopher Heraclitus: what if the nose was the seat of judgment? Certainly, it would have been a different hike!

Camel's Hump

18 August 2001

By Gretchen Crowley, leader

Has anyone seen Bill Robichaud? He met us down at the park and was going to meet some folks in Pittsford to bring on the hike, but he was never seen again that day. Did Bill make it to the top of the Camel's Hump? I hope he is not still waiting at the top for us.

I had hoped that the weather was going to clear up a little better for our hike but the clouds hung on, so there wasn't much of a view from the top. Who would have thought that gloves would be needed in August, but it was 58 on the top and very windy. It did clear up nicely when we got back to our cars, but that is par for the course. Next year we will have to try it again.

Black Mountain, NY

25 August 2001

By Ray Catozzi, leader

Black Mountain over in New York State is one of the nicest mountains to climb and it's relatively close to Rutland. It's an easy-to-moderate climb up an old logging road for the first mile and a-half or two. Then, as you near the summit cone, it's a steep uphill for the last half-mile or so to the top.

On a small, rocky open spot there are gorgeous views looking right down on the northern half of beautiful Lake George. There, along with a couple of dozen other hikers, our ten sat down and ate lunch while we viewed the Taconic and Green Mountains of Vermont off to the east.

After lunch I took our group down to the south off the steep mountaintop on a different trail. Shortly after we started down we took a short side trail that led to an open rocky spot with another gorgeous view -- this one looking down on the southern half of Lake George, all the way to the Lake George Village.

Eventually our trail turned east. We walked past two nice boggy ponds and a shelter, then turned north to rejoin the old logging road and returned to our cars. I've done this loop hike twice now. I think next time I'll reverse the loop to add interest.

We had an interesting group on this trip: one was from Massachusetts, one from Lebanon, New Hampshire, one from Windsor, one from Orwell,

two from Norwich, and two from West Pawlet. Only two were from Rutland.

Bridgewater Hollow

1 September 2001

By Herb Ogden, leader

Despite the lack of notice in the *Rutland Herald*, eight people showed up for this hike. I think this disproves our theory that there is no point in scheduling outings on Labor Day Weekend because no one will come.

We began by driving to, as one hiker put it, "parts of Bridgewater that I never knew existed." Leaving the cars where the Bridgewater Hollow Road leaves the Chateaugay Road, we walked up the latter to the Walker Hill Road. The North Branch of the Ottauquechee River was so low that we saw some interesting bedrock and boulders that normally are under water.

I had planned to follow entirely the old roads shown in the 1868 map of Bridgewater and the 1869 *Beers Atlas*, but tall wet grass and shrubs on the barely visible first right off the Walker Hill Road dissuaded me. Instead, we climbed further, almost to the first cellar hole on the left, and turned right onto a VAST trail. First, we marveled at a machine that takes long logs, saws them into firewood length, splits them, and then conveys them to a truck. About all it doesn't do is run around the woods felling the trees. Also at the log landing were some old railroad rails. I spun a tall tale about how there used to be a

lumber railroad way up there. Somebody asked how the train could get up such a steep grade. I replied that it had to get up a terrific head of steam down in Bridgewater Center and charge north at such a clip that the momentum would carry it up the grade. After some folks looked a little inclined to believe this, I thought I'd better admit there never was a railroad in Bridgewater, and that the rails probably were railroad scrap, cheaper than regular girders, that held up an old bridge.

Crossing a low ridge on the snowmobile trail, which was also a logging road, we joined the old road at an unnamed stream. Following a badly washed out road north along the stream, we came to a beautiful farm site, owned by the Chamberlain family in 1868. It is in a little bowl, where a spur of the old public road dead-ended. The big barn remains are a little uphill to the west and are more elaborate than most. Judging from its absence on the 1911 USGS map, house and barn were all gone by then.

On our way to the barn, we met an ATV rider named Beauregard ambling in from his house on the Walker Hill Road. I do mean ambling; he wasn't chewing up the wood road or running loud. When a small pack of dirt bikers snarled their speedy way up the valley in a few minutes, he seemed as annoyed as we. Mr. Beauregard turned out to be a good source of information and even a guide. His family has owned land on

Walker Hill Road since his great-grandfather bought it in the 1800s. While we lunched in the sun, which had just come out, he went back a little along our route and flagged for us his private route to a mysterious approximately two by six foot laid-up rock heap next to a ledge a good tenth of a mile from where the old road first crossed the brook. It was on too steep a side hill to have been rocks turned up while plowing. No one could think of a use for it other than the one Mr. Beauregard suggested: maybe something was buried there.

Retracing our steps up to where the Chamberlain spur left the road to Bridgewater Hollow, we headed up hill to the east, where Mr. Beauregard soon pointed out the spring for the next farm site we'd see. The site, up on the ridge, was unusual in that part of the very deep cellar hole had no exit (except, presumably, long gone stairs to the first floor); the rest appeared more crudely built. About a hundred feet south on the ridge were the remains of a big barn and maybe an outbuilding or two. This shows on the 1868 and 1869 maps but not on the 1911 one. A little farther along, about 30' to the north of the road, Mr. Beauregard had flagged for the remains of the sugarhouse. The stone "arch" for the fire under the evaporating plan was easy to make out.

Following the old road east, we crossed the main ridge and headed down to Bridgewater

Hollow, passing some nice southerly views and stopping to munch a few blackberries. We appreciated the flora more than the fauna; all we saw of the latter was a toad and a snake.

In Bridgewater Hollow, we crossed the brook and headed south, then east, to reach the Bridgewater Hollow Cemetery, with graves from about 1810 to 1850. Luckily, the fall of a huge pine had just missed the most elaborate, that of Mrs. Perkins. Many of the headstones are just upright fieldstones, presumably erected by pioneer families too poor to afford a carved memorial. Many are hard to see in the brush. I hear a Boy Scout troop adopted the cemetery some years ago, and someone did brush hog it, but now it is rapidly growing up again. This historic site needs help.

We finished by taking what probably was the original road up to Bridgewater Hollow, which keeps to the east of the brook all the way down. The 1868 map shows it as an old road, and it's pretty obscure in places. It ends within sight of the Chateaugay Road, but we left it where a small landslide had torn a gap in it. We finished up on the present Bridgewater Hollow Road, admiring the dappled sunlight on the beautiful ledges over which the brook flowed down from the hollow.

Robert Frost Mountain

15 September 2001

By Gordon Cawood, co-leader

The day turned out to be cool and sunny, perfect for

hiking. Twelve folks from the Killington and Breadloaf Sections started from the Lincoln-Ripton Road at the snowmobile trail crossing, approximately one mile south of the road junction with the North Branch Road. Following the snowmobile trail to the west, we crossed the North Branch Road at a camp with beautiful gardens. Continuing to the peak we had lunch and visited the east-facing lookout. Breadloaf Mountain and neighboring Green Mountains were clearly visible. We returned with the same number of hikers that we started with (per Sue Thomas, this is a Killington Section requirement). Our thanks to the Killington and Breadloaf Section hikers who made this a successful outing.

Mount Hanley

22 September 2001

By Ray Catozzi, leader

This was intended to be a loop hike. My plan was to hike from the Whipple Hollow Road up a nice, well maintained road to the hang gilders' takeoff ramp and to return to a different spot on the Whipple Hollow Road via an older, more overgrown road a little to the south that was the only way I had previously climbed Mount Hanley.

The usually good view to the west from the ramp was very hazy. We couldn't see Lake Bomoseen, and even Bird Mountain, close by to the southwest, was in the low clouds much of the time.

After lunch we started down and began searching for the

intended downhill route. We tried two different ATV roads heading south but both kept going uphill, so we went a little farther down and tried a third. This one seemed to be the right one; at least it headed downhill. But it soon became completely overgrown with bushes and trees, so we turned back, bushwhacking, to our nice uphill road and returned to our cars.

We had left one car in the parking lot where we had intended to come out. The whole gang, plus one dog, gathered there and many enjoyed the wine and cheese party that I hosted.

The Sequel

On the Monday after this hike I got a call from Killington Section member George Smith who used to live in Rutland. George moved to Hartland about thirty years ago but comes over to hike with us every so often. Could I, he asked, tell him how to climb Mount Hanley.

To make a long story a little shorter: A few days later George and I left from the parking lot that had been the site of the wine and cheese party on Saturday, and headed up the road I had intended to come down with the Killington Section group. We went up and for a couple of miles it was in pretty good shape. But as we approached the area where we should have connected up with the "nice, well maintained road" it suddenly became overgrown with bushes. We whacked through and in a short way

found ourselves on the ATV trail where I had turned back with the Killington Section group on Saturday. Wow! I had found the connection.

The next time I lead a hike to Mount Hanley it will be a loop hike (after I do a little trail clearing).

Abbey Pond

29 September 2001

By Roma Pulling, co-leader

Sometimes we joke about losing a hiker (it hasn't happened), but this is the first time I added some on the way. We started out with six and returned with ten, after picking one up at Mac's Convenience Store in Brandon, another at Abbey Pond parking lot, and had two catch up with us on the trail.

The weather was good. A few dark clouds looked threatening but didn't produce any rain.

The Abbey Pond Trail is rocky and climbs steadily. A bridge carried us over the stream early in the hike, while two other crossings posed problems. We were glad we had chosen a dry year for the hike. Wildlife on the way consisted of one red eft, but at the pond we were entertained by a school of fish. Several people tossed pieces of bread into the pond, which the fish snatched up promptly. We could see a beaver lodge across the pond.

As always, this hike gave us a good workout and a pleasant outing.

Bear Mountain

6 October 2001

This trip was cancelled due to rain.

Stratton Mountain

14 October 2001

By Sue Thomas, leader

For the second time in two years the weather thwarted our plans to climb Stratton Mountain and hike the 10.7-mile loop via the old Long Trail route. Unlike last year, at least it wasn't pouring, but as we left the sunny valley and drove up the Kelley Stand Road toward the mountain we entered a cloud that seemed to be enveloping all the higher elevations that day. Inside the cloud it was cold, damp, and misty, with so little visibility that a quick vote at the trailhead was all that was needed to change our plans. Rather than venture any higher into the cloud we opted to hike to Stratton Pond and around it, only a couple of miles shorter but without the viewless climb.

About 3.5 miles in we stopped at the new Stratton Pond Shelter, truly a Ritz-Carlton of open-fronted trail shelters, with a large, deck-like porch and vented sleeping loft. At the pond we stopped for a chat with the caretaker and his large white dog Clover who, after a season of greeting hikers, has become adept at panhandling. (Clover, that is, not the caretaker.

As we stood on the shore we could hear an occasional whoop and holler across the water, and we stared off around the pond expecting to find young folks. Much to our surprise we found

instead a group of middle-aged men having a golf tournament in the woods! What with the mist, it had a sort of Alice in Wonderland quality. They'd dug little holes here and there and we stopped long enough to watch three of them tee off. The first ball hit a root and went careening off into the woods. The second hit a tree with a resounding THWACK and nearly decapitated the bystanders when it ricocheted back. Only the third made a clear path, though I suspect it was still pretty hard to find in the underbrush. We thought it odd that anyone would carry golf clubs four miles in for that, but to each his own.

Shrewsbury Peak

20 October 2001

By Barbara Griffith, co-leader

Our day started at 7:45AM with phone calls from potential hikers asking if the hike was still "on" as the day was drizzly, but warm. Our optimistic leader, Barry Griffith, refused to cancel, citing the weather forecast as "clearing late morning".

Ray Catozzi led a convoy of vehicles to the Griffith's in North Shrewsbury. We then proceeded up the CCC road, spotting cars at the Chimney and parking at the Black Swamp Road. The summit was socked in with clouds but all 17 optimistic hikers, donning various forms of rain gear, ascended Shrewsbury Peak by the East route.

We found the terrain easy-to-moderate; steep only at the

peak. The closer we hiked to the peak the more the rain gear was stowed away. Shortly after reaching the top we were rewarded with clearing skies and substantial views. Our leader's optimism won out. On a good day one can see all the way to the White Mountains, Mount Ascutney, Mount Monadnock and a long chain of the Green Mountains.

After lunch trekkers chose which descent route they wish to take. Fifteen went down to the Chimney. This trail was more difficult, the first few hundred feet climbing over ledges and rocks. Two hikers chose the more moderate trail via the Black Spruce Swamp road. One person was missing temporarily, but a few whistles and a bit of shouting brought the wayward one back to the fold.

Mystery Hike

27 October 2001

By Gretchen Crowley, leader

Four of us headed out on this chilly day from the end of Lottery Road to the top on Kinsman Hill. At the top of the hill there is a picnic table to enjoy some nice views and a little lunch, but not when it is snowing. Who ordered this white stuff on my hike? We did sit up at the picnic table and catch a few views when the clouds broke. We followed the logging road down the hill and made a very short bush whack to connect with the Long Trail south, which led us back to Lottery Road.

Jerry Parker then took us for

a short hike off of Lottery Road to find the final resting place of the Bullard's, which Herb Ogden has been looking for for quite some time now. (Herb, you just take a left off Lottery Road onto the logging road and a right at the downed tree.) We then bush whacked back to our cars and headed back to Rutland.

Bromley Mountain

4 November 2001

By Connie Youngstrom, leader

The day dawned clear, but soon heavy gray clouds pushed their way in and remained so for our hike up and over Bromley Mountain. Our group of five plus the dog set off at the trailhead on Route 11, climbed gradually, and met several other hikers out doing the same. Woody the dog splashed his way through every stream and was quite entertaining.

We passed through slightly stunted birch and beech woods as we neared the summit. Our lunch stop was out of the wind inside the ski patrol cabin, where we read the hikers log, ate Halloween candy, and had some good conversation while trying to stay warm.

Continuing north, we descended gradually and entered thick balsam and spruce forest. We noted the interesting rock formations, lush outcrops of moss and deep green carpets of clubmoss and woodferns along the way. Our day ended with a visit to the Hapgood General Store where we enjoyed hot drinks and a leisurely browse through the oldest continually running store in Vermont.

Work Parties Continued from page 1

this summer. Not much pruning was needed. We also visited with a number of hikers and, I hope, educated them a little about what it takes to keep the Long Trail in good shape.

Bill and I were pretty discouraged at the low turnout. The weather was nice enough, but hardly anyone came. Were some folks still on vacation? Did some stay home because the newsletter notice didn't say where we'd be working? It was too bad, because there was a lot more work to do than we could finish. For example, the relocated Long Trail has scores of waterbars and diversion ditches to keep the treadway dry. Most of them silt up in one to two years. When that happens, the water runs down the trail. That is not only unpleasant underfoot, but it also can erode away the painstaking product of days of trail workers' time building things like stone steps. Eventually, the trail turns into a little gully. This can be seen on parts of the Sherburne Pass Trail, and even more dramatically on the Long Trail between Smugglers Notch and Sterling Pond (which is not in our Section, thank goodness).

Speaking of waterbars: I took the Sherburne Pass Trail south from Sherburne Pass on the last weekend in October to "put the trail to bed" for the winter. In the first six tenths of a mile, guess how many waterbars there are! *[Look for the answer on page 11, Ed.]* If our part of the Long Trail

averages even one third of that number of waterbars per mile, we have about 400 just on the Long Trail, let alone on our miles of side trails. Help clean them out! It's not hard work. It just takes a hoe. If your schedule doesn't fit our work parties, please call Trails & Shelters Co-Chairs Bill Robichaud or Steve Williams. They can tell you which parts of the trail need work and loan you our Section's tools to work on them.

On a positive note, perhaps now is a good time to recognize those who have participated in scheduled work parties over the last nine years. They are listed on page 11 with the years and number of days each volunteer helped clear trail, clean out waterbars, saw away blowdowns, maintain shelters, and do the other things that make the Long Trail a pleasant place to be. Many thanks to all who gave their time and effort! *[My apologies to anyone we may have left out. Ed.]*

Trail Crews Work on Killington Section

By Greg Western

[The following is taken from an informal report by Greg Western, Field Supervisor for the Green Mountain Club. Ed.]

I am writing to update folks on how the trail crew work went this year on the Killington Section.

The Vermont Youth Conservation Corps crews did eight weeks of work on Pico

building solid trail through the muddy spots up where the trail crosses through the birches. Another crew worked four weeks on the Long Trail just north of the junction with the Bucklin Trail. It'd be great to hear what folks think of this work! A note for next year: the GMC has already arranged with VYCC for another four weeks of trail crew on the LT somewhere north of Cooper. If folks have in mind specific spots they want worked on, just contact me sometime.

The Volunteer Long Trail Patrol added some more stairs and water bars on the north side of Bear Mt. south of Minerva Hinchey Shelter. They also, as I noted below, repaired some All-Terrain-Vehicle damage along the Patch Hollow Road and put ATV discouraging boulders in the old road way.

It turns out that the boulders on Patch Hollow Road were placed in such a way that they will make the trail difficult to ski on. This was a mistake, as we did not intend to block ski use of the trail. I looked at the trail with Bill Robichaud and a couple of local folks from Spring Lake Ranch who frequently ski back there (Becky Bates and Peter Grace) and we figured out a better way to arrange the boulders so that they won't obstruct skiing.

[On October 27 Greg and a group including Section Vice-President Connie Youngstrom returned to Patch Hollow and rearranged the boulders. Ed.]

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Dec. '01 – Feb. '02

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and, for morning departures, bring a lunch. Wear sturdy footgear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate round trip; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader listed at the right

December 1 Saturday 9 AM	Mount Antone, Rupert Mount Antone offers views of Dorset Peak and beyond. Five miles; moderate. Snowshoes may be needed, depending on conditions.	Steve & Diana Williams 645-9529
December 15 Saturday 9 AM	Senior Shuffle Hog Hill Cemetery in historic Old Brandon. Two miles; moderate. Walk or snowshoe, depending on conditions.	Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
December 29 Saturday 9 AM	South Hill, Stockbridge Loop trip from South Hill Cemetery to Fletcher Brook and back, all on old roads. Ski, snowshoe, or hike, depending on conditions. If in doubt, call the leader. Remote area with some nice nearby views and cellarholes. Cemetery with the famous "killed by the fall of a tree" stone. Five and a half miles; moderate.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
January 5 Saturday 9 AM	Pico Camp via Sherburne Pass Trail Snowshoe from Sherburne Pass south to Pico Camp on the former Long Trail. Go from the hardwood forest up into the conifers with a great vista to the north. If you've not been on this trail in snow season, you won't recognize it. Five miles; difficult.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
January 12 Saturday 10 AM	Mystery Hike Leaders are keeping the destination a secret. Ski, hike, or snowshoe. Five miles; moderate.	Barry & Barbara Griffith 492-3573
January 20 Sunday 12:30 PM	Glen Lake Overlook, Bomoseen A scenic hike along the shore and a short climb to the overlook for a snack break. Hike or snowshoe depending on conditions. Three miles; moderate.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
January 27 Sunday 9 AM	Snake Mountain, Addison Snowshoe to the summit for panoramic views of the Champlain Valley and Adirondacks. Four miles; moderate; steep.	Larry & Viv Walter 775-3855
February 2 Saturday 9 AM	Little Rock Pond and Green Mountain, Danby (Actually, the pond's in Wallingford and the mountain's in Mount Tabor.) Ski to the pond and then snowshoe up the mountain if weather permits. Call for details. Four to six miles; moderate.	Connie Youngstrom 492-3502
February 10 Sunday 10 AM	Shrewsbury Bushwhack Snowshoe off the trail, in the woods where animal tracks will be abundant. Two to three miles; moderate.	Jerry Parker 747-4439

Schedule continued on other side of page.

Schedule continued from other side of page.

February 16 Saturday	Grandpa's Knob, Castleton	Snowshoe or hike, depending on conditions. Hike up the TV service road to the open summit, site of an installation of a wind generator that failed in the 1940's. Excellent views from the summit and geological oddities en route. Three miles; 1000-foot elevation gain. Easy hike; moderate snowshoe. <u>Call leaders for meeting time and place.</u>	Gordon & Helen Cawood 352-4310
February 24 Sunday 10 AM	Tiny Pond, Tyson	A beautiful upland pond recently acquired by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department for preservation. Three to four miles; moderate. Snowshoes may be needed.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
March 2 Saturday 10 AM	Skyline Lodge, Ripton	Snowshoe up the Skylight Pond trail to this shelter on the Long Trail. Five miles; difficult.	Gretchen Crowley 459-2098

Want to Lead a Hike?

Our outing schedule is coordinated by Sue Thomas (773-2185) and Connie Youngstrom (492-3502). The spring schedule will include March through May. To make a suggestion, or to get your favorite outing on the schedule, give Sue or Connie a call before March 1. Please don't wait 'til the last minute.

Do Turtles Hibernate?

The every other Friday turtle hike series, sponsored by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, has ended for this year but some of the participants would like to continue in the same slow and easy spirit on snowshoes during the winter. If there is sufficient interest, and if volunteer leaders come forward, such a series of outings might be arranged. If you're interested in leading or joining a Winter Turtles group (we need a better name) please call Laurie at the Godnick Adult Center (773-1853) and let her know.

KILLINGTON SECTION VOLUNTEERS

8 Nov. 1992 - 30 Oct. 2001

Volunteer's name with year worked (number of times)

* received 5 year service patch ** received 10 year service pin Twenty-nine waterbars

Abatiell, Andy	'98	Hawley, Ira *	'96	Rieger, Wendy	'97
Amadon, Erin (staff)	'00	Helms, Deane	'00	Robichaud, Ann	'98
Anderson, Leon	'99	Hurley, Lucille	'01 (2)	Robichaud, Bill *	'96
Armento, Judith	'94	Jaenecke, Pete	'94	+	'94 (2)
Backus, Kathleen	'00	Jaenecke, Peter	'94	+	'95 (2)
Bickford, Channing	'95	Kokines, Ray	'00	+	'96 (3)
Bishop, Gunilla	'95	Lamb, Ruth *	'96	+	'97 (2)
Bloomer, Kristin	'96	Lamb, Sandy *	'96	+	'98
Blumenthal, Joel	'98	LeBlanc, Jill	'98	+	'99 (4)
Brennan, Brian	'98	Little, John	'98	+	'00 (2)
Brownell, Betsy	'94	+	'99	+	'01 (3)
Briggs, Ted	'97	Lopez, Virginia	'98	Sherman, Jake	'01
Bump, Frank	'96	Lucas, Bill	'01	Simpson, Brian	'00
Carey, Mara	'93 (2)	Lynch, Peter	'94	Simpson, Kimball	'00
+	'94	Mark, Molly	'94	Smith (Pellerin), L	'93
Carey, Rob ** '96	'93 (2)	Martin, David	'97	+	'94
+	'94	Marx, Roland	'00	Southworth, Ann	'93
+	'95	McKenna, Brendan	'00	Stein, Willow	'94
Carey Seth	'93	McNeil, May	'97	Stoff, Becca	'00
+	'94	Mellon, Mary	'93	Tavares, Luisa	'98
Carey, Sue ** '96	'93	Mitchell, Ann	'00	Taylor-Miller, Cynthia	'99
+	'94 (2)	Mitchell, Maureen	'00	Tenzak, Sue	'99
+	'95	Montague, Alan	'96	Thomas, Sue ** '96	'93 (2)
+	'96	Nicoll, Nancy	'98	+	'94 (2)
Catozzi, Ray	'93	Ochs, Walter	'94	+	'95 (2)
+	'95	Ogden, Herb ** '96	'93 (2)	+	'96
+	'97 (2)	+	'94 (2)	+	'97 (2)
+	'99 (2)	+	'95 (2)	+	'98 (2)
Cayer, Jennifer	'98	+	'96 (3)	+	'99 (2)
Cayer, Judy	'98	+	'97 (3)	+	'00
Cayer, Paul	'98	+	'98 (3)	Thorne, Doug	'98
Cemanski, Joe	'97	+	'99 (3)	Thorne, Marta	'98
Champayne, Chris	'95	+	'00 (3)	Tufano, Al	'97
Collins, Rick	'98	+	'01 (2)	Waldhauer, Carolyn	'95
Crowley, Gretchen	'00	O'Neill, Michael	'98	Walczkowski, Jane	'01
+	'01	Parker, Jerry ** '96	'93	Wallem, Klaus	'95
Deinzer, Walter	'98	+	'94 (2)	Walter, Larry	'95
Deutschbein, Eric	'96	+	'95 (2)	Ward, Mary	'93
+	'98 (2)	+	'96 (2)	+	'95
+	'00	+	'97 (2)	Ward, Tim	'93
Donahue, Bernard	'93	+	'98	+	'95
+	'98	+	'99 (2)	Welch, Tim	'93 (2)
Driscoll, Katy	'98	+	'00 (3)	+	'95 (2)
Dutch, Phil	'94	+	'01 (2)	Western, Greg (staff)	'98
Ehrlich, Jason	'98	Perkins, Bob	'97	+	'00
Eich, Kat	'00	+	'98 (2)	Williams, Diana	'01
Fish, Kate	'00	+	'99 (3)	Williams, Steve	'01
Fusco, Ron	'97	+	'00 (2)	Winans, Jon (staff)	'00
Gibbs, Tim	'97	+	'01	Withbeck, Ryan	'97
Gilmore, Dave	'96	Pettrone, Mark	'94	Woodhouse, Bev	'98
+	'98 (2)	+	'96	Woodhouse, Chuck	'98
Greene, Greg	'98	Phillips, Don	'97	Yost, Molly	'98
Gregory, Carol (staff)	'00	+	'98	Youngstrom, Connie	'97
Hardy, David (staff)	'00	Pingree, Rick	'97	+	'00
Hare, Ruth	'95	Pulling, Al ** '96	'96	Youngstrom, Mark	'97
+	'96	Pulling, Steve ** '96	'96	Zizis, Maryellen	'95
Hannegan, Pat	'95	Rantanen, John	'99	+	'97

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

Application for Membership

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

Membership dues for one year:

Individual \$27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*

Family \$35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*

Individual Lifetime \$500 (all tax-deductible)

Family Lifetime..... \$750 (all tax deductible)

* Anyone who volunteers a substantial amount of time for club work or who has a limited income, may deduct \$7.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

____ trail work, ____ shelter work, ____ sign making, ____ publications, ____ leading outings, ____ publicity, ____ education, ____ other.

Make check payable to: Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701

10. The following is a list of the

11. The following is a list of the

12. The following is a list of the

13. The following is a list of the

14. The following is a list of the

15. The following is a list of the

16. The following is a list of the

17. The following is a list of the

18. The following is a list of the

19. The following is a list of the

20. The following is a list of the

21. The following is a list of the

22. The following is a list of the

23. The following is a list of the

24. The following is a list of the

25. The following is a list of the

26. The following is a list of the

27. The following is a list of the

28. The following is a list of the

29. The following is a list of the

30. The following is a list of the

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Binder #1	1948 - 1954
Binder #2	1955 - 1962
Binder #3	1963 - 1975
Binder #4	1976 - 1983
Binder #5	1984 - 1991
Binder #6	1992 - 2001
Binder #7	2002 - Date

A Note About Numbers

Smoke and Blazes started in 1948 as a monthly publication and continued so until about 1959 when it became a bimonthly. In about 1967 it switched to quarterly publication. Occasionally issues were skipped, especially in 1970 and 1971.

In general each calendar year was assigned a new "Volume", and "Numbers" were assigned consecutively from "1" through each year.

There is some lack of consistency in the months of publication, and there are some out-and-out errors in the numbering.

The following Table of Contents lists the issues in this binder showing the Volume, Number, and Date as printed and, where different, what the Volume, Number, and Date probably should have been,

Dedication

This set of copies of *Smoke and Blazes* is donated to the Rutland Historical Society in memory of my parents, Mary and Craigie Perkins and my aunt, Vera Perkins. They conceived the idea for a Killington Section newsletter in 1948 and served as editors and publishers for the first several years of its existence, cutting stencils, and running mimeograph copies in our living room. They continued as frequent contributors to the publication and as active members of the Club for over a half century. Fortunately, Dad had a pack rat proclivity which I seem to have inherited. By combining his collection of *Smoke and Blazes* with mine, I have been able to put together this complete run of the publication.

Bob Perkins
Rutland, VT
April, 1999

Table of Contents

Smoke and Blazes

Binder # 7

Vol.	No.	Issue	Year
55	1	Feb	02
55	2	May	02
55	3	Aug	02
55	4	Nov	02
56	1	Feb	03
56	2	May	03
56	3	Aug	03
56	4	Nov	03
56 *	1	Feb	04
57	2	May	04
57	3	Aug	04
57	4	Nov	04
58	1	Feb	05
58	2	May	05
58	3	Aug	05
58	4	Nov	05
59	1	Feb	06
59	2	May	06
59	3	Aug	06
59	4	Nov	06
60	1	Feb	07
60	2	May	07
60	3	Aug	07
60	4	Nov	07

* Should be 57



Volume 55, Number 1

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

February, 2002

Wilderness:

A Vermont Tradition

Forest Watch Executive Director Jim Northup will describe Vermont's long tradition of wilderness preservation and will discuss current proposals for additional wild, roadless areas. Jim's presentation, part of the GMC sponsored James P. Taylor Winter Series, will be at 7:00 PM, Friday, 15 March 2002, at the UU Church, 117 West Street, Rutland. Admission at the door: members \$5, nonmembers \$8, kids free.

Dues To Increase

The GMC Board of Directors has made two changes in club-wide membership processing.

Effective 1 July 2002 dues will be increased to the following:

Single	\$30
Family	40
Student	20
Volunteer.....	20
Single Life.....	750
Family Life.....	1000

Renewal date for a member who was paid up as of 31 July 2001 is January first, as in the past. Renewal date for a member who joined after 31 July 2001 will be on the anniversary of his/her joining. A member who fails to renew within a four-month grace period after his/her renewal date will be dropped.

Section Potluck and Annual Meeting

Elect New Directors and Vote on Bylaw Changes

The Killington Section will hold its annual meeting following a potluck supper starting at 5:30 PM on Saturday, 20 April, at Fern Cottage. This new location for us is located on the west side of Creek Road just north of the intersection with River Street. (See map, page 6.) Bring a dish to share and a place setting. Beverages will be provided.

Members will elect three section directors for regular three-year terms and one for a two-year term. For the three-year positions incumbents Ruth Gibbud and Herb Ogden are term-limited out after six years in office. Incumbent Bill Robichaud intends to stand for reelection. The two-year slot became open when Sue Thomas announced her retirement for personal reasons. Any section member is eligible to serve as a director. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting. (Following the membership meeting the directors will convene to elect section officers for the coming year.)

Members will be asked to ratify two bylaw amendments recently approved by the directors: (1) To delete from Article 2 the sentence that requires voting members to be at least 18 years old. (2) To delete entirely Article 14, which authorizes the section to set its own annual dues. (The latter change is required for conformity with the GMC club-wide uniform dues policy.)

After the short business meeting out-going President Herb Ogden will show slides of his trip to Iceland.

Member to Through Hike the AT – Again

Killington Section member, shelter adopter, and trail maintainer, Cindy Taylor-Miller, will be leaving the trailhead south of Springer Mountain, Georgia on 1 March to begin her second through hike of the 2168-mile Appalachian Trail. She knows what she's getting into. She made her first AT through hike a quarter century ago in 1977.

Cindy, trail name Mrs. Gorp, figures it will take her about 16 weeks to make it from Georgia to Vermont; she plans to be back home in Wallingford for a two week break in early July. Then it's on to Katahdin; six more weeks.

(You can find Cindy's web page at trailjournals.com/mrsgorp.)

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2002	* Ruth Gibbud
"	* Herbert Ogden
"	William Robichaud
2003	Gretchen Crowley
"	* Alfred Pulling
"	Susan Thomas
2004	* Robert Perkins
"	* Jacob Sherman
"	* Connie Youngstrom

* Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President	Herbert Ogden
Vice President	Connie Youngstrom
Secretary	Jacob Sherman
Treasurer	Alfred Pulling

Committee Chairs/Co-chairs

History	Robert Perkins
Outings	Susan Thomas
"	Connie Youngstrom
Trails & Shelters	William Robichaud
"	Steve Williams

Delegates to GMC Board

Director	Alfred Pulling
Alternate	Connie Youngstrom

Smoke & Blazes

Editor	Robert Perkins
--------------	----------------

Contact Information

Gretchen Crowley, 32 Pleasant St., Proctor, VT 05765, 459-2098, gcrowley@rrmc.org
 Ruth Gibbud, 69 Temple St., Rutland, VT 05701, 747-0732
 Herbert Ogden, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368, lco@together.net
 Robert Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com
 Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, ral37@juno.com
 William Robichaud, 215 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2567
 Jacob Sherman, 48 Morse Pl., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2784, jakesher56@hotmail.com
 Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
 Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net
 Connie Youngstrom, Box 1160, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3502, marky@sover.net

From the Editor

Meditations of a Cartophile

What could be a better way for a map lover to spend a few dreary winter evenings than to dig out the atlases and topo maps and to relive past hikes and imagine new ones? It's been a while since I abandoned any hope of bagging the Adirondack 48, or of conquering the White Mountain 46.

How about a more modest goal – say the high points of Rutland County? There are 27 towns and one city in the county and each must have, if not a peak, at least a highest point. Killington Peak, being on a town line, does double duty, so there are 27 high points.

I think I've located them all on 16 different topographic quadrangles. A surprise -- guess which quad has the most town high points. West Rutland with six! And close behind is Proctor with five!

On page 11 I've listed the results of my perusing. I'd like to hear from anyone who spots an error. Now the challenge is to visit these high points on the ground.

Getting the Right Word

While writing the piece above I figured that "cartophile" was a wonderful ostentatious word for "map lover". Unfortunately, I could find it only in one dictionary where it is defined as "a collector of baseball cards". Oh well – I still like it.

Due to a miscommunication I referred, in the November issue, to "Hog Hill Cemetery". Although no wildlife was spotted, I've learned that the true destination of our 15 December outing was "Hawk Hill Cemetery". Evokes a rather different image, doesn't it?

Help Maintain the Long Trail - Be a Sector Checker

Do you know why our group is called the "Killington Section" rather than the "Rutland Chapter" of the Green Mountain Club? When the GMC was founded in 1910 the founders' vision and primary focus was the construction of the Long Trail from Massachusetts to Canada. They divided the projected trail route into sections, each named after its most prominent geographic feature, and they named local groups to build and care for each section of the trail. Some of these local groups have come and gone over the years, and some have changed their names, but today we have, among others, the Breadloaf Section, the Sterling Section, the Laraway Section and, of course, the Killington Section.

As members of the Killington Section we all support the Long

Trail financially with our dues, and many of us enjoy the outings and social get-togethers. But our name reminds us that our *raison d'être* is the care and maintenance of the "Killington section" of the Long Trail. Typical maintenance tasks include pruning trailside foliage, trimming grass and brush, repainting blazes, repairing or replacing directional signs, hoeing out water bars, and removing small blowdowns from the trail. Occasionally a large blowdown must be removed or a wet spot on the trail must be bridged or bypassed.

To give more members a chance for hands-on participation in trail care and maintenance the section directors, in the spirit of the founders, have sub-divided the Killington section of the trail into a number of shorter sectors. It is their hope that members,

either individually or with a partner, will volunteer to select and take charge of the care and maintenance of one or more sectors. Sector Checkers periodically will visit their sectors, perform any needed maintenance tasks that they feel comfortable doing, and report to the Killington Section trails chairman on the condition of their trails and on the need for any major tasks for which more help is needed. Tools and guidance by experienced trail workers will be provided as needed.

The available trail sectors are listed below. If you're interested in becoming a Sector Checker for the Killington Section, or have questions about it, get in touch with Bill Robichaud or Herb Ogden (See *Contact Information* on page 2).

Trail Sectors Maintained by the Killington Section

- | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|---|
| • Bear Mountain | 3.6 miles | Long Trail: Route 140 to Minerva Hinchey Shelter |
| • Clarendon Gorge | 2.7 miles | Long Trail: Minerva Hinchey Shelter to Route 103 |
| • Beacon Hill | 1.9 miles | Long Trail: Route 103 to Lottery Road |
| • Cold River | 2.0 miles | Long Trail: Lottery Road to Lower Cold River Road |
| • Gould Brook | 1.5 miles | Long Trail: Lower Cold River Road to Upper Cold River Road |
| • Sargent Brook | 1.4 miles | Long Trail: Upper Cold River Road to Gov. Clement Shelter |
| • Killington South | 4.3 miles | Long Trail: Gov. Clement Shelter to Cooper Lodge |
| • Killington North | 6.3 miles | Long Trail: Cooper Lodge to US Route 4 |
| • Willard Gap | 1.4 miles | Long Trail: US Route 4 to Tucker-Johnson Shelter |
| • Pico | 3.4 miles | Sherburne Pass Trail: US Route 4 to LT at Jungle Junction,
plus Pico Link to Pico Peak |
| • Bucklin | 3.6 miles | Bucklin Trail: Brewers Corner to Cooper Lodge,
plus Killington Spur to Killington Peak |
| • Blue Ridge | 2.4 miles | Canty Trail: Old Turnpike Road to Blue Ridge summit |

Trip Reports

Mount Antone

1 December 2001

By Steve Williams, co-leader

Thanks to Sue Thomas the group assembled at the Merck Forest Visitor Center. Unlike the previous southwest Vermont expedition, when one participant was lost while finding his own way from Rutland, and another appeared to be overawed by the peaks of the area, all declared participants were at the starting gate in good time.

To make the route more interesting, diversions via the McCormick trail and the ski trail were made as an alternative to merely following the "Antone Road" track. This led to complaints by a senior member of the party on the subject of going down rather than up, a valid point as it happened. However, in the interests of reaching the peak he was prevailed upon to stay with us; we hope that he saw the view from the top (over the northern part of the Mettowee valley) as an acceptable reward.

In the past six months there has been considerable logging around the McCormick trail, but with the exception of one very muddy patch at the top, the logging has opened up the trail considerably, also allowing glimpses westward toward the Adirondacks.

At the summit the party was rewarded with some sunshine, which made for a good lunch break with time to enjoy the surroundings.

The descent was via the

Beebe Pond trail, which has some attractive stretches through stands of silver birch. Beebe Pond does not rate amongst the state's most scenic, but Birch Pond, passed next, does have some claims as a picnic and (Summer!) swimming spot. Following Birch Pond, further protests were heard about going up on a down part of the trail. Fortunately no other option was practical as a means of returning to the Visitor Center, so the leaders were able to survive that one, too.

With a total elapsed time of about four hours, the ten participants, leaders Steve and Diana Williams included, appeared to have enjoyed their Merck Forest visit.

Old Brandon Road

15 December 2001

by Roma Pulling, leader

A few years ago we hosted a trip to various historic sites in Rutland that we called "Hiking Through History." This outing was another hike through history as the area traversed by the Old Brandon Road was where Brandon's earliest settlers established their farms. Brandon's first white settler, Amos Cutler, built his cabin in this area. He was followed by David June and his father-in-law, John Ambler.

Seven people and a dog assembled for this interesting hike. We spotted two cars in the parking lot at Otter Valley Union High School and crowded into our station wagon, to ride to the end of Carver Street, where we parked and started our hike. A

sign here told us we were on property of the Vermont Land Trust.

As we followed the old road, now little more than a wagon track, we looked for signs of settlement and in addition to stonewalls found two cellar holes but were not able to identify the owners. Various signs have been erected locating farms by number but not by name.

Near the end of our hike we arrived at the old Hawk Hill, or June, cemetery. There are stones for David June and his wife, Prudence, and John and Sarah Ambler. John was the first settler to die, May 5, 1776. It was only a short distance from there to our cars.

This is a short, easy hike and one of great historical significance.

Stockbridge South Hill

29 December 2001

by Herb Ogden, leader

Nine people showed up for this old road walk. One of them skied most of the way but didn't dare go fast on the downhill for fear of running across a gravelly stretch. This was, of course, the leader, who had advertized this as a walk, snowshoe, or ski outing. Nobody brought snowshoes, and that was just as well. There was at most four inches of snow.

Leaving the cars at the T where South Hill Road turns north, we followed an old town road that is also a major snowmobile route all the way to Fletcher Brook. Along the way, we noted several cellarholes where houses are shown on the

1869 *Beers Atlas* and the 1891 Rutland quadrangle. We also found a little flat place that may once have been Stockbridge School No. 17. The only major sighting in the wildlife department was a big buck that bounded down the road ahead of us. We could hear some very excited dogs (beagles?) after something near an inhabited cabin near Fletcher Brook, but we never found out what it was.

After heading north about a mile on the Fletcher Brook Road, we turned west on a steep uphill road that led past three or four more home sites before bringing us back to the road we came in on. At the end of the outing, we explored the South Hill cemetery, including the grave of the deaf mute who was "KILLED by the fall of a Tree" at age 21. There were several interesting epitaphs. We were appalled to see that two of the oldest stones had been shot through with guns, however.

Pico Camp

5 January 2002

by Herb Ogden, leader

The ingredients were pretty good: a slightly breezy day just below freezing, a well-trodden trail, enough snow for snowshoes, and seven well-prepared hikers. The only drawbacks were an absence of wildlife and, above about 3000', an absence of views. In fact, by the time we reached the ski trail at the old Pico Junction, fog limited visibility to a few hundred feet.

So many people had already snowshoed the route that several of us just carried our snowshoes

on the way up. We halted occasionally to enjoy the spectacle of the snow-clad trees, and we stopped longer at the Sinkhole to hear one of our number describe the cave that lies below it, which he and others have explored recently. They even found a couple of bats once. Once we got up into the switchbacks, the evergreens were even more beautifully frosted. It appears there had been some ice fogs up there recently.

It took us only about an hour and a half to reach Pico Camp, so we were early for lunch. This 42-year-old building was in pretty good shape except for some rotted framing around the big east windows. Using supplies the Leader packed in, we replaced two big missing window panes with Lexan™, secured some smaller panes that were in danger of falling out, patched the door where it had been gnawed, and added more sheet metal to the privy door, where it had been gnawed through.

The well-trodden snowshoe track continued on south, but no one seemed to have snowshoed up Pico Loop. The last entry in the logbook was by a party snowshoeing from Sherburne Pass to Cooper Lodge and then down the Bucklin Trail! The trail seems to be getting more winter use than last time I led such a hike, back in 1996, even though it is now only a side trail. Anyway, with the benefit of all the packing done by others, some of us pretty much flew back down, taking about 3/4 hour for the 2.4 mile descent.

Glen Lake Overlook

20 January 2002

By Sue Thomas, leader

When I planned a winter hike to Glen Lake Overlook, my biggest concern had been that the snow might obscure trail blazes, seemingly painted by leprechauns at an average height of three to four feet off the ground. Needless to say, that wasn't a problem. In fact, snowshoes were left behind and we made our way cautiously around the lakeshore on a combination of ice, snow, and a few patches of bare ground.

Even the dogs were smart enough to stay off the lake, where open water was still visible – proving that they're more intelligent than the occupants of the one lone ice shanty just off shore. It had not yet sunk when we moved on to the short climb up to the cliff, where we had a snack and enjoyed the view, and arrived back at the cars just in time for Ray's Happy Hour.

Snake Mountain

27 January 2002

By Larry Walter, co-leader

Viv and I led a hike up Snake Mountain east of Vermont Route 22A, and south of Vermont Route 17 in Addison. We were joined by two other hardy souls for an enjoyable climb of about 950 feet to an open view from the top. We could see a good 180-degree panorama of the valley floor accentuated by Lake Champlain in the north and the Adirondacks to the west. The track was icy going up, but softened enough to afford some bite from our boots

on the way back down. The lack of snow in the valley below looked more like the scene of a May hike than a view from the deep end of January. No one needed snow shoes, and aside from some day-old ATV tracks there wasn't a sign of any mechanized use of the trail at all. No wildlife were sighted, probably due to our lack of attention to the surroundings. Where's Mr. Parker when you need him?!

Anyone planning a hike up Snake Mountain should be aware that the new trailhead and parking lot are north and west of the prior access. (Take Wilmarth Road east from Route 22A and then hang a left onto Mountain Road for a couple hundred feet to the parking lot on the left.) The hike is easy enough and rewards you with a wonderful view and a nice place to eat lunch.

Little Rock Pond

2 February 2002

By Connie Youngstrom, leader

The day greeted us with brilliantly blue skies and frosty cold air -- a beautiful wintry morning glistening with rock-hard ice from yesterday's storm. Our group of five brave ice hikers, dressed for the cold and ready with poles and snowshoes, started off near Wallingford Pond access, heading towards the Long Trail and Little Rock Pond.

Walking on rutted icy tracks was tricky, to say the least. Once on the Long Trail, we headed south where the trail climbed gradually, following a north-facing slope to the pond. With

the snow surface encased in a half inch of ice, crampon equipped snowshoes were a necessity today. Our crunching footsteps were so loud that conversation had to wait till we stopped for a rest. We found the pond ice and snow covered and the outlet stream full and rushing. Atop nearby Green Mountain ice covered branches sparkled in the sun. Lunch was in the sunshine at the little bridge where we had a nice view of the pond and mountain.

I found an interesting variety of debris, or windchaff, on the icy snow after the high winds last evening. Some of these included: beech nut husks and tan leaves, shreds of paper and yellow birch bark, hemlock branchlets with tiny cones attached, red spruce and balsam needles, red spruce cones, scraps of all sorts of lichens and mosses, and bits of tree bark, twigs and larger branches of many different trees. Few animal tracks were spotted due to the storm, but I did see one set of coyote tracks and a set of deer tracks near the pond. Near Wallingford Pond we found a set of otter tracks. It's bounding gait and many slides must have occurred during the height of the storm before the sleet and snow changed over to rain.



Killington Section, GMC Directors Meeting

5 December 2001

By Jake Sherman, Secretary

Present

Herb Ogden, Bob Perkins, Al Pulling, Bill Robichaud, Sue Thomas, Gretchen Crowley, Connie Youngstrom, Mark Youngstrom, and Jake Sherman

Secretary's Minutes

The minutes of the January 2 and March 31 meetings were approved. These minutes have already appeared in *Smoke & Blazes*.

Treasurer's Report

As of the present there is \$1,388.93 in the checking account, \$1,375.49 in the savings account, and \$747.36 in the Kirk Fund savings account. There is \$14,639.37 in Kirk Fund CDs, the same as last year. There are 62 individual members in the section, 52 family members and 14 life members. Allowing two individuals for a family membership, the total number of section members is 128.

President's Report

Clarendon Gorge Parking Lot -- The Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC) is putting out to bid a \$53,000 job for paving of and improvements to the Clarendon Gorge parking area off Route 103. In addition to the paving, the job would involve improvements to the bulletin board as well as to the trail on both sides of the road. The work may be done next summer. Meanwhile, vandalism continues to be a problem at the area with the cars of even day hikers suffering broken windows. We are desirous of working with the main club and other organizations to increase patrols of the parking lot.

New Pico Shelter -- The GMC is planning to build a new Pico Camp on the relocated AT/LT on the west side of Pico. The biggest brook crossing along this stretch is located 1.8 mi. south of Route 4 and the proposal is to build the shelter 0.3 mi. away from the brook to the south along the same contour. This brook is the last reliable water source heading south. The shelter would be 0.3 mi. off the trail. The shelter is far enough around the mountain so you begin to lose highway noise. To further

minimize noise we persuaded them to reorient the shelter so it would face south.

GMC Director's Report

Al reported that the agenda at the September meeting dealt with "the usual money matters." Part of the land around the Waterbury headquarters has been purchased and negotiations are continuing for the other, larger, part. Some shelters have been built on the Waterbury property to house GMC help; in winter they will be rented to skiers. There was no discussion at all of the Champion lands nor was there any mention of a proposed trail from Mt. Equinox over to Merck Forest. The last *Long Trail News* contains the annual report.

Old Business:

Governor Clement Shelter -- After much discussion of possible solutions to ongoing problems of vandalism and rowdiness at the shelter, it was voted unanimously to request a meeting with the Shrewsbury Select Board to get their input and put forward our ideas. It was suggested that Roy Arthur of the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST), Gary Salmon of the State Forest Service and Shrewsbury resident, and Mark and Connie Youngstrom, also Shrewsbury residents, be invited as well. The full array of options from putting up signs to banning parking, having periodic visits by law enforcement, digging trenches, gating the road, relocating the trail, and building a new shelter continue to be on the table. We were somewhat incredulous to hear from Dave Hardy that according to the Forest Service because the shelter is on public property we can't even put up a sign. We are asking him to go back and find out if this can really be true if legally use of the AT is restricted to pedestrians. Herb's strategy features a combination of signage, a parking ban by the town, and enforcement by Forest Service personnel. It is distressing that some guidebooks advise hikers to avoid stopping at Governor Clement, the LT's oldest shelter, because of possible harassment. Meanwhile, efforts to get stonework repaired have not met with success, as the stonemasons are still too

busy.

Distribution of Outing Schedules

- Sue takes the outing schedule to the *Rutland Herald* and sends it to *The Mountain Times*. Bob mails it to *The Rutland Shopper* and *Sam's Good News*. It was suggested that the *Black River Tribune*, *Vermont Sports*, the *Brandon-Pittsford Reporter*, Manchester papers and other radio and TV outlets might be good places to send it to. Bob said he would be happy to send it to any other print media to which we would like to have it sent. Jake will see that schedules of our hikes are available at Eastern Mountain Sports in the Diamond Run Mall.

Use of Non-Members Addresses

It was felt that non-members who go on hikes and sign our register should receive a schedule of future hikes along with a letter inviting them to join the section. Mark and Connie offered to draft the letter along with input from Sue Thomas. While we want to encourage membership, we want to make it clearly understood that you don't have to join to go on the hikes.

New Business:

Policy on Physically Handicapped

Hikers -- After considerable discussion, it was unanimously voted that a copy of the GMC's *Trip Leader Handbook* along with a cover letter be sent to hike leaders. The letter would attempt to summarize the leader's responsibilities in such situations. While all are welcome to come on hikes, questions can arise over how much obligation there is on the part of the group to aid the handicapped hiker and whether hike plans ought to be modified to accommodate those with disabilities. Ben Rose, GMC executive director, has asked Herb to draft guidelines for dealing with handicapped hikers that will hopefully clarify these and various legal issues.

By-Law Changes -- Changes to two of the section's by-laws were unanimously approved. Eliminated from Article 2 was a sentence stating that all voting members shall be at least 18 years old. Article 14 defining the section's policy on dues was eliminated as well since all dues policies are now set by the main club.

Annual Meeting -- There was discussion of a date for the section's next annual meeting. None was set but it will take place sometime between late March and mid-April. We will look into Fern Cottage as an alternative to the Unitarian Church depending on cost. It was proposed that a 45-50 minute film on the training of the 10th Mountain Division would make a good program.

Nominees for Directors -- The terms of a number of directors and officers, some of whom are ineligible for reelection due to having served two consecutive terms, will expire at the next annual meeting. After some discussion of potential replacements, it was unanimously approved to put off further discussion of candidates until the next directors meeting. By this time there could be a thorough review of the membership lists.

Trails & Shelters Report -- Bill Robichaud opened by submitting his resignation as Trails & Shelters co-chair. Bill has been seriously disappointed during the past year by what he considers very poor turnout for work parties and walk-throughs and expressed frustration with trying to care for the trail with this lack of support. Jake expressed appreciation for all the time and hard work Bill has put into the section's trails for the past several years. Bill continued that it was his belief that the section was simply no longer interested in traditional trail maintenance and that the solution lay in "adopters," each of whom would commit to caring for a segment of the section. Some of these adopters could come from our ranks while others would be designated by the main club. After much discussion, there was a feeling that while "adoption" had much merit, traditional work parties should not be abandoned. Herb contended Bill was being overly pessimistic and that attendance at work parties had not changed all that much in 10 years. There was also concern that adopters might not be able to live up to their original good intentions. It appears that the future will involve some combination of the two approaches. The next issue of *Smoke & Blazes* will feature an article on the section's new program of trail adopters.

Taylor Series -- The next Taylor series program will take place Friday, March 15, at 7:00 PM at the Unitarian Church. The program will feature a slide talk by Jim Northup, executive director of Forest Watch, a Montpelier-based non-profit advocacy group calling for the creation of new wilderness areas in the state and the maintenance of existing ones. Connie and Sue will again handle refreshments and Sue will take care of posters and signs. We again want to display the GMC exhibit that was there last year. Last year's program attracted 30 people and at least that many should come this year.

Trail Sharing - A request was made by Connie Youngstrom that a short section of trail between Spring Lake and Patch Hollow be maintained in such a way that it is usable by cross-country skiers as well as hikers. It was unanimously approved that a letter be sent to the GMC expressing this request.

Upcoming Meetings -- The GMC Executive Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the Forest Service primarily to formulate its positions on wilderness expansion. At 6:30 that evening there will be at the Rutland Intermediate School Auditorium a statewide Forum on Wilderness that will include representatives of the logging interests as well as those of a wide range of environmental groups.

Killington Flagging -- Mark Youngstrom reported that trees have indeed been cut along a flagging tapeline from Cooper Lodge down to the West Glade Trail. Ruth Lamb, the shelter adopter, had previously notified Allen Wilson of ASC about this and been told the purpose was to aid skiers who accidentally got lost on that side of the mountain find their way back to the trail. It was felt that this was not a good precedent and that Killington should have cleared it with the club or at least asked. We would like Dave Hardy to verify the violation and contact Killington on behalf of the GMC.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 PM with several more agenda items yet to cover. The next meeting will take place Jan. 29, 2002, at 7:00 PM, again at Herb's office.

Killington Section, GMC Directors Meeting

29 January 2002

By Sue Thomas, Acting Secretary

Present

Herb Ogden, Bill Robichaud, Al Pulling, Connie Youngstrom, Bob Perkins, Sue Thomas

Secretary's Minutes

The minutes of the 5 December 2001 meeting were read and approved.

Main Club Director's Report

Al reported that the Main Club has approved dues increases, to go into effect this summer, as follows: regular member, \$30; family, \$40; individual life, \$750; dual life, \$1000; student/low income, \$20.

The Champion Lands were not discussed.

Herb and Bill think we should be keeping an eye on main club expenses. Bill asked whether we get any funds from the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC) for the shared portion of the trail. Herb asked Al to suggest to the Main Club that they minimize bureaucratic details with ATC that take up time and therefore money.

New Pico Shelter

We're not sure if GMC has money budgeted. Bill thinks that Killington (Resort) may not be able to make good on their promise to help with expenses. Should Killington Section think about donating money from our Kirk Fund?

Bylaws

Bob will print notice of proposed bylaw change in the next *Smoke & Blazes*.

Section Elections

Terms of directors Ruth Gibbud, Herb Ogden, and Bill Robichaud are expiring. Ruth and Herb are ineligible for reelection due to term limits. Names of several members were suggested as possible new board members and officers.

Trail Maintenance

Should we continue to have work parties? General feeling is yes, but Bill is not interested in leading them. Herb will lead the high elevation walk-through. Sue will ask Jerry Parker to

lead the low elevation walk-through. National Trails Day is 1 June. Should we approach Eastern Mountain Sports for sponsorship or recruitment? The Main Club has told Herb that Trail Adopters should report to the Main Club. The board doesn't like this idea: wants to maintain local control. We should still have a trails and shelters chair to oversee local projects. Should we consider using plastic rather than painted blazes?

We need to buy new tools as needed to bring us up to the following complement: 3 hoes, 4 short clippers, 4 small saws, 4 pick axes, 2 haul hoes, 3 shovels, 3 grass whips, 3 large saws, 4 long bypass loppers, 2 pry bars, 4 first aid kits.

Bill feels axes are dangerous and shouldn't be provided to volunteer crews.

Al will check on the price to rent or buy a power weed whacker.

Volunteers

Is anyone contacting people who check off "volunteer" on their membership forms? Decided to discuss, at the annual meeting, a new post of volunteer coordinator.

Membership

Connie and Sue will draft a letter to be sent to new members.

Trip Leaders

Connie has received new trip leader handbooks from the Main Club. She will mail one to each leader on the next few schedules.

Trail Standards

Herb will advise the Main Club of our position in favor of maintaining the trail near Spring Lake to be suitable for skiing.

Governor Clement Shelter

There will be a meeting at the Forest Service office on North Main Street at 3 PM on Thursday, 28 February about the problem of undesirable activity at the site. A law enforcement representative will be there to clarify the question of whether access can be limited on the road.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: March – May 2002

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and, for morning departures, bring a lunch. Wear sturdy footgear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate round trip; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader listed at the right

March 2	Skyline Lodge, Ripton	
Saturday 10 AM	Snowshoe up the Skylight Pond Trail to this shelter on the Long Trail. Five miles; difficult.	Gretchen Crowley 459-2098
March 9	Herrick Mountain, West Rutland	
Saturday 9 AM	A strenuous 5-mile hike or snowshoe/ski, depending on conditions.	Larry & Viv Walter 775-3855
	Bingo Brook Trail, Rochester	
March 16	Ski or snowshoe a wide U.S. Forest Service Road that leads along Bingo Brook into the Green Mountains. Peaceful woods and some good views to the east. Five miles, moderate. If interest and abilities warrant, we can extend this by using the Pine Bend Brook Trail	Herb Ogden 775-1350
March 23	Delaware & Hudson Rail Trail, Poultney	
Saturday 1 PM	Hike on a flatbed rail trail from downtown Poultney to Route 30 crossing. Three plus miles; no elevation gain. Rain date: Sunday, March 24.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
March 30	Mystery Hike	
Saturday 10AM	Leader torn among several exciting possibilities at press time. Watch <i>Rutland Herald</i> calendar or call leader as the date approaches.	Connie Youngstrom 492-3502
April 7	Mount Moosalamoo, Salisbury	
Sunday	Hike from historic Ethan Allen Cave, where the Green Mountain Boys are said to have camped out, to Burnt Mountain. Five miles; moderate. Joint outing with the Breadloaf Section. Call leaders for time and meeting place.	Gordon & Helen Cawood 352-4310
April 14	Silver Lake, Salisbury	
Sunday 9 AM	Hike in via the Chandler Ridge Trail for lunch on the beach. Back via Leicester Hollow. Nine miles; moderate.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
	Killington Section Annual Meeting	
April 20	Join us for a potluck supper, followed by a short business meeting, after which Herb Ogden will present a slide show on Iceland. Nonmembers welcome. Bring a place setting and a dish to share. Hot drinks provided. Location: Fern Hill Cottage, 101 Dorr Drive, Rutland. Call leader if you need directions.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
April 21	Children's Adventure Series	
Sunday 1 PM	A fun outing for the whole family. We may catch frogs or tadpoles or just explore in the woods. All ages welcome.	Jerry Parker 747-4439
April 27	Mount Aeolus, Dorset	
Saturday 9 AM	Hike past the first marble quarry in America, then past a closed Indiana Bat cave, then up to an overlook on top of Aeolus. Rain date: Sunday, April 28.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006

Outing schedule continued on the following page.

Outing schedule continued from preceding page.

May 5 Sunday 1 PM	Brown Covered Bridge, Shrewsbury Hike in from Mendon. Four miles: easy	Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
May 11 Saturday 10 AM	Mystery Hike Leader's surprise destination. Five plus miles: moderate.	Gretchen Crowley 459-2098
May 18 Saturday 9 AM	Low Elevation Walk-Thru Come help us do our spring clean up on the Long/Appalachian Trail between Route 4 in Wallingford and Governor Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury. Bring work gloves and lunch. Tools provided.	Jerry Parker 747-4439

Preview of June outing schedule.

June 1 Saturday 9 AM	National Trails Day – High Elevation Walk Thru Folks will be out today all across the country doing trail maintenance projects. Come join the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club on the upper elevations of the Long/Appalachian Trail from Governor Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury north to Sherburne Pass. Bring work gloves, lunch, and bug spray! Tools provided.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
June 8 Saturday 9 AM	Little Rock Pond and Green Mountain, Mount Tabor Hike in the Long Trail to beautiful Little Rock Pond, then climb to the summit of Green Mountain for views and return along the ridge. It's 6 ½ miles with some steep climbing to do the whole loop or 5 miles, easy into the pond and back.	Steve & Diana Williams 645-9529
June 15 Saturday	To be determined.	Barry & Barbara Griffith 492-3573
June 22 Saturday 1 PM	Children's Adventure Series A fun outing for the whole family. All ages welcome!	Jerry Parker 747-4439
June 23 Sunday 8:30 AM	Cardigan Mountain, Canaan, NH A short but rugged climb to a spectacular bare rock summit with a manned fire tower. Summit is exposed and windy; bring a jacket. Difficult, 3 ½ miles. Option to add a 2-mile loop to Firescrew.	Sue Thomas 773-2185

Want to Lead a Hike?

Our outing schedule is coordinated by Sue Thomas (773-2185) and Connie Youngstrom (492-3502). The summer schedule will include June thru August. To make a suggestion, or to get your favorite outing on the schedule, give Sue or Connie a call before May 1. Please don't wait till the last minute.

High Points of Rutland County Towns

Town	High Point	Elevation (feet)	Location	Topo Quad (7.5 minute series)
Benson	Unnamed peak	1060+	About 1.8 mi. N and 100 ft. W from SE corner.	Bomoseen
Brandon	Point on W face of Lead Mine Mountain	2340	On Chittenden town line about 2.7 mi. N from SE corner.	Brandon
Castleton	Bird Mountain	2216	On Ira town line about 0.1 mi. N from SW corner.	West Rutland
Chittenden	Farr Peak	3522	About 3.9 mi. NE and 1.4 mi. SE from W corner.	Mt. Carmel
Clarendon	Susie Peak (Edmonds Peak)	2409	On Ira town line about 1.1 mi. N from SW corner.	West Rutland
Danby	Dorset Peak	3760+	About 0.2 mi. N and 1.6 mi W from SE corner	Dorset
Fair Haven	Coons Den	947	About 0.3 mi. S and 0.9 mi. W from NE corner.	Benson
Hubbardton	Unnamed peak on Pittsford Ridge	2006	About 0.2 mi. N and 0.1 mi. W from SE corner.	Proctor
Ira	Herrick Mountain	2726	About 0.4 mi. S and 1.1 mi. W from NE (concave) corner.	West Rutland
Killington	Killington Peak	4241	On Mendon town line about 2.7 mi. SW from W corner.	Killington Peak
Mendon	Killington Peak	4241	On Killington town line, about 2.7 mi. SW from "K" corner.	Killington Peak
Middletown Springs	Unnamed peak	2205	About 1.7 mi. S and 0.1 mi. W from NE corner	West Rutland
Mount Tabor	Pete Parent Peak	2960	About 1.4 mi. N and 2.2 mi. E from SW corner.	Danby
Mount Holly	Ludlow Mountain (Okemo)	3343	About 3.3 mi. N and 0.2 mi. E from SE corner	Mount Holly
Pawlet	Bald Hill	2088	About 0.4 mi. S and 2.8 mi. W from NE corner.	Wells
Poultney	Spruce Knob	2420+	About 3.2 mi. S and 0.2 mi. W from NE corner	West Rutland
Pittsfield	Unnamed peak	3100+	About 2.5 mi. S and 1 mi. E from NW corner.	Rochester
Pittsford	Unnamed peak on Pittsford Ridge	2035	About 2.1 mi. N and 0.1 mi. E from SW corner.	Proctor
Proctor	Pine Hill	1436	On Rutland town line about 2.5 mi. N from SE corner.	Proctor
Rutland City	Point on S shoulder of Pine Hill	1020+	On Rutland town line about 0.3 mi. S from NW corner.	Proctor
Rutland Town	Point on N shoulder of Boardman Hill	1160+	On Clarendon town line about 0.2 mi. E from SW corner.	West Rutland
Sudbury	Stiles Mountain	1213	About 0.6 mi. N and 0.5 mi. W from SE corner.	Sudbury
Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury Peak	3720	About 0.5 mi. S and 1.5 mi. W from NE corner	Killington Peak
Tinmouth	Tinmouth Mountain	2835	About 1.2 mi. N and 2.2 mi. E from SW corner	Middletown Springs
Wallingford	Wilder Mountain	2784	About 100 ft. N and 1.7 mi. W from SE corner	Wallingford
Wells	Northeast Mountain	2100+	About 2.0 mi. N and 2.3 mi. W from SE corner.	Wells
West Haven	Bald Mountain	900+	About 4.2 mi. S and 1.0 mi. E from NW corner.	Whitehall
West Rutland	Mount Hanley?	2110	About 2.9 mi. S and 0.4 mi. E from NW corner.	Proctor

Distances and elevations are approximate interpolations from the map. "Corner" refers to a corner of the town in question. Directions N, E, S, and W are nominal, to be laid off parallel or perpendicular to the town lines.

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club Application for Membership

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual.....\$27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*
Family.....\$35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*
Individual Lifetime.....\$500 (all tax-deductible)
Family Lifetime.....\$750 (all deductible)

* Anyone who volunteers a substantial amount of time for club work or who has a limited income, may deduct \$7.

NAME:**ADDRESS:** _____**PHONE:** _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

____trail/shelter work, ____sign making, ____publications, ____leading outings, ____publicity, ____education, ____other.

Make check payable to: Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

**Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701**

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 55, Number 2

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

May 2002

Herb Ogden Passes Gavel to Steve Williams

Barb Griffith is New V.P., Jake Sherman and Al Pulling Continue in Office



Herb

Killington Section Annual Meeting

By Jake Sherman, Secretary

The Annual Meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was called to order at 6:40 PM, April 20, 2002 by President Herb Ogden at Fern Hill Cottage in Rutland, following a potluck supper. Herb welcomed the group and thanked Sue Thomas for arranging for use of Fern Hill. About 30 were present; all introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting as printed in the February 2002 issue of *Smoke and Blazes* were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

The report by treasurer Al Pulling was approved with one correction. The section has \$4,064.20 in assets. Currently there are 115 members, a gain of 27 from the year 2000. As of the end of 2001 there are total assets in the Kirk Fund of \$15,852.53. Herb explained that the Kirk Fund was established years ago by Dorothy Kirk of Rutland in memory of her husband George. Its purpose is to provide funds for maintenance of trails & shelters in the Killington Section. The practice has been to expend only the interest.

President's Report/Trails and Shelters Report

President Ogden combined both reports. He explained that the Trails and Shelters Committee was co-chaired by Steve Williams who takes care of paperwork and e-mail and Bill Robichaud who takes care of work on the ground.

The Governor Clement Shelter is jointly maintained by the Green Mountain Club, Appalachian Trail Conference, and the U.S. Forest Service. Because of vehicle abuse the club is pursuing three actions: (1) asking the Town of Shrewsbury to prohibit parking, (2) placing a line of obstacles (possible boulders)



Steve

to prohibit the access of full size vehicles (there is no way to keep out ATVs), and (3) posting signs prohibiting parking. If this were done, people could be ticketed since it is illegal to use motorized vehicles off town highways. However, usage cannot be restricted to certain groups on government land. Herb wasn't sure if this would work. He needs to have contact with the snowmobile club and meet with the Shrewsbury selectmen. If the selectmen approve, exceptions would need to be made to permit parking to repair the shelter. If vandalism continues, we would ask them to abandon the road and we would gate it (north of the northerly bridge).

See page 5: Meeting

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2003	Gretchen Crowley
"	* Alfred Pulling
"	Susan Thomas
2004	* Robert Perkins
"	* Jacob Sherman
"	* Connie Youngstrom
2005	Barbara Griffith
"	* Bill Robichaud
"	Steve Williams

* Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President	Steve Williams
Vice President	Barbara Griffith
Secretary	Jacob Sherman
Treasurer	Alfred Pulling

Committee Chairs/Co-chairs

History	Robert Perkins
Outings	Susan Thomas
"	Connie Youngstrom
Trails & Shelters	Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director	Lynda Hutchins
Alternate	Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor	Bob Perkins
--------------	-------------

From the Editor

A Revoltin' Development?

So many of our important social issues generate extreme polarization: a women's right to choose versus a fetus' right to life, a land-owner's right to a manufactured home versus a neighbor's right to maintain his property value, a logger's right to his livelihood versus a spotted owl's right to its habitat, Tom and Brad's right to marry versus – well, you get the idea. In each case folks on both sides believe strongly that they have the high moral ground.

It can be surprising, humbling and, I hope, enlightening, to find oneself, suddenly, on an unfamiliar side.

The City of Rutland has raised some objection to the plans of the Green Mountain Club to build a new shelter near the recently relocated Long Trail on the west side of Pico. The proposed shelter site is on federal land in the Appalachian Trail corridor but it is also in the drainage area of the Rutland water supply. Are we now the ugly developers threatening our own drinking water?

Of course not. Clearly a new shelter with a modern composting toilet is preferable to having hundreds of hikers making do (so to speak) on their own all over the mountainside. We hope and expect to reach a satisfactory arrangement with the city and by this fall, to have a much needed replacement for the aging Pico Camp. But this episode has reminded me, at least, that there may indeed be two sides to every issue.

Contact Information

Gretchen Crowley, 32 Pleasant St., Proctor, VT 05765, 459-2098
 Barbara Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff3VT@aol.com
 Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
 Herbert Ogden, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368, hogden@adelphia.net
 Robert Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com
 Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, ral37@juno.com
 William Robichaud, 215 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2567
 Jacob Sherman, 48 Morse Pl., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2784, jakesher@hotmail.com
 Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
 Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net
 Connie Youngstrom, Box 1160, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3502, marky@sover.net

Coolidge Range Ridgerunner 2001 Season Report

By Daniela Molnar

[Daniela Molnar is the Ridgerunner who was hired by the GMC to be its presence on the Coolidge Range during the 2001 hiking season. The following is a lightly edited version of her report. It doesn't necessarily reflect official club views but contains much of interest from a thoughtful, close-up observer. Ed.]

When I began this job in early August, I did not really know what to expect as a ridgerunner on the AT/LT. I quickly learned that I was to play many different roles: a trail worker responsible for a large stretch of popular, highly-impacted trails, a shelter maintainer for several heavily used (and abused) shelters, a public contact point for the GMC, an interpreter and protector of Vermont's high places for a diverse and constantly shifting population, and the list goes on. The Coolidge Range Ridgerunner faces the challenge of quickly adapting to constantly changing needs in an extremely high-use area. In this report, I will mainly address matters of concern to the GMC and to the 2002 Ridgerunner. I want to stress that although this report may make my summer sound difficult and tiresome, I thoroughly enjoyed my time in this powerful area and learned a great deal from my experiences there.

Shelters

As the Coolidge Range Ridgerunner, I spent most of my time at Cooper Lodge and its environs. It is the highest-use shelter in the Coolidge Range, with about 180 overnight visitors between early August and mid October 2001. My time working at Cooper Lodge has led me to believe that it would be in the best interest of the Green

Mountain Club, the American Skiing Corporation and Coolidge State Forest to take down Cooper Lodge. Cooper Lodge is old, wet, perpetually dusty and cold, and is prone to vandalism year round. It is a vortex for human abuse, which in turn results in the disturbance of the fragile ecology of the region. The shelter itself is structurally flawed: the roof leaks, the windows have no glass because the glass is smashed as quickly as it is installed, the dirt floor is rife with mouse holes and droppings, and the bunks are lopsided. As if these inherent flaws were not enough, hikers and tourists regularly leave trash at the shelter. Most hikers that I met did not like the shelter. They found it cold and uninviting, and their initial dislike of the shelter perpetuated the vicious cycle of abuse.

The American Skiing Corporation, [is] the large conglomerate that owns Killington Resort, Cooper's close neighbor . . . [A]ny shelter easily accessible from the nearby ski trails will be prone to vandalism and disrespect, and this abuse will extend to the ecosystem around the shelter. Cooper Lodge is an easy two-tenths of a mile downhill from two major chairlifts. As long as Killington Resort is in existence in its current form, Cooper Lodge and the surrounding boreal forest will be treated with disrespect.

Another well-known problem shelter in the Coolidge Range is the Governor Clement Shelter. Because the road that goes directly to the shelter is likely to remain open by the discretion of the private landowner who controls access to the road, there is not much hope that this shelter will become a safe place for hikers at any point in the future. [Actually the road is a town highway

and the property belongs to the federal government. The GMC is working to find a way to control vehicle access near the shelter. Ed.] Just in my short time as a ridgerunner, I received a steady flow of reports of harassment, illegal tree cutting, loud drunken parties, and even physical assault. I never stayed at the shelter because I did not feel safe there. The GMC Guidebook discourages hikers from staying there, and I actively discouraged overnight use of the shelter, as well. What is the use of a shelter that hikers cannot use? Why is the GMC paying to maintain a shelter that is not used by hikers and is abused by non-hikers? The cry that the shelter is "historic" seems an unworthy justification. It is old, yes, but it is not preserved, which makes it simply old, not antique. Taking down the Gov. Clement Shelter seems like the only logical way to deal with the abuse of the area. If it remains standing, the abuse and violence will continue. [The Killington Section has not, as yet, given up on preserving Gov. Clement Shelter. We are trying to locate a stonemason who will work on the walls and chimney. Ed.]

If Cooper Lodge and Gov. Clement Shelter are to be taken down, one or two new shelters will need to be built. Although I have not researched the details of locating a new shelter, my experience in the area says that a good place would be the old site of the Tamarack Shelter, on the south side of Little Killington, at the junction with the Shrewsbury Peak Trail. [The suggested site at the current Shrewsbury Peak Trail junction actually is about a half mile south of the of the former Tamarack Shelter site. Ed.] At 3600 feet, the forest in this area is not as delicate as the present location of Cooper

Lodge, but it is still a high-elevation ecosystem. An even better spot may be about one mile south of the Shrewsbury Peak Trail junction where a small spring ran all summer (through a severe drought) and the forest begins to transition to a less-sensitive hardwood forest.

Because there is a composting toilet system already in place at Cooper Lodge, I would recommend leaving the tent platforms and making it a tenting site only. This would not attract winter visitors and would thus greatly reduce the threat of vandalism. It seemed that most visitors to Cooper Lodge preferred to camp on the platforms, anyway. The established tenting sites at Gov. Clement should also remain. I believe that the site's "nocturnal carousers" would be much less enticed by a tenting area than a shelter.

The other shelters in the Coolidge Range, Pico Camp and Clarendon Shelter, have their own share of challenges, though these are much less dire than Cooper Lodge and Gov. Clement. Pico Camp is a cozy little cabin, and although it receives its share of littering and some illegal fires, I believe that it should remain standing as long as it is not directly threatened by the expansion of Pico Resort. It is a popular lunch spot for hikers and receives moderate overnight use despite its location on a side trail. If it is to remain standing even one more season, the privy hole is full – the privy must be moved immediately.

Clarendon Shelter is a very peaceful shelter with few problems. . . . [Possibly due to an oversight, Clarendon Shelter lies on private land outside of the LT/AT corridor. The GMC may have little ability to control any undesirable activity there. Ed.]

The Coopah Poopah

This new composting toilet faces its share of problems, but is operating relatively well. It receives very high use during the summer months, and is used by skiers during the winter months as well. There is certainly a need for close management of this facility. The catcher fills up quickly, especially during July and August, and there is always a lot of liquid in the catcher. New, eye-catching signs urging people to PLEASE not pee in there seemed to help considerably, and a new bucket to hold bark mulch helped encourage people to use the mulch more. The signs should definitely be replaced if they are not there at the start of the 2002 season, and the bark mulch bucket should always be kept full by the ridgerunner. Also, it is important to talk to people about the significance of the composting process – why it is important, what it does, and why to NOT pee in there. A drainage system such as the one that exists at Camel's Hump would greatly help the Cooper Pooper compost more effectively.

Killington Peak

The Coolidge Range is certainly high-use. Between early August and mid October, I encountered 1,296 people: hikers, thru-hikers, tourists, school groups, and others. Most of these people were tourists or day-hikers that I met on or near the summit of Killington. The summit is very much a part of the Killington resort. There is no vegetation left to protect on the bare, rocky summit, so the job of the Coolidge Range ridgerunner is different from the "stay on the rocks" job of the summit caretakers of Mt. Mansfield, Mt. Abraham, and Camel's Hump. Killington summit duty consists mainly of being a talking brochure for the constant stream of tourists that circulate quickly on and off the

summit. The average visitor would stay on the summit for no longer than three to four minutes, during which time he or she would inquire about the names of the surrounding peaks and sometimes warily ask about the nature of my job. Having checked the destination off of their lists, they would then depart.

I had difficulty relating to so many people on such a surface level, so I rarely succeeded in adding depth or substance to the peoples' insubstantial experience of the summit. I felt like I was in a shopping mall, not on top of a mountain. I think that most of my difficulty relating to the big gondola crowds is personal. I certainly feel that I was able to create more successful summit experiences as the season progressed, but I am simply not as suited to that type of encounter as another person might be.

I think it is important that in hiring the 2002 Coolidge Ridgerunner, the GMC take into serious consideration the applicants' propensity for relating to large crowds in the ways described above. There is certainly enormous potential for a ridgerunner on summit duty to make an impact on the gondola crowds, but the person who is best suited to this type of work may not be the same person who is best suited to the other, very different aspects of the ridgerunner's duties. Most of my time as a ridgerunner was spent either alone doing trail work or with small groups of hikers at shelters, and I feel that I excelled at these types of interactions, but often felt confused as to how to best relate to the summit crowds. The Coolidge Ridgerunner is expected to be a summit caretaker, multiple-site caretaker, and a trail maintainer. These are all hard jobs, and they are all very different. It may be in the best interest of the GMC to decide

which of the duties of the Coolidge Ridgerunner is most important to the GMC, and to hire accordingly.

Trails

The trails in the Coolidge Range are in generally good condition but require constant maintenance because they are so heavily used. I cleared several blowdowns, but most of my time was spent brushing in and clearing waterbars. The work is constant but not overwhelming, but it is important to stay on top of it and not let the trails get trampled, which can happen fast. Tom's 2000 End-of-Season Report has some good suggestions on how to manage the trails effectively.

A Word on VYCC Crews

There were two Vermont Youth Conservation Corps crews stationed in the Coolidge Range for the month of August, one just north of Cooper Lodge and one just south of Pico Camp. The groups worked hard, accomplishing impressive and much-needed rock drainages and staircases. Both groups were initially welcoming, inviting me to dinner and asking me to lead discussions about Leave No Trace ethics. Many thanks to the Killington VYCC crew for their openness, hospitality, and enthusiasm; they contributed a great deal to my experience and to the trail. Unfortunately, my experience with the Pico VYCC crew was not as positive. The crew leaders encouraged a competitive, antagonistic relationship between my work on the trail and their work on the trail. They seemed to feel threatened by my questions and suggestions. I feel that there is a need for greater communication and cooperation between the GMC and the VYCC, both on an administrative level and in the field. The welcoming, cooperative attitude of the Killington VYCC crew is

commendable and is a good goal to work towards.

Ideas for the Future

The Coolidge Range is a problematic area of the Long Trail because of its proximity to Rutland, the most crime-ridden city in Vermont, and its aggressive "development" by the large, absentee corporation that owns most of the range. During my time as a ridgerunner, I often felt a sense of uselessness in the face of matters over which I had no control. A person who has stated authority, like a police officer, is better equipped to resolve many of the problems that plague this region. I did not feel comfortable or empowered to approach the locals at Gov. Clement; the well-intentioned "unofficial caretaker" at the Clarendon Shelter did not listen to my strong suggestions; all that I could do to counter the abuse of Cooper and Pico shelters was to pick up the trash I found left there. It often felt like my job consisted mostly of picking up trash, which is a discouragingly reactionary (rather than preventative) approach to management of such a beautiful and sensitive region.

The 2002 Coolidge Range Ridgerunner would benefit from approaching the job with knowledge of its difficulty and by being creative and flexible in dreaming up strategies on how to deal effectively with the continual abuse of the region. A proactive, optimistic, dynamic person with the ability to transform a discouraging, difficult situation into a worthwhile eye-opening challenge will benefit greatly from the job and will be able to create needed changes in the Coolidge Range.

Thanks to all the good folks at the GMC for your flexibility, receptivity, and support. Keep up the good work, y'all.

Meeting

Continued from Page 1

Cooper Lodge is maintained by Ruth and Sandy Lamb. There is a problem with people skiing off the roof. A possible solution is to make the roof steeper, although some might consider this a further challenge. People also jump off the roof in summer and this loosens the screws resulting in leakage. Pete Ketcham said that he was not aware of any conversation to restrict use of the shelter.

Herb reported that an improved parking area is now under construction at the LT/AT trailhead on VT 103. He also thanked Connie Youngstrom and Sue Thomas for organizing the James Taylor Lecture. Herb announced that the Trail Sector Checkers were Kathleen Wood for Killington North (Cooper Lodge to US 4), Connie and Mark Youngstrom (Lottery Road to Lower Cold River Road), and Herb Ogden (Canty Trail/Blue Ridge Mountain). The role of the Trail Checkers is to walk the trail at least once, make minor repairs, and report any work needed.

Smoke and Blazes

Herb thanked Bob Perkins for a great first year. Bob remarked that he was having fun doing it and thanked everyone who submitted hike reports. He reminded members that anything is welcome. His intent is to publish *Smoke and Blazes* in February, May, August, and November. He urged hike leaders to submit schedules a month before the publication date.

Outings Committee Report

Sue Thomas urged leaders to call as far ahead of time as possible to schedule hikes and to submit their reports to Bob Perkins.

Historian's Report

Bob Perkins reported that there were no new initiatives but reminded members that all GMC memorabilia is welcome. The Rutland Historical Society has agreed to be a repository for donated materials.

Green Mountain Club Director's Report

Al Pulling reported on the situation regarding the Jonesville Bridge over the Winooski. The old bridge has finally been removed and will be replaced, but in the meantime LT hikers have no way to cross the river. Fording is not recommended because releases from a hydroelectric plant can rapidly affect the water depth. Pete Ketcham from the GMC reported that a member of the Ottauquechee Section has donated a 16 passenger van that will be used to shuttle hikers on both sides of the river at posted times. The provision of a footbridge is stalemated because an adjoining landowner is not willing to give the club access rights. Work is being done on a possible relocation involving the State and the towns of Duxbury and Bolton.

Old Business

The Killington Director's recommended that the Club amend the bylaws as printed in the February issue of *Smoke and Blazes*. This action would delete the part of Article 2 that requires that all voting members be at least 18 years of age. It would also delete Article 14, which authorizes the section to determine its dues, since dues are now set by the Green Mountain Club. The recommendation was passed with one abstention.

New Business

The problem of an outhouse at a proposed new Pico shelter was discussed. The problem is that the newly relocated LT/AT crosses the

Rutland city watershed and city ordinances require that privies within the watershed be equipped with a full septic system. Even though the shelter the GMC proposes would be equipped with the latest composting/combustion technology, it wouldn't meet the present ordinance. We are therefore negotiating with the city Public Works Commissioner to get permission to build an outhouse. If no shelter were built, there would be no shelter between Cooper Lodge and Tucker-Johnson Shelter, and if one were built without a privy it would undoubtedly lead to contamination of a nearby brook. Pete Ketcham reported that the GMC has submitted an Act 250 application (which is more than 1" thick for those interested in reading it!) for the building of a new shelter and privy on the relocated trail. The goal is to fly the shelter in by August if there are no challenges to the permit. Eric and Laura Tobiason of the Ottauquechee Section are volunteering to build the shelter.

Sarah Lowry has been jointly hired (GMC/ATC) as Coolidge Range Ridge Runner from the end of June to mid-October. She will be responsible for basic trail maintenance. It was suggested that there be a Ridge Runner report in the next *Smoke and Blazes*.

Pete Ketcham reported that the new shelter must be accessible for those with mobility impairment. There is a public perception that the Architectural Barrier Act, which provides for such access, conflicts with the idea of a "primitive hiking experience" but Pete advised that it was not in the best interest of the Club to be against the ABA.

Herb asked for some direction regarding the relocated Pico Shelter if negotiations do not go well with the city. He reported that there were

three options: (1) do not build a new shelter in the city watershed and maintain the current Pico Camp as long as we can; (2) encourage the National Park Service to be aggressive with the city since federal land is not subject to local regulation (going through the Act 250 process is a good faith effort, but not required); or (3) urge the city to amend the ordinance to allow the Club to build the shelter since that would be the best solution to the waste situation. If no agreement could be reached the members voted to urge the city to amend the ordinance to specifically permit the GMC to build a shelter with a privy (which would have an incinerating composting system). There were no members who urged an aggressive stance and only one member who was in favor of abandoning the project.

Herb reported that the second three-year terms of Ruth Gibbud and Herb Ogden were expiring and they could not be reelected; in addition the first three-year term of Bill Robichaud was expiring. He also pointed out that in 2003, Al Pulling's term would be expiring and he could not be reelected, although Sue Thomas and Gretchen Crowley could be reelected for second three-year terms. In 2004 the three-year terms of Bob Perkins, Jake Sherman, and Connie Youngstrom will expire and they will not be eligible for reelection). It was moved and seconded to place the following on the ballot for three-year terms to expire in 2005: Bill Robichaud, Barb Griffith, and Steve Williams. The nominees were accepted and approved unanimously as a single slate.

The meeting recessed for the Director's meeting. Following a brief recess Jake Sherman reported that the following were elected: President -Steve Williams, Vice

President-Barb Griffith, Secretary-Jake Sherman, Treasurer-Al Pulling, and GMC Director-Herb Ogden. Herb declined in favor of Lynda Hutchins. Al Pulling was elected the Alternate GMC Director.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting for a slide program on Iceland presented by Herb Ogden; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15. Following the program, Jake Sherman on behalf of directors and section members thanked Herb Ogden for his service of six years as president. Herb did a great job and provided exceptional leadership. He will be much missed in that capacity.

Killington Section Hikers Take a Breather at Brown Bridge



Trip Reports

Grandpa's Knob

16 February 2002

By Gordon & Helen Cawood, leaders

Snowshoes were not needed for the hike up Grandpa Knob in Castleton on February 16. Trucks and snowmobiles on the service road left us more ice than snow. Sixteen hikers on this joint Bread Loaf/Killington outing trekked to the open summit. Viewing was good if you consider dark clouds over both the Green Mountains and the Adirondacks to be good viewing.

We talked about the experimental wind turbine that was installed on the peak in 1941. It had two steel blades, each weighing 8 tons, forming a 175-foot circle. It operated 16 months until one of the blades failed. The broken blade was tossed 750 feet! All that is visible today are four stanchions, once supporting the 107-foot tall tower.

We also checked on two unusual bedrock outcroppings, called "hogbacks." The crowns had been shaped by normal weathering; while the bases had

been eroded by running glacial ice melt, giving the outcroppings a top-heavy appearance. Thank you all for coming. Your company brought nice hiking weather and made for a very pleasant outing.

Herrick Mountain

9 March 2002

By Larry Walter, co leader

The Herrick Mountain cross-country special came off with a minimum of hitches. The hardest part was figuring out how to coordinate all the vehicles in an effort to leave enough people-carriers spotted at trail's end. After some heroic spring-heave driving on the south end we managed to get all ten hikers to the trailhead.

The weather was near perfect with an uncommonly warm breeze and blue skies. The first and best viewpoint on the south end of the main ridge served as a good place to take a lunch break. The 170-degree vista includes parts of Lake Bomoseen, the back side of Birdseye, Ira, Grandpa's Knob, Route 4 and the entire approach,

summit and easterly slope of Herrick Mountain. At least one member of past Herrick hikes remembered having no view, so apparently the locals have cleared off some of the vegetation.

We eventually hit enough snow to warrant occasional use of the 'shoe's. A couple of hardy souls managed to post-hole through the white sections. To our surprise (kinda), there is now a brushed ATV/sled trail all the way to the summit. We bailed off the southeasterly side of Herrick onto increasingly better logging roads to a 3:00 PM rendezvous with our waiting vehicles.

Aside from one nasty little pitch up a snow-chute (good team work prevailed) and a couple false summits, the hike was fairly tame. We only spotted a couple guys headed up the northerly ATV trail in the morning, with no other humans sighted.

Those who wish to hike the same route (from Spruce Knob to the northerly end of the old Middletown-

Ira Town Road) should contact the locals for parking and access permission. I have names and numbers from some past survey work in the area.

Bingo Brook

16 March 2002

Trip was cancelled due to rain.

Poultney Rail-Trail

23 March 2002

By Ray Catozzi, leader

If you hadn't been out hiking this past winter with all the snow and cold weather, a nice short trip on a flat, no-elevation-gain trail was the perfect way to start your hiking season. We took the Delaware & Hudson Rail-Trail from the Route 30 crossing into the village of Poultney. It was almost like walking around your own neighborhood, but we were out in the open countryside with no snow or rain. A dog or two, and nine of us enjoyed a pleasant afternoon walk. I would recommend this way to start your hiking season if you spent too much time indoors during the winter watching television.

Mount Moosalamoo

7 April 2002

By Gordon & Helen Cawood, coleaders

It must have been spring fever. We have never had so many calls about a hike (about 29), or so many hikers (21) participating in one of our hikes. Beautiful hiking weather may have had something to do with it. But the early callers could not have anticipated that.

We began the hike at the Branbury State Park campground, taking Ethan Allen Trail to Ethan Allen Cave. We checked, but Ethan was not in. He must have decided that these accommodations were rather too Spartan. Ethan Allen Trail continued to Hawkins Road, Summit Road and Bear Pond Avenue. In spite of the urban nomenclature,

there was no blacktop. Crag Trail and Pitch Pine Trail were more rugged, being most rugged after we stopped at Pitch Pine Point for lunch and a view of Lake Dunmore.

Cold Spring Trail, Iroquois Trail and Burnt Mountain Trail brought us to the summit of Burnt Mt. A ledge to the west gave us a good view of the Adirondacks and the hill in Orwell where Lynda Hutchins lives. Another to the east and south took in Mt. Moosalamoo and Lake Dunmore. A short retreat from Burnt Mt. brought us to Upper Plains Road, just north of Kampersville where cars had been spotted.

Many thanks, all, for coming. We enjoyed the hike and your company.

Mount Aeolus

27 April 2002

By Ray Catozzi, leader

I had climbed this mountain with all the old marble quarries and the large Indiana Bat cave many years ago, but I wasn't certain now of the right trail up the mountain. I was put in touch with Rick Pingree, a local caver, and he said, "Yes, I can show you the route to the cave and beyond." So he and I went down there and up the quarry road to the cave. Now I was all set to lead the group of 15 hikers there a few days later.

'Twas a great sunny day and we hiked up a good quarry road, past three or four quarries, and then to the bat cave, which is closed off with a large metal gate covering the large opening. Entering the cave is prohibited most of the time so as not to disturb the sleeping bats. We passed two nice clearances with nice views of the Valley of Vermont and just past the cave was a third where we stopped for lunch.

After lunch we headed off the quarry road onto a nice trail that

started up the last half mile or so to the top of Mount Aeolus. Easy going at first, then we hit a short, steep pitch that a slight covering of snow made difficult for some of us. Then the trail leveled off again for a few hundred yards. The another steep, winding pitch, with more snow under foot, which proved too much for a few of us, so we sat down and waited while the hardy ones went on to the top of Aeolus. Not much of a view up there, but those who climbed can now say they climbed it!

All 15 of us had a nice pleasant walk back down to our cars.

Brown Bridge

5 May 2002

By Roma Pulling, co-leader

The day of the hike was one of those perfect days hike leaders dream about but don't usually get. Also, we planned a half-day hike, a schedule that appeals to many people who think 9 AM is early. So we had a large group of 22 hikers at the park and only lost four of them. (Just kidding! Four people decided to cut the route short and found alternate means of returning home.)

The route from Tamarack Notch to Brown Bridge is a popular one with 4-wheelers and mountain bikes as well as hikers; so we found it surprising that we met no one. Recent rains had made a mess of the trail in spots where we had to detour off to one side. Wild flowers were not as numerous as hoped. We did see red trilliums, colt's foot and one lone dogtooth violet. A few hobblebushes were in bloom although those in other locations had long since gone by.

Brown Bridge is located in Shrewsbury over the Cold River where it crosses the Upper Cold River Road. For the benefit of covered bridge hobbyists, it was built in 1880 by Nicholas Powers and is of town lattice structure.

Even though we were competing with the Loyalty Day parade, we were pleased with the hike's success.

Mystery Hike

11 May 2002

By Ray Catozzi, Leader

Where did we go? I led the group of 13 in five cars up Route 4 to where the new LT/AT crosses the highway. I suggested we could go south on the AT all the way to Springer Mountain in Georgia, but we couldn't be back in time for supper.

So we went north to Willard Gap, where the Long Trail and the Appalachian Trail separate. A short

distance further on the AT we came to the junction with the north loop of the Deer Leap Trail. Up this trail we went, over three short, steep pitches, but with nice easy stretches in between, to the top of Deer Leap Mountain. Then down a short, steep trail to a small brook crossing and up a short, steep trail on what I call the lower Deer Leap dome. We soon joined the east loop of the Deer Leap trail and ambled down and out to the Deer Leap overlook.

Many of our group had never been there before and were overwhelmed with the view of Pico, Killington, Blue ridge and the mountains all the way to New York State. It was windy and cold so we

quickly got down in a hollow between some rock outcroppings and enjoyed our lunch in the warm sunshine.

After lunch we descended the east loop to rejoin the AT, but for only about 50 yards. We left the AT and went down the old LT/AT, now called the Sherburne Pass Trail, to the Inn at Long Trail. As we prepared to get in our cars for the drive home we looked back and saw three fellows rock climbing straight up the high, perpendicular Deer Leap cliff. We watched and admired them for quite a while, as we sipped a glass of homemade dandelion blossom wine.

Killington Section Members Encourage Future Members Examining Amphibious Wildlife



Family Hike, Split Rock Trail in Pittsford

21 April 2002, Jerry Parker, leader

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: June - August 2002

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and, for morning departures, bring a lunch. Wear sturdy footgear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate round trip; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader listed at the right

National Trails Day – High Elevation Walk Thru		
June 1 Saturday 9 AM	Folks will be out today all across the country doing trail maintenance projects. Come join the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club on the upper elevations of the Long/Appalachian Trail from Governor Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury north to Sherburne Pass. Bring work gloves, lunch, and bug spray! Tools provided.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
Little Rock Pond and Green Mountain, Mount Tabor		
June 8 Saturday 9 AM	Hike in the Long Trail to beautiful Little Rock Pond, then climb to the summit of Green Mountain for views and return along the ridge. It's 6 ½ miles with some steep climbing to do the whole loop or 5 miles, easy into the pond and back.	Steve & Diana Williams 645-9529
Baker Peak, Mount Tabor		
June 15 Saturday 9 AM	We'll ascend Baker Peak (2840 feet) via the Lake Trail, a moderate but steady climb, to enjoy some splendid views from the summit. From there we'll take the Long Trail south for a look at Griffith Lake, then return via the old carriage route to our vehicles. Eight miles round trip.	Barry & Barbara Griffith 492-3573
Children's Adventure Series		
June 22 Saturday 1 PM	A fun outing for the whole family. All ages welcome!	Jerry Parker 747-4439
Cardigan Mountain, Canaan, NH		
June 23 Sunday 8:30 AM	A short but rugged climb to a spectacular bare rock summit with a manned fire tower. Summit is exposed and windy; bring a jacket. Difficult, 3 ½ miles. Option to add a 2-mile loop to Firescrew.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
Snake Mountain, Addison		
June 29 Saturday 9 AM	Hike up the trail to the site of an old hotel with panoramic views of Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks, then bushwhack down an alternate route. Moderate, 5 ½ miles. Rain date – 30 th	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
Long Trail, Cuttingsville		
July 6 Saturday 10 AM	Follow the Long/Appalachian Trail south from Clarendon Gorge across the suspension bridge and along the ridge with several scenic lookouts. Option to stop at Spring Lake, 3 miles, or continue to Route 140, 5 ½ miles. Moderate. Rain date – 7 th .	Andrea McQuade 775-6273
Mount Ascutney, Windsor		
July 13 Saturday 9 am	Up the Windsor Trail to the summit where an observation tower provides spectacular views of the Connecticut River valley, the White Mountains, and the Green Mountains. We'll descend via the Brownsville Trail, past old quarries. Six miles, moderate with some steep climbing. Rain date – 14 th .	Sue Thomas 773-2185
Treadway Mountain, Eastern Adirondacks		
July 20 Saturday	We'll be parking at Putnam Pond: \$5 fee per car. A moderate seven-mile hike with 900 feet elevation gain to an open summit with spectacular views. Call leaders for meeting time and place.	Gordon & Helen Cawood 352-4310

Outing Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: June - August 2002

Continued from previous page.

July 27 Saturday 1 PM	Ice Beds, Wallingford The perfect destination for both children and adults on a warm July afternoon! We'll start with a 200-foot ascent for a great view of the White Rocks cliffs, then descend and continue to the base of an old rock slide still cooled by last winter's snow! Two miles.	Barry & Barbara Griffith 492-3573
August 3 Saturday 1 PM	Children's Adventure Series An easy hike for the whole family. A great chance to share the outdoors with the kids. All ages welcome!	Jerry Parker 747-4439
August 4 Sunday 8:30 AM	White Road, Mendon Explore a new trail on the lower ridges around Killington that few have seen. (Bill is leading but this is NOT a work party!) Six miles, moderate.	Bill Robichaud 775-2567
August 10 Saturday 1 PM	12th Annual Taconic Mountain Ramble: Hubbardton Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east, and west, a Japanese garden, and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. Walkers can leave the group at several different points and wait on the lawn for the rest. Bring no lunch.	Kit Davidson 273-2982
August 18 Sunday 1 PM	Senior Shuffle: Flat Rock, Clarendon A four-mile, easy-to-moderate trek to visit a geological oddity near the historic Crown Point Road.	Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
August 24 Saturday 9 AM	Work Party: Pico Come help prepare the site for the Long Trail's newest shelter on the slope of Pico Peak. Tools provided or bring your own. Call leader for details	Herb Ogden 775-1350

Hike Leaders - Note

Our outing schedule is coordinated by Sue Thomas (773-2185) and Connie Youngstrom (492-3502). The fall schedule will include September thru November. Please contact Sue or Connie soon (no later than August 1) with your hike suggestion so we can publish the schedule on time. Please don't wait till the last minute.

Rutland Senior Hikes: June - August 2002

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of "Turtle" hikes for seniors and others who wish to enjoy their outings at a somewhat slow and easy pace. The outings typically cover two to four miles, involve limited elevation gain, and try to avoid treacherous footing. All trips leave from the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street off Woodstock Avenue on **Fridays at 9 AM** and return in early afternoon.

June 7	Rail-Trail, Castleton	Bob & Thelma Perkins	773-0184
June 21	East of Bald Mountain, Mendon	Ray Catozzi	773-3006
July 5	Cook-out, Pittsford Recreation Trail	Bob & Thelma Perkins	773-0184
July 19	Catamount Trail, Mendon	Al & Roma Pulling	773-6997
August 2	Hitchcock Trail, Pittsford	Charlie & Jean Davies	483-6623
August 16	Diamond Run Nature Trail, Rutland	Ray Catozzi	773-3006
August 30	Chipman Pond, Tinmouth	Al & Roma Pulling	773-6997

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

Application for Membership

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, Vt., is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly Long Trail News, and the Section quarterly Smoke & Blazes including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual.....\$30
Family.....\$40
Senior/Student/Volunteer.....\$20
Individual Lifetime.....\$750
Family Lifetime.....\$1000

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

____trail work, ____shelter work, ____sign making, ____publications, ____leading outings, ____publicity, ____education,
____other.

Make check payable to **Killington Section, GMC** and mail with this application to:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 55, Number 3

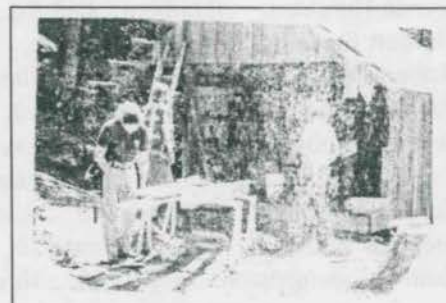
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

August 2002

We have a new Long Trail shelter on Pico To be named for veteran section leader Churchill Scott



Churchill Scott from a 1985 photo



Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2003 Gretchen Crowley
" * Alfred Pulling
" Susan Thomas
2004 * Robert Perkins
" * Jacob Sherman
" * Connie Youngstrom
2005 Barbara Griffith
" * Bill Robichaud
" Steve Williams

*Second consecutive 3-year term.
Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President..... Steve Williams
Vice President Barbara Griffith
Secretary Jacob Sherman
Treasurer Alfred Pulling

Committee Chairs/Co-chairs

History..... Robert Perkins
Outings..... Susan Thomas
"..... Connie Youngstrom
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate..... Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor..... Bob Perkins

Contact Information

Gretchen Crowley, 32 Pleasant St., Proctor, VT 05765, 459-2098
Barbara Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff3VT@aol.com
Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
Herbert Ogden, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368, hogden@adelphia.net
Robert Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com
Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, ral37@juno.com
William Robichaud, 215 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2567
Jacob Sherman, 48 Morse Pl., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2784, jakesher@hotmail.com
Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net
Connie Youngstrom, Box 1160, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3502, marky@sover.net

From the Editor

It Was a Jungle Out There

I've proposed the name "Jungle Junction" for the intersection where the new Long/Appalachian Trail leaves the old LT/AT (now called the Sherburne Pass Trail) about a half-mile south of Pico Camp.

In the 1930s there were three trail junctions in the vicinity of Pico Peak. "Pico Junction", about one-half mile north of Pico Camp, was where the old LT/AT stops climbing, and swings around to the east. From Pico Junction the Pico Loop Trail climbed directly to the peak and then down to the camp (then Pico Shelter). Another trail from Pico Junction, the West Side Trail Around Pico, contoured around to the west.

This West Side Trail rejoined the LT/AT about one-half mile south of the shelter, very near to today's junction. This spot came to be called "Jungle Junction" because of the tremendous tangle of blowdowns in the area caused by the great New England hurricane of September 1938. Damage was on a par with that of the 1998 ice storm. By resurrecting the name "Jungle



Long Trail South of Pico Peak
September 1938

Junction" we can commemorate a major trail maintenance event and at the same time provide a unique and alliterative name for a significant trail intersection.

To complete the 1930s junction story: from Jungle Junction the LT/AT continued south toward Killington along the east side of the ridge while a parallel trail provided an alternative route west of the ridge. These two routes joined at the third junction -- the one farthest from the Route 4 trailhead. We called it "The Far Junction".

Utah's National Parks

By Roma Pulling

After more than a year since our last trip--time for the airlines to refine their security procedures--we flew to Salt Lake City for another trip through southern Utah and the red rocks and canyons that I love. It took more time than usual to clear security, during which Alfred had to remove his shoes for inspection, but I don't mind the time as long as they get it right. And we were sabotaged only by the weather when we landed in Newark in a thunderstorm and were tossed around rather more violently than was comfortable.

When time allowed we took short hikes in each of the parks. Weather was extremely hot but dry so was not a hindrance. The elevation was another matter. The change from Rutland's 500 feet to (in some places) over 10,000 is something that's hard to ignore. But we came through and returned with many pleasant memories. I will highlight three of the more outstanding trails:

Cedar Breaks National Monument in southwestern Utah near Cedar City protects a spectacular rock formation known as the "amphitheater." Measuring three miles wide and over 2000 feet deep with brilliant shades of red, yellow and purple, it is truly worth seeing. We took the Ramparts Trail, starting near the Visitor Center, and reaching Spectra Point at 10,285 feet elevation. We hiked on for a short

distance encountering widely scattered patches of snow before deciding to return to our car. By the way, "breaks" is an old word for badlands, and juniper trees growing in the park were mistaken for cedars by early explorers.

Capitol Reef National Park near Torrey protects the Waterpocket Fold, a "wrinkle" in the earth's crust. It also preserves white domes thought to look like a capitol building and ridges which the early settlers called "reefs." Some of these settlers were Mormons who established farms along the Fremont River, and some of their buildings stand today. We chose a trail leading to Hickman Natural Bridge past many interesting rock formations. The bridge is impressive and situated over the trail so we were able to walk under it. We learned the difference between natural bridges and arches. Bridges are formed by erosion from running water. Arches are formed by other means of erosion, one example being the result of freezing.

We had never found a way to drive to Hovenweep, a national monument on the Utah/Colorado border. But since our last attempt a paved road has been constructed from the Utah side, crossing a portion of the Navajo Indian Reservation. We hiked two miles in 87° heat, starting at the new Visitor's Center and returning there. We were in the Square Tower section of the monument and encountered the ruins of many stone structures built 700 years ago by the

ancestors of our Pueblo Indians. Hovenweep is an Indian word meaning deserted valley.

We have derived much pleasure from visits to our nation's parks. Stay tuned for our next trip.

New Local Trail Initiatives

Killington Section members might be interested in any of three recently activated local trail projects. Contact the person listed for more information or to get involved.

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is organizing folks to map, sign, and rejuvenate the trails in Pine Hill Park (Cindi Wight, 773-1822 ext. 13.)

The Physical Activity Coalition is publishing a street-walking map of Rutland City and expects to receive a grant to support planning for a multipurpose trail in Rutland County. (Dr. Ben Thompson, 775-0555.)

The Spiritual Life Center hopes to build a walking path through the woods connecting the grounds of College of St. Joseph, Clementwood, and Fern Hill Cottage. (Sister Patricia Kane, 773-5900 ext. 3256.)

Discount for GMC Members

The Great Outdoors at 219 Woodstock Avenue in Rutland offers Green Mountain Club members (with GMC membership card) a 10% discount on any camping or hiking equipment.

Trip Reports

Tiny Pond

24 February 2002

By Sue Thomas, leader

We couldn't have asked for a better day to hike up to Tiny Pond in Tyson; the sky was blue, the snow was white, the sun was warm, and the birds were singing spring-like tunes. We could have asked for a bit less ice however. The trail up the ridge is extremely steep, and I never felt so much like a bowling pin as when the hikers above me began to slide back down in my direction. With the aid of crampons, spiky snowshoes, ski poles, and sheer luck we all arrived at the pond intact and had our lunch sitting on the ice in the warm sunshine

The pond is at a reasonably high elevation, so there was plenty of snow, but none of us trusted the ice enough to cross over. By venturing out a few yards, however, we could stand on the surface of the pond and look out over the valley beyond the beaver dam.

After lunch we continued on around the pond to look at the beaver lodges, passing tracks made by snowshoe hare, fishers, and grouse. The beavers were nowhere to be seen, no doubt pouring over home improvement catalogs and planning their spring projects.

I'd scouted out an alternative route on the Mount Holly side, so we avoided the extremely quick though undoubtedly painful trip back down the way we'd come, thus cheating Lucy, who works in

the x-ray department at the hospital, out of some job security, for all arriving home safely.

Little Rock Pond and Green Mountain

8 June 2002.

By Steve and Diana Williams, leaders

Under the guidance of Transportation Coordinator Sue Thomas thirteen enthusiasts left Rutland to meet with hike leaders Steve and Diana Williams at the trailhead parking lot at the intersection of the LT and Mount Tabor Road. The arrival of the cars at different times led to allegations of speeding. There being no tickets in evidence these allegations were fortuitously moot.

The two-mile hike to Little Rock Pond is an easy one, a gradual slope with limited wet spots, and considerable use of puncheons over poorly drained sections of the trail on the approach to the pond. The pond looked clear and inviting. There was some talk by one member of the party about swimming to the other side, but the concept never advanced beyond the verbal stage. Sue Thomas brought to our attention the small shelter which used to be located on a small island in the pond; it was replaced by the larger Lula Tye shelter, first on the west bank, and later in its present position south-east of the pond.

The group shortly reached the "decision point" where any intimidated by the prospect of the ascent of Green Mountain had the opportunity to branch to the left,

follow the pond loop trail and return to the trailhead on the LT. There was a unanimous vote to continue up the Green Mountain Trail. Whether this result was due to confidence in the leaders, the adventurous spirit of all, or a belief in the GPS equipment carried by two members of the group remains unclear.

An hour's climb, including a few rocky passages, brought the group to a grand overlook providing an eastwards vista back towards the pond; an excellent spot for lunch. Following lunch some two hours were required for the steady downgrade back to the parking lot on the Mount Tabor Road. In many places the trail took a gentle descending angle across a steep slope, many of which were covered with fine stands of large and well-preserved evergreens.

Regarding sighting of flora and fauna, we had the benefit of having with us both Ray Catozzi and Rick Tilgree who provided a good overview of many of the plants on view. Regrettably this writer is rather weak on the subject; hence seekers of the facts are referred to Ray and Rick. Regarding fauna, considerable excitement was caused when the advance members of the group were following recent moose prints down the trail when suddenly there was movement by an active quadruped a short distance away. All were ready for a moose sighting when an anticlimax appeared in the form of a black Labrador, whose owner shortly appeared ahead of us. The only other livestock sightings

were two snakes by Mrs. Leader who will normally go to considerable lengths to avoid them. All three survived the two encounters unscathed.

On the groups return to the trailhead parking lot, Ray brought the hike to an eminently successful conclusion by making available the libation he so successfully produces. Thank you Ray.

Baker Peak, Mount Tabor

15 June 2002

Rained out; rescheduled for the fall.

Snake Mountain

29 June 2002

By Ray Catozzi, leader

Twelve stalwart hikers drove to Addison to climb the last prominent peak on the northern end of the Taconic Range. We hiked up the usual route, which used to be a road leading to a hotel on the southern end of this wonderful mountain. The hotel is long gone, but the gorgeous view out over the beautiful dairy farms, 1000 feet below us to the west, and 30 to 40 miles of Lake Champlain in the distance, attracts many hikers all summer long. Besides our twelve there were probably a dozen and a half of more folks eating lunch and enjoying the view.

My plan after lunch was to follow a trail that seesawed back and forth over the ridgeline and descended to Route 17 to the north. We all hiked to the northern end of the ridgeline where we split. Some, including a couple of drivers, returned the way we had come so they could

drive to Route 17 to pick up the rest of us: the courageous few.

The trail turned east for 100 yards or so, and then came out on an ATV road. Down this road we went, with many switchbacks, and soon came to level ground. But the road then turned east instead of continuing out to Route 17, which we could see across a long view of tall grass. One hiker suggested that we leave the trail and hike across the grass to the road, which we did, passing through a farmer's yard and out his driveway. Wondering how long we would have to wait for our ride, we found a shady spot beside the highway. We had no sooner settled down than the cars pulled up next to us. Only a five-minute wait! Wonderful; and a wonderful hike. If any of you readers of *Smoke & Blazes* haven't climbed Snake Mountain, put it in your future plans. You'll never be sorry.

Long Trail, Cuttingsville

6 July 2002

By Andrea McQuade, leader

Cooler temperatures and sunny, clear skies brought out 15 hikers to explore this section of the Long/Appalachian Trail. After we crossed the suspension bridge, we met a fellow who was hiking to Massachusetts to attend a wedding – not his own, but was there a tuxedo somewhere in that gear? After our initial ascent, we stopped at one point overlooking Route 103 and back toward Rutland, followed soon after by another lookout that gave us a view of the Rutland State Airport. Our timing was just right to see a plane land.

We continued on, stopping at the Minerva Hinchey Shelter for lunch, where we enjoyed the company of several other hikers. At this point, some of our hikers left us to return to cars parked at Spring Lake Ranch and the rest of us continued on to Route 140. Shortly before we reached the end of our hike, we checked out another lookout point that gave us a view of White Rocks. This spot is somewhat obscured by trees, but perhaps this would make a good work project someday! The hike was a great opportunity to meet new people who we hope will join us again for another outing.

Treadway Mountain

20 July 2002

By Gordon and Helen Cawood, co-leaders

Five Bread Loafers, five Killingtonians and Fred Torrisi from Alaska climbed Treadway Mountain in the eastern Adirondacks on July 20. We started from Putnam Pond State Park (off NY Route 74), skirted the southern border of Putnam Pond and proceeded to Treadway Mountain trail. After stopping for lunch at the eastern summit, most of us continued on to the western summit where we took in views of Pharaoh Mountain, Pharaoh Lake and many other Adirondack mountains. We knew where to look for the Green Mountains, but they were lost in the haze.

Thanks for coming: Debbie Ramsdell, Barbara and Al Stiles, Sue Thomas, Barbara and Barry Griffith, Diane and Steve

Williams, and, of course, Fred. We enjoyed your company and appreciated the good weather you brought with you.

White Rocks/Ice Beds

27 July 2002

By Barbara & Barry Griffith, co-leaders

We started the hike from the Picnic/Parking area with 13 hikers looking for a cooler climate than the 80/90 degree weather that we have been experiencing. Following the blue blazed trail we came to the hogback and followed a series of switchbacks to the first overlook of the White Rocks Cliffs. The view of all those boulders cascading down the slope is impressive. Makes one want to learn more about the geology of Vermont. The White Rocks area is in the Green Mountain range. Another overlook to the Taconic

Range and Otter Creek below (0.3 miles) before descending to the Ice Beds (0.5 miles) where we were not disappointed in the plunge in altitude and temperature. The brook that comes out of the rock base was as refreshing as we remembered! There were many hikers enjoying the coolness of the area. After a pleasant respite we returned back up to the overlooks before descending to our vehicles. A good way to spend a warm summer day.

White Road, Mendon

4 August 2002

By Bill Robichaud, leader

White Road is an old logging road constructed in the 50s on the southwest side of Pico. It was a warm day for a hike but as we proceeded up the trail we were greeted by a refreshing breeze. The only complaint, raised by

many, was that there were no viewing spots. This would be difficult to change as the trail is in a wooded area.

Our trail intersected another old road that we followed up the west side of Ram's Head Mountain to a plateau surrounded by evergreens at about 3100 feet where we had our lunch. Nearby was an old abandoned hunting camp covered with blue plastic.

On our trip back four hikers decided to return the way we had come. The rest of us took a spur trail to the south that took us to the Bucklin Trail.

We found the Bucklin in good shape but noted that the two large rocks at the upper stream crossing were still out of alignment. As the flow of the stream was low we had no problems crossing.

Killington Section Directors Meeting

4 June 2002

By Jake Sherman, Secretary

Present: Steve Williams, Barbara Griffith, Sue Thomas, Bob Perkins, Bill Robichaud, Herb Ogden, Connie Youngstrom, Lynda Hutchins, Gretchen Crowley, and Jake Sherman. The meeting was held at Herb's office, 92 Center Street, Rutland.

The new section president Steve Williams opened the meeting at 7:05 with a welcome and introductions. There was no action on the secretary's minutes of the annual meeting, which will shortly appear in the upcoming issue of *Smoke & Blazes*.

Place and Format of Future Meetings

It was decided that we will stick with Herb's office, as it is handy and central. Barry Griffith's office could serve as an alternative if necessary. All liked the 7:00 P.M. starting time.

Trails & Shelters Report

After six years as president,

Herb has assumed the perhaps equally demanding role of Trails & Shelters chairman. There were a number of items needing attention

Pico Shelter Update

The news here is excellent. The City of Rutland has agreed not to contest the club's building of a new Pico West Shelter in the city watershed. The city has agreed to our version of a campsite agreement calling for a privy with the latest in compost incineration. It will therefore not be necessary to go through the Act 250 process. A May 27 e-mail from Peter Antos-Ketcham of the GMC included thanks to

Herb for his support and counsel throughout the project.

The shelter itself is to be constructed by Erik and Laurel Tobiason of the Ottauquechee Section. The ABA compliant privy is being constructed by Jeff Bostwick of the Burlington Section. Pete will be working with Dick Andrews on construction of the permanent compost incinerator.

Naming of the New Pico Shelter

It was unanimously decided that the section would recommend to the main club that the new shelter be named in honor of longtime section member and officer W. Churchill Scott. Jake will forward the recommendation in the form of a letter to Waterbury. In light of Churchill's many decades of service to the GMC and the Killington Section, his years as a fire lookout on both Pico and Killington, and his work with the CCC in the Coolidge Range in the 1930's, that this honor would be most appropriate. It was also felt that two shelters bearing the name of Pico, Pico Camp and the new shelter, would likely prove very confusing to hikers.

Governor Clement Shelter Update

Herb met with the shelter adopter, Roy Arthur of VAST (the Vermont Association of Snowmobile Travelers). Roy found no problem with two of our proposals, posting signage and putting boulders along the level stretch of the town highway, but wanted to check with his club on the parking prohibition. If VAST likes all three of our proposals, then the next step is for

our two groups plus any other interested parties to meet with the Shrewsbury selectmen. Barb and Connie, who are Shrewsbury residents, could make the contact and lead the effort. We could probably gain access to the equipment needed to move the boulders through Gary Salmon. Meanwhile, it was reported that the outhouse at Gov. Clement has been vandalized with a chainsaw.

Walkthrough & Maintenance

Our section was checked on some recent walkthroughs and found to be in close to perfect shape. A few waterbars need to be rebuilt on the Canty Trail. With regard to the Bucklin Trail, it is in good shape but two large boulders that were installed in 2000 as stepping stones at the upper Brewers Brook crossing migrated several feet downstream last winter becoming no longer usable. The rocks need to be moved back upstream but the flow is swift at this time. As it happens, for years we have been asking the GMC to build a bridge but they have claimed it would only wash out in the spring.

After much discussion, it was agreed that we would request that the main club move the boulders back as a short-term solution and as a long-term solution that a bridge be built. We feel it would hold.

Regarding the Sherburne Pass Trail, Bill Robichaud arranged with Killington for them to take care of it at the top north of Pico Junction. There are some blowdowns. Sue Thomas reported that south from Killington there are some low wet areas. It was

felt that the water bars would not do any good in dealing with these areas.

Sector Checkers

Herb distinguished between sector checkers and trail adopters, noting that the former have less responsibility and are mainly to report problems. Quite a few portions of the section are still lacking sector checkers. People are still needed to cover the following: Vt. 140 to Minerva Hinchey Shelter; Gov. Clement to Jungle Junction; U.S. 4 to Willard Gap, and the Bucklin Trail. Herb has a list of those parts, which have been adopted. Ideally, sector checkers should check their sections twice a year. One problem is that some of the sections cover quite a bit of distance; however, Killington has a policy of letting GMC volunteers use the gondola.

Shelter Adopters

This program is managed by Waterbury, which selects the adopters. We believe all of our shelters except for one are taken at this point. Herb will check with the GMC on this as well as who has responsibility for Tucker-Johnson Shelter.

Welcome Signs

We need to change some names and phone numbers on the welcome signs that our section has been posting at shelters and road crossings within the section. We need to make up at least 20 to cover the road intersections and another six for the shelters. We'd like to get more of those little protective bulletin boards made and plan to ask Bill Carris about this since he

volunteered to make trail signs. Steve will mail the new signs to the sector checkers who can post them. Again, a distinction was drawn between sector checkers and trail adopters. The latter are chosen by and report to Waterbury and have more paperwork to fill out.

Financial Report

There was no treasurer's report as Al Pulling is in Utah. However, a full treasurer's report was presented at the annual meeting April 20 and the figures are just about the same.

Smoke & Blazes

Bob Perkins again won high praise for his editorship of the quarterly newsletter. Bob has introduced photos and a personal editorial column among other innovations. Bob expressed frustration that the May issue had been delayed for several weeks because the outings schedule was not complete. Sue Thomas, as co-outings chairman, said that from her perspective the problem was getting hike leaders to commit to particular dates. The problem was expected to be resolved soon and the newsletter mailed. Bob once again expressed his appreciation for the hike reports and said it was perfectly okay for the leader to appoint someone else for this task. Photos were welcome also.

Taylor Series Lectures

We're not happy with the way this year's Taylor Series event went. Attendance was very poor, even embarrassing. A big part of the problem it was felt was the steep \$8 admission mandated

by the GMC, which sponsors the program. Sue suggested a free section-sponsored slide show and potluck would draw a much better attendance. The ideal time would be in February or March of next year. Sue said she will make some phone calls to gauge interest and picture availability and Bob will get something in Smoke & Blazes. The Rutland Historical Society stores and maintains our photo albums.

Sale of Postcards

About 20 years ago the section had printed a considerable quantity of postcards as a moneymaking idea. There are two scenes -- one of the Green Mountains from Creek Road in Rutland and one of Stratton Pond. The GMC logo is on the back. The postcards did not sell as expected and the question has arisen what to do with them. It was suggested that Waterbury could sell some. Or we could just give them away at potlucks and other presentations. Some might also be used to communicate with potential members. Sue Thomas is still willing to draft a message for this purpose.

Communications with Waterbury

The GMC Annual Meeting is coming up this Saturday. Our new GMC Director Lynda Hutchins is unable to attend because of prior commitments and Al Pulling, the alternate director, is away. Herb said we will be receiving minutes of the meeting. Meanwhile, Linda will relay to the main club our desire to have a bridge built across

Brewers Brook on the Bucklin Trail.

Clarendon Gorge Parking Area

It is reported that the paving project is just about completed. Barbara Griffith has noticed that piles of trash are being left there and they just sit for weeks. She will look into the situation. She said there is an individual who's been picking trash up in the vicinity and bringing it to the lot. This individual has also taken to kicking out so-called squatters who camp along the river. Bill thought that the repaved lot would also be featuring a manned tourist information booth, which could provide some oversight, but apparently this is not the case.

Rutland County Physical Activity Coalition

This is one of a couple of new groups trying to promote walking and physical activity in the county. We will be sending them our hike schedule.

Pine Hill Park

The Rutland City Recreation and Parks Department is interested in getting grants to build and improve trails in the city's Pine Hill Park. We support this project. Herb offered to attend their meetings and report back.

Next Meeting

The next directors' meeting was set for Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 7:00 P.M. again at Herb's office.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Sept. – Nov. 2002

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown unless otherwise stated. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and, for morning departures, bring a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate round trip; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader listed at the right

September 7 Saturday 9:00 AM	Blue Ridge Mountain, Mendon Via the Canty Trail that passes a beautiful waterfall and leads to a rocky summit with views of Rutland's valley. Five miles, moderate with some steep climbing.	Steve & Diana Williams 645-9529
September 14 Saturday	Okemo Mountain, Mount Holly Ascend via the Healdville trail to the summit observation tower for spectacular views all around. High point of the town. Call leader for meeting time and place.	Carolyn Waldhauer 228-3602
September 21 Saturday 9:00 AM	Susie Peak, Clarendon Four-mile, moderate hike with a short, steep climb near the top. High point of the town. Rain date: September 22.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
September 29 Sunday 9:00 AM	Buck Mountain, Lake George, NY An open summit with panoramic views of the lake and the Adirondacks beyond. Four-and-a-half miles, moderate. Possible side trip to Shelving Rock Falls if time permits.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
October 5 Saturday 9:00 AM	Baker Peak, Town of Mount Tabor We'll ascend Baker Peak (2840 feet) via the Lake Trail, a moderate but steady climb, to enjoy some splendid views from the summit. From there we'll take the Long Trail south for a look at Griffith Lake, then return via the old carriage route to our vehicles. Eight miles round trip.	Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573
October 13 Sunday 10:00 AM	Bald Mountain, Mendon Four miles, moderate with nice overlooks in all directions.	Andrea McQuade 775-6273
October 19 Saturday 10:00 AM	Quimby Area of Killington We'll climb from River Road east to near Quimby Mountain, and then descend on a woodroad to see the two-grave Woodard Cemetery from the 1840s and two cellarholes from around then, one of which is pretty impressive. Good views of the Coolidge Range from several spots. Five miles; moderate.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
October 27 Sunday 9:30 AM	Stony Brook, Stockbridge Three-mile, moderate-to-difficult hike to the new Stony Brook Shelter on the Appalachian Trail	Al & Roma Pulling 773-6997
November 2 Saturday 9:00 AM	Pharaoh Mountain, Lake George, NY We'll take the Lake Loop to this 2500-foot mountain from Route 74. Moderate.	Connie & Mark Youngstrom 492-3502

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Sept. – Nov. 2002

Schedule continued from previous page.

November 9 Saturday 9:00 AM	Work Party We'll put the trail to bed for the winter. Help clean waterbars and possibly saw any blowdowns we've not gotten to before. Work locations will depend on need and possible snow cover.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
November 16 Saturday 9:00 AM	Mount Tom, Woodstock Hike some of the 20 miles of Carriage Roads at the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. This park is the "only national park to tell the story of conservation history and the evolving nature of land stewardship in America. Enjoy magnificent views of Woodstock and the surrounding hills from the top of Mount Tom." Usually we avoid the woods during hunting season but these 550 acres are posted "NO HUNTING." We'll walk, snowshoe and/or cross country ski according to conditions. Five-to-six miles; moderate.	Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573
November 23 Saturday 6:00 PM	Potluck Supper Bring utensils and a dish to share for our annual fall potluck. Nonmembers welcome! We'll have a slide program on the Crown Point Road after the meal. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1 Hillside Road (off Woodstock Avenue), Rutland.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
December 8 Sunday 10:00 AM	Lefferts Pond Loop, Chittenden Three miles, easy with a little gentle climbing.	Sue Thomas 773-2185

Want to Lead a Hike?

Our outing schedule is coordinated by Sue Thomas (773-2185) and Connie Youngstrom (492-3502). The winter schedule will include December through February. To make a suggestion, or to get your favorite outing on the schedule, give Sue or Connie a call before November 1. Please don't wait 'til the last minute.

Rutland Senior Hikes: September – October 2002

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of "Turtle" hikes for seniors and others who wish to enjoy their outings at a somewhat slow and easy pace. The outings typically cover two to four miles, involve limited elevation gain, and try to avoid treacherous footing. All trips leave from the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street off Woodstock Avenue on **Fridays at 9 AM** and return in early afternoon. Bring a lunch.

September 13	Tucker-Johnson Shelter, Killington	Al & Roma Pulling	773-6997
September 27	Bald Mountain, Mendon	Ray Catozzi	773-3006
October 11	Glen Lake Overlook, Castleton	Bob & Thelma Perkins	773-0184
October 25	Trail South of Middlebury	Charlie & Jean Davies	483-6623

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

Bylaws

(As amended through 20 April 2002)

1. The purpose of the Killington Section of the G.M.C. shall be to maintain that part of the Long Trail, along with side trails and shelters, which it agrees to maintain for the G.M.C.; to encourage proper trail and shelter use throughout its section of the Long Trail; and to arrange for group hikes and other social and appropriate activities.
2. Membership in the Killington Section is open to anyone who supports the purposes of the Killington Section and pays the annual dues.
3. The Killington Section shall conduct all activities without prejudice in regard to race, gender, religion, national origin, or sexual preference. We shall encourage persons with disabilities to participate according to their limitations.
4. The activities of the section shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members. The Directors shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the Annual Meeting.
5. The terms of office of the Directors shall be three years, with three Directors elected each year. A Director who has served two full consecutive terms may not be re-elected until one year has passed.
6. The absence of a Director from two consecutive meetings of the Board, without a valid reason accepted by the Board, shall terminate membership on the board and create a vacancy. Vacancies on the Board, created thus or through resignation, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, subject to approval of the Section at the next Annual Meeting.
7. Officers shall be elected by the Directors from among their number at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual Meeting. They shall consist of a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer, with the last two being combined if found desirable. The term of office shall be one year.
8. Whenever necessary, the Directors shall elect, preferably from their number, G.M.C. Directors and alternate Directors as allocated by the G.M.C. bylaws. The Directors may at their discretion elect G.M.C. Directors and alternates from the general section membership.
9. The bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of seven Directors, effective upon ratification by a two-thirds vote of those section members who attend an Annual or Special Meeting, following a notice of at least two weeks.
10. The Board shall meet at least twice a year upon the call of the President or at the request of three or more Directors. A quorum for all business of the Board shall be a majority of the total number of Directors.
11. A quorum for all business of the Section shall be one-tenth of those members eligible to vote.
12. The Annual Meeting shall be held no later than the end of April to nominate and elect Directors, hear reports of the Officers and G.M.C. Director(s), plan for the coming year, and transact any other appropriate business.
13. Within fourteen days after a vote of a majority of the Directors or a petition of ten percent of the members, the President shall set the date of a Special Meeting of the Section and give at least fourteen days notice, with an agenda, to all members.
14. If the Section is dissolved or otherwise ceases to function, all of its property of every kind shall pass to the Green Mountain Club, Inc., or the G.M.C.'s designated successor.

Your Invitation to Join Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$30
Family..... \$40
Senior/Student/Volunteer..... \$20
Individual Lifetime..... \$750
Family Lifetime..... \$1000

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education

Make check payable to **Killington Section, GMC** and mail with this application to:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes

Volume 55, Number 4

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

November 2002

Big turnout for dedication of new shelter



CHURCHILL SCOTT SHELTER

BUILT BY ERIK AND LAUREL TOBIASON, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB,
GMC KILLINGTON SECTION, APPALACIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE
AND FRIENDS OF ALL - AUGUST 2002



Above left: Pete Ketcham presents sign to Churchill.

Above: Builder Erik Tobiason makes it official.

By Steve Williams

As reported in the August 2002 issue of *Smoke & Blazes*, we have a new shelter on the west slopes of Pico. After some difficulty in finding a date convenient for all those involved, Sunday, November 10, not coincidentally the last Sunday before the start of the main hunting season, was selected for the naming and dedication ceremony at the shelter. 'Plan B',

to hold the ceremony at the Long Trail Inn, was held in readiness in case the weather made the trip to the shelter impractical. On November 7th, with six inches of snow on the trail, this appeared increasingly likely. However, three days of warm weather removed essentially all snow from the trail and Sunday presented great fall weather conditions with temperatures in the sixties.

The ceremony comprised two parts, naming the shelter after Churchill Scott, a long term and major contributor to the Killington Section, and dedicating it to the memory of Alice Ference, who lost her life while hiking the Appalachian Trail. Given that Churchill and his wife Virginia were able to participate at the Route 4 trailhead, but not to make the hike, Ray Catozzi, a

See Dedication, page 7

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2003	Gretchen Crowley
"	* Alfred Pulling
"	Susan Thomas
2004	* Robert Perkins
"	* Jacob Sherman
"	* Connie Youngstrom
2005	Barbara Griffith
"	* Bill Robichaud
"	Steve Williams

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President.....	Steve Williams
Vice President	Barbara Griffith
Secretary	Jacob Sherman
Treasurer	Alfred Pulling

Committee Chairs/Co-chairs

History.....	Robert Perkins
Outings.....	Susan Thomas
"	Connie Youngstrom
Trails & Shelters	Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director	Lynda Hutchins
Alternate.....	Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor.....	Bob Perkins
-------------	-------------

Contact Information

Gretchen Crowley, 32 Pleasant St., Proctor, VT 05765, 459-2098
 Barbara Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff3VT@aol.com
 Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
 Herbert Ogden, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, (H)775-1350, hogden@adelphia.net
 Robert Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com
 Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, ral37@juno.com
 William Robichaud, 215 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2567
 Jacob Sherman, 48 Morse Pl., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2784, jakesher@hotmail.com
 Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
 Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net
 Connie Youngstrom, Box 1160, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3502, marky@sover.net

From the Editor**So, what else is new?**

When I first moved back to the Rutland area after having lived "away" for half a century I frequently was asked whether I found much to be different. I immediately mentioned the Wal-Mart parking lot that has replaced the train station, the new Route 4 West, and the entire new neighborhoods east of the now paved Stratton Road. I quickly added, however, that to my delight, the natural scene was just as I remembered it. I was thinking of Pico, Killington, and Mendon "peeking" over East Mountain and of the Taconics with Mount Herrick forming the western horizon.

But as I got back into the woods and mountains I found that the natural scene was not entirely unchanged. The wild turkey and the coyote were not part of the Vermont of my youth. The moose, then found only occasionally in the Northeast Kingdom, now appeared in my Mendon back yard, in a Rutland swimming pool, and in a Shrewsbury cow pasture. On the other hand, in five years of tramping I've seen only one porcupine. They used to be so ubiquitous that even a bona fide conservationist felt no more guilt in dispatching a shelter-eating Porky with a heavy club to the snout than he felt in swatting a black fly.

The view from Blue Ridge, and the stone quarry scar on Pine Hill are now obscured by forest growth, but one must keep a sharp eye out now to spot an elm tree. What I at first took to be a beautiful stand of lupine near the Creek Road turned out to be purple loosestrife. Eddy's Ice Pond and East Pittsford Pond are no more; they are returning to meadow and woods. There are now zebra mussels in Lake Champlain and Eurasian milfoil in Bomoseen. I remember more monarch butterflies and fewer cardinal songbirds than I see today.

Last but not least (except in the literal sense) we must now contend with the parasite *Giardia lamblia*.

Trip Reports

Flat Rock, Clarendon

18 August 2002

By Roma Pulling

The day of our hike was a real scorcher. In fact it was one of a string of uncomfortably hot and humid days, and we thought, "Who would want to hike on a day like this?" But sixteen of them did. Fourteen of us met at the park, and two more waited for us near the beginning of our route, as they lived in that area. We hoped they would be helpful in finding the inscription on the rock, purportedly from Revolutionary times.

Starting on the Quarterline Road in Clarendon, a round-trip hike to the rock would have covered perhaps a mile. So, as we had promised a four-mile hike, we started near where the road turns to dirt and did a road walk. Temperatures there were actually more comfortable than in the city as there was shade under trees beside the road and, thankfully, no pavement. It being Sunday afternoon, we saw more traffic than usual but were able to avoid any close encounters.

From a barricaded track leading into a pasture, we hugged a hedgerow and, upon reaching its end, we turned sharply to our right and crossed another field to a knoll near the edge of a forested area. There we entered the woods and almost immediately were standing on rock, although it was anything but flat. We followed it for some distance and I'm sure could have continued to do so, but we were summoned by our

two young friends, who had found the inscription. Perhaps due to erosion over a long period of time, we couldn't make out any words, only letters that looked like "BENF." Reports have it that at one time there was a metal plaque on the rock, but it apparently has been removed.

As we emerged from the woods on our return hike, we noticed a woman motioning and calling to us. This was the landowner, Helen Grembowicz, who had given us permission to walk there. She wasn't able to hike with us but had driven across the field to meet us. We chatted with her for a few minutes about the rock and the possible significance of the lettering. Our return trip to our cars was uneventful, and we were pleased to be able to renew an outing that had been taken by the section in the past.

Blue Ridge Mountain

7 September 2002

By Steve Williams, co-leader

A welcome crowd of sixteen turned out to join leaders Steve and Diana Williams in hiking the Canty Trail to Blue Ridge Mountain. Had this number not included a majority who knew their way to the trailhead an immediate problem would have resulted in taking six vehicles out of the meeting point, reversing direction onto Route 7 and going right onto Route 4. Naturally all but two of the vehicles were separated during this maneuver, the two fortuitously being the Williams, who did know where they were going, and the Cawoods, who did not. Debacle

averted.

The first few hundred yards of the Canty Trail are owned by one of the Killington Section members, Bob Perkins. Fortuitously Bob was with the group and accepted the honor of leading through his property, where his father used to run a family camp, of which the buildings remain to this day. From this point on, Herb Ogden, Section Checker and aficionado of the Canty Trail, took up the pole position with Steve Williams acting as sweeper. Herb is to be congratulated on the general condition of the trail. He did advise, however, of the intent to install more water-bars on some of the steeper parts of the trail. Given the prevailing dryness their absence was by no means felt on this occasion.

Herb pointed out one of the geological features of the trail, a round sinkhole caused by glacial activity. He also led the party to the (just wet) falls at about the halfway point; falls which the Williams had completely missed on their trial run two weeks earlier.

The summit was reached precisely in accordance with the guidebook's 2 ¼ hours, which may or may not prove anything at all. Given the largely clear skies prevailing, there was an excellent view towards Pico, Killington and Deer Leap. The party then moved over to the western outlook to enjoy lunch in sight of Rutland, the Otter Creek Valley, and Bird Mountain and other peaks on the western side of the valley.

On returning to the trailhead, Herb pointed out another historical feature. Old Turnpike Road, where the trail originates, preceded the Sherburne Pass as Rutland's route east over the Green Mountains. At the time of writing it is only passable by motor vehicles for a limited distance, though a trail of some sort does still proceed to Route 100 on the east side of the Green Mountains.

Eighteen set off, (the same) eighteen returned; logistical equilibrium

Susie Peak, Clarendon

21 September 2002

By Ray Catozzi, leader

I've climbed Susie Peak (also known as Edmunds Peak), which straddles the Clarendon-Ira town line, several times so I was familiar with the route. From the parking spot on the North Tinmouth road it crosses a power line; follows a short trail up a low, wooded hill; and passes through an opening in a stonewall into a large meadow. Crossing the meadow diagonally, the route connected with a nice gravel road that led up by a couple of summer camps to the ATV road that it followed all the way to the top of the mountain.

This time, however, we had problems. The power company had cleared all the brush under the power line and piled it high on both sides of the clearing. The brush piles hid the trail up the hill so we bushwhacked until we found the stonewall opening. Now we were on the right track.

After hiking up the camp

road about a half mile I started looking for the beginning of the ATV road, which was supposed to start just below the first camp. I couldn't find it. I figured someone had intentionally blocked the ATV road entrance so we hiked past the camp and looked for some other way to the top of the mountain.

We soon found a new logging road taking off up hill to the right, so we followed it for quite a ways, and in the right direction, and soon we connected up with the ATV road. Hooray, we found it! We were then all set to hike the rest of the way. The ATV road was rough and steep near the top, but we are hikers. We all made it to the clearing on Susie Peak, sat down, eat lunch, and enjoyed what view there was on that foggy and cloudy day. On a clear day you can see the Rutland Airport as well as the southwest part of Rutland City.

On the way back down we stayed on the ATV road all the way to the camp road. I then could see how we missed it on the way up. We followed the camp road all the way to the town road about a quarter-mile south of our cars. Next time I'll know where to find the hidden ATV road, I hope.

Baker Peak

5 October 2002

By Barry & Barbara Griffith, leaders

This hike was rained out last spring, and as the weekend and Hurricane Lili both approached this fall we worried that history would repeat itself. We listened to

rain throughout the night, but awoke to dry and clearing skies.

Ten hikers ascended the old carriage road now called the Lake Trail. After crossing McGinn Brook we continued our climb heading north up the Baker Peak Trail to its junction with the LT/AT. From there the last one-tenth of a mile to the summit over the exposed rock edges presented the most challenging portion of the hike, but our party rose to the occasion. We were sheltered from the passing storm's winds at lower elevations, but felt their full force at the summit. We hunkered down to enjoy a well-earned lunch, and spectacular views up and down the Vermont Valley.

After eating we set off south on the LT/AT down the easterly side of the ridge until we arrived at Griffith Lake. In the late 1800s lumber baron Silas Griffith regaled guests at his lodge here in grand style. The buildings are long gone, but the setting remains. We enjoyed its beauty before retreating to the west down the carriage road to our waiting vehicles.

Bald Mountain, Mendon

13 October 2002

By Andrea McQuade, leader

Eight of us – seven club members and a visitor from New Jersey – enjoyed this hike that is so close to Rutland. We experienced all kinds of weather – overcast skies, rain, wind, sunshine – and views of the fall foliage in Shrewsbury, the Cold River valley, Dorset Peak, and the Otter Creek Valley. The Rutland

Lookout is partially obscured by trees, but we were able to identify familiar landmarks. Everyone commented on the amount of leaves, especially the green ones, still on the trees at this time of year.

Quimby Area, Killington

19 October 2002

By Herb Ogden

Five of us decided the weather forecast was not bad enough to cancel this history hike. In fact, when we parked at the Killington Town Offices on River Road, the sun even shone briefly. Unfortunately, by the time we reached the end of our 1300-foot climb at the 2523-foot peak between Taylor Pinnacle and Rounds Pinnacle, showers were changing to drizzle, and we had only local views. Still, though we couldn't see the Coolidge Range, the nearby views were beautiful, especially since the foliage lingered late this fall.

After lunching at the peak, we followed the Appalachian Trail farther east to the 1990s logging superhighway that connects Stockbridge South Hill with Notown via Little Sherburne. Where the new road turned west, we continued straight on the grass grown road that it replaced, soon coming to the remains of a large house about 100 feet west of the old road. From the Killington Land Records, it appears this was the homestead of Asa Woodard, who moved from Stockbridge and bought land in the Quimby area from 1812 until 1829. It is now a large, deep cellar hole with exceptionally good dry masonry.

The huge chimney pile in the middle probably served several fireplaces. Other signs of bygone settlement are terracing and a few apple trees.

We followed the old road south across a small brook. Where the road used to continue south only ten years ago to pass a small cellar hole, it is now grown up in brush, and we headed straight for the little Woodard Cemetery, the last resting place of Asa and Mary Woodard. Asa's stone says he died in 1845, aged 74. Mary died five months before him, aged 72. There is no sign of other graves and scant space for them in the little rock-walled plot on the side of Quimby Mountain overlooking the Coolidge Range. Atlases from the 1850s and 1860s show no house – indeed, no road – in this area, so the big Woodard house probably had fallen down by then. By 1845, agriculture on hillside farms above 2000' was declining. Perhaps no one lived in the big house after Asa died a widower.

Retracing our somewhat sodden steps, we followed the logging superhighway to its junction with the Quimby Road and soon were glad to be in the gorge of Quimby Brook, out of the wind. For about the last half mile to the River Road, the Quimby Road was the original route of the Appalachian Trail, relocated in the 1980s by the hard work of the GMC Ottauquechee Section. Some painted out blazes are still visible. Coming out onto the River Road, we were opposite the Town Offices, ending a pleasant outing.

Who was Quimby? Darned if I know! His house appears in the 1869 *Beers Atlas of Rutland County*, apparently somewhere southwest of the vacation camp that occupies the site of a lumber camp near the top of the Quimby Road. Either it has vanished without a trace or the camp stands where it used to. No Quimby appears in the town land records, so he must have been a renter. But a mountain, a brook, a road, and a neighborhood are named after him.

Stony Brook, Stockbridge

27 October 2002

By Roma Pulling, leader

The day before our hike brought rain in the valleys and snow on the peaks, which brought me new concerns: Would the road in to Stony Brook, never in excellent condition, now become impassable? Would the rocky trail, covered with snow, become treacherous? Would Alfred, my co-leader, who had undergone angioplasty a few days before, climb to the shelter and do injury to himself? As usual, my worries were blown out of proportion, and we had a successful hike.

The closest thing to a problem that we encountered was a small tree that had blown down across the road. The driver of the lead car decided to drive *through* the treetop, followed by the other three cars. But on our return trip another driver took the lead and very sensibly stopped near the blowdown. Several of the hikers together were able to push the tree off the road.

As we started back to our

cars, a gentle rain started to fall. On the way back to Rutland it rained harder, but it was not a problem on the trail.

The original Stony Brook Shelter, on the Appalachian Trail near its junction with Stony Brook Road, was built in 1958 by the Norwich University Outing Club. Over the years it had become dilapidated and was too accessible to the public; so it was replaced in 1997 by a new shelter, three-quarters of a mile west, built by Erik and Laurel Tobiason. The old shelter has been dismantled.

Minerva Hinchey Privy Party

9 November 2002

By Herb Ogden, leader



"Trail Party" is what the *Rutland Herald* calendar section called this, and it does have a more pleasant ring to it than "work party." Besides, this particular outing was unusually un-serious, anyway. Despite my fears of not having enough people to move the Minerva Hinchey Shelter privy to a new hole, a dozen people showed up on this fairly warm, sunny day. People took turns digging the new 3' hole while the rest took turns supervising. Then we all bodily picked up the less than two-year-old privy and put it onto its new

foundation over its new hole. One person tried it out, to make sure the privy wouldn't fall into the hole. Then everyone lined up outside the door for a group photo, appearing to wait for a turn at the convenience.

After the Privy Council disbanded, a few people went north to the Airport Lookouts to check for blowdowns, and the rest went south to Patch Hollow, removing one small and one large blowdown along the way. Some folks made their first acquaintance with a one-man crosscut saw. We had a very pleasant lunch overlooking the Patch Hollow beaver pond, decided that the trail up Bear Mountain would be too slippery what with wet leaves and a few inches of snow, declared victory, and went home happy.

Killington Area Bushwhack

10 November 2002

By Herb Ogden, leader

While we were enjoying the dedication of Churchill Scott Shelter, I was asked whether it was practical to hike from there south along the Long Trail and take the Bucklin Trail down to Brewers Corners before nightfall. Because the ceremony lasted till around 2 p.m., I said I didn't think so, but I suggested an alternative: near Jungle Junction (the south end of the Sherburne Pass Trail), leave the trail, bushwhack about a tenth of a mile, and pick up some ATV tracks and logging roads that lead down to the Bucklin Trail about midway between the two brook crossings. About a dozen of the crowd wanted to do this, but

transportation was a problem, so eventually we settled on a group of seven. Five had hiked south from Route 4 to attend the ceremony, while Larry Walter and Dave Coppock had lugged a chainsaw up the Bucklin Trail and then north along the Long Trail to reach the new shelter, clearing blowdowns along the way, and needed a shortcut back to Brewers Corners.

We climbed to the birch knoll with the huge glacial erratic, enjoyed a very windy view up there, and plodded through three-to-four inches of snow south on the LT to Jungle Junction. About 200 feet south of it, I headed downhill, hoping to find one of the faint tracks that end about a tenth of a mile downhill from the LT. After a little searching, we found one, and it was "all downhill from there." Actually, not quite. Farther down, after the faint track turned into a wide woodroad, the tank traps began. These are regulation deep waterbars, installed after a logging operation. They give the hike a sort of roller coaster effect. I think we were all glad to hit the flat Bucklin Trail.

We didn't see much wildlife, but Jerry Parker did point out a very fresh bear track in the snow, which greatly interested our one canine companion. There were also several moose tracks.

Dedication *continued from page 1.*

contemporary of Churchill's within the Section, spoke at the trailhead about Churchill's contributions to the Section and to the GMC as a whole. Please see page 11 of this issue for a review of Churchill's accomplishments.

For the hike to the shelter, Churchill was represented by his oldest son, Walter Jr., and his children Robin and Becky; his oldest daughter Linda and husband Ray and their son Keith; his son Kim, wife Sue and two children Britney and Zachary; his youngest daughter Candy and husband Clarence plus their two children Jill and Katie and, last but not least, his granddaughter Brianna, making some fifteen in all. While some lived locally, others had traveled from Connecticut.

Alice's daughter Jean and her son Douglas, who had traveled from New York City for the occasion, represented the Ference family.

Ben Rose, GMC Executive Director, who brought along his daughter Anya, and Pete Ketchum, Field Supervisor & Back Country Management Specialist, with his wife Katie, represented the GMC, Waterbury. J.T. Horn, New England Regional Co-coordinator, represented the Appalachian Trail Conference.

The party was brought up to forty by the addition of the shelter builders Erik and Laurel Tobiason and sixteen members of the Killington Section.

The two-mile hike passed by without event, though did require some effort by those of the Scott family not used to the hiking milieu. They, and in particular five year-old Brianna, are to be congratulated on their efforts. The party thus just about managed to congregate at the shelter at the scheduled time of one p.m.

After inspection of the shelter and a brief lunch break, addresses were made by:

- Steve Williams, President, who welcomed everyone on behalf of the Killington Section.
- Ray Catozzi, who further addressed Churchill Scott's contributions to hiking in the Rutland Region,
- J.T. Horn, who expressed thanks to the Mr. Ference (Alice's husband, Jean's father) for his significant financial contribution towards the shelter. J.T. then described the ATC's policy of naming shelters after those who have made major contributions to ATC activities, for example Churchill Scott. He then went on to describe the ATC's readiness to dedicate a shelter, as indicated by a plaque, to memorialize those with special attachments to the trail, for example Alice Ference and her family, who have made such a contribution to the financing of the shelter.
- Jean Ference, who spoke of the importance of the trail to her mother and her attachment to it.
- Ben Rose, who spoke of the

relationship between the Waterbury GMC headquarters and the Sections such as Killington; GMC goals, and the importance of contributions by members to the ongoing maintenance and expansion of the LT/AT system.

To increase the festivity of the occasion, which in the writer's humble opinion was already very positive, and to follow a tradition initiated by Ray Catozzi at the end of hikes he leads, a toast was proposed to recognize Churchill Scott and remember Alice Ference. Again following Ray, the toast was Ray's vin non-ordinaire, Catozzi Elderberry Special. This was supported by cheese nibbles, naturally Vermont Cabot cheddar.

Katie Ketchum then demonstrated great energy as a photographer, taking appropriate groupings of the participants to record the occasion. These photos will, we hope, be a memorable addition to the video of the occasion made by Barbara Griffith to augment the video she previously made during the construction phase of the shelter.

Both the Churchill Scott name board and Alice Ference dedication plaque were then installed.

The party departed as the weather began to show signs of deteriorating. The majority descended by the LT/AT, while a few adventurous souls were led by Herb Ogden up to the ridge and then, via a "corner-cut"

known to Herb, down onto the Bucklin trail.

In conclusion, the Killington Section of the GMC is extremely

grateful to all who have participated in the financing and erection of the Churchill Scott Shelter; to those who helped organize the ceremony of

November 10th and to those who attended the ceremony, in particular the members of the Churchill Scott and Alice Ference families.

Green Mountain Club Walking Song

By R. W. Saunders

Air: I Went to the Animal Fair

I joined the Green Mountain Club;
I felt like a regular dub;
The first four miles were only smiles
And then there came the rub.
My prayer for a rest was balked;
No matter how hard I talked,
They would not rest at my request,
But only walked and walked.

(Refrain in Monotone)

And walked and walked and walked
and walked
And walked and walked and walked.

Oh, but my feet were sore,
And some of my clothes I tore,
The mud was deep, the hills were steep,
And fences we climbed galore;
As onward the leader stalked
My prayer for a rest was balked;
They left me dead as on they sped,
And walked and walked and walked.

(Refrain in Monotone)

And walked and walked and walked
and walked
And walked and walked and walked.

[This is one of several verses written for the New York Section of the Green Mountain Club and made available to Smoke & Blazes by Betty Gilman who is a relative of the Haley family of Shrewsbury that hosted many GMC activities in the early days of the club.]

Attention – Hike Leaders

Our outing schedule is coordinated by Sue Thomas (773-2185) and Connie Youngstrom (492-3502). In order to publish *Smoke & Blazes* and our quarterly outing schedule in a timely fashion we need your cooperation in contacting the outing coordinators before the target dates.

		<u>Target date</u>
Spring outings:	March, April, May	February 1
Summer outings:	June, July, August	May 1
Fall outings:	September, October, November	August 1
Winter outings:	December, January, February	November 1

Call Sue or Connie if you'd like to lead a Killington Section outing, or to make a suggestion for an outing.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Dec. '02 – Feb. '03

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown unless otherwise stated. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and, for morning departures, bring a lunch. Wear sturdy footgear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate round trip; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader listed at the right

December 8 Sunday 10:00 AM	Lefferts Pond Loop, Chittenden Easy, 3 miles with a little gentle climbing.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
December 14 Saturday 9:00 AM	Catamount Trail, Mendon To Shrewsbury. We'll proceed on cross-country skis or snowshoes from Brewer's Corner to Gov. Clement Shelter over the VAST snowmobile trail/Catamount Trail. Moderate to difficult, 5 miles.	Barb & Barry Griffith 492 3573
December 28 Saturday 10:00 AM	Bear Mountain and Airport Lookout, Wallingford/Clarendon Snowshoe on the Long/Appalachian Trail from Clarendon Gorge (Vt. 103) to Wallingford Gulf (Vt. 140) with views of Rutland Airport, Spring Lake and White Rocks. Moderate, 6.3 miles.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
January 5 Sunday 12:30 PM	Rocky Pond, Rutland Ski or snowshoe at the site of Rutland's proposed new hiking trails and enjoy a bit of wilderness within the city borders. We'll loop back by way of Muddy Pond and a small waterfall. Easy, 2.5 to 3 miles with some climbing.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
January 11 Saturday 10:00 AM	Patch Hollow, Wallingford. Hike back in time. Come and learn about the tragic 1831 tar-and-feathering party here; who was killed and why. Walk, ski or snowshoe, depending on conditions. Moderate, 3 miles round trip.	Barb & Barry Griffith 492 3573
January 18 Saturday 4:30 PM	Moonlight Ski, Gov. Clement Shelter, Shrewsbury Moonlight ski, snowshoe, or hike from Upper Cold River Road to Gov. Clement Shelter, Shrewsbury. Follow the road past old cellar holes and along a rushing brook, up to the unique 1929 stone shelter for a hot beverage around the fireplace. Return by the light of the full moon. Easy, 2.4 miles.	Herb Ogden 773-2185
January 25 Saturday 10:00 AM	Hot Dog Roast – Gifford Woods, Killington Ski or snowshoe in the park and then gather around the fire. Bring hot dogs to roast. Hot drinks will be provided. Easy.	Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Dec. '02 – Feb. '03

Schedule continued from previous page

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| February 1
Saturday
9:00 AM | Mount Independence, Orwell
Explore the site of a Revolutionary War era fort overlooking Lake Champlain with several interesting sites along the route. Easy to moderate, 2 to 3 miles. | Andrea McQuade
775-6273
or
Linda Hutchins
948-2770 |
| February 8
Saturday | Robert Frost Mountain, Ripton
A joint outing with the Breadloaf Section. Snowshoes may be needed. Moderate, 5 miles with scenic views. Call leaders for meeting time and place. | Gordon & Helen
Cawood
352-4310 |
| February 15
Saturday
9:00 AM | Merck Forest, Rupert
Ski or snowshoe the varied trails at the Merck Forest & Farmland Center. Moderate, 4 to 6 miles. | Steve & Diana
Williams
645-9529 |
| February 15/16
Saturday/Sunday | Merck Forest, Rupert, Overnight
Join the day hikers and then enjoy an overnight stay in a rustic shelter. Reservations and a fee required for overnight stay. Contact leaders by February 8. | Larry & Viv Walter
775-3855 |
| February 23
Sunday
9:00 AM | Mystery Hike, Shrewsbury
Snowshoe in the wilds of Shrewsbury. Some bushwhacking possible. Moderate, 3 miles. | Jerry Parker
747-4439 |
| March 2
Sunday
10:00 AM | Deer Leap, Killington
Snowshoe to the lookout on Deer Leap with option of a longer loop over Deer Leap Mountain. Moderate, 3 miles with some steep climbing. | Sue Thomas
773-2185 |



**Killington Section
Hikers
on
Mt. Antone
in
Merck Forest**

Walter Churchill Scott

At its directors meeting on June 4, 2002, the Killington Section officers and directors voted unanimously to recommend to the main GMC that the new Pico West Shelter to be built on the relocated LT/AT south of Rte. 4 be named in honor of dedicated longtime GMC and Killington Section member W. Churchill Scott and be known as the Churchill Scott Shelter.

Churchill has been associated with the GMC and the Killington Section for nearly 70 years, most of that time as an active member assuming numerous leadership roles. Shortly after graduating from high school in 1932, Churchill joined the Killington Section trail crews under the direction of Willis Ross, who was a postal employee in Rutland. After serving on these crews in 1933 and perhaps in 1932 as well, he was recruited by Ross to be the caretaker of Porky Camp, a closed camp on Killington Peak near the present Cooper Lodge, where he spent the summer of 1934. After the hurricane of 1938 made the stretch of LT between Pico and Killington impassable, Churchill was one of a crew that cleared it.

Following military service in World War II, Churchill resumed his activity with the section serving as president for two years (1950-1951), secretary for twenty-two years (1961-1982) and treasurer for



twenty-five years (1961-1985). During this time he also played a key role in the maintenance of trails and shelters. Following retirement from his career with the U.S. Postal Service, he returned to Killington Peak for several years working from the summit as fire lookout.

On June 12, 1999, at the GMC's Annual Meeting at Stratton, Churchill received an honorary life membership in recognition of his years of service to the Killington Section and the Club. Churchill's contributions were summed up as follows in the fall 1999 issue of the Long Trail News:

In 1934, at the age of nineteen, Churchill Scott began his long association with the GMC. In that year, he became caretaker at Porky Lodge on Killington Peak. Scott has been very involved in the

Killington Section. Over two decades, he served as section officer and for many years, Churchill single-handedly kept the trails and shelters in the Killington Section going. He handled correspondence, finances, and did on-the-ground trail and shelter maintenance. He also led countless outings over the years and edited the section's newsletter, *Smoke and Blazes*.

Scott received his end-to-end certification in 1969. He encouraged his own children and Rutland area youth to discover the joys of hiking. Scott's first membership in the Killington Section was given to him, like other youth, because he joined the military during WW II.

We in the Killington Section are proud of Churchill's legacy and feel that his early connections to the GMC going back to the increasingly legendary 1930's together with his many decades of continuing service to the Killington Section make him very deserving of having this new shelter named after him. We believe that such a move would help to pass on the kind of history and dedication that he embodies to future generations of hikers. He has certainly been an inspiration to us in the Killington Section.

Your Invitation to Join Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual \$30
Family \$40
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$20
Individual Lifetime \$750
Family Lifetime \$1000

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

____ trail work, ____ shelter work, ____ sign making, ____ publications, ____ leading outings, ____ publicity, ____ education, ____ other.

Make check payable to Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701





It was a dark and stormy night -

Patch Hollow, May 11, 1831
[This story, taken from the *History of Wallingford, Vermont* by Rev. Walter Thorpe (1911), was recounted by leader Barry Griffith to about two dozen enthusiastic Killington Section snowshoers at the scene of the crime.]

Away back in the early part of the nineteenth century there occurred "The Patch Hollow Tragedy." Rapidly returning to primitive wilderness is what was formerly well settled land. On the east side of Bear Mountain running in a northerly and southerly direction is Patch Hollow. At the time of the tragedy the Mount Holly road, as it was called, passed over the highlands, north of the present road, by way of Congdon's and Clemons'. About a mile east of the Clemons place the road branched off north running through Patch Hollow. Upon this road five families lived. At the south end, Luther Hale, who made wooden plows for farmers in the vicinity. Next lived David Patch, who had built a substantial house and reared a large family. Then came Simon

Patch's and away to the right lived Edmund Patch.

Further on north, a little away from the road to the left, Rolon Wheeler had built a log house 24 x 18 and here was the scene of the tragedy. Wheeler had married a daughter of David Patch and was a man of violent passions and jealous disposition. Report said he was guilty of indiscretion with his wife's sister and the community to show resentment for such conduct, planned to turn out and give him a coat of tar and feathers and perchance ride him on a rail. They were well organized and comprised young men from the village, from Sugar Hill and even Shrewsbury. Threats were made so publicly that Wheeler hearing of them swore that if attacked he would defend himself. Visiting the village, he went to the blacksmith shop of Thomas Draper, made a large file into a two-edge knife and fitted it to a handle. It appears that Jarvis Learned had been selected to lead "the rioters" but on the appointed day he was called to attend his sister's funeral

in Danby. He afterwards felt fortunate to think it was not his own. On the night of May 11, 1831, the party set out from the village. Several carried jugs of rum, one a bucket of tar, another a sack of feathers. The detachment from Shrewsbury got lost in the woods, either from darkness or too frequent potations, and after wandering about for a time went home and reported they'd had a great time with "Old Wheeler." Next day, hearing how the affair terminated they were glad to make it known that they had never reached the house. In a field south of the "hollow" the parties from the village and Sugar Hill met, compared the contents of various jugs and proceeded to disguise themselves. Isaac Osborne, at the time a foreman of James Rustin's hat shop, was appointed leader. The party followed along the road until they came to Wheeler's house and there called for admission. They claimed they were going fishing in Shrewsbury Pond and wanted some fire. Wheeler had placed

See Patch Hollow, page 3

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2003	Gretchen Crowley
"	* Alfred Pulling
"	Susan Thomas
2004	* Robert Perkins
"	* Jacob Sherman
"	* Connie Youngstrom
2005	Barbara Griffith
"	* Bill Robichaud
"	Steve Williams

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President.....	Steve Williams
Vice President	Barbara Griffith
Secretary	Jacob Sherman
Treasurer	Alfred Pulling

Committee Chairs/Co-chairs

History.....	Robert Perkins
Outings.....	Susan Thomas
"	Connie Youngstrom
Trails & Shelters	Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director	Lynda Hutchins
Alternate.....	Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor.....	Bob Perkins
-------------	-------------

Contact Information

Gretchen Crowley, 32 Pleasant St., Proctor, VT 05765, 459-2098
 Barbara Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff3VT@aol.com
 Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
 Herbert Ogden, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368, hogden@adelphia.net
 Robert Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com
 Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, ral37@juno.com
 William Robichaud, 215 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2567
 Jacob Sherman, 48 Morse Pl., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2784, jakesher@hotmail.com
 Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
 Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net
 Connie Youngstrom, Box 1160, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3502, marky@sover.net

From the Editor

What's the point?

From sometime in the mid 1950s until sometime in the mid 1990s the *Guide Book of the Long Trail*, in describing the trail up the south side of Killington, mentioned a waypoint called "Consultation Point". What's the story behind the unusual name of this transitory landmark? Based on a conversation with my late father, Craig S. "Pinky" Perkins, I offer the following explanation.

In the early 1950s a group from the Killington Section set out to conduct one of the periodic relocations of that piece of trail. I don't know for sure who else was in that particular work party, but among Dad's frequent trail-working colleagues were R. Gale "Breezer" Spaulding, Clarence O. "Doc" Gaskill, and Malcolm (son of Willis) Ross. They decided this time to take a scientific approach. Taking into account the total elevation to be gained they selected an acceptable average pitch and resolved to maintain that average as an actual constant pitch throughout. I'm not sure that they used a surveyor's transit in the process but I know Dad owned one and it would have been in the spirit of the project.

As the day wore on, however, the careful calculation of switchbacks grew tedious, the crew grew weary, and the hour grew late. At some point they paused, consulted one another, agreed to abandon science, and struck out on a due north course for Killington. The strategy worked, the new trail was a success, and the point became Consultation Point.

One more point

Speaking of interestingly named points, perhaps the most intriguing is a lookout on Kit Davidson's Mount Zion property in Hubbardton that he calls Moot Point. But it's debatable.

Patch Hollow *continued from page 1*

against the door a rail long enough to brace against the opposite wall and feeling secure paid no heed to them. Finding it impossible to force the door, they pried a hole in the gable end of the roof and Isaac Osborne, James Sherman and Silas Congdon sprang into the house.

Then commenced a terrible struggle in the dark. Sherman got Wheeler by the hair and began to drag him out when Wheeler commenced to use his knife with deadly effect. The rail was knocked down and others rushing in from the outside added to the confusion. Benj. Brownell received a stab in the side. Jas. Sherman received fourteen wounds. Silas Congdon seized the blade of the knife in his hand and it was twisted round and wrenched from him, cutting out the inside of his hand. Isaac Osborne fell across the bed and died without a cry. During the struggle Wheeler slipped out of his shirt, dived under the bed, raised some floor boards, crawled under the house and made his escape into the woods. Meantime those within the house had got hold of Osborne's body and drew it about the floor thinking it was Wheeler. It was not long before they noticed the man was dead when they dropped the body and hastily left the house. In the meantime Mrs. Wheeler with many shrieks had run for her father's house. The "rioters", (for so they were termed in the indictment) hurriedly disappeared and James Sherman made his way to Dr. John Fox's home so as

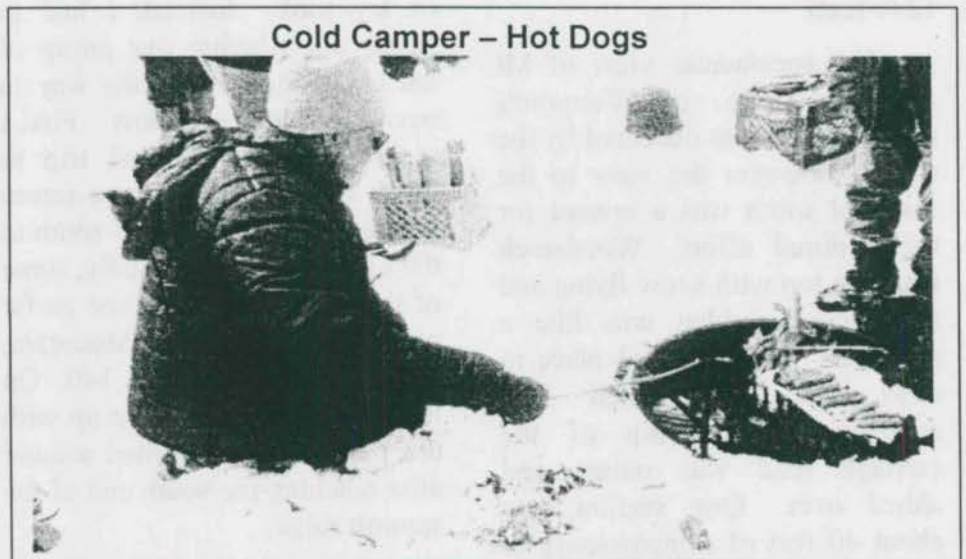
to get his wounds dressed. He informed the good doctor of the circumstances, urging him to hasten up to "the Hollow," fearing that someone was killed. Many times afterwards in recounting the experience, Dr. Fox claimed that what he saw within the log hut was the most terrible sight he could recall. By the dim light of a bit of tallow candle he noticed the livid body of Osborne on the bed and the cabin literally soaked in blood. It is a question how Wheeler, who had passed out entirely naked, spent the night in the woods. Before daybreak he fled into the Hartsboro section, stole a shirt from Mrs. Horton's clothes line and selected an unfrequented barn to spend the day in. It was entirely empty excepting two bundles of dry straw. With these he made himself a straw dress and thus clad made his way across country to his sister's home in a part of the town of Pawlet called "Tadmar." Here he was arrested the following day and brought back to Wallingford for trial. The court was called in

the Hotel but so great was the interest that it moved to the Baptist Church. Upon hearing the facts of the case the prisoner was discharged. His acquittal was unexpected and it tended to intensify the excitement. After Wheeler's release he with his wife left town and afterwards lived near Danby Corners, from thence going to the great west.

The "rioters" in turn were held for trial in the county court and according to the records of Joseph Hagar and Reuben Wood were fined \$60.00 each, and James Huntoon, James Sherman and Herman Mighells \$40.00.

For the foregoing account I am indebted for my information to Dr. J. E. Hitt, who wrote an article upon this phase of Wallingford's history and before it was printed was at great pains to see it was authentic. The dreadful tragedy must have left its blight upon "Patch Hollow" for shortly afterwards the dwellings were unoccupied and it has never since been used for residence.

Cold Camper – Hot Dogs



Trip Reports

Mount Tom, Woodstock

16 November 2002

Barbara Griffith

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park is Vermont's only National Park and the only National Park to tell the story of conservation history and the evolving nature of land stewardship in America. "No Shooting" signs helped us pick this area for a hunting season outing.

Undeterred by a snowstorm and reports of a pile-up of vehicles on the Killington Pass a party of 12 set off to hike the easy carriage roads of Vermont's only National Park in Woodstock, Vt. We added a couple visiting from Connecticut to make us a group of 14. This relatively easy stroll followed an old carriage road winding up an easy grade. We strolled around the "Pogue" (a pond tucked in the cleft of the mountain), marveled at an old drinking fountain being gravity fed from the pond and wound up to the top of Mt. Tom (elevation 1240 feet).

The spectacular view of Mt Ascutney (one of Vermont's monadnocks) was obscured by the clouds, however the view to the east and south was a reward for the minimal effort. Woodstock from the top with snow flying and the covered bridge was like a postcard. What an ideal place to relax and enjoy lunch. The amazing craftsmanship of the carriage road was oohed and ahhed over. One section was about 40 feet of stonemasonry to

span a small gully. One could imagine being pulled to the top in a carriage pulled by a team of horses!

On the return we meandered around, visiting a log ski lodge that had a wood stove to warm us up. Down the trail we located a "two-seater" his and hers outhouse. Onward we passed the old bowling alley and the mansion. There are 20 miles of groomed trails in the 550 woodland acres for all to enjoy. See you on the trails!

Catamount Trail

14 December 2002.

This hike was postponed due to inclement weather. We will reschedule it for a future date.

Bear Mountain, But Not Beyond

28 December 2002

By Herb Ogden

This was going to be an over 5-mile hike or snowshoe from Wallingford Gulf to Vt. 103. Plans were changed by the heavy snowfall that began on Christmas Day. No longer did I have to worry about coping with a muddy or icy trail. Instead, I had to figure out whether our group of ten could make it all the way in over a foot of new snow. First I scaled back to a round trip to Patch Hollow, planning to return on the old road that leads south to the Long Trail. Eventually, some of the group did snowshoe as far as the top of Bear Mountain, about 2.1 miles from Vt. 140. On the way down, we caught up with the majority, who turned around after reaching the south end of the summit ridge.

Because the parking lot off Vt. 140 was not plowed out, it took us a while to get all the snowshoers to the trailhead after parking cars in a tiny pull-off to the west of the trail crossing and at the Sugar Hill Road. After a few misbehaving snowshoe bindings, the next problem was encountered when we entered the woods: not enough blazes. Even those of us who were familiar with the trail sometimes had trouble deciding where it went. Some of us spent considerable time bobbing our heads from side to side trying to spy the next blaze through the trees. This shows that the new GMC blazing policy is, as the GMC says, not designed for winter hiking. I'd like to blaze this stretch to the old standard: always have one in sight. The new policy allows this but does not require it.

Our lunch break was at the fine lookout on a short spur trail partway up the switchbacks. By that time, some folks' thighs were already getting tired of lifting a lot of new snow every time they took a step forward. Alternating the lead, we nevertheless pushed on up the mountain and got to the summit ridge in good spirits. From there, a few of us followed the swath for the beacon electric line along the ridge. With no snow on the ground, this is tough going, so this part was actually easier on snowshoes, over a thick blanket of snow that evened out the rough terrain.

Retracing our steps was a real joy, much easier than breaking trail on the way up. We all returned to the Wallingford Gulf Road in good spirits.

Patch Hollow

11 January 2003

By Barb & Barry Griffith

This was a hike with a hook—the chance to hear what happened at this secluded spot on the Long Trail one fatal night in 1831. Section members were joined by others who do not regularly snowshoe -- including a curious newspaper reporter -- along to hear the tale, which is recounted elsewhere in this issue.

We carpooled to our trailhead at Spring Lake Ranch, with Bob Perkins' VW van filled with hikers leading the way. The drive up the narrow, icy road to the parking area added adventure to the trip before we even put on our packs! We were joined at the Ranch by a Shrewsbury contingent, bringing our total to 27 hikers.

Snowshoes and one pair of skis were donned. We struck off heading south along the well-marked trail, grateful for the snowshoes in the deep snow left by recent storms. After about a mile of moderate elevation gain we reached the ridge and went across to the headwaters of Patch Creek, where the secret of the Hollow was revealed.

**The D&H Rail-Trail
By Moonlight**

18 January 2003

By Herb Ogden

Like my first outing this season, the moonlight hike had to be changed from its original route. It was supposed to go from Shrewsbury's Upper Cold River Road to Gov. Clement Shelter, where we were supposed to enjoy hot drinks around the stone

shelter's fireplace. After several weeks of snow, however, there was at most space for one car to park at the triangle on the Upper Road. I thought about a ski and snowshoe outing to Clarendon Shelter via the old Gaynor Road instead, but the Vt. 103 parking lot was not well plowed. Besides, the stream that runs down the old road had not entirely frozen over, and the descent on skis was very tricky. So I settled for the combination of Castleton State College's huge parking lot and the nice level trail that was made after the old Rutland & Washington Railroad was abandoned about twenty years ago. (Tracks now end at Salem, New York.)

Though the temperature was around zero, ten of us started south on the Delaware & Hudson Rail-Trail, six on skis and four on snowshoes. The skiers had a fine time. Though many snowmobiles had used the trail, it had been so cold since the last snowfall that the surface was still powder snow. The snowshoers? Well, they, um, had more time to thoroughly take in their surroundings. The skiers turned around near the two-mile mark; the snowshoers had to stop sooner so we could all finish together.

The surroundings were worth taking in. Soon after we left South Street, the full Frost Moon rose. The night was still. No wind blew. The bitterly cold snow squeaked beneath our skis and snowshoes. Where the railbed cut through pastures, horses stood sleeping in the cold. Lights shone from houses near and far. As the moon rose

further, we could see the details of the Taconics around us and of the trail ahead of us, right down to the snowmobile runner tracks. Even though the temperature was now about seven degrees below zero, everyone enjoyed being out in the moonlit landscape.

To top off a successful outing, former GMC Director Wally Rogers invited us all to his house, which is in sight of the rail trail, for hot drinks. He gave us that and more, namely an excellent soup, cheese, crackers, and cookies. This will be a hard act to follow.

By the way, the very next night, four of us from the Unitarian Universalist Church skied the rail trail all the way from Poultney to Castleton, 7.2 miles. It took us about three hours, because we stopped often to enjoy the scenery and talk of many things in the moonlight.

**Gifford Woods
Hot Dog Roast**

January 25, 2003

By Roma Pulling

After many nights of sub-zero temperatures and days with icy winds, we felt very fortunate that the day of our hike was comfortable and the snow was ideal. We gathered 19 people, starting with 14 at the park. We were joined by five more at Gifford Woods.

Parking our cars near the maintenance shed on Route 100, we loaded two plastic toboggans with supplies, strapped on our snowshoes and headed for the campground. Alfred and one other hiker stayed at the lean-to to start a fire while the rest of our

group with veteran hike leader Jerry Parker in the lead started up the trail. We followed the Appalachian Trail at first but then bushwhacked south for a ways before swinging back toward the lean-to. Jerry said it was pure luck that he came out at our destination, but we knew better. We studied many animal tracks, most of which were hard to identify because snow had drifted in, but Jerry was sure that one set of large prints were those of a moose.

At the lean-to Alfred had a cozy fire burning and water heating in the old Killington Section pot. Hot dogs were soon cooking on a barbecue fork, sticks and aluminum foil and tasted delicious with hot beverages furnished by the club and cookies for dessert. After satisfying our appetites, we hiked back to our cars and returned home. To our friends in Florida, you don't know what you're missing!

Mount Independence

1 February 2003

Andrea McQuade

Twelve of us pretty much had the place to ourselves as we snowshoed around this Vermont historic site. In 1776 American Revolutionary War troops built a fort here, across Lake Champlain from Fort Ticonderoga, hoping to prevent a British attack from Canada.

We stopped at a number of places along the trails to learn about the different structures including the barracks, the hospital, and artificers' shops, as well as the garden area, the

floating bridge connecting the two forts, a quarry, and a crane that was used to lift supplies from the shore 200 feet below. Co-leader Lynda Hutchins' lively commentary helped us visualize these places, especially because so much of them was covered in snow.

For lunch we stopped on the shore of the frozen lake, where we had a great view of Fort Ticonderoga, snowmobiles, and ice fishermen. Our hike also offered opportunities to view animal tracks, porcupine quills, rabbit fur, and two foxes by the side of the road. At the end of our hike, we stopped at the picnic tables, enjoyed snacks, and heard a ghost story told by Sue Thomas.

Hiking and history - both factual and haunted - what a great combination!

Robert Frost Mt., Ripton

19 February 2003

Gordon & Helen Cawood

A large group of 21 hikers assembled for this hike. There were ten Breadloafers, six Killingtoners, two Burlingtoners,

and three nonmembers. We started at the junction of Lincoln-Ripton Road and Norton Farm Road and headed west on the snowmobile trail.

It was a beautiful, sunny day. Nevertheless, it was cold, moving the faster members of the party so far ahead that it was impossible to keep count. But, all the cars disappeared at the end of the hike, so we're sure that we lost no one to any pedestrian-snowmobile encounters. Killington member Bill Lucas, though visually impaired, could follow the well-defined trail with impressive speed.

The snowmobile trail was wide and hard packed and led to the peak of Robert Frost Mountain where we were greeted with a chilling westerly wind and no one chose to stay there for lunch. However, three of the party continued a short distance down the snowmobile trail as it continued west where there was a good view of Bread Loaf Mountain and others in the Green Mountain chain



Killington Section snowshoers explore Gifford Woods

Section Directors Meeting

6 February 2003

By Jake Sherman, Secretary

A meeting of the section directors was held on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. at the offices of Herb Ogden. Present were Steve Williams, Barb Griffith, Lynda Hutchins, Sue Thomas, Bob Perkins, Herb Ogden and Jake Sherman.

Secretary's Minutes -- The minutes of the Oct. 1 meeting were approved as submitted.

Trails & Shelters Report -- Herb gave an extensive report covering a number of areas. He noted that as a result of new federal funds becoming available the Forest Service had asked the GMC to come up with ideas for capital improvement projects along the Appalachian Trail.

One possibility might be moving or replacing Clarendon Shelter. It is presently not on federal land and it would be desirable if it were. However, no one is pressuring us to move it at present and in fact it is well maintained. If it were moved, criteria for a new location would include a reliable water source and good distance from any road.

Also, the GMC is planning at some point to build a new shelter between Gov. Clement and Cooper Lodge, possibly with an eye to ultimately removing both.

Tucker-Johnson Shelter, north of Route 4, is not our responsibility but a few years ago had support

beams torn out. There is concern it is too close to developments.

Herb will check on the status of the proposed trailhead parking lot on Rte. 4. There was engineering done on a proposed \$60,000 plan a couple of years ago but nothing has happened. The site's pretty rough and can get quite muddy, particularly in spring.

The main club agrees with us that a bridge is needed over Brewers Brook on the Bucklin Trail. There might be delay on construction, however, because of handicapped access concerns. It is supposed to be wheelchair-accessible.

There is also a move to put in composting privies at both Minerva Hinchey and Clarendon Shelters.

Except for some blowdowns between Wallingford Gulf and Minerva Hinchey, the trails are in pretty good shape.

Herb recommended we purchase a one-man crosscut saw. Also, inquiries will be made about getting our saws sharpened.

It was suggested that during spring walk-throughs we pay particular attention to possible relocation sites for shelters.

Gov. Clement Shelter -- Barb Griffith reported on her second meeting with the Shrewsbury selectmen and local landowners regarding measures to protect Gov. Clement Shelter.

She noted that while cabin and camp owners along the road "feel very abused" they didn't want the road closed. However, the selectboard is agreeable to having the side of the road near the shelter bouldered to prevent access by full-size vehicles. The state can take care of this but not till late June.

The selectboard also requested that Barb's husband, Atty. Barry Griffith, draft an ordinance banning parking from dawn to dusk along Gov. Clement Road. It is our understanding that once signs are in place the ban can be enforced by the Forest Service. The section has also suggested to the selectboard that there be a sign on the Upper Cold River Road near the intersection with Gov. Clement Road notifying potential parties of the parking ban.

Thanks were extended to both Barb and Barry for pursuing the issue with the selectboard.

Annual Meeting Date -- Several possible dates for the annual meeting were discussed with April 12 finally being selected as our first choice. Also discussed was the need to fill two director positions. We will need a candidate for treasurer as Al Pulling's term will be up and he can't be reelected. Herb is willing to continue as Trails & Shelters Chairman but wants to step down as a director.

Sue Thomas again brought up her difficulty as outings chairperson in getting hike leaders to commit in a timely fashion to particular

dates. However, if she doesn't get these dates pinned down in a timely fashion it holds up publication of *Smoke & Blazes*.

Kit Davidson Property -- Kit would ultimately like to leave his property in Hubbardton, which overlooks the battlefield and has provided the club with many hikes and outings over the years, to the state. But he would like us to maintain the trails and also wants the GMC to hold an easement as a check on the state. Nothing more has been heard recently. Lynda suggested checking with Waterbury to see what they know about it. Sue spoke to Kit recently. He has laid out some additional cross-country ski trails on his property and would like everyone to use them.

Guidance To Outing Leaders --

The section has put together a one-page list of suggestions and recommendations for trip leaders to lead safe and successful hikes. One of these is to assess whether hikers with special needs should undertake a particular hike and, if not, attempt to dissuade them from participation.

Younger Members -- We would like to do things that would attract younger members to the section. Lately we have had in fact a lot of new people on our hikes. It was suggested that this is because there has been a run of easy hikes. It's been found that younger people, particularly with children, do not want anything too intimidating. It was suggested that perhaps we offer two hikes on a Saturday -- one difficult and

the other easy -- but we don't have enough people for that.

Section Website -- Deb Weggett has offered to set up a website but needs input from us. Steve suggested we accept her offer and Bob agreed to act as our liaison. It was suggested that there might or ought to be an area for section news and announcements on the main club's website.

GMC Director's Report -- Our new GMC director Lynda Hutchins gave a very extensive report from the last club-wide meeting. Much of the discussion concerned plans for the South Barn, which a few days later was consumed by fire. It was a substantial blow resulting in loss of property, guidebooks, and even some archival material. On the positive side, a new edition of *50 Hikes in Vermont* is due out this spring and the Long Trail Protection Program has less to do lately being "a victim of our own success."

Unfortunately, income has been going down and there is a budgetary shortfall of \$80,000. Ways are being sought to reduce expenditures, increase funding, and over the next few years attain "sustainability." Lynda would be pleased to relay any questions and concerns from our section at the annual meeting.

Forest Plan Revision -- Sue Thomas reported on a meeting held by the Green Mountain National Forest concerning its revision plan. The meeting was more for the purpose of laying out a timeline than dealing with

issues. In 2003 there will be a series of monthly local meetings for the purpose of defining issues, and then in 2004 draft statements will be developed for inclusion in the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement). It's important we be represented as a counter to the logging people and the snowmobile interests.

Rutland County Physical Activity Coalition --

Bob Perkins has been acting as the section liaison to this group which consists of numerous local groups and agencies interested in promoting walking and physical activity. The group has already published a map of suggested walking routes in Rutland City and has appointed a County Walks & Trails Committee on which Bob is serving.

Other than thanking Sue Thomas for the excellent cookies, there was no other business. The next meeting will be the annual meeting on April 12.

Not very original

According to Esther Munroe Swift's *Vermont Place-Names* there are, in Vermont, no less than eight Bald Hills and eight Bald Mountains. She counts our Mendon summit, a frequent Killington Section outing destination, as a "Hill" but the United States Geological Survey Topographic map rates it as "Mtn."

And in Fairlee there's a Bald Top Hill.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: March – May 2003

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown unless otherwise stated. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and, for morning departures, bring a lunch. Wear sturdy footgear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate round trip; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader listed at the right

March 2 Sunday 10:00 AM	Deer Leap, Killington Snowshoe to the lookout on Deer Leap with option of a longer loop over Deer Leap Mountain. Moderate, 3 miles with some steep climbing.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
March 9 Sunday 1:00 PM	Bucklin Trail, Mendon Follow the Bucklin Trail to upper Brewers Brook crossing, along scenic Brewers Brook. About a mile and a quarter on an old woodroad; slight climb. Skiers or snowshoers only.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
March 15 Saturday 10:00 AM	Bald Mountain, Mendon Snowshoes required. Some steep climbing and nice views. Four miles; moderate.	Dale Christie 747-6923
March 22 Saturday 9:00 AM	Catamount Trail, Mendon Ski or snowshoe. Four to five miles; moderate.	Andrea McQuade 775-6273
March 29 Saturday 9:00 AM	Saltash Mountain, Shrewsbury Six miles, moderate with some steep climbing and bushwhacking to the 3286-foot summit.	Connie & Mark Youngstrom 492-3502
April 5 Saturday 10:00 AM	Mystery Hike Moderate.	Barbara & Barry Griffith 492-3573
April 12 Saturday 6:00 PM	Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hillside Avenue, Rutland. Join us for a potluck meal followed by a short business meeting and a presentation by Susan Morgan of the Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Bring a dish to share and a place setting. Hot drinks provided. Nonmembers welcome!	Sue Thomas 773-2185
April 26 Saturday 9:00 AM	Bristol Bushwhack A six-mile, moderate trek to the site of a World War II plane crash. Some climbing in a trailless area.	Jerry Parker 747-4439

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: March – May 2003

Schedule continued from previous page

May 3 Saturday 9:00 AM	Zion Mountain, Hubbardton Visit a Japanese garden with waterfalls, pools and spectacular boulders. Hike the ridge of Zion Mountain for sweeping valley views. Three to four miles, moderate with climbing.	John Hale 273-2293
May 10 Saturday 10:00 AM	Wildflower Ramble Celebrate spring with a trip to the woods to identify Vermont's many wildflowers. Three to four miles; easy to moderate.	Sue Thomas 773-2185 Barbara Griffith 492-3573
May 17 Saturday 9:00 AM (Rain date 5/24)	Lowland Walk-Through Join us for our spring cleanup on the Long/Appalachian Trail from Gov. Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury to Route 140 in Wallingford. All ability levels welcome to help us get this historic hiking trail in shape for the season. Bring work gloves and sturdy shoes. Tools provided.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
May 18 Sunday 9:30 AM	Beulah Hill, Bridgewater Explore the site of a mid-19 th century hill farm in the wilds of Bridgewater with a descendant of the original owner. Three miles; moderate.	Roma & AL Pulling 773-6997
May 24 Saturday 9:00 AM	Equinox Preservation Trust, Manchester Three to four-mile moderate hike with some steep pitches leading to views of Equinox Pond and the Green and Taconic Mountains.	Steve & Diana Williams 645-9529
May 31 Saturday 9:00 AM (Rain date: 6/1)	Cardigan Mountain, Canaan, NH A short but rugged climb to a spectacular bare rock summit with a manned fire tower. Difficult, three and a half miles. Summit is exposed and windy; bring a jacket.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
June 7 Saturday 9:00 AM	National Trails Day – Highland Walk-Through Folks will be out today all across the country doing trail maintenance projects. Come join the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club on the upper elevations of the Long/Appalachian Trail from Gov. Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury to Sherburne Pass. Bring work gloves and bug repellent. Tools provided.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
June 13-15 Friday-Sunday	Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting, Middlebury Keep this weekend open for the annual meeting of the statewide club. There will be several trips to choose from on Saturday afternoon	See your <i>Long Trail News</i>

Killington Section Hikers at Bear Mountain Lookout White Rocks Cliffs in the Background



Don't Forget

Killington Section Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper
Program by Susan Morgan, Vermont Institute of Natural Science

6:00 PM, Saturday, April 12
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Hillside Avenue, Rutland

Bring a dish to share and a place setting.
Hot drinks provided.

Members and nonmembers welcome.

Your Invitation to Join
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$30
Family..... \$40
Senior/Student/Volunteer..... \$20
Individual Lifetime..... \$750
Family Lifetime..... \$1000

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

____trail work, ____shelter work, ____sign making, ____publications, ____leading outings, ____publicity, ____education, ____other.

Make check payable to **Killington Section, GMC** and mail with this application to:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes

Volume 56, Number 2

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

May 2003

Andrea McQuade and Roma Pulling elected Directors at Killington Section annual meeting

By Barbara Griffith,
Acting Secretary

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was called to order on 12 April 2003 by President Steve Williams. A warm welcome was extended to Dave Hardy, the Field Supervisor from GMC headquarters in Waterbury and Susan Morgan, the speaker from Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS).

President's Report

Steve summarized the Club's involvement with our new shelter, which is named for Churchill Scott and dedicated to the memory of Alice Ferrance. Churchill was President of the Killington Section from 1950-51, Secretary from 1961-82, and Treasurer from 1981-85. For many years he ran the Club, the outings, the finances, and the mail. Churchill was a "heck of a guy" to have done all he did for the Club.

Thanks were given to Erik and Laurel Tobiason for the shelter construction, to Jeff Boswick for the construction of the handicapped accessible composting privy, and to Jerry Parker for the tent platform. A thanks also was given to Deb Weggett for getting the Killington Section web site up and running.

President Steve reported the following outing statistics:

- * Number of outings 39
- * Number of participants 176
- * Fewest per outing 5
- * Most per outing 31

- * Average number per outing 13
- * Sue Thomas attended 30
- * Andrea McQuade attended 28
- * Barbara Griffith attended 25
- * No. attending 20-30 outings 6
- * No. attending 10-19 outings 4
- * No. attending 3-9 outings 29
- * No. attending 2 outings 17
- * No. attending only 1 outing 120
- * % attending 1 or 2 outings 78

Report from Waterbury

Dave Hardy made the following points:

1) Eric and Laurel, who built the beautiful Churchill Scott Shelter, will be constructing a new shelter at Bromley in the fall. In August the materials will be flown in and the shelter will be built in September. The privy will be a handicapped accessible composting privy. Anyone wishing to help out can contact Marge Fish.

2) A new bridge over Brewer's Brook on the Bucklin Trail is on the schedule

See Meeting, page 9

Killington Section members on six-mile bushwhack in Bristol examine remains of World War II plane crash



Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2004 * Bob Perkins
" * Jacob Sherman
" * Connie Youngstrom
2005 Barbara Griffith
" * Bill Robichaud
" Steve Williams
2006 Andrea McQuade
" Roma Pulling
" * Susan Thomas

*Second consecutive 3-year term.
Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President..... Steve Williams
Vice President Barbara Griffith
Secretary Jacob Sherman
Treasurer Roma Pulling

Committee Chairs/Co-chairs

History..... Bob Perkins
Outings..... Susan Thomas
"..... Connie Youngstrom
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate..... Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor..... Bob Perkins

From the Editor

Does size really matter?

Half of the population insist that it doesn't; the rest of us worry that maybe it does. The Killington Section today has 182 members of whom 136 live in Vermont. The population of Rutland City is about 17,292. Some sixty years ago in 1940 the numbers were 81 and 17,217. So, are we and the city stagnant; or are we stable? Should we be doing more to increase section membership? If so, what?

It's understandable that the Burlington Section, with a city population of 38,889, has 910 members, but how come the section in Montpelier, population 8,035, has 394 members, and the Ottaquechee Section, in the Upper Valley with no real hometown, has 255? (Of course, on the other hand, the former New York Section, with a base population of many million, had only a few hundred members.)

I'm no believer in the bigger-is-better school. I've often said that if I wanted to live in Chittenden County (or New Jersey, for that matter) I would have moved there. But I think I would feel better about the long-term prospects for the Killington Section if we could attract a larger number of young, active, local folks who would learn to love the Long Trail as we do.

The statistics on our outing attendance, reported by President Steve Williams at the annual meeting and elsewhere in this issue, were an eye-opener for me. Should we be concerned that more than two-thirds of the folks who come on one of our outings never come again and probably never join the club?

Our average hike attendance of thirteen is probably about as many as we would want. Should we schedule more outings? How about different outing types – cycling? kayaking? rock-climbing? bush-whacking? nature-studying? overnight camping? How can we encourage those who show a spark of interest?

Let us know what you think. Letters to the editor, on this or any subject, are always welcome.

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Barbara Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff3VT@aol.com
Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
Andrea McQuade, 36 Morse Place, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-6273, andrea6273@aol.com
Herbert Ogden, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368, hogden@adelphia.net
Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com
Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, ral37@juno.com
William Robichaud, 215 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2567
Jacob Sherman, 48 Morse Pl., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2784, jakesher@hotmail.com
Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net
Connie Youngstrom, Box 1160, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3502, marky@vermontel.net

Trip Reports

Merck Forest, Rupert

15 February 2003

By Steve & Diana Williams

Having heard from our Rutland transportation coordinator, Sue Thomas, at eight in the morning, that she feared that no-one would turn up as a result of the prevailing temperature, it was a pleasure to find a total of six willing souls to join the leaders, Steve and Diana Williams, at Merck Forest shortly after 10.00 a.m. (Merck Forest is located between Dorset, Vermont and Salem, New York).

Merck Forest has the advantage of a welcome, i.e. warm and hospitable, Visitor Center, which is valuable for orientating participants at the beginning and snacking at the end of an outing. The warmth is provided by a brick fireplace of a special Finnish Design that provides impressive heat storage with a high-energy efficiency. For those technically minded the Visitor Center also contains the batteries for storing power from the Trust's solar panels and wind turbine, plus the inverter to provide the 110 volts a.c. used on the Trust property.

The selected route was a circular one of some 3 ½ miles and coming within a few hundred feet of the summit of Spruce Peak. The intermittent views, north, west and south before reaching the turn-off to Spruce Peak, provided a good overview of the terrain of the 3000 acre Merck Forest Trust property, and of the southeastern Adirondacks. The route was partly on old farm/logging trails, easy to follow, and partly on hiking trails, somewhat less easy to follow in view of the recent snow. Snowshoes were certainly an advantage, particularly on the hiking trail portion.

The leaders had attempted the side trail to Spruce Peak the previous week, but in light of its steepness and absence of markers beyond the starting point, had deferred the ascent for more adventurous spirits, who may indeed have been included in the party. However, at that juncture, Sue gave the party the benefit of her experience, namely that there is no view from the summit meriting the

attempt. This having been said, interest in the peak diminished, and the party continued on Gallup Road, first east, with views over towards the Mettawee valley, then north and west and back to the starting point. The Visitor Center was then the venue for lunch, topped off by Diana's hot chocolate and brownies.

For the record, the temperature on arriving at, and finally leaving, the Visitor Center was a consistent minus nine.

Brewers Brook Bridge Site And Back

9 March 2003

By Herb Ogden

Thirteen people and two dogs showed up for this easy Sunday afternoon outing. There had been rain and snow in Shrewsbury earlier in the day, but nothing had fallen along the Wheelerville Road and the driving was easy except a bit muddy. From Brewers Corners, we headed up the Bucklin Trail, following snowmobile tracks to near the bridge about 1,000 feet up the trail. From there to the next brook crossing, the crusty snowshoe and ski tracks were hard enough so several folks didn't bother to put on their snowshoes. This was a far cry from a few weeks ago, when the snowshoe tracks ended soon after the bridge and all I found was a very old single ski track in deep snow from there on up. Unfortunately, the solid track also caused one of the dogs to lose a toenail, so Pat and Omar headed home shortly before the rest of us climbed the hill above the upper crossing.

The crossing had a solid looking snow bridge, but we stayed on the north side of the brook and discussed the plan for a new bridge. Then we had a moment of silence to honor Churchill Scott, whose funeral was the day before. Churchill had probably passed this place over a hundred times in his long life of service to the Killington Section.

We opted for some variety on the way back, and crossed Brewers Brook at the site of a logging road bridge that existed till about ten years ago. Scrambling up the south bank, we followed the logging road to its junction

with the old Killington Stage Road, making quite a racket crunching along the crusty track. The Stage Road was a snowmobile superhighway at this point. I wished I'd had my Flexible Flyer! Very soon, we were back at Brewers Corners.

Few realize it now, but Brewers Corners is the site of a manmade stream alteration. As the 1892 USGS Rutland Quadrangle shows, Brewers Brook used to hit the Wheelerville Road near Brewers Corners and then flow south into Eddy Brook. When the City of Rutland developed the watershed, it diverted Brewers Brook to flow north, where its water winds up in the reservoir.

Bald Mountain, Mendon

15 March 2003

By Dale Christie

The weather was just what everyone had hoped for—just what the doctor ordered. . Although my doctor probably wouldn't have approved of my participation because I had been sick for the previous week and had not yet fully recovered. But I was not going to miss one of my favorite mountains. . Also, I was fortunate to have an experienced and knowledgeable co-leader in Joanna Graves. I knew that if I had a lapse in judgment due to my medication, I could count on her to keep the group from getting lost.

There was quite a range in the ages among the ten hikers. The youngest member was about 10 and the eldest—we'll be kind with this estimate and say at least 60. This age difference led to quite the contrast in conversations. Some doubt about the success of the hike was spreading early. This was because of a story about a previous GMC hike at Bald Mountain that involved a hiker getting lost and separated from the group. Thankfully no one got lost this time.

Thanks to the good weather, there was no rush to finish the hike. There was plenty of sun and snack, and the unique mountain offered us many beautiful vistas from different locations on the trail. With the clear skies, the view was endless and even the moon paid us a daytime visit. Despite the

doubt about a lack of snow as the winter season neared its end, there was plenty of snow to walk on. There was even enough snow for a nice snowman at the Rutland Vista. After that the extra snow allowed for a few snowballs to be exchanged among the hikers. There was plenty of fun as the snowballs flew. Even though some of the folks had previously visited Bald Mountain, it was enjoyed by all.

Catamount Trail, Mendon

22 March 2003

By Andrea McQuade

Six club members set out on snowshoes from the trailhead below Pico, headed for Brewers Corners. The snow was wet, heavy, and deep in many places along the trail, except where the brooks and streams were starting to open up. The weather was overcast with fog and rain, obscuring some nice views.

Along the way we saw signs of woodpeckers, moose, ruffed grouse, and a tiny bird's nest balanced in the branches of a tree. A roll of film dropped on the trail produced only blank pictures, rather than an interesting story. To avoid more steep climbing, we took a side trail, which led us to the middle of the Wheelerville Road. We were content, at that point, to remove our snowshoes and walk up the road to our cars.

Saltash Mountain (almost)

30 March 2003

By Mark & Connie Youngstrom

Fifty degrees, a heavy gray sky, gusting wind and rain in the forecast; it was a typical early spring day. Thus 11 adventurers set out to bushwhack up Saltash Mountain. Perhaps climbed almost 250 years ago by planners of the military road from Fort Number 4 to Ticonderoga, Saltash's 3286-foot peak sits just over Shrewsbury's east border with Plymouth, forming a significant landmass between Eastham and the Route 100 valley.

Our group started from Bailey Road, snowshoeing along an old road that leads to the abandoned site of one of largest sugaring operations in the state. We then crossed a snowmobile trail. Mark took a compass bearing, pointed

up the hill, and the procession proceeded up the flank of Saltash. Connie led the way, followed by Jerry Parker. Up through the remains of the old sugarbush, the leaders, ignoring the careful directions offered from the rear, continued to list to port, and crossed a beautiful stream bridged with snow. The woods were beautiful and there was significant snow depth. Upward we continued, following our leaders.

A long rock outcropping appeared to the north and we shoed along its base. Jerry thought he saw a good spot for a bear den. Sure enough, 20 feet toward the base were fresh bear prints in the snow. It must have just emerged from its winter's nap. Our two leaders then continued upward, until there was no higher to go. A small open area on top offered beautiful views, including a nice view of Saltash peak just to the south! Sure enough, those breakfast doughnuts had settled a bit too heavily in their left legs, causing our leaders to veer too far north, and we were on the summit of 3060-foot Bear Mountain looking at a pretty, gladed saddle between us and Saltash. Oh well, it was a first time up Bear for everyone, a very nice summit with fresh bear tracks along the way, so there were no disappointments. Lunch was consumed with a lot of chuckling.

With rain threatening, we slid down quickly on our snowshoes, stopping for a group photo on a large maple branch, which dipped to the ground like a giant wooden swing. Just as we got to our cars, the clouds let loose and it started to pour. Good timing.

A great day. We recommend Bear Mountain for a nice day hike (maybe you'll end up on Saltash).

Bristol Bushwhack

27 April 2003

By Barbara Griffith

Jerry Parker lead our party of 6 out to find the crash site of an Army Air Force plane that went down during World War II. Our weather didn't look very promising as it was dark and drizzly, but we believed the weather report of clearing, which it eventually did.

The story goes that a five-plane squadron left Burlington for Plattsburg AFB. One plane was delayed to take on a passenger that had blood poisoning, and left later than the other four. That plane ran into inclement weather and ended up crashing into the Bristol Cliffs Wilderness area. It was two weeks before the remains of the men and plane were discovered.

We "bushwhacked" (does that mean that the person behind you gets whacked by the bush that you release?) up to a vernal pool where we found frogs eggs and other pool activities. There were several streams to cross and most made it over them without getting wet. Onward - or I should say downward - to a spectacular waterfall cascading down the cliff. With the water so high it was breath taking.

Then upward to the cliffs for an overlook where we decided to have lunch. Partway through we observed four turkey vultures whipping by seeming to pursue a hawk. Suddenly we were interrupted by a raptor that didn't like our presence. Believing that we had unknowingly come near a nesting site we packed up and quickly departed the area. Upward some more to another cliff area where we once again came near a raven's nest dangling on the cliffs. Again these birds made it known we were not welcome and we quickly departed.

We bushwhacked some more up and across the slope coming out west of North Pond. Jerry located the site of the plane crash south of North Pond. It was scattered over quite a large area. Several pictures were taken to capture the "moment" and Barry took a GPS reading to be able to find the spot easily next time.

Down the slope where Jerry retrieved belongings to carry all the way back down. We all were glad that we had decided to ignore the morning weather. It turned into a beautiful day and quite an adventure.

Flowers in bloom: the first- yellow and white violets, colts foot, Trilliums, Spring Beauties Animal signs: Moose, deer and rabbit droppings. Several

"Bear" trees with scratch and bite marks. Apparently bear prefer red pine trees. Also bear hair clinging in the bark and sap of the trees. Pileated Woodpecker trees, coyote scat. A red eft in the trail, wood frog eggs and the first garter snake of the year!

Mount Zion, Hubbardton

3 May 2003

By John Hale

Mount Zion in Hubbardton comes in two parts, Major and Minor, but there are also the Japanese Garden, the Waterfall, and Moot Point. We saw them all on Saturday, May 3rd.

We were only nine, which was a little surprising because the weather was perfect—in the 50's, windy, with full sun; and we had a personal guide in Kit Davidson himself, the property's owner.

We started off going down and then up through open meadows just greening with the new hay crop. Then into the woods following the old stone wall and then the creek, which was running high because of the recent rains, to the Waterfall. There are actually a couple of really significant falls of water of about 30 feet down into a rock gorge.

Some of us got wet feet re-crossing the creek, it being too early in the season for the stepping stones to have been replaced following the winter wash out. But we were back in the sun and on our way up through the meadow to the Japanese Garden.

This is a very peaceful place centered on a huge boulder around which Kit has created a pool and from the top of which water falls down the face into the pool. Ladders give access to other large boulders and there are Adirondack chairs all over the place to facilitate quiet meditation.

We next scrambled up the escarpment which on one end is Zion Minor and Moot Point and the other is Zion Major. Did I mention that at no time, except when you are in the woods at the Waterfall, is there ever a place without a fantastic, long distance view. We ate lunch on Z. Minor and got drowsy in the sun before continuing on to Moot Point. (You just have to climb

to a place called Moot Point at least once in your life.)

Zion Major is at the north end of the escarpment and there is a choice of how to get there—the baby trail or the really-really-difficult, not-suitable-for-some trail. We all agreed to take the latter at Sue and Andrea's encouragement. Let's just say that it was challenging and we all felt a strong sense of accomplishment when we emerged at the top of Z. Major. Here the view is north across the Hubbardton Battlefield with the Adirondacks in the distance, Whiteface being clearly visible on this clear, clear day.

Down the Mickie Trail back to the cars. What a day!

More Trips

[Smoke & Blazes would like to report interesting activities of members in addition to our reports of scheduled section outings. The two trips reported here by Vice President Barb Griffith are good examples. We hope more members will be inspired to submit their stories. Ed.]

Buck Mt. from the West

25 April 2003

By Barbara Griffith

It was a sunny Friday beaoning to us to "get out and enjoy a fine Spring Day". After a winter of hiking in inclement weather, we decided to take advantage of the situation. We were a party of three, leaving obligations and work behind. The "Green Trails" still had snow cover; however the close Adirondacks appeared to be clear and dry.

The trailhead for Buck Mt. was easy to find, well marked, and had a good-sized parking lot. The trail up begins along an abandoned carriage roadway with a rock base built into the hillside. At 1.5 miles of easy climb we crossed a brook with a small waterfall on the left. We saw remnants of stonewalls and were delighted to find small yellow violets in bloom.

At this point the climbing began with switchbacks. Only once did we need to take time to "find the trail". At

about three miles we reached an outcrop with a view of Crossett Pond to the southeast, and Lake George to the West. We decided to make this our goal and dug in for lunch and full sun. The views were spectacular of the Greens, Taconics and Adirondacks.

Buck Mt is a 2334-foot summit. Our climb was probably closer to 2000 feet. The trip up took about two hours; the trip down, a little over an hour. Overall we hiked approximately six miles. The trail was in good condition. We would rate this a moderate hike and recommend it to all.

Lowe's Bald Spot, NH

3 May 2003

By Barbara Griffith

We were in North Conway, NH for a weekend Conference and of course had to get a hike in during our "free time". We arrived at the Appalachian Mountain Club's Pinkham Notch parking lot at 2 PM to find it full, but managed to eek out a spot in the overflow lot. The line of snow boarders and skiers up the Tuckerman Ravine trail was long and that trail well traveled. We chose an alternate route encountering only five or six people in the next three hours.

The trail followed the "Old Jackson Road" rising steeply only at two inclines. Otherwise the ascent was gradual. We crossed several streams, climbed steadily up rock steps, leveled off and heard traffic on the Mt. Washington auto road (not opened to the top yet due to snow.) After crossing the auto road we followed the Madison Gulf Trail to a short climb to Lowe's Bald Spot, about two miles from, and 1000 feet above our starting point.

The views were stupendous. Looking north we would see Mount Adams and Mount Madison. To the west is the headwall of Huntington Ravine topped by Nelson Crag and the cone of Mount Washington. The weather was perfect; the mountains breathe taking. The "Whites" are so different than the "Greens" that we are accustomed to. (Sigh—that Saturday morn a few exchange students were taken to see the "Old Man in the Mountain" only to find it gone—how sad.)

Senior Turtle Hikes**June – October 2003**

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of "Turtle" hikes for seniors and others who wish to enjoy their outings at a somewhat slow and easy pace. The outings typically cover two to four miles, involve limited elevation gain, and try to avoid treacherous footing. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. All trips leave from the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street off Woodstock Avenue on **Fridays at 9 AM** and return in early afternoon.

May 30	Flat Rock: Check out this feature that's noted on the maps. One of the rocks bears some mysterious inscriptions.	Al & Roma Pulling 773-6997
June 13	Lefferts Pond: A nice, easy loop hike around the pond near Chittenden Reservoir. Mostly level.	Bob & Thelma Perkins 773-0184
June 27	Notch Road Extension: A loop hike from the north branch of Cold River and along Mendon Brook.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
July 11	Gifford Woods: Experience a short portion of the Appalachian Trail from Sherburne Pass down to Gifford Woods.	Al & Hilldie Cerney 773-4147
July 25	Trail Around Middlebury: Not all the way around the town but we'll explore another section of the twenty-or-so miles of the TAM.	Charlie & Jean Davies 483-6623
Aug. 8	Mount Antone: A new destination for us and the high point of the unique Merck Forest and Farmland Center in Rupert.	Al & Roma Pulling 773-6997
Aug. 22	Ice Beds – Cookout: Enjoy views of the White Rocks Cliffs and visit the Ice Beds on this hot August day. Then return to the picnic area for a cookout. For this trip only – bring hot-dogs or something else to cook over the fire.	Bob & Thelma Perkins 773-0184
Sept. 5	Texas Falls: Hike by a scenic stretch of waterfalls, flumes, and potholes on Texas Brook, an upper branch of the White River in the town of Hancock.	Charlie & Jean Davies 483-6623
Sept. 19	Mount Tom: Climb Mount Tom in Marsh Billings, Vermont's only National Park. Great views of Woodstock village.	Al & Hilldie Cerney 773-4147
Oct. 3	Leicester Hollow: One of several trails in the Green Mountain National Forest east of Brandon.	Al & Roma Pulling 773-6997
Oct. 17	Rocky Pond: A loop hike, mostly within the city limits, passing Rocky and Muddy Ponds, the golf course, and East Creek.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
Oct. 31	Around back of Blue Ridge: Celebrate Halloween with a hike from Mendon to Chittenden via abandoned portions of Old Turnpike and Wildcat Roads.	Bob & Thelma Perkins 773-0184

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: June – Aug. 2003

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown unless otherwise stated. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and, for morning departures, bring a lunch. Wear sturdy footgear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate round trip; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader listed at the right.

National Trails Day – Highland Walk-Through

June 7
Saturday
9:00 AM

Folks will be out today all across the country doing trail maintenance projects. Come join the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club on the upper elevations of the Long/Appalachian Trail from Gov. Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury to Sherburne Pass. Bring work gloves and bug repellent. Tools provided.

Herb Ogden
775-1350

Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting, Middlebury

June 13-15
Friday-Sunday

The Green Mountain Club will hold its statewide annual meeting at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl. Club business, food, entertainment, and a selection of hikes to choose from on Saturday afternoon.

See your
Long Trail News

June 21
Saturday
9:00 AM
Rain date 6/22

Bird Mountain, Castleton

Hike south on Bird Mountain to its highest point, called Castle Peak, and learn the history of what happened there over 100 years ago.

Ray Catozzi
773-3006

June 22
Sunday
1:00 PM

Children's Adventure Series

A fun outing for the whole family. A great chance to introduce the kids to the outdoors. All ages welcome.

Jerry Parker
747-4439

June 28
Saturday
1:00 PM

13th Annual Taconic Mountain Ramble, Hubbardton

Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east, and west, a Japanese garden, and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. Walkers can leave the group at several different points and wait on the lawn for the rest. Bring no lunch.

Kit Davidson
273-2982

June 29
Sunday
9:00 AM

Otter Creek Canoe/Kayak

Paddle from Proctor to Florence on the Otter Creek, starting at the falls and ending at a historic covered bridge. Bring your own canoe or kayak, life jacket, lunch, and bug spray. Approximately six miles.

Lynda Hutchins
948-2770

July 5
Saturday

Mount Moosalamoo, Salisbury

A joint hike with the Breadloaf Section, up the Oak Ridge and Moosalamoo Trails, returning via the Keewaydin Trail. Five miles, moderate; 1,200-foot elevation gain. Call leaders for meeting time and place.

Gordon & Helen
Cawood
352-4310

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: June – Aug. 2002²⁰⁰³

Schedule continued from previous page.

July 12 Saturday 10:00 AM Rain date 7/13	Bridgewater Gold Mines & More. Visit a horizontal shaft mine from before 1869 (bring a flashlight to explore), and, if feeling adventuresome, peer down a vertical shaft mine from the same era. Then follow a pleasant old road past remains of farms that have been gone over a century, all between Dailey Hollow and Dana Hill. Five miles; moderate, 600 feet total climb.	Herb Ogden 775-1350 hogden@adelphia.net
July 19 Saturday 9:00 AM Rain date 7/20	Mount Abraham, Lincoln Climb to the 4,006-foot summit via the Long Trail for spectacular views and one of only three alpine tundra environments in Vermont. Descend via the Battell Trail. Five and one-half miles; difficult.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
July 20 Sunday 1:00 PM	Children's Adventure Series A fun outing for the whole family. A great chance to introduce the kids to the outdoors. All ages welcome.	Jerry Parker 747-4439
July 26 Saturday 9:00 AM	Catamount Trail, Mendon-Shrewsbury We'll set out along the Trail southerly from Brewers Corner, making a steady climb of 800 feet to the notch between Mendon Peak and Robinson Hill. Our reward will be a steady descent to Gov. Clement Shelter on the Long Trail. Five miles, moderate but with steep stretches.	Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573
August 2 Saturday 9:00 AM	Lost Pond Shelter, Mount Tabor Visit the site of the newly rebuilt shelter on the Appalachian/Long Trail. Five to six miles; moderate.	Roma & AL Pulling 773-6997
August 9 Saturday 9:00 AM	Spruce Peak, Manchester Hike in via Prospect Rock and the Appalachian/Long Trail. Seven miles; moderate with 1,200-feet elevation gain.	Steve & Diana Williams 645-9529
August 16 Saturday 9:00 AM Rain date 8/17	Mount Hanley, West Rutland We'll hike up the trail that the leader couldn't find to hike down last year. He knows where it is now and he'll talk about an alternate trip down the upper half of the mountain.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
August 23 Saturday 10:00 AM	Shrewsbury Loop We'll explore the Long Trail, the historic Crown Point Road, abandoned town highways and more between Route 103 and Shrewsbury's Lottery Road. We'll visit Clarendon Shelter, the Bullard cemetery, old cellar holes and (of course) a scenic vista. Five miles, 800-foot ascent, mostly moderate but with some steep climbing over rocks early on.	Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573

Meeting, continued from page 1

3) We need to select a site for a new shelter between Cooper Lodge and Governor Clement Shelter.

4) The club has a project to repair the old log Douglas Shelter, which is in the federal Lye Brook Wilderness Area. Logs will be cut and peeled on site.

5) In 53 days help will be needed setting up the caretakers' tents. Dates are: May 23, June 4, and June 27

6) There is a project to restore the Glastonbury Fire Tower.

7) A new printing of the Long Trail Guide is available.

8) The fire that ravaged the South Barn at headquarters destroyed the historical items that were hanging on the walls. The old shelter logs were smoke-damaged. Someone will have to decide which ones are worth trying to restore. A lot had been moved out of the barn. The GMC was underinsured by 2/3. There is, or will be, a Building Committee to update the headquarters plan. This will be a yearlong process.

Secretary's Minutes

The minutes of the 2002 Annual Meeting, which were printed in the May 2002 *Smoke & Blazes*, were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Al Pulling's report of the General Fund and the Kirk Trail Maintenance Fund were passed out to members and approved (see attached report).

Trails & Shelters Report

Herb Ogden reported the following:

1) Governor Clement Shelter: We are still working with the Shrewsbury

Selectboard to try to come up with a solution to the vandalism and partying. A thanks was given to Barry Griffith for his work on this situation. Suggestions have been to post "No Parking" signs, and to put boulders along the road.

2) Bucklin Trail Bridge: Bridge design is underway. Jerry Parker and Mark Youngstrom have advised using aluminum girders at this site.

3) Sector Checker Program. A Sector Checker's obligation is to check the trail and report back to Herb. We still need checkers for the Long Trail from Gov. Clement to Cooper, and for the Killington Spur Trail

4) Tools: We now have a new crosscut saw thanks to Waterbury.

5) Blazing and Signage: We need to reblaze the trail from Lower Cold River Road to Gov. Clement, and supply better signs at Brewers Corner and Clarendon Shelter

Editor's Report

Bob Perkins extended a Thank You for all the hike reports submitted for *Smoke & Blazes*. He suggested that if hike leaders don't want to write a report they might find someone else on that hike who would do it. If there are any other interests that members have that they wish to see in the paper let him know. We need to get the hike schedule in May for the June-August season. Leaders: PLEASE let Sue Thomas know of your plans.

Historian's Report

Bob Perkins asked folks to submit photos; the more the better. He would also like any other memorabilia that people have. We have an agreement with the Rutland Historical Society. They are archiving the Killington Section data and materials.

Outings Committee Report

Sue Thomas asked hike leaders to get their hikes in to her as soon as possible

Sue is compiling a memorial book to give to Churchill Scott's wife, Virginia. A request went out to members to write about their experiences with Churchill. Letters are still coming in. The book is here for this meeting.

GMC Director's Report

Lynda Hutchins, who is our representative on the statewide GMC Board of Directors, presented an extensive report on its recent meeting. Most of the items covered were of statewide interest and not of special import to our section.

The annual meeting of the statewide club will be at the Middlebury Snow Bowl on June 13-15

Elections

Steve Williams offered a slate of three for election to three-year terms as Killington Section Directors. The nominees were Andrea McQuade, Roma Pulling, and Sue Thomas. There being no nominations from the floor, these three were declared elected.

The Director's then met and elected the following officers for the coming year:

President	Steve Williams
Vice President.....	Barbara Griffith
Secretary	Jake Sherman
Treasurer.....	Roma Pulling
GMC Director.....	Lynda Hutchins

Program

Following the meeting there was a program presented by geology major Susan Morgan from VINS. The topic of the evening was *A Long View of the Long Trail: Vermont's Natural History in a Nutshell*. Susan told us how Vermont's geologic history has shaped the natural and human history of the state.

Check out our new Killington Section web site:

<http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Thanks Deb Weggett!

**Your Invitation to Join
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club**

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual.....\$30
Family.....\$40
Senior/Student/Volunteer.....\$20
Individual Lifetime.....\$750
Family Lifetime.....\$1000

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education,
___ other.

Make check payable to **Killington Section, GMC** and mail with this application to:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701





Killington Section directors hold routine meeting

By Jake Sherman, Secretary

A meeting of Killington Section directors was held on Thursday, 10 July 2003, at 7:00 P.M. at the offices of Herb Ogden in Rutland. Present were Directors Steve Williams, Barb Griffith, Sue Thomas, Bob Perkins, Roma Pulling, Andrea McQuade, Connie Youngstrom, Bill Robichaud, and Jake Sherman; Trails and Shelters Chair Herb Ogden; and guests Mark Youngstrom and Alfred Pulling.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES -- The minutes of the Feb. 6, 2003, board meeting, which have already been printed in *Smoke & Blazes*, were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The treasurer's report was submitted by new treasurer Roma Pulling. There is at present \$1,418.34 in the savings account, \$1,651.60 in the checking account and \$1,051.73 in the Kirk Savings Fund. Kirk funds also include three certificates of deposit totaling about \$15,700.

TRAILS & SHELTERS REPORT -- The main item in Herb's report was the new bridge to be erected over Brewer's Brook on the Bucklin Trail. Construction of the bridge abutments is being done between July 14 and July 25 by the Green Mountain Volunteer Group under the auspices of the state forest service. We hope to complete the bridge this fall. The new span will

be paid for by our section. A motion was unanimously approved to authorize the Trails & Shelters Committee to expend up to \$4,000 from the Kirk Fund to build the bridge. Prior to the motion there was much discussion of the nature of the abutments on each bank, the nature of materials to be used in the construction process, and how they might be transported to the site. It is anticipated that a 25-foot span will need to be crossed once the abutments are in place. Every attempt will be made to minimize damage to greenery.

Youth Conservation Corps -- Two groups of the Youth Conservation Corps have been working in our section. The first is on the LT in the area of Snowden Peak working south from where they left off last year. The second is working on the Canty Trail, which ascends Blue Ridge Mountain from the Old Turnpike Road in Mendon. This group was encountered by Sue Thomas several weeks ago and told her they expected to be there for a month so they should be almost finished at this point. They had flagged numerous waterbars. Some of their work may end up being bypassed if the trail is rerouted but they understand this.

Cooper Lodge -- Herb has talked to the new adopter of Cooper Lodge who is Peter Dekker of Greenfield, NH. Peter has been hiking in our section for over 30 years. He

thought putting up shutters at Cooper would be futile, as they would just be torn down again. He felt the spring was running just about normal and also felt better signage going north was needed to point out the LT. It was also noted that a sign for Cooper that used to exist lower down on the Bucklin is no longer there.

Tucker-Johnson Shelter -- The shelter was checked recently by Herb and Andrea. The entire shelter is leaning backward. Herb felt the problem could be dealt with by jacking up the structure and repairing the back sill.

Gov. Clement Shelter -- The door to the privy was found in the woods and reinstalled by Jerry Parker. It was not burned as had been thought.

Miscellaneous -- The Trail Checker program is going well. Every part of our section is covered. Jerry Parker is going to build a new privy for Pico Shelter. The walk-throughs went well though attendance on the second one was a little thin. Everything that was needed got done. A wooden sign near the Churchill Scott Shelter notifying that it is located on Rutland city watershed is being gnawed, chewed and literally eaten. Perhaps it is because the varnish used had tea in it. This will need to be repaired, as Herb is due to organize a site visit to

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2004 * Bob Perkins
" * Jacob Sherman
" * Connie Youngstrom
2005 Barbara Griffith
" * Bill Robichaud
" Steve Williams
2006 Andrea McQuade
" Roma Pulling
" * Susan Thomas

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President..... Steve Williams
Vice President..... Barbara Griffith
Secretary Jacob Sherman
Treasurer Roma Pulling

Committee Chairs/Co-chairs

History..... Bob Perkins
Outings..... Susan Thomas
"..... Connie Youngstrom
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate..... Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor..... Bob Perkins

From the Editor**Governor in jeopardy**

The current campaign to recall California Governor Gray Davis is evocative of a situation right here in Vermont. No; as far as I know, Governor Jim Douglas is secure in his position. But our Governor Clement Shelter on the Long Trail in Shrewsbury is not.

The shelter, built in 1929 and named for Rutlander Percival W. Clement, Vermont governor 1919-1921, is, I believe, the oldest Long Trail shelter still in use. The unique stone structure was designed by Wallingford architect Paul W. Thayer who later also designed the former Long Trail Lodge at Sherburne Pass.

Unfortunately, in recent years Gov. Clement Shelter has come under attack by a small number of selfish, thoughtless, and sometimes-malicious people who choose to party there, usually with alcohol and occasionally with firearms. Several through-hikers have been so intimidated that they felt it necessary, even in the middle of the night, to hike on to the next shelter. The situation has become so serious that Gov. Clement is the only Long Trail shelter, and perhaps the only shelter on the entire Appalachian Trail that hikers are advised to avoid.

The Green Mountain Club has tried, and continues to try, to find a solution to this complicated situation. The shelter is on public land and the road that leads to it is a public town road. The location is not on any frequent law enforcement beat. In fact, some of the rowdy behavior may not be illegal. Posting of signs, and requesting additional attention from the sheriff have been tried. Gating the access road has been considered. Current plans call for placing boulders to discourage vehicles from leaving the road, and possibly, with the cooperation of the Shrewsbury selectboard, a new no-parking ordinance.

If all of these measures fail to solve the problem the Club will have to seriously consider destroying the historic building and erecting a new shelter a couple of miles to the north away from the road.

What a shame that would be.

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Barbara Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff3VT@aol.com
Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
Andrea McQuade, 36 Morse Place, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-6273, andrea6273@aol.com
Herbert Ogden, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368, hogden@adelphia.net
Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com
Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, ral37@juno.com
William Robichaud, 215 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2567
Jacob Sherman, 48 Morse Pl., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2784, jakesher@hotmail.com
Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net
Connie Youngstrom, Box 1160, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3502, marky@vermontel.net

Trip Reports

Shaw Mountain Wildflowers

10 May 2003

By Barbara Grffith

Co-leader: Sue Thomas

The Nature Conservancy maintains the trails at Shaw Mountain in Benson. The early flowers were in bloom. Spectacularly on display were the White Trilliums on the hill across the road. Their blossoms, creating such a thick blanket of white ground cover, made it appear that it had snowed the night before.

In bloom were wild ginger, bellwort, wild oats, trout lily, yellow violets, purple violets, purple spur violets, white violets, white trillium, Dutchman's breeches, miterwort (Bishop's cap), wild columbine, Canada mayflower, wild sarsaparilla, Solomon's seal, burdock, bloodroot, meadow rue, and sedge. There were probably more, but that was what we identified. Not to mention the garter snake basking on a sunny rock that Barbara pointed out to everyone.

Keep this hike in mind for early next spring if you missed this year's event

Beulah Hill, Bridgewater

18 May 2003

By Roma Pulling

In 1853 Daniel Robinson purchased 142 acres of farmland in Bridgewater Chateaugay on what later became known to his descendants as Beulah Hill. His family consisted of his second wife, Beulah Dimick, and three children. Daniel and Beulah were my great grandparents.

On hike day we met five people at the park and drove with three cars to West Bridgewater, where we picked up another hiker. We took

two cars to Chateaugay and left one. The remaining two cars proceeded up the Gold Coast Road as far as possible, where we met my cousin Otis Robinson, another Daniel descendant, and the current owner of Beulah Hill. The hike north to the farm was easy with very little uphill but many muddy spots. Otis was able to point out several cellar holes, and we explored the Kellogg-Bassett Cemetery, with gravestones dated from 1813 to 1865 but with many fieldstone markers.

We stopped to admire wildflowers along the way, including dogtooth violets, blue violets, red trilliums, and a few yellow violets. We were passed on the way by two 4-wheel-drive vehicles, with Otis' daughter and family and some friends on their way to the farm to enjoy a hot dog roast. At the farm we were impressed with the way Otis has kept the fields mowed in order to keep them from growing up to brush. He pointed out the original location of the farmhouse, and we explored the foundations of the house and barns.

Our return to the spotted car was by a short but very steep section of road built by Daniel to give him easier access to Bridgewater Center, where he had business interests. This was a great way for me to connect to my roots, and I hope it was enjoyable to others.

Equinox Mists and Morels

24 May 2003

By Steve and Diana Williams

The Equinox Preservation Trust (EPT) is an approximately one thousand-acre parcel of land on the slopes of Mount Equinox in Manchester Village. It is managed on behalf of the owners of the Equinox Hotel by The Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences (VINS). The route followed was suggested by Susan

Morgan, the director of the VINS Manchester office, who was the guest speaker at the club's recent annual meeting.

After a number of phone calls along the lines of "Are you really proposing to go with the rain predicted?" and the response "Yes, if it is anything less than a major downpour", it was gratifying to find ten others arrive to join the leaders. As it happened, rain was not continuous, and was never heavy, but did give the woods an invigorating freshness. Thanks are given to Ray Catozzi for leading the Rutland participants to the trailhead.

The route chosen was a circular one of some three and a half miles, with stops at two overlooks over the Battenkill valley: Robin's Lookout and Deer Knoll. During the course of lunch in a moderate drizzle at the latter, the leaders were challenged to produce a ghost or historical story to match those produced at other recent outings. At that time a twisting vertical mist was seen to be rising from an elevation beneath the knoll; some speculated that it was the spirit of Robert Todd Lincoln keeping an eye on Hildene. Besides this "mini" mist, there was significant cloud cover on the ridges on both sides of the valley. Though frequent brighter spots suggested the imminent appearance of the sun, this remained illusion rather than reality. As a small piece of history, "Mount Equinox" was so named because the first recorded ascent was made on the vernal equinox.

The route descended a steep pitch with some well-constructed steps and then took the party round the Equinox Pond. What appeared to be a fisherman's meeting was being held in the hotel's building at the pond. Outside, an instructor, whose attire suggested a female Indiana

Jones, was giving practical instruction.

The relatively flat trail back to the hotel was marked by the finding of morels, a cylindrical mushroom, by Jerry Parker who pointed them out to Dale Cobb, a visitor for the hike from Bennington. Dale explained how to distinguish an edible morel from its poisonous cousin, the false morel. Jerry had previously been concerned about this very point and, after receiving Dale's explanation, took one home for experimental purposes. As long as we see Jerry again we will know that we have at least one part of the morel story straight.

Cardigan Mountain, NH

31 May 2003

By Sue Thomas

I remember writing a hike report back in the mid-eighties about a particularly black-fly-infested outing entitled "They Were the Size of Crows!" Well, here comes the sequel! Even the usually windy summit provided little relief from the onslaught, though if you're going to be devoured by insects, I suppose you might as well have a nice view to enjoy as well.

Cardigan has one of the few remaining manned fire towers and unobstructed views of the Green Mountains and the Presidential Range. We eat lunch (and were lunch) beside an interesting collection of historical graffiti carved into the rock and dating back to the mid-1800s. As we descended no one dared lag behind or stop to rest for fear of being carried off – after all, they were the size of crows!

P.S. On the way home we stopped at Gillingham's store in Woodstock and stocked up on bug spray – too little, too late.

Bird Mountain Churchill Scott Shelter

21 June 2003

By Ray Catozzi

Why was the Bird Mountain hike cancelled? A week before the scheduled hike I went up to the north peak looking for the trail that heads south up the ridge to the south peak, known as Castle Peak. I looked for it a year ago and couldn't find it. This time all I could find was a mess of treetops dumped all over the ridgeline – not even a glimpse of the trail. A logging operation! They couldn't care less about hiking trails that they cover up.

So I announced at our Main Street meeting place that Bald Mountain was cancelled but I told our small group about the history of the ten-foot tall Masonic monument that used to be there. Instead, we were going to hike up the new Long Trail south of Route 4 and visit the new Churchill Scott Shelter that was erected just last summer. A nice 2.5-mile hike up to the shelter, a nice lunch break, and a 2.5-mile walk back down to our cars. A very enjoyable hike.

I don't know if we will ever get back up to Castle Peak

Otter Creek Canoe/Kayak

29 June 2003

By Linda Hutchins

It was a fine, albeit hot and humid, summer day in June when the group of 11 enthusiastic seafarers sallied forth from the park meeting place to explore the mighty Otter Creek. Quickly it became apparent this was no ordinary GMC adventure.

After hasty communication and a few creative turns en route (prompted by an unseemly red light in downtown Rutland), the leader soon became estranged from the

group of "followers". She made the reasonable (and brilliant, she asserts) decision to meet up with the rest of her party at the final destination, the historic covered bridge of Florence. Unfortunately, the rest of the group underestimated her ingenious foresight, and after a few unsuccessful and disheartening attempts at area search parties, made their way to the drop-off point (alas, the very same covered bridge of Florence). The party was thus happily reunited, and undaunted, traveled to the falls of Proctor and made ready to set sail.

Many obstacles awaited the group in their pursuit of adventure over the six-mile stretch of coursing waterway. Several unanticipated blowdowns and a half dozen unfortunate log jams prompted creative bank scaling, mud wrestling with the valiant vessels over vigorous terrain, untangling snags in branches swept up in the vicious current, and an encounter with a dismembered fawn who had lost out in a snafu with a mowing machine. But these minor impediments were not enough to discourage this group of seasoned adventurers, and only solidified their resolve to navigate to the famed Florence bridge.

A few hours later, the group, a tad harried but all physically intact (no mental anguish has been reported to date), arrived safely at the fabled covered bridge. It was widely agreed that the ducklings, hawk, turkey vultures, and good company were just compensation for what some considered a harrowing experience.

With promises of new members to rejoin the group on its next water excursion, the daring crowd disbanded and traipsed home (though rumor has it that some rehabilitated in the local pub).

Mt. Moosalamoo, Salisbury

5 July 2003

Joint hike with Breadloaf Section

By Gordon & Helen Cawood

Eleven of us took the Keewaydin Trail from the Campground up to the Oak Ridge Trail. The Keewaydin Trail on the east side of the mountain is seldom used and poorly maintained. The footpath was overgrown and barely visible in places. Fortunately, others in the party were astute in finding blue blazes and kept the leader on the straight and narrow. After the junction, we continued on the Oak Ridge trail to the north to the rock ledge viewpoint eastward where we enjoyed lunch and the company of some flying insects. Further north on the Oak Ridge Trail we came to the Moosalamoo Trail, providing an easy descent to the campground parking area.

After the hike, some of us motored to Voter Brook overlook and found that there really are views to behold.

Bridgewater Gold Mines

12 July 2003

By Herb Ogden

Because the Rutland Herald ran a big article on the Plymouth and Bridgewater gold mines the week before this outing, I was afraid we'd have too many people. Luckily, however, the group topped out at 19, a manageable number in the fairly easy terrain north of the Dailey Hollow Road. We did consolidate passengers into just four cars in Bridgewater Corners, though, because there is no parking area at the trailhead, just a wide shoulder that is not all that long.

From the Dailey Hollow Road, we followed an old road north along the east side of a pretty little brook, till we reached a four corners. The road west leads across the brook to a

formerly farmed area. We took the road east, immediately passing an old house foundation. This appears to have been the W. Baker place on the 1868 map of Bridgewater and the 1869 Beers Atlas of Windsor County. Going straight ahead, we soon passed the foundation of the Baker barn and then followed a lane several hundred feet, passed an old well, then left the lane to go downhill to the entrance of the mine. The place where one leaves the lane is far from obvious. The lane eventually leads to the next road east on the 1868 map, which the 1869 atlas no longer shows.

Most everyone had brought flashlights and explored the several hundred foot horizontal bore. It was damp and cool, and its winter denizens, the bats, were gone. If anyone found any gold, they didn't tell me.

We took a group photo on the tailings pile at the shaft entrance and retraced our steps till we came to a fork. The right turn leads to a huge old three-sided foundation. I think the late W. Churchill Scott told me he'd heard it was a boardinghouse for the mineworkers. During the lunch break, some folks found interesting scraps of metal.

Heading downhill from the supposed boardinghouse, we soon passed a decaying little shed, the last standing remnant of the Baker place. I suppose the house was still standing in 1911, because the 1911 U.S. Geological Survey Woodstock quadrangle shows it at the end of a primitive road. It shows neither the boardinghouse nor the mine, however. In fact, no map I've found clearly shows the mine, though the 1869 atlas does show an unlocated "Hunt & Washburn" item in the general area.

From here almost to the next mine, the old road up the brook was

pretty overgrown, though someone did clear it after the ice storm of the late 1990s. When a road that comes up from the boardinghouse joined it, the walking was much easier. Soon we were at the height of land and ready to look for the Mt. Hope Gold Mines, which show on the 1868 map and the 1869 atlas. A bushwhack of maybe 150 feet west took us to a gaping water-filled pit of considerable circumference and unknown depth. Nearby were other signs of digging. Backtracking to the old road, we soon came to the Pioneer Mine, also shown on both of the old maps. It is a big open pit mine with no obvious shaft, hidden from the road by a tall pile of tailings.

After leaving our last mine, we passed a little cellar hole just east of the road, and then descended gradually past the remains of a farm that shows on none of the maps. Presumably it had fallen down by 1868. It was starting to sprinkle when we crossed the next brook, so we forwent a visit to the J. Bugbee (1868 & 1869) cellar hole at the end of the road and passed up the short horizontal shaft mine that lies southeast of it and east of the brook. The next old farm was the E. P. Perkins place on the 1868 map. The 1911 map still shows it and the Bugbee place. Unfortunately, logging in the last year has filled up some of the foundation with slash. We took a photo of Bob Perkins with the "Perkins Place" road sign that someone had brought up there, then descended past one more cellar hole not clearly shown on any map, came out on the Dailey Hollow Road, and followed it back to the cars, passing a strange semicircular stone wall or foundation along the way.

Some of us took the scenic way home, past the old schoolhouse at the end of the Dailey Hollow Road,

south to the Bridgewater Hill cemetery, and then steeply down to Route 4.

Anyone who is interested in the Bridgewater mines might want to read *Vermont Mines and Mineral Localities*, by Philip Morrill and Robert C. Chaffee, published by the Dartmouth College Museum in 1964. It mentions a "Carbeneau" mine near the Pioneer Mine. Perhaps that was the horizontal shaft we explored.

Mount Abraham

19 July 2003

By Sue Thomas

Our Mount Abraham trek got off to an uncertain start when we discovered bridge construction in Lincoln, which detoured us hither and yon. The detour route did provide us with a beautiful view of our target though it was viewed with trepidation by some who thought it looked awfully big from that angle. One of the cars thought so too, and began to smoke alarmingly on the way up to Lincoln Gap. But all the hikers made the climb to the summit in much better shape – if not easily, at least cheerfully.

The summit affords a good view of Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks and, at 4,006 feet, is one of only three alpine tundra environments in the state. Our GMC caretaker answers questions and keeps watch to be sure no one treads on the fragile tundra plants. All 12 hikers and Shannon the dog managed to get back down the rocks in one piece, and luckily the car was feeling much better after its rest. Ever the detour seemed shorter on the way home, and we enjoyed the signs that reassuringly pointed the way to "Lincoln Center" along the dirt roads – too bad we had binoculars instead of opera glasses!

Catamount Trail, Shrewsbury to Mendon

26 July 2003

By Barry Griffith

The venerable Long Trail, a footpath in the wilderness from the Massachusetts border to Canada, is well known to all of us. The newer, parallel Catamount Trail was more recently marked off to afford cross-country skiers a similar path. This trek was originally scheduled for last winter, but inclement weather intervened, converting it to a summer hike.

As often happens, the initial decisions concerned the spotting of vehicles to accommodate our one canine and 16 human hikers. The majority of us headed to Shrewsbury, where we parked and walked in the town highway to Gov. Clement Shelter. We discussed the easy vehicular access to the site, and proposed "no parking" regulations that might be enacted to discourage use of the site as a "party" site for non-hikers. We also chatted with through-hikers, several of whom had started this spring in Georgia and were en route to Mt. Kahtadin.

After our "spotters" joined us, we headed south on the LT a short distance to its intersection with the so-called Poczubut Road, meeting the Catamount Trail and following it upward and westward. We enjoyed views of Mendon Peak, Little Killington and Shrewsbury Peak from north to east along the way. We passed the abandoned Poczubut Camp, stopping for lunch in the notch between Mendon Peak (to the north) and Robinson Hill (to the south).

After that it was downhill, continuing to the west and then turning to the north, with a nice view of Pico Peak on the way. We ended up at Brewers Corner, and our awaiting vehicles.

This route is not shown in GMC Guidebooks, but it is an access road, which is well maintained by VAST, and the State through the Calvin Coolidge State Forest, as depicted in the Catamount Trail guidebook. Check it out!

New Lost Pond Shelter

3 August 2003

By Roma Pulling

The old Lost Pond Shelter had been my destination several times starting in 1978, and a friend and I stayed there overnight several years ago. That structure was built on Cape Cod in 1965 by Louis Stare Jr., who then had it delivered in sections to Forest Road 10 by truck. When I read about a new shelter at the site I knew I had to visit again.

Six people met us at the park on Sunday morning, and we were off for Mt. Tabor in two cars. We drove to the end of Forest Road 30, where there is ample parking, and walked more than two miles, partly through Wilderness area, to the trail's intersection with the Long Trail. The shelter is slightly north of that point on the Long Trail. We met a hiker there who left shortly after our arrival. Finding comfortable rocks and logs, we ate our lunch.

Decision time! While some of us walked back to the cars, those who desired could choose to hike north by way of the Long Trail 2.7 miles to Big Branch parking lot, where we would pick them up. Five people chose that route. We picked them up in advance of a very heavy shower and delivered them safely back to Rutland.

Note for those who knew about Alfred leaving his glasses at the shelter:

What with other commitments and rainy weather, it was six days before we were able to walk back.

The glasses were there! What are the chances that this would happen anywhere else? An unknown person took them inside the shelter and stored them high and dry. This goes to prove a long-held theory of mine--that hikers are nice people!

Spruce Peak / Prospect Rock

9 August 2003

By Steve Williams

After a drive south on Route 7 from Rutland, the party assembled at the AT/LT trailhead on Routes 11 and 30 about a mile west of the Bromley ski area. Given the muggy weather of the previous week and the day's forecast of "cloudy, with some sunny patches but also the likelihood of showers and thunderstorms" the turnout of seven was not bad. The route was south on the AT/LT, 2.4 miles to Spruce Peak and a further 2.5 miles to Prospect Rock with modest undulations all the way. Our historians Barbara and Barry Griffith observed two features shortly after the start of the hike, a cellar hole and, not far away, a cast iron plate which appeared to indicate the one time presence of a charcoal kiln, presumably with some connection between the two.

Spruce Peak, reached by a 300-foot spur from the main trail, is a rock pile reminiscent of the Killington Peak, with good views northwesterly towards Mount Aeolus. The peak provided an open and convenient lunch stop.

In the next stage, as the party aimed for Prospect Rock, the weather moved on from the "cloudy with sunny patches" stage to the "showers and thunderstorms" phase. Some added waterproof covers: others demonstrated their Vermont hardiness by not doing so. The trail turned from its previous soggy stage to a streambed situation, which resulted in what could perhaps be called an aquatic sport as opposed to hiking. While the thunder was limited, the volume of the downpour was not. At one stage the writer noticed the interval between thunder and its associated lightening as being imperceptible. In the interests of the comfort level of the party he did not share the thought until later.

By the time Prospect Rock, an outcropping overlooking Manchester and Mount Equinox, was reached, the rain had diminished to a merely moderately wet level. At Prospect Rock the AT/LT joins the old Rootville Road, which is maintained to allow some high level camps to be reached. Arriving simultaneously with ourselves were two men in a pick-up truck on the way to one of the camps. They stopped for the view from Prospect Rock and were as surprised to meet our party as we were to meet them. From the Rock the writer pointed out the location of the Equinox Hotel that Abraham Lincoln was planning to visit in the summer of 1865.

The final stage of the trip was two miles down the Rootville Road

to the outskirts of Manchester where a Jeep had been located to take the party back to the Route 11 and 30 trailhead, with the vehicle crowded but acceptably so under the damp circumstances.

Mount Hawley

16 August 2003

By Ray Catozzi

As advertised in the hike schedule, this year I found the route that eluded me last year. This year's route and last year's start from different points on the Whipple Hollow Road and connect near the top of the mountain.

Seven of us hiked up to the hang-glider launching platform. The view to the west and southwest would be wonderful but this time, as last year, it was foggy and misty with only the valley immediately below in good view.

We bushwhacked south from the launching platform for about 100 yard and came upon a nice level grass clearing on top of a large rock outcropping. The view here is right down to West Rutland and to the south. 'Twill be wonderful to get to that spot again sometime when the weather is clear.

My oldest son Jim, who lives in Pennsylvania and was up visiting, hiked up Mount Hawley with us. He's an Appalachian Trail section hiker as I am. We each have hiked over 1,000 miles of the AT

Directors *continued from page 1*

the shelter for the city forester to make sure the club is doing all we're supposed to do.

KORZUN EASEMENT -- Aaron Korzun is a landowner off the North Lottery Road in Shrewsbury whose property is crossed by the AT/LT. He has a small pipeline crossing the

trail between a spring on one side of it and his house on the other. After some discussion, a motion was unanimously adopted stating that the section approves the granting of an easement to Korzun. A copy of these minutes highlighting this action will be forwarded to Waterbury which will hopefully support us and so advise the NPS.

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR CHAINSAW USE - New rules have been adopted by the Park Service stating that if you're out on the trail using a chainsaw or a crosscut saw you have to be certified and also be wearing certain protective gear such as chaps, helmet and goggles. The certification

involves completion of a day and a half of training. The rules apply to all LT patrols, shelter adopters, and other volunteers. A member of our section, Larry Walter, has such certification and Herb will sound him out about the possibility of his offering certification training to others. The section has at least a couple of members who've been using a chainsaw for years and are quite expert at it, but they will still have to be certified.

KS CONTRIBUTION TO SOUTH BARN FUND -- After some discussion, the section agreed to contribute \$400 to the main club for its South Barn Fund. The money will go toward rebuilding the South Barn, which was consumed by fire last February. The contribution is in line with amounts being contributed to the fund by other GMC sections.

COOLIDGE RANGE RIDGE RUNNER -- This year's Coolidge Range ridge runner is Adam Hall. He will be contacted by Barb with a welcome from our section. We would like his feedback on what is going on up there and what he perceives as problems. We would also like it if he could coordinate with Bill Robichaud. If possible, the directors would like to host him at a dinner or potluck sometime when his duties permit. Sue Thomas volunteered to explore various options.

KS TRAILHEAD NOTICES -- The new signs at trailheads informing hikers about the Killington Section have been a success but many need to be replaced. Steve will put together a dozen new ones and get 10 to Herb and two to Barb.

NEXT OUTING SCHEDULE -- The next outing schedule will cover September through November and is rapidly filling up. September and most of October are already filled.

Hike leaders are urged to get their dates and information to Sue and Connie as soon as possible.

NEXT SMOKE & BLAZES -- Bob will be going on vacation the first few weeks of August. Hopefully upon his return Aug. 18 he will find all the material needed to put together the next issue. The newsletter has been receiving much good feedback.

PUBLICITY PANEL -- At the last main club meeting the GMC presented the section with a folding display panel promoting the club and the LT. It is a good general display that hopefully could be placed in the windows of downtown storefronts and outdoor equipment stores or at the library. It was suggested that we could also make it "local" by adding pictures, maps, and other material related to the Killington Section. Andrea will pursue getting maps while new pictures will be taken on upcoming hikes. It may be advisable to add another panel that would focus exclusively on us.

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER -- Barb reported that her husband Barry is working on drafting an ordinance for the Shrewsbury selectboard with regard to restricting parking from dusk to dawn. The selectboard doesn't want the road "thrown up" or gated but prefers this more moderate approach. Once an ordinance is adopted, the select board will have signs put up and arrangements can be made with Gary Salmon to have some boulders put up there.

DIVERSIFICATION -- What if anything to do about the statistic that 78% of new hike participants attended only one or two times was discussed. Various means of soliciting feedback both from newcomers and club members were discussed. It was suggested that easier hikes might attract more people, but Sue Thomas felt that our

schedule already reflected a good balance of easy, moderate, and more challenging hikes. Sue also felt care needed to be taken with newspaper publicity as sometimes in its wake unmanageable numbers turned out for hikes. Steve offered to call Jack Crowther at the Herald. Steve will also draft a questionnaire that will be looked over by Bob and Sue.

GMC ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 14 AT MIDDLEBURY SNOW BOWL -- Our GMC director, Lynda Hutchins, attended the meeting and submitted a written report noting that the main club had a challenging year. In addition to the South Barn fire, endowment funds were down and there was a \$13,000 budget deficit. Executive Director Ben Rose took members on a virtual tour of the LT pointing out areas that either have seen improvements or will need them in years to come. In our section, he noted that the Clarendon Gorge bridge would need repairs within 10 years. There are also ongoing discussions about the ultimate viability of Gov. Clement and Pico Shelters.

MISCELLANEOUS -- Members were urged to attend US Forest Service informational and planning meetings, which are held the fourth Tuesday of every month for the purpose of soliciting input from the public. Since the logging and motorized vehicle communities are always strongly represented at such sessions, it is felt that the hiking community would do well to make sure the powers that be are keenly aware that we are equally concerned about what goes on in the national forests through which pass many miles of the Long Trail.

ADJOURNMENT -- The meeting was adjourned about 9:15 P.M. The next directors' meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, 23 October, at 7:00 P.M. also at Herb Ogden's office in Rutland.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Sept. – Nov. 2003

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown unless otherwise stated. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and, for morning departures, bring a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate round trip; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader listed at the right

September 6 Saturday 9:00 AM rain date 9/7	South Pond, Chittenden We'll reach this ridge-top pond via an unmaintained section of the former Long Trail, rewarded by one of the best views in the area. Return on the Long Trail past Ralston Rest Shelter. Six and one-half miles, some bushwhacking and a steep ascent, but mostly moderate.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
September 13 Saturday 9:00 AM	Work Party Transport and assemble the new privy for Pico Camp on the Sherburne Pass Trail (formerly the Long Trail), and general maintenance if we have time. Bring work gloves and sturdy shoes. Tools provided. It's more fun than it sounds, really!	Herb Cgoen 773-1350
September 14 Sunday 8:30 AM	Kayak/Canoe the Winooski River, Richmond Paddle a scenic stretch of river near Richmond. Call the leader for more details about distance and difficulty.	Jerry Parker 775-6208
September 20 Saturday 9:00 AM	Mount Antone, Rupert Enjoy views of the Mettawee Valley from the 2,610-foot summit in the Merck Forest and Farmland Center. Five miles, 820-foot ascent, moderate.	Larry & Viv Walter 775-3855
September 21 Sunday 9:30 AM	Old Baldy, Bridgewater We'll climb mostly on old roads to the 2,409-foot summit in Coolidge State Forest. Approximately three miles, moderate.	Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
September 27 Saturday 9:00 AM rain date 9/28	Black Mountain, New York This time we'll go up the route we came down on last year, and down the way we went up! Difficult, 5.6 miles.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
October 5 Sunday 9:00 AM	Slack Hill, Plymouth We'll follow a trail from Coolidge State Park, site of a depression-era CCC Camp, to the 2,174-foot summit. Moderate, 4.5 miles, 500-foot ascent.	Andrea McQuade 775-6273
October 11 Saturday 9:30 AM	Mendon Peak, Mendon If a difficult hike interests you, join us for this 2,000-foot climb and bushwhack off the beaten path to remote, 3,840-foot Mendon Peak.	Barbara & Barry Griffith 492-3573
October 18 Saturday 9:00 AM	Eagle Rock, Hubbardton We'll do some bushwhacking to reach this rocky outcrop overlooking Lake Bomoseen. Moderate, 5 miles.	Larry & Viv Walter 775-3855
October 25 Saturday 9:00 AM rain date 10/26	Mt. Equinox, Manchester We'll go up on the North Ridge Trail from Bear Town Gap and down the Burr & Burton Trail. Difficult, 7.5 miles, steep.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Sept. – Nov. 2003

Schedule continued from previous page.

November 1 Saturday 8:00 AM	Lake George Region, New York Depending on the weather, we'll either climb a mountain or stick to the lower elevations. Moderate to difficult depending on destination, 6 or 7 miles. Call Leaders for details.	Connie & Mark Youngstrom 492-3502
November 8 Saturday 9:00 AM	Bromley Mountain, Peru We'll follow the Long/Appalachian Trail to the summit and descend to Mad Tom Notch. Moderate, 5.5 miles.	Steve & Diana Williams 645-9529
November 15 Saturday 9:00 AM	History Ramble – Feeder Canal Park, Hudson Falls, New York Follow an easy trail alongside the historic Feeder Canal, begun 1817 to get passenger and freight boats from Lake Champlain to the Hudson River for passage to New York City. Includes the "Five Combines" series of locks with interpretive signs. Possible visit to the Rogers Island Visitors Center, site of a pre-Revolutionary fort. Three to seven miles, depending on the weather.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
November 22 Saturday 6:00 PM	Fall Potluck Supper Joins us for our annual potluck supper and a slide program. Nonmembers welcome! Bring plates, utensils, and a dish to share. Hot drinks provided. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hillside Avenue, Rutland.	Sue Thomas 773-2185

Want to Lead a Hike?

Our outing schedule is coordinated by Sue Thomas (773-2185) and Connie Youngstrom (492-3502). The winter schedule will include December through February. To make a suggestion, or to get your favorite outing on the schedule, give Sue or Connie a call before November 1. Please don't wait till the last minute.

Senior Turtle Hikes – September – October 2003

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of "Turtle" hikes for seniors and others who wish to enjoy their outings at a somewhat slow and easy pace. The outings typically cover two to four miles, involve limited elevation gain, and try to avoid treacherous footing. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. All trips leave from the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street on **Fridays at 9 AM** and return in early afternoon.

Sept. 5	Texas Falls: Hike by a scenic stretch of waterfalls, flumes, and potholes on Texas Brook, an upper branch of the White River in the town of Hancock.	Charlie & Jean Davies 483-6623
Sept. 19	Mount Tom: Climb Mount Tom in Marsh Billings, Vermont's only National Park. Great views of Woodstock village.	Al & Hildie Cerney 773-4147
Oct. 3	Leicester Hollow: One of several trails in the Green Mountain National Forest east of Brandon.	Al & Roma Pulling 773-6997
Oct. 17	Rocky Pond: A loop hike, mostly within the city limits, passing Rocky and Muddy Ponds, the golf course, and East Creek.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
Oct. 31	Around back of Blue Ridge: Celebrate Halloween with a hike from Mendon to Chittenden via abandoned portions of Old Turnpike and Wildcat Roads.	Bob & Thelma Perkins 773-0184

Membership Interest Survey

The Section is anxious to learn more about how individual members regard Section activities and to solicit their views on additional activities that might be undertaken. Will you take a few minutes to review and respond to the questions on the back of this sheet. Then please fold the sheet with Steve's address on the outside, tape it shut, affix a 37-cent stamp, and mail.

Fold here

37-cent
stamp

Steve Williams
682 Vermont Route 30
West Pawlet, VT 05775



Membership Interest Survey

Please circle your answers.

For how many years have you been a Killington Section member? 0 1-2 3-5 6-10 More

How many time a year do you attend Section outings? 0 1-2 3-5 6-10 More

Have you attended a Section meeting or potluck supper in the past three years? No Yes

Have you participated in a Section Trails & Shelters work party in the past three years? No Yes

How about the lengths of hikes on our schedule? Too many are short A good mix Too many are long

How about the difficulty of hikes on our schedule? Too many are easy A good mix Too many are hard

How often have you been asked to join a Section work party? Not often enough About right Too often

What activities would you like to see added to schedule? Cycling Kayaking Canoeing Social events
Bushwhacking Overnights Nature study Others (specify) _____

Would you like to play a greater role in the Section in any of the following areas?

Leading hikes Leading kayak/canoe trips Trail & shelter maintenance Social events

How could the Section do a better job of meeting your needs or expectations? _____

Your name and address are on the label below. Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Thanks for taking part in our survey.

Steve Williams, Section President

----- Fold here -----

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 005701



Smoke & Blazes

Volume 56, Number 4

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

November 2003

New bridge on the Bucklin Trail

By Barbara Griffith

The upper bridge over Brewers Brook is finished thanks to the 100s of hours of both volunteer and hired help. This 35-foot span is 1.2 miles east of Brewers Corners on the Bucklin Trail. The abutments are high enough so they should keep the bridge above the highest spring floods, ensuring this bridge will last a lot longer than past ones. Now, for the first time since the late 1960s, both crossings have been bridged, and hikers no longer need to think about whether it has rained recently before deciding whether to climb Killington on the Bucklin Trail.

Bravo! Many of you probably read the recent Rutland Herald article about the bridge, however you had to be there seeing it happen to appreciate what took place. Young workers lugged hundreds of pounds of heavy pressure treated wood, tools and equipment up the trail on their backs, in their arms, and dragging it in teams. Volunteers lugged bits and pieces up, as did passing hikers who would pause and grab something to drop off at the work site on their way up to the peak.

The bridge was preassembled at GMC headquarters under the direction of GMC Field Supervisor Greg Western, disassembled, and reassembled on site by volunteers and paid staff directed by Greg and by our own Jerry Parker. However that isn't the entire story. As the days went by the bridge went



Killington hikers can now cross Brewers Brook high and dry.

through an evolutionary process, spurred by engineering suggestions from our own Mark Youngstrom that were advocated on site by Jerry Parker. Spending several days with the bridge construction crew I was amazed how smoothly the work went. After getting all the material to the site the biggest problem was how to make the 35-foot span without the bridge ending in a big bow. Many a brainstorming session went into effect. Changes were brought about with Team intervention. Not one mind made the difference; it was always the culmination of the group decision.

This story is about the building of the Bucklin Trail Bridge over Brewers Brook, yet it is also a tribute to the many people who dug in and helped make it happen. I'll work in some clichés here. This organization works because of dedicated volunteers who ask for nothing in return. It's about the "silent ones" who do hours upon hours of work on the trail to make it a better place for all. As for those young workers, I personally feel that the future of America is in very capable hands and I am thankful that I had the privilege to spend hours in the outdoors with them.

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2004	* Bob Perkins
"	* Jacob Sherman
"	* Connie Youngstrom
2005	Barbara Griffith
"	* Bill Robichaud
"	Steve Williams
2006	Andrea McQuade
"	Roma Pulling
"	* Susan Thomas

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President	Steve Williams
Vice President	Barbara Griffith
Secretary	Jacob Sherman
Treasurer	Roma Pulling

Committee Chairs/Co-chairs

History	Bob Perkins
Outings	Susan Thomas
"	Connie Youngstrom
Trails & Shelters	Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director	Lynda Hutchins
Alternate	Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor	Bob Perkins
--------------	-------------

Web Site

Web master	Deborah Waggett
------------------	-----------------

From the Section President

Now that the season for trail and shelter construction and maintenance is essentially over it is appropriate to extend thanks to all those who have been active in construction and maintenance on the Section's trails during the year.

The major construction activities have been the Pico camp privy, ably led, prefabricated and directed by Jerry Parker, and the Bucklin Trail bridge, erected under the direction

of Waterbury's Greg Western, with considerable support from Jerry, to a design by Mark Youngstrom. Greg in turn was supported by a number of Americorps and other volunteers from outside the Section, but also by a considerable number of Section members. Thanks to Jerry and to Greg and to all those who assisted them.

At the top of the trails man-hours league (outside the scheduled walk-throughs), we again find Bill Robichaud with more than eighty hours fieldwork, largely on the Bucklin Trail, but also on the Sherburne Pass trail and the LT/AT from Jungle Junction to a point north of Route 4. Thank you Bill.

With high honors there are Peter Dekker and Barbara Griffith with approximately twenty hours each; thank you Peter and Barbara.

With very honorable mention there are David Coppock, Barry Griffith, Ruth Hare, Ruth and Sandy Lamb, Andrea McQuade, Cynthia Taylor-Miller, Sue Thomas, Craig Tomkinson, Larry Walter and Deb Waggett who all made very worthwhile contributions. Thank you, one and all.

Very special thanks should also go to Herb Ogden, who heads the Section's Trails & Shelters Committee, and, besides his time on the trail, spends a lot of time off the trail gathering information and coordinating with the Waterbury GMC headquarters.

If for reasons of incomplete bookkeeping I have failed to mention

See **President**, page 5

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Barbara Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff3VT@aol.com
 Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
 Andrea McQuade, 36 Morse Place, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-6273, andrea6273@aol.com
 Herbert Ogden, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368, hogden@adelphia.net
 Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com
 Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, ral37@juno.com
 William Robichaud, 215 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2567
 Jacob Sherman, 48 Morse Pl., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2784, jakesher56@hotmail.com
 Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
 Deborah L. Waggett 21 Academy St. Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024 waggett@aol.com
 Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net
 Connie Youngstrom, Box 1160, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3502, marky@vermontel.net

Killington Section Directors Meeting, 23 October 2003

By Steve Williams

President and Secretary pro tem

Present

Barbara Griffith, Andrea McQuade, Bob Perkins, Roma Pulling, Sue Thomas, Steve Williams, Herb Ogden, Lynda Hutchins, Al Pulling

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and approved that the minutes of the July 10th, 2003, meeting be approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Roma Pulling reported the current account balances to be:

Checking Account:	\$8.87
Savings Account	\$1,422.78
Kirk Savings Account	\$619.96
Kirk Fund CD's	\$15,776.31

(Still to be paid from the above funds are the remaining expenditures for the Bucklin Trail bridge and materials costs due to Jerry Parker for the Pico Camp privy; see below).

Roma also advised the current membership to be 124.

Trails and Shelters Report

Herb Ogden reported on the near completion of the Bucklin Trail bridge and the expectation that Greg Western would shortly return from Waterbury to finalize the bridge by the addition of some stabilizing beams. Herb noted that the Forest Service would shortly expand the Bucklin Trailhead parking lot. Herb had previously submitted to board members a list of ongoing and upcoming work projects.

Herb advised that Greg Western had provided him with the names of two Green Mountain College volunteers who had expressed interest in participating in trails maintenance.

Herb advised that he had heard from Dave Hardy (Waterbury) who provided a map of the three locations he considered viable for the new shelter to be constructed in 2005 between Governor Clement Shelter and Cooper Lodge. Dave had also advised that there is no limitation on buildings at any one of the three sites. In discussion, the Board reached the conclusion that, pending a walk-through, which Herb will arrange in a timely manner, one of the two lower sites was preferred, from the viewpoints of access during construction and winter temperatures. Herb will so advise the Waterbury trails committee.

Herb noted that the Route 4 AT/LT trailhead parking lot is in bad condition from the viewpoint of ruts and run-off. The State is believed to be the first party to be sought to rectify the matter. Steve Williams will communicate with Ben Rose (Waterbury) to ask if Waterbury will approach the State on the matter. Reimbursement of Jerry Parker for materials for Pico privy.

It was proposed, seconded and approved that Jerry Parker be reimbursed \$577.65 for the purchase of materials for the new Pico Camp privy.

Aaron Korzun Easement

The Section has advised Waterbury of its support for this easement.

Requirements for Chain-saw use in Appalachian Trail Corridor

Herb reported from his Waterbury discussions that the GMC position on the new requirements for chain-saw use is still being developed. It was agreed that the Section would take no further action regarding the training of its volunteer chain-saw operators, or their required safety equipment,

until further word is received on the subject from Waterbury.

Ridge Runner

Steve reported that he had tried to reach Adam Hale during the previous two weeks to see if he had any comments for the Section resulting from his summer ridge running in the Section's area. Regrettably the connection failed to materialize and we must now await receipt of a copy of Adam's final report to Waterbury.

Killington Section notices at trailheads

It has been observed that not all trailheads have a copy of the Section's "Welcome to the Killington Section" notice. Members seeking to rectify this are requested to talk to Steve or to Herb in order to seek copies of the updated trailhead notice for placing at the appropriate location(s).

Walking across Posted Land without permission during club activities

After discussion this was agreed, as part of a club activity, to be unacceptable. The point was confirmed by the proposing, seconding and approval of a motion to ban such walking without the landowner's permission.

With regard to an attractive alternative to the Burr & Burton trail up Mount Equinox, which alternative has two posted sections with so far inaccessible owners, it was agreed that Sue Thomas would revisit the area to obtain the company or organization names of the two owners. Herb will then submit such names to the Vermont Secretary of State with the request that he (or she) advise the names of the contact individuals so that the Section can approach the two landowners with a

request to be able to cross the two parcels of land.

Next Outing Schedule

Sue reported that this is well in hand and will be ready to be published in the next *Smoke & Blazes*

Next *Smoke & Blazes*

Bob Perkins reported that the November issue is in progress.

Publicity Panel

Andrea McQuade reported that this is now ready and will be on display at the Rutland EMS store on their "club days", October 24 and 25. She is seeking to contact Mark Foley who owns a number of downtown Rutland buildings in the hope that the panel can be displayed in one of them.

Rutland Herald Article

Steve reported that he had discussed the subject with club member Jack Crowther, who works for the Rutland Herald. Jack advised that the prerequisite for any article to be of interest to the Rutland Herald is newsworthiness. Consequently, at the time of the bridge construction on the Bucklin Trail, Steve called the Herald, which did indeed do an article on the subject. Hike leaders and Sue, in her role as outings' committee chair, are requested to see if there is a story associated with any given hike (such as the history associated with Patch Hollow). If so, he or she is requested to let Steve know, whereupon he will contact the Herald.

Governor Clement Shelter Update

Due to the pressure of other workload requirements, Barry Griffith's activities on developing a town ordinance to ban parking on the

town road leading to the shelter have been delayed. Herb suggested calling on Norman Cohen and Becca Rice, other attorneys who also live in Shrewsbury, to see if they would be willing to work with Herb and Barry on the matter. The Board endorsed such an approach.

Survey Results

Steve presented the survey results, which were disappointing in terms of the responses received (14). There was a 65-95% satisfaction with the "length of hikes", "difficulty of hikes" and "frequency of requests to join a work party" questions. Additional activities proposed which received at least four in favor were cycling, canoeing/ kayaking and nature study. Two thoughts emerged from the ensuing discussion:

- Sue Thomas would be pleased to hear from anyone willing to lead one of these events.
- Members always have the opportunity to join other sections, which frequently run these events.

Report on GMC Waterbury Directors' Meeting September 20th.

Lynda Hutchins presented a comprehensive written report of the meeting and then verbally highlighted the key issues and decisions.

Website

Steve reported that from his recent view of the site it is working very well. However he noted, after linking to the Waterbury site, that only a single commercial page was operational. Pete Ketchum (Waterbury) confirmed that a problem exists with the site and is being worked on.

Andrew Nuquist letter of June 30th, 2003 (submitted by Lynda for the Board's review)

Andrew Nuquist (GMC President) received an offer of an \$8,000 donation towards the club's impending 2004 budget deficit of \$13,000 if the GMC Board "raised or pledged" \$5,000, which Andrew relayed to individual directors in a letter, dated June 30th, 2003, regrettably emphasizing "pledging" rather than "raising". Lynda reported that, believing it inappropriate that directors, particularly those elected by the sections, such as herself, should be asked to donate financially in addition to their other contributions to the club, she so advised the GMC Board at their September 20th meeting. Steve advised that he subsequently attempted to reach Andrew to support Lynda's viewpoint and, in Andrew's absence, made the point to Executive Director Ben Rose, who said that Lynda's point had been well understood, and recognized, by both he and Andrew. Lynda stated her belief that the point should be made in writing and requested the (Killington) Board to endorse her sentiments in writing to President Andrew Nuquist. A motion was proposed, seconded and approved that this be done. Barbara agreed to write the letter.

Next Meeting

8.00 PM. Tuesday, February 3rd, 2004 at Herb Ogden's Offices, 92 Center Street, Rutland.

Post Meeting Note

Greg Western and a number of volunteers, including Barbara, Sue, Lynda, Bob, Jerry and Bill, completed the Bucklin Trail bridge on October 25th

President *continued from page 2*

others who have contributed, such as the hikers who carried up wood from Brewers Corners for the Bucklin trail bridge, I apologize; your time is no less appreciated.

Besides the above, thanks also go to sector checkers Gretchen Crowley, Barry and Barbara Griffith, John and Nadine Horchner, Herb Ogden, Bill Robichaud, Cynthia Taylor-Miller, Sue Thomas, Deb Waggett, Vivian Walter and Mark and Connie Youngstrom who provide the status reports to Herb Ogden to make the system work.. Likewise thanks to shelter adopters Ray Arthur, Max Carleton, Peter Dekker, Erling and Christian Omland, Cynthia Taylor-Miller and Sue Thomas and Carol Chapman who, while reporting to Waterbury, handle the shelters within the Section's domain. Finally, thanks to those Section members who participated in the scheduled walk-throughs; Mark DeCrease, Gary Donell, Michael Forsyth, Jacob Flusche, Kyle Halligan, John Horchner, Lucille Hurley, Lynda Hutchins, Andrea McQuade, Herb Ogden, Mike O'Neill, Jerry Parker, Bill Robichaud, Cindy Taylor-Miller, Sue Thomas, Larry Walter and Connie Youngstrom. (Apologies for any misspellings of those I don't know; I did my best with the handwriting in the book).

Last but not least, thanks to Lynda Hutchins for her time of a different sort in being our nominated Director to the main club and giving up her Saturdays to attend the main board's quarterly meetings.

I hope to see as many of you as can make it at the Potluck Supper scheduled for November 22nd.

Sincerely
Steve Williams

Trip reports

Shrewsbury Loop

23 August 2003

By Barry Griffith

Fourteen human hikers, led by Dickens, began this trek at the AT/LT parking area on Route 103. We struck out on the Long Trail heading north, working up a sweat on the ascent. There was a welcome breeze on the ridge above, carrying a reminder of cooler weather to come. We paused at a scenic vista to take in the view to the south and west. We then continued on to Clarendon Shelter, where we had lunch and chatted with through-hikers.

After our repast we diverged from the Long Trail, continuing our walk up the so-called Gainer Road – a former town highway discontinued after the Great Flood of 1927. We paused to inspect large stone foundations, and a picture of the long-abandoned home of the Anthony Adams family, which stood here in the late 1800s, reproduced in Dawn Hance's history of Shrewsbury. We discussed the original settlers, who came here a century earlier.

In 1797 young John Bullard married Lucy Buxton in Barre, Massachusetts. The newlyweds came here to raise their family – among the original settlers of Shrewsbury. We were determined to visit the cemetery on their home farm where they were laid to rest – a quest unfulfilled on the last Section hike here. Barbara would have led us there directly. Her absence required some bushwhacking, but the objective was achieved! We memorialized our visit in the site's journal.

We continued to the north and uphill until we arrived at

Shrewsbury's Lottery Road -- named for the way it was financed by the fledgling town in 1792. We moved on -- finally downhill -- to the east, pausing to inspect the site of Town School #11, established in 1840, long since abandoned.

We reconnected with the Long Trail and took it to the South, over Beacon Hill, and then steeply downhill back to Clarendon Shelter. Here we again diverged from the present AT/LT, Southerly and down the aforementioned abandoned town road. This connects with Vermont's first interstate highway -- the venerable Crown Point Road, laid out in 1759, during the French & Indian War. Continuing down we inspected CPR markers, to find ourselves back on Route 103.

A short jaunt westerly returned us to the parking lot, where our party had a chance to visit and traverse the AT/LT Swinging Bridge over Clarendon Gorge. A successful loop concluded, we departed with visions of hikes to come. Happy Trails!

Pico Camp Privy

13 September 2003, et al.

By Herb Ogden

Last summer, the small Pico Camp privy that the Section built around 1992 under the direction of former Trails & Shelters Chair Tim Welch was in such disrepair that GMC Field Supervisor Val Stori took it apart and put a "chum" in its place. I don't know why it's called a chum, since it consists of a toilet seat on a big box, with no walls to separate the user from the environment. I wouldn't feel particularly chummy when using one. Some of us were miffed that we weren't given the chance to repair what we had, but the result was good for us, as you'll see if you read on.

This summer, Jerry Parker took privy plans supplied by GMC

headquarters, simplified them to suit a situation where supplies could be trucked to within 1,000 feet of the work site, and completely prefabricated the privy. On 7 September, Jerry and I scouted out the site and made sure Pico's service road was in decent shape for a loaded truck. The next weekend, a dozen or so of us hiked or drove to the site and hauled in two pickup truck loads of privy lumber, roofing, and bin. The larger part of the work party got the new outhouse mostly built under Jerry's supervision. Meanwhile, Bob Perkins and I replaced the rotted window frames in the Camp, cinched up and put a new 2x4 in the front wall, and put in a new windowsill to keep the weather out of the inside of the wall. The previous windowsill, installed around 1995, had disappeared totally, and, for several years, closing the windows had not done much to keep out the wind. During the week, Jerry returned to finish nailing down the roof before a big windstorm. The next weekend, Jerry, Barb and Barry Griffith and I returned to finish siding the privy, install the bench and seat, and do a little clearing on the 0.4 mile trail from the Camp to Pico Peak.

The new privy stands a few feet closer to Pico Camp than the old privy did, with its back facing downhill to make it easier to remove the bin. It is also much larger, lighter, and better ventilated than the old one.

Thanks to Jerry and to John Horchner for the use of their vehicles, and to Killington Ltd. for the use of the service road. And thanks especially to Jerry for building the privy at home and then directing the rebuilding at the site.

Mt. Antone, Rupert

20 September 2003

By Larry Walter and Viv Bebee

The weather was a little iffy at the onset of our hike up Old Towne Road. The Merck folks were hosting some sort of Oktoberfest/ Chevy Corvair Enthusiast/ Other Old Car People celebration so there were about 20 times more humans running around than usual. We parked at the lower parking lot by Route. 315 and set out for the visitor center. Once we passed the upper parking areas and barn, things quieted down considerably.

It took about two hours at a steady pace to reach the summit where we had lunch. The views were initially limited to a couple chains down the hill, but the ceiling lifted enough to get a nice peak at the sun, the Adirondacks and the approaching route. Tom kept an interesting record of our progress with his little GPS unit. We descended slowly though a couple brief showers, then though the throngs of Oktoberfesters to the parking lot.

Merck Forest has 28 miles of hiking and skiing trails ranging over 3,100 acres of forest land. Motorcycles, ATV's and snowmobiles are prohibited. Viv and I have stayed at two of Merck's cabins, all of which have a wood stove. Aside from an occasional farm tractor, you're pretty much treated to a quiet hike or ski. Be aware that there is no grooming of the ski trails, so you're probably going to be breaking trail on the more challenging routes. The visitor center is powered by an impressive array of photovoltaic cells and a giant fireplace with auxiliary power from a windmill up by the barn.

Old Baldy, Woodstock

21 September 2003

By Roma Pulling

The day of our hike was like an island in stormy seas, preceded by remnants of Tropical Storm Isabel

and followed by a rainstorm that left one and three-eighths inches of rain in our gauge. Hike Day was the sort that hike leaders dream of: mostly sunny, cool and crisp. We met six hikers at the park, drove to Bridgewater and met five more hikers there.

Our destination was in the southwest part of Woodstock in Coolidge State Forest. Most of our hikers, including our editor, had never heard of it, but I had hiked it twice, the last time in 1986. Steve, the leader of that hike, was with us again and helped us choose the right trail. It followed an old logging road very gradually with a short, steep rise at the very end. We saw many flowers including goldenrod, fall asters, a very confused Canada violet which should have finished blooming in July, and most exciting, a large patch of bottle gentians.

The elevation at the summit of Baldy is 2,409 feet, and the view is at least 180 degrees. Steve pointed out Ascutney and Okemo with a peak at Killington through the trees. We ate our lunch there before returning to our cars to conclude a fantastic outing.

Black Mountain, New York

27 September 2003

By Ray Catozzi

The weather was fairly nice when we left Rutland, but completely clouded over when we stopped at the Vermont Welcome Center in Fair Haven to pick up our section president, his charming wife, and our lovely director to the main club. Oh yes, their names are Steve and Diana Williams and Lynda Hutchins. So the bunch of us proceeded to the trailhead east of Black Mountain. It was getting darker by then, but we could still see the trail and the signs.

Part way up the east trail we turned left on another trail that

headed south, to a couple of nice ponds, and then west toward the northbound trail that would take us up to the summit. It was nearly noon when we reached the nice open Adirondack shelter near the pond so we stopped and had our lunch there.

After lunch we started up the steep, rocky, mile-long trail. Before we'd gone a half of a mile it started sprinkling and by the time we reached the top it was raining. There were only 12 to 15 people up there this time. On our last hike to Black Mountain there were probably 50 or more up there enjoying the view.

This day the view down the mountain went as far as 200 feet and then stopped in the thick clouds. The gorgeous view down the steep slope of Black Mountain was completely gone. When it is clear, it is a great treat to look down on Lake George, and watch all the powerboats, ferry boats, and the canoes and kayaks glide up and down the lake. I promised our group that I would put this hike on the schedule again next year and pray for a clear day.

It kept sprinkling, sometimes hard and sometimes lightly, so we stayed on top only about minutes while some group pictures were taken. Then down we went in the rain. The rain nearly stopped half way down to our cars. So it wasn't too bad a hike.

Mendon Peak

11 Oct 2003

By Barbara Griffith

Our apologies to anyone who showed up for the hike and got left behind. We had it on our calendar as a 9:00 AM hike. We thought that our description of a difficult bushwhack had kept many away. Only one hiker showed up so we headed out to Brewers Corner and met up with

another who said it was billed as a 9:30 hike. Having a cell phone he reached his group who were waiting at the park. Oh well.

Three of us set off up the trail, a 40-minute walk on an old logging road. After crossing Eddy Brook we started a steady ascent up an ATV trail which runs along Mendon's westerly slope. No switchbacks -- straight up. Phew! This hike is not for the faint of heart. The trail stopped about 500 feet from the top and our bushwhack started. We got into short fir trees packed together, up mossy cliffs. An hour later, battered and tired, we came out within feet of the canister. This contained information about Mendon Peak being one of the top 100 peaks in NE. Yea! We made it!

Halfway into our lunch the 9:30 party joined us, making us a group of 6. With a 360-degree view of the valleys and mountains we enjoyed the fall colors beneath spacious sunny skies. To make this trip more of a challenge we all agreed on an alternate descent. Compasses and GPS in hand, we headed easterly along the ridge toward Little Killington. We hoped to come across a logging road or trail that would lead down to Eddy Brook. We descended past three ravines that were pointed out to be "flumes." These were used to slide the logs down the mountain to the brook below. Not finding a better route, we finally descended one ourselves to get down to the brook. More bushwhacking followed. Finally we located the logging road, and followed it past Stovepipe City and back to Wheelerville Road.

Seven hours after we began, we arrived back at our vehicles. Our party was tired and dirty, but all agreed that the challenge was worth the trip. See you on the trails!

Eagle Rock Freedley Quarry, Dorset

18 October 2003

By Larry Walter and Viv Bebee

The great Eagle Rock scramble unraveled at the last moment due to unplanned conflicts with the landowner. (I'll try to set up a January visit to the same). Viv and I dug out the hiker guides and settled on an alternative visit to Freedley Quarry in Dorset. It's a good thing we recon'd the quarry hike the week before, as the route was a little confusing.

The weather was cool, but agreeable for the 10 of us as we ascended through a farmer's field from Lower Hollow Road. At the top of the cleared fields we picked up a well-worn woods road that climbed southeasterly though a saddle. (Note: About halfway up this road, you ignore a side road to the northwest, which climbs, steeply to a small camp on the ridge. A short distance after this intersection the road forks, where you keep to the left.) After hitting the saddle, we took a smaller road about 500 feet to the north where we picked up a recently cleared (muddy) skid trail that descended northeasterly to the old Dorset Road. A couple minutes to the north on the Dorset Road and the quarry appeared on our left.

The quarry is an interesting, semi-open cut into the side of the hill, with deep pools of water where they had originally taken the bulk of the marble out. There is some old mining equipment still lying around, along with a lot of local graffiti. The pools freeze over in the winter and are frequented by skaters who don't mind a couple irregularities here and there.

We ate lunch at an overlook on the side of the logging landing and even caught a couple rays of sun in the process. The return trip was easy

after the 20-minute backtrack up the logging trail to the saddle.

It looks like the approach from the Lower Hollow Road to this saddle would be an excellent jump off to the summits of Dorset Hill and Mt. Aeolus, but one should check with the local owners before hand. The fellow who owns the barn, across the street from where we parked, is the key contact for use of this route. Unfortunately, I did not get his name and number.

Mount Equinox

25 October 2003

By Ray Catozzi

Our hike was scheduled to go up the North Ridge Trail from Bear Town Gap and then down the Burr & Burton Trail into Manchester Center. I had learned ahead of time that a logging company and a rod and gun club had closed the North Ridge Trail to hikers. Our group of six decided not to ignore the NO TRESPASSING signs but to go up the 35-degree Burr & Burton Trail and to return by the same route.

Half way up the trail, which was wide enough for a jeep, we ran into an inch snow. Two-thirds of the way up, the trail narrowed to a steep, slippery path with two inches of snow. Other hikers had gone up ahead of us, but that made the trail under foot even more dangerous from slipping and sliding. As leader, I was having a terrible time climbing up this steep, rocky, snowy, slippery trail. I had to stop often to catch my breath.

Our group consisted of three younger members: Tom Shanahan, and Tom and Maria Walsh, plus three older ones: Steve Williams, John Hale, and me. I told the two Toms and Maria to go on up and not to wait for me, their fearless leader. By this point there was over three inches of snow. I had to stop every

50 yards or so, not only to catch my breath but also to rest my shaky legs. God, it's hell to get old! I stopped at least 25 times before we reached the Rock Overlook.

So much time elapsed that the young three were on their way back down that dangerous Burr & Burton Trail, but Steve and John agreed to stay with this tired old hiker, and to walk down the toll road. One of the three younger hikers would drive up to meet us.

We made it to the overlook and then up the last one-half-mile moderate trail to the hotel. There were several cars of tourists there enjoying the wonderful view in all directions. The hotel and restaurant are closed until next summer so we had to eat our carry-up lunch. The toll road was plowed so it was nice walking down. A couple of miles down the long, curvy, five-mile road Tom Walsh met us. He didn't have to pay the \$8.00 toll road fee as he said he was on an emergency drive to pick up a worn out hiker – me! He brought us back to our cars at the trailhead in Manchester.

In spite of my darned old senior problems, the mountain is beautiful with great views of the Green Mountains to the east, the Taconics north and south, and the Adirondacks to the west. Try it the way we did – if you are young!

Bromley Mountain

8 November 2003

By Steve Williams

With a roster of fifteen and two dogs the party left the Route 11/30 LT/AT trailhead, heading north, at about 10.00 AM. The weather was great; about freezing, little wind (except at the summit) and a mostly clear sky.

The first destination was the new Bromley shelter and its

associated privy, about one-and-a-half miles from the trailhead. This shelter was built in mid-September by the Manchester Section and looks out in a southwesterly direction. Materials were delivered by helicopter from the nearby Bromley ski area parking lot. All were impressed by the layout, quality and location of the shelter, though perhaps a little uncertain as to the impact of a south westerly wind on the warmth index.

The trail has been relocated for some six-tenths of a mile towards the summit. As the new section is better graded than the original trail it is assumed that the relocation is to reduce erosion. In any event, the new section is indeed easier walking than the original, with the benefit of a new vista, some three-tenths of a mile above the shelter, overlooking Stratton Mountain.

About three-tenths of a mile below the summit, the walker is disgorged onto a Bromley ski slope where, visible just ahead, snow was being manufactured. The party elected to make its way around the patch and come out at the summit. [See Steve's photo, opposite page. Ed.] A few brave souls made it to the top of the observation tower where the view was first class, as was the wind. All gathered in the ski area hut – totally enclosed – to enjoy the view and lunch in protected seclusion. As a result of the snow making, most, but not all, of the summit had a pronounced wintry appearance, leaving the impression that the mountain could not make up its mind whether to be in fall or winter attire.

After lunch, Jerry Parker and his dog Dickens left us to return the same way, while the remaining fourteen and one dog set out for Mad Tom Notch. After a steep descent for the first hundred yards or so, the

trail undulates in a gentle fashion until, after some two-and-a-half miles, it has dropped some eight hundred feet to Mad Tom Notch. With leaves having long gone there

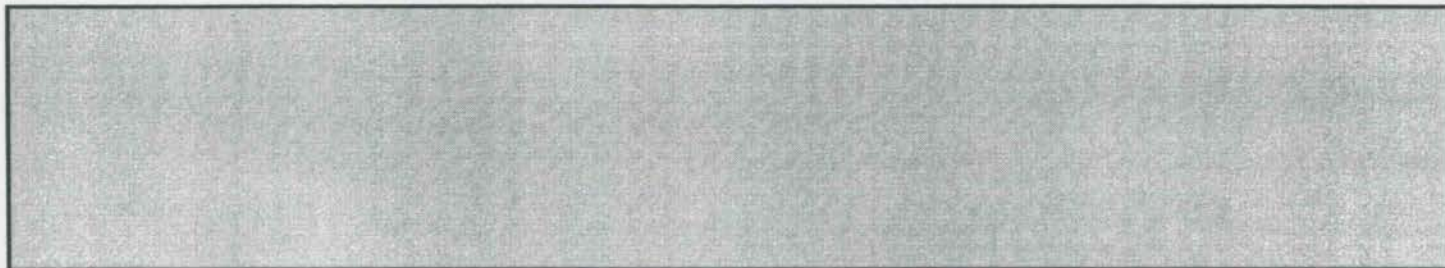
are periodic good views to both east and west.

Leaders Steve and Diana Williams, having previously spotted their Jeep at Mad Tom Notch, were able to carry five others back to the

starting point. Sue Thomas and Ray Catozzi were then kind enough to return for the remaining seven who were making their way down the Mad Tom Notch Road towards Peru.



Killington Section hikers near the top of Bromley. Left to right: Autumn, Winter



Panoramic view from Black Mountain toward beautiful Lake George as enjoyed by Killington Section hikers on September 27, 2003. [A simulation. Ed.]

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Dec. '03 – Feb. '04

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown unless otherwise stated. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and, for morning departures, bring a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate round trip; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader listed at the right.

December 6 Saturday	Grandpa's Knob, Castleton Snowshoe or hike depending on conditions. Hike up the service road to the open summit, site of a wind generator that failed in the 1940s. Elevation gain of 1,000 feet. Easy hike; moderate snowshoe. Joint outing with the Breadloaf Section. Call leaders for meeting place and time.	Gordon & Helen Cawood 352-4310
December 13 Saturday 10:00 AM	Patch Hollow, Wallingford We'll follow the Long Trail north and branch off on the old road to Patch Hollow, take a short bushwhack around the beaver pond, visit home sites, and return by the long Trail over Bear Mountain. Possible additional trip to Button Hill from Patch Hollow. Moderate, 5 miles. Snowshoes may be needed.	Herb Ogden 775-1350 hogden@adelphia.net
January 3 Saturday 9:00 AM	Merck Forest Ramble, Rupert Snowshoe or hike depending on conditions at this forest and farm preserve. Moderate 4 miles. Skiing may also be an option. Check with leaders for route planned.	Steve & Diana Williams 645-9529
January 11 Sunday 10:00 AM	Jockey Hill, Shrewsbury We'll ascend Shrewsbury's 2,650-foot Jockey Hill. Are the rocks at the peak an ancient Celtic site? Snowshoes or x-c skis. Five miles round trip; 700-feet total elevation gain; moderate.	Bard & Barry Griffith 492-3573
January 18 Sunday 10:00 AM	Mystery Outing Call leaders for further information as the time draws near.	Larry & Viv Walter 775-3855
January 25 Sunday 9:30 AM	Bomoseen Hot Dog Roast Bring your own dogs; hot beverages provided. We'll take a short to moderate snowshoe or hike to work up an appetite!	Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
February 7 Saturday 9:00 AM	Galick Preserve, West Haven Enjoy hiking or snowshoeing on Nature Conservancy land overlooking the south end of Lake Champlain. Approximately 4 miles; moderate.	Lynda Hutchins 948-2770
February 14 Saturday 9:00 AM	Griffith Lake, Mount Tabor We'll travel easterly up the so-called Lake Trail, a nineteenth century carriage road to remote Griffith Lake, on snowshoes or x-c skis. Circa seven miles round trip, 1,000-feet elevation gain, a gradual but somewhat lengthy ascent.	Bard & Barry Griffith 492-3573
February 21 Saturday 10:00 AM	Tucker-Johnson Shelter, Mendon Snowshoe a 3.5-mile loop on the Long Trail.	Andrea McQuade 775-6273
February 28 Saturday 9:00 AM	Chandler Ridge, Leicester Falls of Lana Trail to Silver Lake Trail to Chandler Ridge Trail to Minnie Baker Trail. We will spot cars for a one-way outing, about 7.5 miles. Moderate to difficult depending on weather and conditions. Good views.	Mark & Connie Youngstrom 492-3502

Killington Section Members, November 2003

(* New member since August 2001)

*Linda D. Aines	Brandon	John & Janet Martin	Rutland Town
*Ronald G. Anderson	Wallingford	*Jason Massey	West Rutland
*Valenda Applegarth	Swampscott MA	Jon & Kimberly Mathewson	Middletown Springs
Robert L. Badger	Potsdam NY	*Dave Mathis & Lulu Anderson	Rutland
*Lynda & Jeff Baydin	Morristown NJ	Richard E. Matteson	Killington
Vivian Bebee & Larry Walter	Rutland	Donald R. McIntyre, M.D.	Rutland
*Eve Beglarian	New York NY	M. Cecilia McMillen	Ludlow
C. Stark Biddle	Rutland	*Andrea McQuade	Rutland
Joel Blumenthal	Proctor	*Matthew S. Mitchell	Bloomfield CT
Rev. & Mrs. Robert B. Boutwell	Rutland	*Richard C. Mitchell	Oswego NY
*Karen Bowles	Killington	Kelly & Bruce Moreton	Cuttingsville
*Lyle J. Breitkopf	Teaneck NJ	*Dick Nelson	White River Junction
Jeffrey Breslow & Ginna Frantz	Chicago IL	*John Newman	Mendon
*Susan Carpenter	Bethel	Herbert G. Ogden & Catherine Thomas	Rutland
*Karen W. Cartier	Rutland	*Fran & Artie Oken	Middletown Springs
*Francisco Castillo	Cuttingsville	*Donna O'Malley	Rutland
Raymond Catozzi	Rutland	Gerald Parker	Cuttingsville
Rachael W. Charland	Springfield MA	Robert & Thelma Perkins	Rutland
*Dale Christie	West Rutland	Mark J. Petrone	Averill Park NY
*Kerry Christler	Sudbury	Paul Pilcher	Proctor
*Norman Cohen	Rutland	Pat Pranger	Wallingford
George Conlon	Rutland	Ronald & Sarah Pulcer	Rutland Town
Dave & Clare Coppock & Family	Rutland	Alfred & Roma Pulling	Rutland
*Tom Copps	Rutland	John Rantanen & Susan Orzell	Rutland
Susan Corrigan	Rehoboth MA	*The Rayner Family	Mendon
*Alexander S. Coulter	Rutland	*Jaclynne Reed	Brandon
*Gerard Coursey	Rutland	*Michele Reed	Tinmouth
*Deanna Cross	Castleton	George Reynolds	Springfield
*Marion Dane & Wilbur Abrams	Pittsfield	William T. Robichaud	Rutland
Dr. & Mrs Robert P. Darrow	Mendon	*Steve Robinson	Killington
Kit Davidson	Castleton	*Craig J. Roebuck	Rutland
Theresa L. Davis & Janine F. Small	Pittsford	Wally Rogers	Castleton
*Mark DeCrease	Rutland	F. John & Moira Romeo	Homosassa FL
Walter F. Deinzer	Tinmouth	Ellen B. Russell	Rutland
Bernard G. Donahue	Rutland	*Paula Russell	Rochester
*Bruce E. Douglas	Wallingford	*Lora Salladin	Cockeysville MD
Janet Estelle & Don Kass	North Clarendon	*Donald Sandall	Rutland
Sarah Fearing	Rutland	*Judy Sauby	Rutland
*Michael H. Forster	Killington	*Deborah Schoch	Shrewsbury
Ruth Gibbud	Rutland	*Charlotte S. Schwartz	Goffstown NH
Frances Ginsberg	Rye NY	Marilyn Sheldon	Rutland
Zed Grande	Rutland	Jacob & Madeline Sherman	Rutland
Donald Green	Wallingford	Joan Sibley	Cuttingsville
Barry & Barbara Griffith	Shrewsbury	B. Phillip & Linda Smith	Fair Haven
*John M. & Til Hale	Castleton	Carlene P. Smith	Proctor
*Anne M. Hamilton	West Hartford CT	*Anthony Spiridakis	Brandon
Patricia K. Hannegan	Rutland	*J. Ross Stevenson	Poultney
Ruth Hare	Montpelier	Lindsey & John Suddarth	Mendon
Lorraine Hawley	Rutland	Kevin Sweeney	Rutland
*David W. Higley	Lufrow	*Kate H. Taylor	Clarendon
John & Nadine Horchner	Rutland	Cynthia Taylor-Miller	Wallingford
*Lynda M. Hutchins	Orwell	Sue Thomas	Rutland
Michael Ilyichenko	Yaphank NY	*Mr. & Mrs. Doug Thorne	Killington
*Steve Jackson & Family	Shoreham	*Craig H. & Dot Tomkinson	North Clarendon
R. Joseph Jalbert	Rome NY	Jeffrey Trubisz	Salem MA
*Kay Jones	West Rutland	Albert L. Tufano	Cuttingsville
*Linda M. Jones	Mendon	*Deborah L. Waggett	Fair Haven
Robert & Sue Kancir	Fairfield CT	Jane Walczykowski	Shrewsbury
*Andrew Kemp	Mendon	Carolyn Waldhauer	Ludlow
*David Kirk	Rutland	*Mary Lou Webster	Brandon
*Peter & David Kirk	Rutland	*Jennifer Wichland	Rutland
Ruth & Sandy Lamb	Cleveland Heights OH	Stephne & Diana Williams	West Pawlet
*Michele Landis	Carlisle PA	Joyce K. Wilson	Shrewsbury
*Jill Lauren	New York NY	*Mark D. Wilson	Castleton
John & Betty Little	Rutland	David P. Wright	Middletown Springs
Shelley Lutz	Center Rutland	Connie & Mark Youngstrom	Shrewsbury
Sam Malkus	Proctor	Joan Zardus	Amesbury MA
*David G. Marsh	Proctor	Maryellen Zizis	Wilmington MA
Davids S. Martin	McLean VA		

Your Invitation to Join
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$30
Family..... \$40
Senior/Student/Volunteer..... \$20
Individual Lifetime..... \$750
Family Lifetime..... \$1000

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education,
___ other.

Make check payable to **Killington Section, GMC** and mail with this application to:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes

Volume ⁵⁷56, Number 1

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

February 2004

On the trail to Mount Antone



Sue Thomas, Diana Williams, and Lynda Hutchins are ready to go

Annual meeting is set for April 24

The Killington Section annual meeting and potluck supper will take place at 6 PM on Saturday, April 24 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Hillside Avenue in Rutland.

There will be openings for three new members on the Board of Directors. As specified in our bylaws, retiring directors Bob Perkins, Jake Sherman, and Connie Youngstrom are not eligible for reelection after six consecutive years on the board. Nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting.

See the Outing Schedule on page 3 for more information about the meeting.

Directors meeting

by Steve Williams, Acting Secretary

A regular meeting of the Killington Section, Green Mountain Club Directors was held on 10 February 2004 at Barry Griffith's office in Rutland.

Present

Barbara Griffith, Herb Ogden, Roma Pulling, Bill Robichaud, Sue Thomas, Steve Williams, Connie Youngstrom, Barry Griffith, Al Pulling, Mark Youngstrom

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and approved that the minutes of the October 23, 2003, meeting be approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Roma Pulling reported the current account balances to be:

Checking Account	\$1,281.67
Checks not deposited	303.75
Savings Account	1,123.78
CD	1396.43
Kirk Fund Savings	1,145.36
Kirk Fund CD's	14,577.36

The above figures are after payment of \$2668 for the Bucklin Trail bridge and the material costs

due to Gerry Parker for the Pico Camp privy.

Roma also advised that the total section membership is 128 with 163 voting members.

Trails and Shelters Report

Herb Ogden reported that at a recent Waterbury Trails and Shelters Committee meeting there had been discussion of making an emergency skimobile trail to provide access to the Bucklin Trail (uphill from the bridge and the anti ATV barricades) for use in lost skier

See **Meeting**, page 8

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2004 ----- *Bob Perkins
 " ----- *Jacob Sherman
 " ----- *Connie Youngstrom
 2005 ----- Barbara Griffith
 " ----- *Bill Robichaud
 " ----- Steve Williams
 2006 ----- Andrea McQuade
 " ----- Roma Pulling
 " ----- *Sue Thomas

* Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for reelection.

Killington Section Officers

President ----- Steve Williams
 Vice President ----- Barbara Griffith
 Secretary ----- Jacob Sherman
 Treasurer ----- Roma Pulling

Committee Chairs

History ----- Bob Perkins
 Outings ----- Sue Thomas
 " ----- Connie Youngstrom
 Smoke & Blazes ----- Bob Perkins
 Trails & Shelters ----- Herb Ogden
 Web Site ----- Deborah Waggett

Delegates to GMC Board

Director ----- Lynda Hutchins
 Alternate ----- Alfred Pulling

Vermontivia

It was suggested recently by Herb Ogden that it might be fun to include in *Smoke & Blazes* some trivia questions on the subject of Vermont, the Green Mountains or, best of all, the Long Trail. We agree and are giving it a try.

For starters Herb offered the following:

Q1. Which crossing of a large brook on a Killington Section trail is where no brook used to be?

The following was inspired by a question put by Barry Griffith. Many of Vermont's 251 towns share their names with large or well-known cities elsewhere. There's Berlin, Germany and Moscow; Russia; Dover England and Calais, France; Jericho and Bethel, Palestine; and Halifax and Windsor, Canada. Then, in the United States, there's Hartford and New Haven, Connecticut; Springfield and Worcester, Massachusetts; Concord and Manchester, New Hampshire; Troy and Rochester, New York; Richmond and Arlington, Virginia; and Charlotte and Wilmington, North Carolina. All have like-named Vermont towns. It goes on and on. Even Orange and Bakersfield, California.

Q2. What is the largest (population) American city that shares its name with a Vermont town?

Q2a. Name two states and four foreign countries that share their names with Vermont towns.

In the early 1930s the Blue Triangle camp was built next to the brook near Gov. Clement shelter. It served until the late 1940s when it was disassembled and moved to the then pasture above Spring Lake where it became Spring Lake camp. In the 1950s it was moved again and became Sunnyside camp.

Q3: Why was the old Blue Triangle camp so named?

Answers will appear in the next issue of *Smoke & Blazes*. Let us know what you think. And please submit some posers.

Contact Information:

Web site -- <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Barbara Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
 Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
 Andrea McQuade, 36 Morse Place, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-6273, andrea6273@aol.com
 Herbert Ogden, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368, hogden@adelphia.net
 Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com
 Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingral37@aol.com
 William Robichaud, 215 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2567
 Jacob Sherman, 48 Morse Pl., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2784, jakesher56@hotmail.com
 Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
 Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
 Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net
 Connie Youngstrom, Box 1160, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3502, marky@vermontel.net

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: March – May 2004

Visit our web site: <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown unless otherwise stated. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and, for morning departures, bring a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate round trip; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader listed at the right.

March 7 Sunday 10:00 AM	Tamarack Notch to Brewers Corner, Mendon Snowshoe, walk, or ski depending on conditions, along old roads and past McLaughlin Falls. Approximately 4.5 miles; moderate.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
March 14 Sunday 10 AM	Shrewsbury Bushwhack Snowshoe into the backcountry of Shrewsbury with an expert to look for animal tracks and signs. Three to four miles, moderate.	Jerry Parker 747-4439
March 21 Sunday 9:30 AM	Bomoseen Hot Dog Roast Bring your own dogs. Hot beverages provided. We'll take a short to moderate snowshoe or hike to work up an appetite.	Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
April 3 Saturday 9:00 AM	Snake Mountain, Addison A short climb to an open summit and the site of an old hotel, circa 1870. Beautiful views of the Champlain valley and the Adirondacks. Moderate, 3.6 miles, 900 feet elevation gain.	John Hale 273-2293
April 10 Saturday	Grandpas Knob, Castleton Hike up the service road to the open summit, site of a wind generator that failed in the 1940s. Easy uphill hike; elevation gain of 1,000 feet. A joint outing with the Breadloaf Section. Call leaders for meeting time and place.	Gordon & Helen Cawood 352-4310
April 18 Sunday 9:00 AM	Merck Forest Traverse, Rupert Hike through the fields and woodlands and out the south end of the preserve. Approximately 6 miles, moderate.	Larry & Viv Walter 775-3855
April 24 Saturday 6:00 PM	Killing Section Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper Come to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Hillside Avenue in Rutland. Bring a generous sized dish to share and your own place setting. Hot drinks will be provided. After a short business meeting we'll have a slide presentation on the historic Long Trail Lodge by Dave Wright. Located across the road from the present Inn at Long Trail, the Lodge was owned and operated by the Green Mountain Club until 1955. Non-members welcome!	Sue Thomas 773-2185
April 25 Sunday 1:00 PM	Patch Hollow, Wallingford Join us for a jaunt into history at the site of a long-gone mountain settlement, and hear the story of a grizzly murder that occurred there. A good introductory hike for new members. About 4 miles, easy to moderate.	Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: March – May 2004

Schedule continued from previous page.

May 2 Sunday 9:00 AM	Bristol Bushwhack We'll be mostly bushwhacking through the woods, rewarded with nice views, beaver dams, wildlife, and a really big rock. Moderate, 5 miles.	Jerry Parker 775-6208
May 8 Saturday 9:00 AM	Long Trail Spring Clearing All are welcome to join us for our annual cleanup and maintenance, preparing the trail for the summer hiking season. We'll clear water bars, trim brush, and cut blowdowns on the lower elevations. Bring work gloves and sturdy shoes. Tools provided. Have fun while doing a good deed!	Herb Ogden 775-1350
May 16 Sunday 1:00 PM	Wildflower Identification Hike We'll go wherever the woodland flowers are most plentiful and identify as many as we can. A slow-paced, leisurely hike, to "stop and smell the flowers". Call for location.	Barb Griffith 492-3573
May 22 Saturday 9:00 AM	Appalachian Trail, Barnard We'll hike to the Lookout and the Pinnacle for views of the White Mountains and our home mountains, Killington and Pico. Lunch will be at Winturi Shelter, named for a former Killington Section member. Then on to another fine view of Mount Ascutney. Moderate, 5 miles.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
May 29 Saturday 10:00 AM Rain Date 5/30	Pittsford Recreational Trails Hike south from Arch Street on the Meadow Loop Trail. Join the Cadwell Trail along Furnace Brook down to Otter Creek. Loop around the short Phillips Trail, then up across Elm Street and down to rejoin the Meadow Loop Trail back to Arch Street. Moderate 5 miles.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
June 5 Saturday 9:00 AM	National Trails Day – Upper Elevation Work Party All across the country folks will be out today volunteering their time to maintain hiking trails. Join the Green Mountain Club in out spring cleanup on the Long/Appalachian Trail on Killington and Pico for a day of fun in the woods and worthwhile accomplishments. All welcome. Bring work gloves and sturdy shoes. Tools provided.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
June 6 Sunday 9:30 AM	Amity Pond, Pomfret Hike through woodlands and upland pastures to a small pond and some nice views. Easy to moderate, 3 miles.	Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
June 11-13 Friday-Sunday	Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting, East Burke Business meeting, entertainment, an early morning bird walk, a mountain bike ride and a variety of hikes to choose from. See your Long Trail News or the club web site for details: greenmountainclub.org	

Want to lead a hike?

Our outing schedule is coordinated by Sue Thomas (773-2185) and Connie Youngstrom (492-3502). The summer schedule will include June through August. To make a suggestion or to get your favorite outing on the schedule, give Sue or Connie a call before May 1. Please don't wait till the last minute.

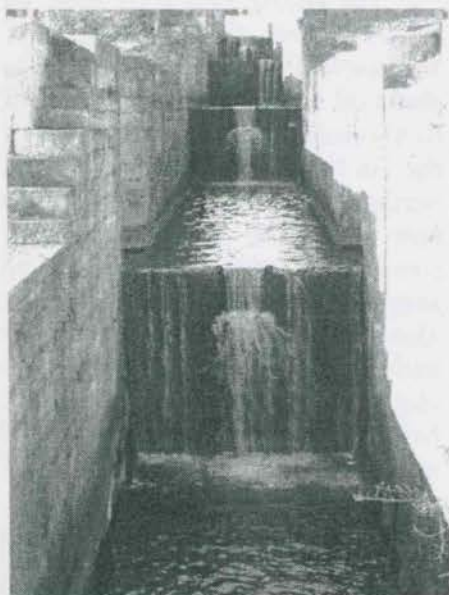
Outing Reports

Feeder Canal History Ramble

15 November 2003

by Sue Thomas, Leader

The Killington Section came thru last fall's hunting season unscathed and well fed, thanks to happy coincidence and a band of Red Coats. We began our history hike on a piece of the Feeder Canal bike path in Ford Edward, NY, which winds easily alongside the remnants of the old Champlain Canal, begun in 1817 to provide access for freight and passenger boats from Lake Champlain to the Hudson River



On the Feeder Canal

The Canal opened in 1822, linking the St. Lawrence River with New York City and enabling shipping of lumber, marble, and produce from the North Country to the busy port for the next 100 years. We enjoyed exploring the remains of the limestone locks and stopped for lunch by "The Five Combines", a series of locks which each lifted or lowered a canal boat about 11 feet in order to negotiate a 55 foot change in elevation. Someone commented that a time machine would come in handy so that we could actually see it as it

was. That's exactly what we got at our next stop, the visitors center on Rogers Island, when we arrived to find a detachment of Revolutionary War era British soldiers occupying the site!

We got a much more cordial welcome than a band of "Green Mountain Boys" should expect. In fact we were ushered in for refreshments and the debut screening of a filmed reenactment of the Battle of Saratoga. (It debuted there because apparently no space in Saratoga could be found large enough to accommodate the 1400 costumed reenactors, horses, and cannons, so the film was shot in a Fort Edward farm field.)

Far from being sore losers, the Red Coats cheerfully shared their popcorn and explained the uses of their period equipment. Perhaps they didn't fully understand our enemy status, thrown off no doubt by the familiar accents of Steve and Diana. We decided not to press our luck in the face of bayonets and retreated back to the bike path, this time a section in Glens Falls that follows the Hudson River. Interpretive signs explain that the caves in James Fennimore Cooper's "Last of the Mohicans" are hidden behind the powerful waterfalls where the trail begins.

Having returned to Rutland unperforated by either hunters' bullets or musket balls, I say the day was a success.

Postscript: My brochure detailing the history of the Feeder Canal, which was nowhere to be found the day of the hike, has resurfaced after an extensive archeological dig in my office. I'd be happy to copy it for anyone interested.

Grandpas Knob

6 December 2003

by Gordon & Helen Cawood, leaders

Winter storm warnings prompted us to cancel this trip. Judging from the news reports a foot or more of snow fell in the Castleton area. Belgo Brook Road would have been a bad place to be stuck. There were five parties from Killington (six or more people) planning to hike, four parties (six people) from Bread Loaf and two other folk.

We promised our callers that the hike would be rescheduled.

Patch Hollow from the South

13 December 2003

by Herb Ogden, leader

Ten people turned out on a beautiful mid-December day for a loop hike from the Wallingford Gulf Road (Vt. 140) to Patch Hollow. Because the Wallingford Gulf trailhead parking lot on the Long Trail is not plowed, we left our cars at a plowed pull-off about half a mile west and walked back up through the wildest part of the gulf. Observing it at pedestrian rather than automobile speed, one can see why building a road through it was quite a challenge, and therefore why the first road between Wallingford and East Wallingford was the topographically less challenging Bear Mountain Road, which the Long Trail crosses 0.6 miles north of the Wallingford Gulf Road.

This was an ideal snowshoeing day. A day's rain had shrunk the foot and a half of fluffy stuff that fell the previous weekend into about half a foot of crunchy, but not icy, firm snow. Soon we were inspecting what appears to be a barn foundation just to the east of the trail. The Griffiths said they had looked around for a house foundation but found none. We crossed the Bear Mountain Road and crunched our way up the first switchbacks to the old road from the Bear Mountain Road north to Patch Hollow, described in the article the Griffiths quoted in the February

2002 *Smoke & Blazes*. At the south end of the hollow, the old road seems to disappear under the water of Patch Brook, which beavers have triple-dammed. There was much sign of beaver activity along the shore of the big beaver pond. We stopped for lunch and sat on a beaver-chewed tree trunk while Barry Griffith read us the article about the failed tarring and feathering attempt of 1831 that left one of the would-be tarrers and featherers dead in the cabin at the north end of the hollow.



**Barry Griffith reads
The Legend of Patch Hollow**

Occasionally following wood roads or the old Patch Hollow Road, and occasionally bushwhacking to stay away from steep shoreline, we found a small cellar hole in a flattish field with very old apple and maple trees. According to the same article, this would have been home to one of the Patch families in the 1830s. At the head of the hollow, we looked at the cellar hole of the cabin where the 1831 killing occurred, admired the view south, and rejoined the Long Trail for the hike south over Bear Mountain. Some of the rock steps were a little icy, but the hike up the mountain was beautiful, and the hike down was easy.

We saw numerous tracks of deer and small canines, but the only animals we saw were some crows. We were pleased to see no ATV tracks.

Mount Antone in Winter

3 January 2003

by Steve and Diana Williams, leaders

Misty, icy, wet, foggy, fun, invigorating, slippery, slushy, snowy, opaque.

These were the adjectives put forward by the four participants (the leaders having been joined by Sue Thomas and Lynda Hutchins) to describe the outing. Bill Lucas prudently decided that the ice underfoot provided a real safety hazard as opposed to a mere challenge and did not participate after the first quarter of a mile. He then retired to the Merck Forest Visitor Center where he produced some fine artwork on the blackboard. He did, however, receive credit from the Rutland Herald for starting, as their reporter, Gordon Dritschilo, did his research for his article (in the January 4th issue) before rather than after the outing.

The original scheme was to use snowshoes, but with the rain and thawing of the previous week, boots alone were decided upon. However, given that the cleats on snowshoes would have helped, but that the trail was in places bare, there is no clear answer as to whether snowshoes would have been the better option.

Having put forward the adjectives above, there is not much more to be said, except that "opaque" refers to the view obtained from the summit of Mount Antone, at which time the party was enveloped in mist. A vote on the optimum lunch spot was unanimous in favor of the heat in the Visitor Center.

From the leaders' perspective, it was a positive group whose members took all the vicissitudes of the day and the trail in their strides.

Perhaps the spirit of the day is best summed up by Lynda's comment to the Rutland Herald 'It was between this and doing my

special-ed paperwork. This sounded more exciting. I really live for hiking.'

Jockey Hill

11 January 2004

by Barbara & Barry Griffith, leaders

We awoke at 5 AM wondering whether this trip would be canceled. It was 20 below, the fourth subzero night in a row. We reread the recent newspaper article in which Sue Thomas assured readers that Killington Section hikers go out in all kinds of weather, even subzero temperatures. We put another log in the stove and waited.

The hiking gods were kind. By 10 AM it was 40 degrees warmer. We assembled 14 hikers eager to shake off cabin fever. We headed off to Shrewsbury, and our trailhead by the Tin Shanty Camp. We struck out heading north on an old road, which sees most use these days as a snowmobile trail. The recent cold snap had left it ice-covered. We were alone. Along the way, Jerry Parker and Bill Holt helped us to identify tracks of deer, moose, bobcat, fisher cat, coyote, weasel and more. What an abundance of wildlife!



The Rock-on-the-Rock

The snowmobile trail passes around Jockey Hill to the north, coming out at Gov. Clement Shelter. We instead struck out and began a bushwhack to the summit. The snow was compressed, making snowshoe use optional. The climb was not easy, but not that long. We arrived at the

top and our goal -- the rock on the rock.

There are those who believe that the Celts were some of the first settlers in Vermont. Years ago we were told that the "Rock on the Rock" is one of these ancient sites, and that at the Summer Solstice the sun shines through between the rocks. Taking a compass reading the rocks do point directly north and south.....So, with a stretch of the imagination one can see the sun shining through at the next solstice.

After lunch we headed down to the snowmobile trail below, heading over a slightly alternate route. Back to our vehicles and pictures atop the ice sculpture, then onward home.

Eagle Rock

18 January 2004

Larry Walter and Viv Beebe, leaders

Our destination was Eagle Rock and other mysterious parts in Castleton, Vermont. Eagle Rock is due east of Beebe Pond and Vt.. 30.

Because of prior scheduling conflicts, this was our second attempt to climb Eagle Rock. We were rewarded with favorable weather and a thumbs up from the local land owner.

We had a good turnout of 11 hardy souls. All parties successfully cleared a small logging operation at the starting point and scaled the introductory pitch. The group then patiently waited while their leader located the lookout. Although it was not a crystal clear day, we had a nice view to the west and northwest to Beebe Pond, Echo Lake, and part of Lake Hortonia. Lunchtime was spent watching the ice fisherman and a couple folks on a hand groomed skating rink. A small glitch: Sue failed to feed my addiction to trail brownies.

The next leg involved some cross country hiking to the northeast

with a couple decent vistas, eventually dropping back down though an old Christmas tree farm to Ganson Hill Road, and an old, abandoned camp. All of us, save for four, chose the shorter alternative and returned via the road to our parking spot. Those remaining continued cross-country to the northeast onto a ledge with a nice view to the west. Had we continued on out that ridge, we would have eventually rimmed out with a view over High Pond. It was at this point, however, that an alert member of the bunch (not me) remembered that at least one vehicle had been blocked in by one of our cars. So we sprint/slogged back to the point-of-beginning only to discover that our land-locked companions had somehow managed to fit a full sized automobile through a space the size of a Wal-Mart shopping basket. It was just as well that we headed back a little early, since the sun was getting a bit low in the sky. All told, most everyone had a good time. Our "most inspirational" award goes to Jerry's canine friend, Dickens.

Should anyone wish to access Eagle Rock in the future, your contact is a nice fellow named Phil Marcell at 468-5238, in Castleton.

Hike and Wiener Roast

25 January 2004

by Roma Pulling, leader

What a difference a year makes! On January 25, 2003, we were at Gifford Woods with 19 hikers enjoying ideal snowshoeing conditions at 22 degrees, followed by a fantastic cookout. This year on January 25 we woke up to 13 degrees below zero. Conditions like that could be detrimental to anyone with health problems; so I told several people if they wanted to come to this neighborhood I would show them where to snowshoe and we could have a hot dog roast in the house afterward.

Not really expecting anyone to be waiting for us, we drove to the park in the morning and met one hiker! When we told him the new arrangement, he went along with it. We picked him up after his walk near the old city reservoir and brought him back to our house. We enjoyed sitting by the fireplace and then cooked our hot dogs in the microwave. Serving chips, hot chocolate and cookies to fill out the menu, we had a very pleasant social time.

See you in the spring, or at least in springlike weather.

Griffith Lake

14 February 2004

by Barbara & Barry Griffith, leaders

In the late nineteenth century the hills of Mt. Tabor were the personal fiefdom of Silas Griffith. In his glory days Vermont's first millionaire owned nine sawmills and at least three dozen charcoal kilns, employing more than 600 people. Griffith was an avid trout fisherman. To indulge his passion Griffith erected a "clubhouse" on the remote pond on the Long Trail which now bears his name. That project included construction of a carriage road, at no little expense, to bring guests and supplies from Danby village to his Griffith Lake summer home.

On Valentine's Day a dozen of us (plus Dickens) assembled to make the 3.5 mile ascent up the old carriage road, now called the Lake Trail. We were pleased to find the parking lot plowed and a snowshoe trail set before us. As we gained elevation we were rewarded by views of the marble quarry on Dorset Mountain to the west, and the Vermont Valley spread out below. By the time we reached McGinn Brook we were breaking our own trail, surprised by the amount of new snow at these higher elevations. We were pleased to have new Section

members Chuck and Gail Helfer join us for their first hike with the Club, and gratefully acknowledge their yeoman trail breaking work! After pausing for lunch, we finally made it over the ridge, joined up with the Long Trail and followed it the short remaining distance to our destination.

Frozen Griffith Lake welcomed us. We scanned the Green Mountains further to the east, identifying Peru and Styles Peaks. We chatted with some amiable riders who had arrived here via the snowmobile corridor which runs north and south through the Big Branch Wilderness. We then bid adieu, comforted by the knowledge that our return trip was downhill, on a well set trail. After seven miles and six hours we arrived back at our vehicles, where we conversed with some other returning hikers before hitting the road. Dickens immediately fell asleep in the car, all

of us tired but satisfied to have spent a good day in the great outdoors!

Buckner Preserve

7 February 2004

by Lynda Hutchins, leader

After some last minute jostling(should we stay or should we go?), and several changes of plan around the mixed bag of precipitation, ten of us stalwart (foolhardy?) snowshoers crammed into two vehicles to brave the minimally-plowed West Haven road leading to the Galick Farm. The trailhead was covered in virgin snow, but not to worry, we put some of our crowd to work shoveling out the parking area.

The 2.5-mile trek through the hills, fields, and forests of the Helen W. Buckner Memorial Preserve at Bald Mountain (at 3,400 acres, the largest and most ecologically-diverse nature preserve The Nature Conservancy owns in Vermont) gave

us commanding views of the peninsula. Though several in our party appeared to be disappointed we did not come upon the likes of the peregrine falcon nor the eastern timber rattlesnake (some of the rare species that can be found at the Preserve, season permitting!), we were able to appreciate how the Poultney River sweeps the peninsula on the east, and Lake Champlain on the west and south.

The weather gods eventually smiled upon us and the sun even graced us with his presence. Although the trip leader had forgotten some of the more challenging aspects of the trail (there were no steep, ice-covered rock masses in the fall!), most of the eager participants managed to return with no other infirmities than wet buttocks.

Meeting, continued from page 1

emergencies. From discussion it appeared that there were no strong views pro or con. It was agreed that Herb Ogden will invite Gary Salmon of Vt. Forests, Parks & Recreation to our summer directors' meeting to discuss the matter. Related ideas considered were to place maps on trees adjacent to the Bucklin Trail (which is the route many lost skiers take) and leaving a rescue sled somewhere on, or close to, the trail.

Herb presented the idea of having toolboxes located at certain high elevation points, containing hoes and pry bars in particular. This idea was supported and Herb was requested to look into it further.

Waterbury staff will be

working on the permit for a new shelter between Governor Clement and Cooper Lodge during 2004 (though it is not clear if construction is scheduled for 2005 or later).

There is an open question of whether a bridge should be recommended to the Waterbury HQ for Gould Stream (on the LT between the Upper and Lower Cold River Roads). This point needs further consideration.

Herb will contact Pete Ketchum (Waterbury) to see if the state can be persuaded to dig a drainage trench round the Route 4 LT trailhead parking lot.

Requirements for Chain Saw use in Appalachian Trail Corridor

Steve Williams reported from

his attendance at a Waterbury meeting (see below) that it appears that user certification requirements will indeed be in force and that all should be prepared for it. Herb reported that some study is being made of the possibility of a shortened certification process for long time experienced chain saw users.

Next Outing Schedule

Sue Thomas reported that this is well in hand with no shortage of willing outing leaders.

Next Smoke & Blazes

(Pre meeting) Bob Perkins advised that this is well in hand. A request was made to Bob to include the Section's website address on the schedule page.

Publicity Panel

Post Meeting Note: Andrea McQuade reports that she continues to search for a downtown location for the promotional panels she has prepared and is cautiously optimistic about finding a good location shortly.

Governor Clement Shelter Update

Norm Cohen and Rebecca Price are working on a draft ordinance to put before the Shrewsbury selectmen. Barry Griffith will contact them to check on progress and, as soon as it is available, provide an opportunity for the directors and others (in the section) interested to review it.

In the longer term, should the ordinance not prove effective, then probably the shelter will have to be abandoned and the trail relocated. In this event a local skimobile club could well take over the shelter.

Annual General Meeting

Post Meeting Note: The selected date is April 24th for which date Sue has reserved the Lutheran Church hall and is also arranging a speaker.

Report on the GMC Waterbury Directors' January 24 Meeting

Being unable to attend on the revised meeting date Lynda Hutchins presented comprehensive meeting notes. From these Steve highlighted:

The impending GMC budget deficit for 2004/2005 of \$45,000;

The high costs of the new headquarters plan (\$965,000+),

The planned work on the Lamoille bridge during 2004, and

The annual general meeting planned for June 11-13 at Burke Mountain.

Report on participation in GMC Waterbury Volunteers' Focus Group meeting.

Steve highlighted the following points from the meeting:

Consideration is being given to the formation of specialist teams for certain tasks such as rock clearing and drainage (bridges and shelters being already adequately covered).

Many participants thought that a build-up to work days and the possibility of some socialization before or after is

worthwhile

Several participants reported success with having a representative at EMS club days to be worthwhile. (Based on this observation the section will try to participate on the planned April 24/25 club days).

EMS has been willing to kick in \$500 per project on certain trail days.

Website

Steve reported that from recent review this appeared to be working well; also that there is a link to the Waterbury website.

Next Meeting

Annual general meeting will be, April 24th, at the Lutheran Church Hall.

Other Business

After discussion of the benefits of Rutland Herald publicity, Sue was requested to notify Steve of any outings (e.g. Patch Hollow) where there is a story with either historical or other potentially newsworthy element, whereupon Steve will contact the Herald to see if he can induce coverage of the outing.



Your Invitation to Join Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$30
Family..... \$40
Senior/Student/Volunteer..... \$20
Individual Lifetime..... \$750
Family Lifetime..... \$1000

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

____ trail work, ____ shelter work, ____ sign making, ____ publications, ____ leading outings, ____ publicity, ____ education, ____ other.

Make check payable to **Killington Section, GMC** and mail with this application to:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701



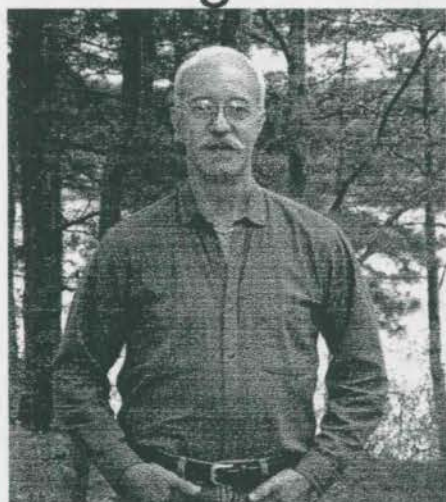
Smoke & Blazes

Volume 57, Number 2

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

May 2004

Killington Section elects three new Directors



John Hale



Lynda Hutchins



Cynthia Taylor-Miller

Former Killington Section Directors Bob Perkins, Jake Sherman, and Connie Youngstrom retire due to term limits after six years service. A full report of the April 24th annual meeting and potluck supper begins on page 8.

Rolston Roost razed; replacement to be raised

Located on the Long Trail five miles north of Sherburne Pass, just beyond the area assigned to the Killington Section, Rolston Roost Shelter (aka Rolston Rest), built in 1966, had seen many porcupines and better days. Supervised by Dave Hardy, GMC Director of Field Programs, and coordinated by Marge Fish of the Manchester Section, groups of volunteers demolished the structure and on 21 April applied a torch to the remains.

Later this summer a new shelter will be constructed on the same site. On the weekend of July 30/31 materials will be brought in and the foundation will be laid. The next weekend, August 7/8, Rolston Roost II will be built.

Volunteers are needed. Anyone wishing to help on any of these dates is asked to contact Marge Fish for information and directions. Phone: 802-824-3662 or, as she prefers, email: tortoise@sover.net.



Dave Hardy monitors the burn

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Librarians, take note: The February 2004 issue of *Smoke & Blazes* was incorrectly designated as Volume 56. Actually, it is Volume 57, Number 1.

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2005 Barbara Griffith
" * Bill Robichaud
" Steve Williams
2006 Andrea McQuade
" Roma Pulling
" * Susan Thomas
2007 John Hale
" Lynda Hutchins
" Cynthia Taylor-Miller

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Steve Williams
Vice President Barbara Griffith
Secretary John Hale
Treasurer Roma Pulling

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

Vermonttrivia

In the February issue we asked:

Q1. Which crossing of a large brook on a Killington Section trail is where no brook used to be?

A1. The lower crossing of Brewers Brook on the Bucklin Trail. The brook flowed south into Eddy Brook until it was rerouted to provide water for Rutland City. (Herb Ogden).

Q2. What is the largest (population) American city that shares its name with a Vermont town?

A2. The expected wrong answer was Washington, DC (572,059). One out-of-state reader, not appreciative of the Vermont distinction between town and village, proposed Jacksonville, FL (735,617). Our answer: Baltimore, MD (651,154). (Barry Griffith).

Q2a. Name two states and four foreign countries that share their names with Vermont towns.

A2a. The states: Washington and Georgia. The countries: Holland, Jamaica, Peru and – *drum roll* – Georgia, a country since 1991.

Q3. Why was the old Blue Triangle camp so named?

A3. The camp, built about 1932 at a cost of \$550, was a gift of the Blue Triangle Club of the State YMCA whose emblem is based on a blue triangle. Girls clubs from around the state, including one at Rutland's Longfellow School, contributed to the cost. The Blue Triangle was the only GMC shelter seriously damaged by the great hurricane and flood of 1938 and was disassembled soon thereafter.

Here's another trivia question: Vermont's first footpath in the wilderness was the venerable Crown Point Road, carved out during the French & Indian War in 1759 as a supply line between Fort No. 4 (NH) and Crown Point (NY).

Q4. In what Vermont town does the route of the Crown Point Road intersect the Long Trail? (Barry Griffith).

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Barbara Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net

John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, john@lighters.com

Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net

Andrea McQuade, 36 Morse Place, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-6273, andrea6273@aol.com

Herbert Ogden, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, (H)775-1350, (W)775-3368, hogden@adelphia.net

Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com

Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, ral37@juno.com

William Robichaud, 215 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2567

Cynthia Taylor-Miller, 337 Easy St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net

Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185

Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, waggett@aol.com

Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: June – Aug. 2004

Visit our web site: <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown unless otherwise stated. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footgear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate round trip; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader listed at the right.

June 5 Saturday 9:00 AM	National Trails Day – Upper Elevation Work Party All across the country folks will be out today volunteering their time to maintain hiking trails. Join the Green Mountain Club in out spring cleanup on the Long/Appalachian Trail on Killington and Pico for a day of fun in the woods and worthwhile accomplishments. All welcome. Bring work gloves and sturdy shoes. Tools provided.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
June 6 Sunday 9:30 AM	Amity Pond, Pomfret Hike through woodlands and upland pastures to a small pond and some nice views. Easy to moderate, 3 miles.	Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
June 11-13 Friday-Sunday	Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting, East Burke Business meeting, entertainment, an early morning bird walk, a mountain bike ride and a variety of hikes to choose from. See your Long Trail News or the club web site for details: greenmountainclub.org	See your <i>Long Trail News</i>
June 19 Saturday 1:00 PM rain date 6/20	Fourteenth Annual Taconic Mountain Ramble, Hubbardton Massive cliffs, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east, and west, a Japanese garden full of waterfalls, plus other goodies. Wine and cheese afterward. Easy to moderate, ½ to 3 miles. Walkers can leave the group at several points and wait on the lawn for the rest. Bring no lunch.	Kit Davidson 273-2982
June 20 Sunday 10:00 AM	Otter Creek Kayak or Canoe An easy to moderate day on the Creek. Bring lunch, water, and sunscreen. Call leaders for location and more information.	Barb Griffith 492-3573 Lynda Hutchins 948-2770
June 26 Saturday 9:00 AM	Pico Loop, Killington Hike up to Pico Camp via the “old” Long Trail and descend via the current trail past Churchill Scott Shelter. Moderate, 6 miles with some steep climbing.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
June 27 Sunday 9:00 AM	Bike Trip, Middlebury Gently rolling terrain for 16.7 miles past waterfalls, covered bridges and the Morgan Horse Farm.	Larry & Viv Walter 775-3855
July 10 Saturday 8:00 AM	Long Trail – Sucker Brook to Mount Horrid, Goshen Follow the Long Trail south along a ridge with many vistas, to Brandon Gap where we hope to see Peregrine Flacons. Moderate, 6.5 miles.	Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: June – Aug 2004

Schedule continued from previous page.

July 11 Sunday 1:00 PM	Children's Adventure Series A short, easy hike for the entire family.	Jerry Parker 775-6208
July 17 Saturday 8:30 AM Rain date 7/18	Long Trail – Skyline Lodge to Middlebury Gap We'll cross the summits of Battell Mountain, Mt. Boyce, Kirby Peak, and Burnt Hill as we traverse this range in the Breadloaf Wilderness. Moderate, 7.5 miles with some climbing.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
July 24 Saturday 9:00 AM rain date 7/25	Black Mountain, New York We'll go up the main trail from the east that we came down on last year. Then down last year's up trail past two ponds and shelters. Moderate, 5 miles with some steep climbing.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
July 31 Saturday 9:00 AM	Long Trail, Mendon Follow the Long and Appalachian Trails in the Deer Leap area. Moderate 4 to 5 miles.	Andrea McQuade 775-5104
August 7 Saturday 10:00 AM	Walk the Old Roads of Bridgewater About 5 miles along abandoned roads near Ragged Hill and Raymond Hill. Some vistas and the parklike remains of an old farm. Moderate.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
August 14 Saturday 9:00 AM	Otter Creek Kayak or Canoe, Proctor to Florence Float past farmland and covered bridges.	Jerry Parker 775-6208
Aug 21 Saturday 9:00 AM	Haystack Mountain, Pawlet We'll climb to the summit for a spectacular view of the Mettawee River valley and soaring hawks and falcons, then traverse the historic Tunket Road. Moderate, 4 to 5 miles with some climbing.	Steve & Diana Williams 645-9529
August 29 Sunday 10:00 AM	Tree Identification Hike, Mendon We'll spend the day in the Aitken State Forest with expert Gary Salmon of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation learning to identify native species and discussing natural sequencing and stand replacement. Moderate terrain; some climbing possible.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
September 11 Saturday	Mount Carmel, Pittsfield Joint hike with the Breadloaf Section. We'll hike to the Long Trail from the Pittsfield side, then climb to the summit, site of a former fire tower. Moderate, 6 miles. Some steep climbing on an unmaintained trail. Call leaders for meeting time and place.	Gordon & Helen Cawood 352-4310

Want to lead a hike? Our outing schedule is coordinated by Outings Chair Sue Thomas (773-2185). The fall schedule will include September through November. To make a suggestion or to get your favorite outing on the schedule, give Sue a call before August 1. Please don't wait till the last minute.

Outing Reports

Tucker-Johnson Shelter

21 February, 2004

By Andrea McQuade, leader

A group of new and veteran club members snowshoed from Route 4 to Tucker-Johnson Lodge on a wintry day. We had to break trail in some places, but overall the snow depth was manageable. After eating lunch at the Lodge, we decided to venture a little further on and headed for a lookout site recommended to us by other hikers we met on the trail. Light snow fell during parts of the trip, and our mascot, Dickens, made sure we kept up a good pace.

Ice Capades in Mendon

7 March 2004

By Sue Thomas, leader

Mother Nature played a nasty trick on us the week before our early March hike from Tamarack Notch to Brewers Corner – several warm, sunny days followed by a freeze turned the old road we planned to follow into a skating rink. Many a graceful double axel and spin were executed as we made our way up the icy hill, and the thought of the long slide down the other side filled us with dread. Luckily the far side of the hill seemed to be in a different climate zone, and soft snow made the descent uneventful. We stopped for lunch at McLaughlin Falls before joining the Catamount Trail for the final leg to Brewers.



Late winter shadows
above McLaughlin Falls

Lake Bomoseen Cookout

21 March 2004

By Roma Pulling, leader

We have fired our weatherman! I mean, after delivering life-threatening cold temperatures the first time we attempted this outing, weren't we due nice sunny, warm conditions? But no, we got rain, sleet and snow. He/she is history. One potential hiker was even driven back home by slippery driving conditions on the mountain.



Al Pulling

"Doin' what comes naturally"

Nevertheless, seven people turned out and we got on with it. At the state park we occupied a shelter with a nearby grill before starting a hike on the Bomoseen Loop with Jerry and Dickens as leaders. We encountered light rain intermittently but were well bundled and took it in stride. There was some bare ground and a few patches of snow and no need to wear snowshoes. At one point we had a nice view of Glen Lake as we proceeded through the woods.

Back at the shelter, Alfred had a fire started, and we roasted hot dogs and enjoyed a great lunch with the hot cocoa and coffee provided by the Section. As we rested comfortably under the shelter roof, we could

thumb our noses at a sleet storm outside. Our schedule afforded an early return home so that we were able to arrive safely before the snowstorm and slippery roads that occurred later that day.

Snake Mountain

3 April 2004

By John Hale, leader

We had the Club's oldest associate with us: 98 years old, not many teeth, but four legs and indefatigable, Dickens by name. We also had our share of mud on the old summit carriage road going up Snake Mountain.

It's named Snake Mountain because of the serpentine shape of the ridge rather than its denizens; and we followed the ridge past the tiny Red Rocks Pond to the summit taking our lunch on the foundation remains of the Grand View Hotel (circa. 1870). The view certainly is grand looking west over Lake Champlain, the Adirondacks and Lynda's school in Addison.

It was 1.8 miles up with a 900 foot change in elevation and we made it in about two hours; a very nice day outdoors with friends.

Grandpas Knob

10 April 2004

By Gordon and Helen Cawood, leaders

Someone on today's hike brought along nice weather. The hike leaders cannot take credit for this. Whoever it was: thank you. Next time make it a little warmer and a little less windy. Some hikers weren't quite prepared for the crisp weather. Seventeen hikers and one pup climbed the service road to the peak of Grandpa's Knob. It is a bald summit with good viewing in all directions except north.

Everyone stood in dutiful attention for a lecture about the

experimental wind turbine that had been erected on this spot during WWII, providing electricity for CVPS for a period of 16 months. Gordon described the equipment failure in which an 8-ton steel blade was tossed 750 feet. All that is left now are 4 concrete pedestals which once supported the 107-foot tower. No-one disputed Gordon's claims. But, since then, Barbara Griffith found a more detailed write-up about the wind turbine at the Rutland Historical Society. Thanks, Barbara.



Killington & Breadloaf hikers
on Grandpas Knob

For lunch, the group retired to a more sheltered spot where we could examine unusual rock formations. These are two rock outcroppings, the crowns of which were shaped by normal weathering. While the bases had been undercut, presumably, by running glacial icemelt, giving the rocks a top-heavy appearance.

Thanks for coming, all. We enjoyed your company. It made for a very pleasant outing.

Merck Forest Traverse

18 April 2004

By Larry Walter & Viv Bebee,
leaders

Initial activities involved spotting cars at the end of Hidden Valley Road on the other side of West Rupert. The weather was beautiful for all 22 of us on our hike up Old Towne Road. We eventually reached Ninorod Cabin via Birch Pond, only to retreat when several dogs made their presence known. A suitable site with a nice view was

settled on for lunch. We then continued on to Bebee Pond and eventually onto Lookout Road and a nice overlook to the south. No bugs and shirtsleeve weather. It doesn't get much better.

We backtracked to Lookout Road and continued southerly to Old Town Road and then southwesterly along the brook to our waiting automobiles. This was arguably the most challenging part of the trip, trying to shoe-horn everyone into our vehicles for the return loop. After much head counting and head scratching we had everyone on board (or at least I think so). This would make a good snow shoe in the reverse direction. Let's keep that in mind.

Our youngest hike leader for a portion of the hike was my workout buddy, Kyle Bizon. Good job Kyle!

Patch Hollow

25 April 2004

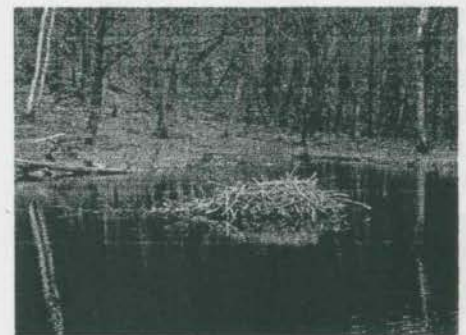
By Barry & Barbara Griffith, leaders

We scheduled and advertised this as an easy Sunday afternoon hike, on the day after our Section's Saturday evening Annual Meeting and in conjunction with EMS Club Days. The thought was to offer members who support the Club by paying dues, and others who might be interested in joining the Green Mountain Club, with a chance to get out with us to enjoy the Great Outdoors, without having to commit to a strenuous trek.

It seems the strategy worked. We assembled 29 hikers. Perhaps a third of these were "regulars." A second component consisted of Killington Section members who often choose not to attempt longer forays. We also greeted a third group of non-members interested in hiking with us for the afternoon. Mission accomplished!

We proceeded to our trailhead at Spring Lake Ranch, and set off on the old wood road south toward our destination. We recalled our last Section hike along this route in 2003 on snowshoes. That required exertion -- especially by those breaking the trail! By comparison, this time the gradual upward ascent along the bare and surprisingly dry trail was easy, as advertised. We had a cleared route before us. We intersected with the AT/LT and continued south to our destination -- Patch Hollow.

This seemingly remote location was inhabited two centuries ago, and was the scene of a noteworthy homicide in 1833. We read the account of this tragedy from the History of Wallingford. Those of you who do not know of the tale are invited on the next hike to this site to learn the details! This was a perfect time of year to look for foundations of old buildings. We located two, and based on measurements concluded one was "the scene of the crime." It was also a great time of the year to look for flora and fauna which we did. The headwaters of Patch Creek, which flows southerly toward Route 140, include beavers as residents. They were annoyed by our presence, and let us know it!



Beaver Lodge near Patch Hollow

Our exploring done, we retraced our steps heading north. Upon reaching the Spring Lake Ranch property border, in lieu of a direct route back we continued along the AT/LT corridor until we arrived at

Minerva Hinchey Shelter. We inspected it, and discussed its history. We signed the journal, thanking Shelter Adopter Mrs. Gorp for her fine maintenance of the site. We then struck out, diverging from the Long Trail, to the east and toward our trailhead.

We were not done. We opted for a final leg which took us to the northerly end of Spring Lake -- finally free of ice! We admired the Lake in the foreground, and the Coolidge Range -- Mendon, Big & Little Killington and Shrewsbury Peaks -- in the background to the north. An excellent view!!

From there, we finally took the road back to our vehicles. Another great afternoon in the Great Outdoors!!!

Bristol Bushwhack

2 May 2004

By Barbara Griffith

We were a party of 8 plus Dickens, leader Jerry's side kick. It was a sunny hot day for early May. We whacked through bushes and the bushes whacked back at us! Several trees along the way were pointed out where moose had gnawed off the bark.

Jerry led us first to the site of a late 1800 logging camp. Foundations for two buildings were identified. We came to the conclusion that one was a mess hall and the other a bunkhouse. Pieces of two stoves were found, one probably to heat and one a cooking stove.

After eating lunch our destination was a large rock that our leader had come upon on another trek. It proved elusive at first but was found and everyone, even Dickens, scrambled aboard for great views to the west. After photo opportunities the group descended via an old donkey trail to a cascading waterfall.

Up the trail once again and our final descent.

It was a great day to be outside.

Lowland Work Party

8 May 2004

By Herb Ogden,

Trails & Shelters Chair

The 13.1 miles of the Long Trail from Wallingford Gulf to Gov. Clement Shelter was in good to excellent condition after the season's first work party, thanks to a dozen or so volunteers.

The sector checker system set up a few years ago again proved its worth. Sector checkers were Cindy Taylor-Miller (Wallingford Gulf to Minerva Hinchey Shelter), Steve and Diana Williams (Minerva Hinchey Shelter to Clarendon Gorge), Connie and Mark Youngstrom (Lottery Road. to Lower Cold River Road.), and Barbara and Barry Griffith (Lower Cold River Road. to Gov. Clement Shelter). They fixed minor problems and told the Trails & Shelters Chair where the bigger ones were and what tools were needed, so the trail crews could focus on them. This is a big improvement over the old scheme of trying to cover all the miles with all the possible tools in one day.

Most of the problems were blowdowns, especially on the Bear Mountain sector and north of the Lottery Road. All were removed, except for a few low ones that should deter wheeled vehicles. Confusing blazes at the Airport Lookout south of Clarendon Gorge were noted and fixed a few days later. Wooden steps north of the Gov. Clement Road crossing were restored and the trail just south of Gov. Clement Shelter was moved a few feet to avoid a wet area and ditched a bit. Even with all that, at least two of the crews finished by mid-afternoon.

Our next work party day is National Trails Day, Saturday 5 June. That is when we will try to spruce up (or, in the case of certain evergreen blowdowns, de-spruce) the remaining 12 miles of Long Trail and all 9.3 miles of side trails. That is a bigger job than the lowland piece, so I hope you come and bring your friends!

Wildflower Identification Hike

16 May 2004

By Barbara & Barry Griffith, leaders

May afforded us a beautiful day and the wildflower display was spectacular. Twenty-four people showed up for this hike (plus Dog Dickens). Our destination was Little Rock Pond in Mt. Tabor. It's an easy, pretty flat 4-mile round trip hike. It's a popular spot and has camping/tenting sites (for a fee). One can walk around the pond. We chose to stop and smell the flowers instead.



Barry & Barb briefing in the park

Flowers found: common strawberry, yellow violets, Jack-in-the-pulpit, false Solomon's seal, smooth Solomon's seal, dwarf ginseng, wild sarsaparilla, Canada Mayflower, painted trillium, purple trillium, partridgeberry, pink, starflower, foamflower, Indian cucumber (some even tasted it's root), Twisted stalk and two or three unidentified. As anyone who enjoys wildflowers knows, each week one will find different flowers in bloom. It was a great day to be outside and a nice group to be with.

Killington Section Annual Meeting and potluck supper

By Jake Sherman, Secretary

The Killington Section annual meeting was held at the Lutheran Church in Rutland Vermont on April 24, 2004. The meeting was called to order by section president Steve Williams at 7:20 PM. following an excellent potluck supper.

Section President's Report

Steve reported that everything appeared to be thriving and that good hikes and other programs were taking place every weekend. We are always looking for new members and it is encouraging to find more people showing up at meetings. Steve extended a warm welcome to special guest, Andrew Nuquist, president of the Green Mountain Club, Dave Hardy, GMC Field Supervisor, and our guest speaker, David Wright of Middletown Springs.

GMC President's Remarks

Andrew Nuquist began his remarks by noting that he has been a member of the Montpelier section since 1970 and therefore knows how dependent the main club is on the work of the sections. He felt communication between Waterbury and the sections had improved in the past few years. In other areas he noted:

A bridge will be built across the Lamoille River this summer, but the Winooski crossing is still an issue and we will need to live with the present situation for awhile.

There are only seven more miles of trail to be protected and the campaign will be winding down; we will focus on being a steward of what we have.

The loss of the South Barn to fire a couple of years ago continues to be keenly felt and a three phase reconstruction plan is underway. The

Centennial Capital Campaign Committee will be assessing fund raising and reporting on it at the September board meeting. There needs to be a plan for maintenance as well. Hopefully, construction can begin in 2005.

The subject of raising dues has been discussed and an increase within the next five years is likely. However, since we don't want to lose members this will be put off as long as possible.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Jake Sherman summarized the minutes of the 2003 annual meeting as previously printed in *Smoke & Blazes*. The minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Roma Pulling distributed copies of the section's financial status. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Trails and Shelters Report

Herb Ogden reported the following:

The highlight this year has been the bridge over Brewer's Brook on the Bucklin Trail. Barb Griffith and Mark Youngstrom were instrumental in its completion. The new bridge is a sophisticated production and a far cry from the first span built many years ago by Herb's father.

Minerva Hinchey Shelter needs some work

Gov. Clement Shelter is a perpetual problem. We are still pursuing a three-pronged approach in attempting to curtail the activities of rowdies and partiers who have vandalized the shelter and hassled hikers. Getting ordinances in place that make roadside parking up there illegal is seen as a good first step.

We are working with the Shrewsbury selectmen and they are sympathetic.

Cooper Lodge adopter, Peter Decker, has concluded that Cooper is a lost cause. There is continued vandalism and no windows. People continue to trash it and ski off the roof. The GMC Trail Management Committee has therefore voted to close it. The shelter won't be removed but it is likely the walls will be reduced to two feet in height. The previous adopters, Ruth and Sandy Lamb, reluctantly came to the conclusion that it couldn't be saved. It is too bad since the solid CCC-built fully-enclosed structure at the 3800 foot level on Killington's west face has been one of the most attractive shelters on the entire LT. Plans are afoot to build a replacement shelter about two miles north of Gov. Clement just before you get into the softwoods.

Pico Camp is in good shape. A new privy was built there last year. The front windows have also been replaced. The current adopter is Sue Thomas.

Tucker-Johnson looks like it will need some major work. The sill is rotting.

The lower part of the Cauty trail will be relocated on USFS land.

Gary Salmon discovered a road parallel to the Bucklin Trail which could serve the ATVers.

Bill Robichaud was recognized for being a one man trail crew. He puts in a phenomenal number of hours.

Field Supervisor's Remarks

Dave Hardy, GMC Field Supervisor, reported on the following items:

Cooper Lodge will stay until

there is approval to build a new shelter. Though there is a bear habitat on the south slope of Killington Peak, it shouldn't be too difficult to secure approval for the shelter. Meanwhile, the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) has raised the sleeping deck at Churchill Scott Shelter.

The AT/LT parking lot on Route 4 will have an engineered parking lot put in.

Minerva Hinchey Shelter is not in the federal corridor but is fortunate to have a good neighbor in Spring Lake Ranch. Work is being done with Spring Lake Ranch to get an easement to enable the shelter to stay where it is.

Rolston Rest Shelter, located on the LT five miles north of Route 4, was burned by the GMC on April 21. A replacement shelter will be constructed over the weekend of August 7-8. All materials will be delivered to within 500 feet of the construction site.

Glastenbury Tower – The U.S. Forest Service decided that the tower wasn't safe and removed the bottom two flights of stairs to prevent access. The GMC's goal is to get the tower reopened as soon as possible as it offers some of the most unspoiled panoramas in Vermont.

Lamoille Bridge – Has been

mired in the Act 250 process for three years but construction will at last take place this September. It will be a cable suspension bridge.

Smoke and Blazes Report

Editor Bob Perkins reported that we continue to publish every quarter. Bob thanked the hike leaders for submitting hike reports and encouraged them to get their reports in as soon as possible after the hike.

We have an agreement with the Rutland Historical Society to house our materials.

Outings Committee Report

Sue Thomas, Outings Chair, reiterated the importance of getting hike leaders' plans in early.

GMC Director's Report

Green Mountain Club Director Lynda Hutchins reported the following:

The main club's budget achieved a balanced budget for the upcoming year but with difficulty.

The Wheeler Pond camps in the Northeast Kingdom are doing quite well.

There will be a ballot in the *Long Trail News* on the wilderness and wind power issues

A copy of the new LT map will be given free to anyone who donates

\$50 or more.

Several million dollars will need to be raised to meet the construction program that has been planned.

New Business

Retiring directors Bob Perkins, Jake Sherman, and Connie Youngstrom were thanked for their service.

Elected as new directors were John Hale, Lynda Hutchins, and Cynthia Taylor-Miller.

During a brief recess of the general meeting, the directors elected the following officers:

Steve Williams.....President
Barbara Griffith.....Vice-President
John HaleSecretary
Roma PullingTreasurer.

Adjournment and Program

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM and was followed by an excellent slide show on the history of the Long Trail Lodge presented by David Wright. The lodge existed on the south side of Sherburne Pass from 1921 until it burned in October of 1968 and for various periods was owned and managed by David's uncle and father. The lodge attracted hikers and vacationers and was the site of many GMC annual meetings up into the 1950s.

Thank You, Vermont Country Store!

By Herb Ogden, Trails & Shelters
Chair

The Vermont Country Store has sent us \$500 to buy a couple of grub hoes or hazel hoes and wood for some bog bridges. The donation was made at the direction of the Community Action Team at the North Clarendon distribution center.

Section member Kathleen Wood came up with the idea.

This is a good time for such a gift, because we had to take several thousand dollars from the Kirk Trails & Shelters Fund last year to pay for the upper Brewers Brook bridge on the Bucklin Trail. With this generous gift, we can get grub hoes, which are

the best tools to clear out waterbars and ditches. There will be over \$400 left over to buy hemlock for bog bridges on the Long Trail and maybe the bottom of the Cauty Trail.

Many thanks to the Vermont Country Store and its local Community Action Team!

Your Invitation to Join Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual	\$30
Family	\$40
Senior/Student/Volunteer	\$20
Individual Lifetime	\$750
Family Lifetime	\$1000

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

* _____ trail work, _____ shelter work, _____ sign making, _____ publications, _____ leading outings, _____ publicity, _____ education

Make check payable to Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes

Volume 57, Number 3

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

August 2004

Killington Section outing on the Poultney River

By Lynda Hutchins

20 June 2004

On a mostly clear, bright Father's Day, nine enthusiastic seafarers (and one mutt of questionable lineage) set forth in kayaks and canoe from the bridge on Book Road down the mighty Poultney. Destination: the bridge near the Galick property, about a mile from the mouth, in which the waterway joins Lake Champlain in its meandering northward journey.

Although it may not be immediately apparent to the casual observer (what, no rapids?), this 40-mile river, which originates in the Taconic Mountains in Tinmouth, is impressive in its own regard, having been declared in June of 1991 an Outstanding Water Resource by the Vermont Water Resources Board for its outstanding natural and cultural resources.

Yes, beneath its calm, gently flowing exterior, the Poultney River is teeming with life and biodiversity, housing 55% of the fish species that live in Vermont (more species than live in any other river in the state). As if that's not enough, the river is home to 12 of Vermont's 17 species of mussels, the greatest



Putting in

Photo by Lynda Hutchins

diversity of freshwater mussels in New England! Not to mention that the Poultney has been a transportation corridor and home to many groups of people throughout the past several thousand years.

Unfortunately, after 7.2 miles of paddling, time and the muscles of the crew gave out, and they were unable to scout for the *Linnet*, a sunken boat from the War of 1812 which is rumored to be visible during low water

near the mouth of the Poultney. However, sightings of wildlife (a doe with fawn, Baltimore orioles, cedar waxwings, bank beaver, great blue herons), remnants of wildlife (was that the skin of a rattlesnake or a black rat snake?), good company, and a bushwhacking visit to the antiquated McFarren cemetery made for a successful voyage.

Note: Background information provided by The Nature Conservancy Curriculum, 2002

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2005	Barbara Griffith
"	* Bill Robichaud
"	Steve Williams
2006	Andrea McQuade
"	Roma Pulling
"	* Susan Thomas
2007	John Hale
"	Lynda Hutchins
"	Cynthia Taylor-Miller

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President	Steve Williams
Vice President	Barbara Griffith
Secretary	John Hale
Treasurer	Roma Pulling

Committee Chairs

History	Bob Perkins
Outings	Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters	Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director	Lynda Hutchins
Alternate	Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor	Bob Perkins
--------------	-------------

Web Site

Web master	Deborah Waggett
------------------	-----------------

Vermontivia

In the May issue we asked:

Q4. In what Vermont town does the route of the Crown Point Road intersect the Long Trail?

A4. The Long Trail crosses the Crown Point Road in Shrewsbury, north of Route 103. You will recall that the AT/LT, before its relocation to the west, proceeded north from 103 along an abandoned town highway to Clarendon Shelter (also in Shrewsbury). It is believed that a stretch of that old town highway was a part of the CPR, which then proceeded westerly between Clarendon Gorge to the south (also in Shrewsbury) and the hill rising steeply to the north. We can't say precisely where the current AT/LT crosses the old CPR, but it was along that short stretch of the trail. (Barry Griffith, proud resident of Shrewsbury.)

Barry, so far our most prolific trivialist, has posed another in our Towns of Vermont genre. We all know that the town of Montpelier is the capital of Vermont.

Q5. Name nine state capitals, in addition to Montpelier, and three national capitals, that share their names with Vermont towns.

We've been watching the Olympic Games in Athens recently where the motto is "Swifter, Higher, Stronger". Most of the hikers I know look with some silent disdain at the compulsive through-hikers and peak-baggers who apply those priorities to our sport. We tend to enjoy the journey rather than covet the destination. One the other hand, it is fun and gratifying to reach a measurable goal. I have my own list of the high points of Rutland County towns. [See *Smoke & Blazes*, February 2002.]

Here's one that should be of special interest to any Long Trail End-to-Enders.

Q6. Where are the five highest and five lowest elevations on the Long Trail proper?

White blazes only; spur and side trails don't count.

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Barbara Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net

John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, john@lighters.com

Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net

Andrea McQuade, 36 Morse Place, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-6273, andrea6273@aol.com

Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, (H)293-2510, (W)774-2200, hogden@vermontel.net

Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com

Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com

William Robichaud, 215 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2567

Cynthia Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net

Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185

Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com

Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorborg@sover.net

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Sept. – Nov. 2004

Visit our web site: <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown unless otherwise stated. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate round trip; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader listed at the right.

September 18 Saturday 10:00 AM	Work Party Join us to place bog bridges (puncheon) on the Sherburne Pass Trail and the Canty Trail, to help keep hikers' feet dry and protect the terrain. Minimal hiking but we'll be hauling wood about ¼ mile. Tools provided.	Herb Ogden 293-2510
September 19 Sunday 1:00 PM	Glen Lake Overlook, Castleton An easy hike along the lake shore and then a little climb to view the lake from above. Three miles round trip with 200 feet elevation gain.	Bob Perkins 773-0184
September 25 Saturday 8:00 AM	Burnt Rock Mountain, Fayston We'll ascend steeply to the Long Trail via the Hedgehog Brook Trail, then go north past a pothole to the summit. This is a rugged hike with scrambles up rocks and boulders, but the summit provides spectacular views of Camel's Hump and Lake Champlain. (If conditions are wet, call leaders as they may decide against it).	Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
October 2 Saturday 10:00 AM	Shrewsbury Peak Loop, Shrewsbury We'll go up the Black Swamp Trail from the CCC Road to Shrewsbury Peak and return via the Shrewsbury Peak Trail. Moderate, 4.1 miles, 1300 feet elevation gain..	Barry & Barb Griffith 492-3573
October 9 Saturday 9:00 AM Rain date 10/10	Black Mountain, NY We'll ascend from Pilot's Knob past some water falls to the summit for gorgeous views of Lake George, the Adirondacks, and the Green Mountains. Several brook crossings and a few steep pitches but a moderate 6.6 miles. Possible stop on the return trip for the <u>best</u> soft ice cream.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
October 16 Saturday 9:00 AM	Blue Ridge Mountain, Mendon Climb the Canty Trail and enjoy the improvements made by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, who have spent two summers working on the trail. The Cascades will be gushing and the summit provides a view across the valley to Rutland. Five miles; elevation gain 1,490 feet. Moderate with some steep pitches.	Steve & Diana Williams 645-9529
October 23 Saturday 9:00 AM	Little Rock Pond & White Rocks, Wallingford Traverse the Long Trail Past beautiful Little Rock Pond to the cliffs of White Rocks, a peregrine nesting site with views down the talus slopes and across the valley. Descend via the Keewaydin Trail. Moderate, 8 miles.	Andrea McQuade & Tad Tucker 775-5104

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Sept. – Nov. 2004

Schedule continued from previous page.

October 30 Saturday 10:00 AM Rain date 10/31	Susie Peak, Clarendon Up a nice, wide trail to a beautiful lookout over Rutland City and the airport.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
November 7 Sunday 9:00 AM	Harmon Hill, Bennington A short but steep ascent up stone staircases to the summit overlooking historic Bennington village, the Battle Monument, and Mount Anthony. Moderate, 3.4 miles.	Larry & Viv Walter 775-3855
November 13 Saturday 1:00 PM	Historic Long Trail Lodge, Killington Join historian Dave Wright to explore the site of the old Long Trail Lodge, once owned and operated by the Green Mountain Club. With the aid of old photos and post cards we'll try to pinpoint the location of the Lodge, swimming pool, out buildings and, possibly, the route of the nature trail to Adirondack Lookout. Easy. (Remember, it's hinting season. Wear bright colors!)	Dave Wright 235-2376
November 20 Saturday 6:00 PM	Fall Potluck, Rutland Join us for our annual fall potluck supper and a slide program at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Hillside Avenue in Rutland. Bring plates, utensils, and a dish to share. Hot drinks provided. Nonmembers welcome!	Sue Thomas 773-2185
December 4 Saturday 10:00 AM	Chittenden Brook, Rochester Hike south on the Long Trail from Brandon Gap and down the Chittenden Brook Trail. Moderate, 6 miles, 868 feet elevation gain.	Sue Thomas 773-2185

Senior Turtle Hikes

Leave from Godnick Adult Center on Thursday at 9:00 AM

September 16	Lake Pleiad: A short, easy hike in to a charming pond with an optional moderate extension to the Silent Cliff vista.	Al & Roma Pulling 773-6997
September 30	Pittsford Recreation Trails: A loop hike on the Pittsford Trails west of Route 7, partly along the bank of Otter Creek. Easy.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
October 14	Bear Mountain: From Route 140 we climb to near the top of Bear Mountain and then descend to Patch Hollow, site of a grisly murder in 1831. Moderate.	Al & Roma Pulling 773-6997
October 28	Trail Around Middlebury: The TAM completely encircles the town. We'll cover another section to wind up this year's schedule. Easy.	Jean Davies 483-6623

Twenty-five Years Ago

By Steve Williams, Section President (The writer's browse through the Killington Section logbook of 1978-1982)

The 1978-1982 Killington Section logbook reached the writer through the kind offices of Ray Catozzi. And who but Ray himself should be leading the first hike recorded; a 3000-foot ascent to Moosilauke Mountain in New Hampshire. It was the logbook habit of the time to include both publicity notices on hikes and a few notes on the hike itself, this latter tradition now being supplanted by the notes in *Smoke & Blazes*.

It is instructive to read the names of some destinations no longer on our schedules (no criticism to Sue Thomas; we just need someone to come up with them as their chosen destination). Lana Falls/Silver/Lake Moosalamoo Rocks; Lake Pleiad (Middlebury Gap); Cantilever Rock (Mount Mansfield); Mount Philo; Pinney Hollow (Coolidge State Park); Moscow Pond (near Bomoseen State Park); Liberty Hill (?); Quechee Gorge; the Sawmill Ledges overlooking Lake St. Catherine; Lake Ninevah (Mount Holly) to name a few.

"End to end" hikes, which together would make up the entire long trail, appear in a number of instances, for example nineteen miles across the Glastenbury wilderness over a week-end. Sue tells me that there is now little enthusiasm in the Section for overnight outings. Whether this results from the graying of the Section's members, competing activities, or our awaiting some new enthusiasts for "over-nighting" is a point of interest.

On the other hand, other outings have a very familiar ring, for example Snowshoe to Pico; Route 140 to Route 4 on the Long Trail; Baker Peak; Merck Forest; bushwhacking to Mendon Peak; Killington Peak via the Bucklin Trail; Blue Ridge Mountain via the Cauty Trail. Likewise the workdays, both low and high level, and potluck suppers have a familiar ring.

A number of traditions seem to have disappeared. For example the "Annual Valiquette Memorial Hike" when a flag was tied to the tallest tree on East Mountain, to be seen by the residents of Rutland; a "Moonlight Hike" held as close as possible to the nearest full moon to Christmas and an annual "sugar on snow" outing when participants enjoyed maple syrup poured over snow, accompanied by doughnut holes and pickles (that's what the pre-hike publicity says). Perhaps we should ask our historian how such traditions fell by the wayside.

As for familiar names (for someone like the writer who has only been in the region for four years that is), there are surprisingly few; the Pulling family, Bernie Donohue, Jack Crowther, Churchill Scott and, last but not least, Ray Catozzi, comprising the list.

The frequency of hikes, the number of participants and the occasional cancellation for inclement weather all remain relatively unchanged. In conclusion, let's continue the traditions and move forward to enjoy the next twenty-five years of hiking in the extensive "back-yard" we find ourselves graced with!

Have You Seen Our Stuff?

By Herb Ogden, Trails & Shelters Chair

Most of the Section's over 50 pieces of equipment are accounted for, but some have disappeared over the last couple years. If you've worked on the trail during that time, please check your garage or closet and let me know if you have any of the following:

- Pry bar, regular, 50" long (used for moving rocks), numbered 28.
- Sledge hammer (for rock crushing), numbered 40.
- Anvil lopper, heavy duty, numbered 44.
- Anvil lopper, ratchet, hand, numbered 34.
- Sheath for hand lopper, numbered 36.
- Day pack numbered 27.
- Fanny pack numbered 26.
- First aid kits (we had five but have none now).
- Plastic wedge, numbered 48.

If you or someone you know could give the Section the following, it would be a help:

- Heavy pry bar.
- Come-along.
- Wire basket for moving stones.
- Stone boat.
- Grub hoes (also known as hazel hoes).
- Ax sheaths.
- Bow saw sheaths, various lengths.

My law partner, John Liccardi, has given the Section its first two-man crosscut saw and a 36" one man crosscut. Thanks very much, John!

Contact me at: 293-2510 or hogden@vermontel.net.

Outing Reports

Pittsford Meadow Loop Trail

29 May 2004

By Ray Catozzi, leader

A fairly large group of fifteen showed up for this easy three-to-four-mile hike with very little climbing. The Meadow Loop and the Cadwell Trail, both components of the Pittsford Trail Network, are mostly in the open so we could enjoy a close look at the meadows and Furnace Brook as well as views of the surrounding mountains.

We started at the Meadow Loop trailhead on Arch Street, across from the Pittsford fire station and proceeded south through the meadow and along the brook. After crossing a small footbridge and winding up a small hill the trail, now the Cadwell Trail, returned to follow the brook to Elm Street and the Cooley covered bridge.

Crossing Elm Street, and still more or less following Furnace Brook, we headed for its confluence with Otter Creek. But in about a quarter of a mile the trail and the adjoining meadow were flooded with over a foot of water from the recent rains.

We retreated to Elm Street and followed it north to its other intersection with the Cadwell Trail. Again we headed for the Creek but this approach, too, was flooded. So again we retreated to high ground and gulped our lunch.

Continuing in the dry direction on the Cadwell Trail, and then again on the Meadow Loop, we returned to our cars. In spite of the high water on part of the trail it was still a wonderful hike.

Amity Pond Natural Area

6 June 2004

By Roma Pulling, coleader

This could as aptly been called Lost Pond, as we never saw Amity Pond. We hiked first to Amity Pond Shelter, which faces a pond, but *Fifty Hikes in Vermont* describes this as a "temporary pond, part of a water conservation experiment." Amity Pond is shown on a map as being further along the trail, apparently very effectively screened by trees.

We had good weather for our hike with temperatures comfortable but not too hot. What was even better, it was one of our rare dry days. Eight people joined us at the park, and we proceeded in three cars to a small parking spot across Allen Hill Road from the entrance to the area. Leaving the shelter, we hiked an easy trail with easy grades until we reached Sugar Arch Shelter, where we paused for lunch. When the trail came out onto Allen Hill Road some distance from our cars, we followed it back to our start because by continuing on the trail we would have had to cross Broad Brook, very high water due to recent rains.

Along the trail we scared up a small bird, and some bright-eyed hikers discovered an oven bird nest, with its unique construction featuring an opening in the front, with several baby birds inside. I hoped the mother bird would not be discouraged from returning to the nest.

After a very enjoyable hike, we headed west to our home base.

Pico Mountain Loop

26 June 2004

By Ray Catozzi, leader

The last Saturday of June was a rain-threatening day. I don't like to hike in the rain but ten hikers showed up. We drove up to the new Long Trail crossing on Route 4 west of Sherburne Pass, spotted a car there, and then proceeded up to the Inn at Long Trail at the pass.

Heading south on the old Long Trail, now called the Sherburne Pass Trail, we climbed up and around to the east of the summit cone to the old Pico Shelter, where we had lunch. We then continued south along the ridge between Pico and Killington and soon arrived at Jungle Junction where the new Long Trail joins the old. The new Long Trail heads northwest and north around the other side of the summit.

About half way back to Route 4 we stopped for a break at the new Churchill Scott Shelter, named in honor of a long-time Killington Section member, officer, and hike leader. He was still alive in the fall of 2002 and able to come to the Route 4 parking lot for the dedication of the new shelter. I felt so good that Churchill could still be with us and attend the ceremony in his honor. It doesn't happen that way very often. God bless you, Churchill.

Weybridge Bicycle Ride

27 June 2004

By: Viv Bebee and Larry Walter, coleaders

We were joined by the Cohen family, (Barry, Jen, Samantha and Lena), along with Dave and Clare Coppock. The weather looked a little ominous on the way up to Middlebury, but it cleared to a beautiful day after the first five miles or so.

We peddled northerly from the footbridge on the north end of Middlebury past the Morgan Horse farm where we turned west and rode through some beautiful countryside to Weybridge Hill, then northerly on a long downhill to Weybridge. We passed a whole boy scout troop peddling up the same route, with a concentration of the older leaders pushing at the tail end.

A hard left at Weybridge brought us by the dam and then up a short, steep pitch to a west-bearing

section over rolling farmland. After an easy climb to Route 17 we headed southerly, crossing Otter Creek and hooking up with Route 23. We had another short, steep pitch out of the river valley onto another nice section of farm land. It didn't look like the corn was going to make it to knee high by the fourth, but the stuff grows pretty fast.

The last climb of the day proved to be the most challenging, with half mile long, 12-percent grade pitch back to Weybridge Hill. This is a wonderful little village, with great views to the west. Samantha, our nine-year old, peddled the whole hill! We were all very proud of her. Our final three or four miles were pretty easy, with a final, steep descent to the foot bridge in downtown Middlebury, and the parking lot.

I'd highly recommend this 17 mile ride to cyclists of just about any persuasion. What hills there are, are fairly short (you can walk them in short order), and the traffic is very light. The scenery is fabulous ---truly representative of pastoral Vermont. We saw several other bikers using the same route.

Mount Horrid

10 July 2004

By the Editor

For the record: this hike from Goshen over Mt. Horrid to Brandon Gap, ably led as always by Barb and Barry Griffith, went off as scheduled.

Smoke & Blazes has chosen not to cover the story because we were scooped by our local competitor, the Sunday Rutland Herald (see the full-page spread on page B8 of their 18 July 2004 edition) and because we anticipate a complete report by President Steve Williams in an upcoming issue of our sister publication *The Long Trail News*.

We've had a chance to preview Steve's *LTN* story. All we'll say here is that it includes mention of the Donner Party and of a hiker locked in a shelter privy.

Black Mountain, NY

24 July 2004

By Ray Catozzi, leader

Once again very few showed up to drive over to climb Black Mountain. Only nine came, only five were GMC members, and only two were from Rutland. It was a beautiful day and I knew we were going to

have a great view from the top.

The trail up from the east climbed very slowly; level in many places. Half way up we passed the junction with the trail that we would come down on. It went south to the left while we continued up the east trail. Soon it got rough and rocky with many spots of running water from the recent rain.

We all made it to the summit and everybody exclaimed how wonderful the view was looking down on the northern half of beautiful Lake George. We enjoyed watching all the boats going up and down the lake while we consumed our lunch.

After lunch, resting, and viewing Lake George we headed south on our downhill trail. In about one-hundred yards I led the group to an off-trail lookout with a view all the way to Lake George Village.

Farther along we arrived at a high flatland with an open-front shelter and two swampy ponds. Here the trail turned north and completed the loop by joining our up-bound trail. Then back to the cars and a drink of my famous home-made elderberry wine.



"Dickins" Parker (left) spots something of interest from Deer Leap Lookout. Dickins is one of the Killington Section's most loyal hikers, and one of our oldest. He's either 77 or 98, or something in people years.

Killington Section Directors Meeting

John Hale, Secretary

A regular meeting of the Killington Section Board of Directors was held on 17 June 2004 at the Law Offices of Barry Griffith in Rutland.

Attending Board Members:
Steve Williams, President
Barbara Griffith, Vice President
Roma Pulling, Treasurer
John Hale, Secretary
Cynthia Taylor-Miller
Andrea McQuade
Lynda Hutchins
Bill Robichaud

Guests present: Bob Perkins and Al Pulling.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Williams at 7 PM.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the 10 February 2004 Board of Directors meeting were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report Roma Pulling reported the following account balances and membership statistics as of 17 June 2004:

Un-Restricted:

Checking.....	\$1,850.24
Savings	1,124.62
Certificate of Deposit...	1,000.00
To be deposited.....	72.50

Kirk Fund:

Savings	1,509.85
CDs (3)	9,500.00

Membership:

Memberships	148
Voting Members	175

Our Section's share of members' dues is paid to us monthly as the dues are received by Headquarters. There is a natural bunching at the beginning of the year in January and February and a trickling during the rest of the year.

The Bucklin Trail Bridge expenses are fully paid and reflected in the account balances shown above.

The Kirk Fund was donated to the Killington Section in memory of George L. Kirk by his wife Dorothy Kirk in her will. Our use of the funds was restricted, as far as anyone present at the meeting remembers, to our spending only the interest earned on the grant and only spending the interest on trails and shelters. The principal was not to be touched. Anyone with a more complete remembrance of the exact terms of the gift should please contact Roma.

The sum of the three certificates of deposit listed above is the amount of the principal of the original Kirk family donation.

The Vermont Country Store, responding to a solicitation by Herb Ogden, generously donated \$500 which amount was deposited into the Kirk Savings Account at Herb's request.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Trails and Shelters Herb Ogden was unable to be present at the meeting but has sent the following report. "There were ten participants at the low level workday on 8 May. A considerable number of blowdowns were cleared, particularly on the Bear Mountain Sector and north of the Lottery Road, though a few low ones were left to deter wheeled vehicles. Confusing blazes at the Airport Lookout south of Clarendon Gorge were noted and fixed. Wooden steps north of the Gov. Clement Shelter were moved a few feet to avoid a wet area. On 5 June there were nine participants for the upper level workday. Bill

Robichaud and a crew cleared from Cooper Lodge through to Route 4 on the AT/LT while Sue Thomas and Jerry Parker cleared a considerable number of blowdowns and performed other maintenance activities from Gov. Clement Shelter to Shrewsbury Peak. Overall, the Section's trails are now in good shape."

Cooper Lodge: The Section received a letter from Ruth Lamb dated 30 May 2004 indicating an interest in supporting the reconstruction of the Cooper Lodge. Steve has discussed the prospect with Headquarters Director of Trails & Shelters, Dave Hardy who indicated a rough probable cost of around \$15,000 for the project. It was agreed that Dave would contact the Lambs to clarify their intentions. Steve sent an acknowledging response to the Lambs and will follow-up with Dave.

Hike Leader Qualifications: The Board had a general discussion about hike leaders: what the Section should expect of a leader; how should a leader be qualified; should training be provided; should there be different qualifications for leaders of major hikes. It was agreed that further discussions with Section Outings Chairperson, Sue Thomas could lead to a Killington Section policy about who can lead hikes under what approval mechanism.

Chain Saw usage: It was announced that Jerry Parker will soon be certified by the US Forest Service to do trail maintenance with a chainsaw. Jerry joins Larry Walter in this certification and is a happy addition. We really need four or five chainsawers to keep up with our trail maintenance programs.

Ridge Runner Dinner: At the end of the summer tour of duty, the

Section Board traditionally has dinner with the Ridge Runner appointed to our Section by Headquarters. This year the Board decided to open the dinner to the entire membership, to make it a pot luck dinner, and to hold it on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening during the first three weeks of September. Bill Robichaud will contact Pico to see if they would allow us to use the Pico Club House for the purpose. Steve will find out who the Ridge Runner is this year and contact him or her.

Trail Head Notices: Bill Robichaud will distribute additional trail head notices. Barbara Griffith has the Section's supply of notices.

Outing Schedule: It was reported that the next Outing Schedule (for September, October, and November) is shaping up nicely.

Newsletter: Bob Perkins said that the Section newsletter, *Smoke & Blazes* will next be published in the last half of August. Bob would like to see a more varied content and asked that people submit articles, pictures, jokes, cartoons or anything of interest. Submissions received by the beginning of August could be included the upcoming issue. Steve and Cindy Taylor-Miller undertook to provide articles.

Publicity: Andrea McQuade reported on the success of the Section's publicity display panel put

up at the EMS store in Rutland during their Club Day this April. EMS offers a GMC Club Day twice a year in April and again in October when prices are discounted for Club members.

Outreach: Bill suggested that it would be good to promote ourselves especially to younger people who could not only enjoy nature but also help the Section with its trail maintenance mandate. Steve offered to approach the Boys & Girls Club in Rutland and Castleton College to explore ways to gather new members for the Section. Andrea offered to explore a possible tie-in with the Public School's YES (Year End Studies) program.

Governor Clement Shelter: The Section has long supported a Shrewsbury town ordinance aimed at deterring vandalism in the Governor Clement Shelter. Herb Ogden is our liaison with attorney Rebecca Rice who, as a private citizen, is drafting a parking ordinance for the town's consideration. Land now used by vandals for parking would be designated as NO PARKING areas in the evening hours and barricaded with boulders; the town constable would be tasked with actively enforcing the ordinance. Steve undertook to check with Herb about his knowledge of progress on this matter.

Main Club Annual Meeting: Lynda Hutchins reported on the

Headquarters annual meeting and the main club directors' meeting held at Burke Mountain on 12 June. The fire loss of the headquarters building has resulted in a loss of revenue in addition to the loss of the asset. Rebuilding the structure will cost at least \$700,000 and the practicality of a capital fund raising campaign is being studied in conjunction with a consultant. The Headquarters annual budget is extremely tight primarily because of rising costs for insurance and property taxes. A more detailed report of the directors' meeting can be obtained from Lynda.

Website: The Section website address is:

www.geocities.com/gmckillington

The site is managed by member Deb Waggett.

West Nile Virus: Barbara Griffith passed on a public health warning about mosquitoes and the possibility of their infecting you with West Nile virus. The Vermont Department of Health recommends the use of insect repellants containing DEET as the most effective.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19 October at 7:00 PM at the Law Offices of Barry Griffith.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Attention: All Outing Leaders

A big THANK YOU to all who volunteer to lead our outings. Without you our program could not exist.

It does take some time for Outings Chair Sue Thomas to coordinate the quarterly schedule and for Newsletter Editor Bob Perkins to format *Smoke & Blazes* for publication. In order to be sure that the outing schedule reaches members in time, outing leaders should contact Sue to firm up your plans by our deadlines:

February 1 for spring outings (Mar., Apr., May)

August 1 for fall outings (Sep., Oct., Nov.)

May 1 for summer outings (Jun., Jul., Aug.)

November 1 for winter outings (Dec., Jan., Feb.)

Your Invitation to Join
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual \$30
Family \$40
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$20
Individual Lifetime \$750
Family Lifetime \$1000

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

____trail work, ____shelter work, ____sign making, ____publications, ____leading outings, ____publicity, ____education

Make check payable to Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes

Volume 57, Number 4

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

November 2004

Muddy spots bridged on the Blue Ridge and Pico trails

Hikers on the lower parts of the Cauty Trail to Blue Ridge and of the Sherburne Pass Trail to Pico will have some relief from the mud that has been a problem in those areas for a long time. Using material financed, in part, by a generous grant from The Vermont Country Store, Killington Section Trails and Shelters Chair Herb Ogden and his crew including Marc Brierre, Rich Matteson, Sue Thomas, and Larry Walter, have started installing puncheon. The word rhymes with luncheon and means "a heavy, broad piece of roughly



New puncheon on the Cauty Trail

dressed lumber with one side hewed flat". The operative word here is "heavy". Each unit of bridging consists of two 3-inch by 8-inch hemlock puncheons either six or eight feet long, supported by two 6-inch by 6-inch hemlock sills, each three feet long, and secured by fifty-six 6-inch galvanized spikes.

About a dozen units have been carried in and installed. Herb plans to let the lumber for a dozen or so more units dry for a while to lighten the load, and then to skid it in on the snow

What's a Peak?

By Bob Perkins

While thinking about the trivia question posed in the last issue it soon became apparent to me that deciding just what is a peak in a given region, is neither obvious nor trivial. Consider Mount Mansfield. Most would agree that the Chin is a peak. What about the Nose? Possibly. The Forehead? Probably not. The Upper and Lower Lips? I don't think so. Yet from each of these points it is downhill in all directions – perhaps the intuitive definition of "a peak".

I was led to an intriguing article, WHAT IS A PEAK? by Gerry Roach in the appendix to his book *Colorado's Fourteeners*. Roach takes a mathematical approach to the question starting with the postulate "Everest is a peak" and proceeding logically through 18 definitions of terms including connecting ridge, relative peak, and neighbor. Along the way he defines not only summit but also sovereign, and monarch. He concludes the exposition at step 18: "If a summit is not a peak, it is a falsie".

Roach points out that even his most simplified algorithm for testing the "peakhood" of a point in the neighborhood of a higher peak depends on the selection of an arbitrary constant, say 200 feet, and requiring that the candidate point be at least 200 feet higher than the saddle between it and its higher neighbor. With that choice, the Nose would be a peak. But if we choose a constant of 250 feet, it would not be.

Clearly, it's in the eye of the peak bagger.

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2005 Barbara Griffith
"..... * Bill Robichaud
"..... Steve Williams
2006 Andrea McQuade
"..... Roma Pulling
"..... * Susan Thomas
2007 John Hale
"..... Lynda Hutchins
"..... Cindy Taylor-Miller

*Second consecutive 3-year term.
Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Steve Williams
Vice President Barbara Griffith
Secretary John Hale
Treasurer Roma Pulling

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

Vermontrivia

In the August issue Barry Griffith asked:

Q5. Name nine state capitals, in addition to Montpelier, and three national capitals, that share their names with Vermont towns.

A5. I guess this one was too easy. Herb Ogden got it "without looking at an atlas, too!" They are Albany, NY, Charleston, WV, Concord, NH, Dover, DE, Hartford, CT, Lincoln, NE, Montgomery, AL, Richmond, VA, and Springfield, IL. And Athens, Greece; Berlin Germany; and Washington, USA.

In August we also asked:

Q6. Where are the five highest and five lowest elevations on the Long Trail proper?

A6. This one was a little harder. Herb's five highest were Mt. Mansfield, Mt. Ellen, Camel's Hump, Jay Peak, and Mt. Abraham. On the authority of the *Long Trail Guide* I have Mt. Mansfield (Chin) at 4393 feet; Mt. Ellen and Camels Hump, tied at 4083; Mt. Abraham at 4006; and Stratton at 3936. Jay Peak is sixth at 3858.

For the lowest point, again Herb came close with Winooski River, Lamoille River, Clarendon Gorge, Wallingford Gulf, and Lower Cold River Road. From the *Long Trail Guide* I have the Winooski at 326 feet, the Lamoille at 500, Clarendon Gorge at 800, Route 140 (Wallingford Gulf) at 1160, and Route 9 at 1360. The Lower Cold River Road is at 1400. [See a related article *What's a Peak* on page 1].

Here's one based on a suggestion from Herb Ogden:

Q7. What two mountains within ten miles of Sherburne Pass has the Long Trail, at one time or another, gone east of and gone west of but never gone over?

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Barbara Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net

John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, john@lighters.com

Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net

Andrea McQuade, 36 Morse Place, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-6273, andrea6273@aol.com

Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, (H)293-2510, (W)774-2200, hogden@vermontel.net

Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com

Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com

William Robichaud, 215 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2567

Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net

Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185

Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com

Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Dec. 2004 – Feb. 2005

Visit our web site: <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

4 December, Saturday Chittenden Brook, Rochester Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2158

Hike south on the Long Trail from Brandon Gap and down the Chittenden Brook Trail.

Moderate, 6 miles, 868 feet elevation gain

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM

11 December, Saturday Griswold Peak, Hubbardton Leaders: Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573

The highest point in Hubbardton (2006 feet) now has an official name. We'll pay it a visit. We'll follow logging roads for a time, then bushwhack and scramble to the top.

Moderate, 5 miles, 1300 feet elevation gain.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM

2 January, Sunday Mount Tabor Village to South End Leader: Herb Ogden, 293-2510

Snowshoe or cross country ski from the U.S. Forest Service Work Center on wood roads east of Otter Creek, past a big beaver pond, and along the edge of the Green Mountains to South End Road. Then enjoy hot beverages and snacks at the Ogdens' new home. (Have lunch beforehand; no lunch stop is planned en route.)

Easy snowshoe or moderate ski, 2 miles, 250 feet elevation gain.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 12:30 PM.

8 January, Saturday South Pond, Chittenden Leaders: Larry & Viv Walter, 775-3855

Snowshoe or cross country ski from Lefferts Pond to South Pond.

Moderate snowshoe or difficult ski, 5 miles, 850 feet elevation gain.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM

15 January, Saturday Mystery Hike Leaders: Andrea McQuade & Tad Tucker, 775-5104

Call leader for meeting time and place.

22 January, Saturday Shrewsbury Peak, Shrewsbury Leaders: Connie & Mark Youngstrom, 492-3502

We'll ski to the base of the mountain, then switch to snowshoes for the steep climb to the summit.

Difficult, 7 miles, 1500 feet elevation gain.

Call leader for meeting time and place.

29 January, Saturday Plymbsbury Area, Shrewsbury Lee Wilson, 492-3542

Ski on the newly developed trail system in the Plymbsbury area of Shrewsbury. There will be some options for shorter routes or for snowshoeing.

Moderate, 5 miles maximum.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 12:30 PM.

6 February, Sunday Hot Dog Roast, Cuttingsville Leaders: Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997

Join us on skis or snowshoes for a short trek into Minerva Hinchey Shelter on the Long Trail for an annual tradition. Bring hot dogs to roast; hot drinks will be provided.

Easy, 0.5 miles, 50 feet elevation gain; more optional.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:30 AM

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Dec. 2004 – Feb. 2005

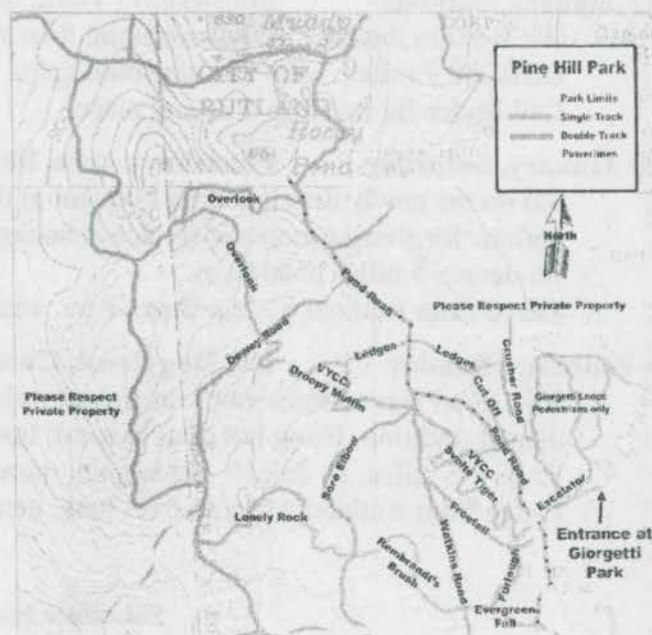
Schedule continued from previous page.

- 12 February, Saturday Baker Peak, Mount Tabor Leaders: Larry & Viv Walter, 775-3855**
 Snowshoe up the Lake Trail to the summit.
 Difficult, 6 miles, 2000 feet elevation gain.
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM
- 19 February, Saturday Sugar Hill Reservoir, Ripton Leaders: Gordon & Helen Cawood, 350-4310**
 Ski or snowshoe on a level snowmobile route.
 Easy, 7 miles, mostly level.
 Call leader for meeting time and place.
- 27 February, Sunday Military Road, Hubbardton Leaders: Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
 The Military Road through Hubbardton supplied the Colonial troops at Fort Ticonderoga, and was the site of a Revolutionary War battle. We'll explore a section of the old road on snowshoes or skis.
 Moderate, 3 miles, some climbing.
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 1:00 PM
- 5 March, Saturday Lily Pond, Bomoseen Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
 Snowshoe on "Park Avenue" past beaver dams and otter habitat and see several old slate quarries on the way to a remote pond.
 Moderate, 4 miles,
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM
- 12 March, Saturday Mystery Bushwhack, Shrewsbury Leader: Jerry Parker, 775-6208**
 Venture off the trails in the Plymbsbury area to explore wildlife habitat and tracks. Moose, fisher, and snowshoe hare are among the species common in the area. Snowshoes required.
 Moderate, 4 miles.
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.

New trails opened in Rutland's Pine Hill Park

A number of trails in Rutland City's Pine Hill Park have been upgraded recently and several miles of new trails have been built. Volunteers working with Cindy Wight of the city Recreation and Parks Department have lain out, cleared, built, marked, and signed trails and constructed bridges. The trails are multi-use; mountain bikes are allowed on most but a few are reserved for pedestrians.

A full color map, about seven inches square (reproduced, right), can be requested from the Rutland Area Physical Activity Coalition (RAPAC) at 802-353-0037.



The Spirit of Long Distance Hiking

By Mrs. Gorp, aka Cynthia Taylor-Miller

An old Chinese proverb says that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. My journey on the Appalachian Trail began on May 20, 1977. This is the date I first stood on Springer Mountain in Georgia. That summer I would hike 1,560 miles to Route 11 in Manchester, Vermont where I left the trail to return to my junior year at the University of Connecticut. After two intervening years during which I constantly thought about completing my journey, I eventually returned to Vermont in August of 1979 to begin the final 500 miles of my 2,060-mile hike to the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail in Maine.

I was nervous leaving the trail head on Route 11 in Manchester even though I had 1,560 miles under my belt. I was not in the same rock hard shape I was when I had stopped in 1977, but I was happy to be back on the trail. I knew from experience that I would be able to build up my endurance level within a couple of weeks and I was looking forward to being able to hike thirteen to fifteen miles each day. I knew not to push myself during the first week. Let the endurance build slowly and go with the flow I kept telling myself, but I was somewhat impatient as I started north. After a long day of hiking I settled into a relaxed mode and the fun of the trip began to overtake me. I was finally doing what I had wanted to do for two years. I was going to savor every moment of my hike.

The trail in southern Vermont is blessed with several wonderful swimming holes. I did not pass up the opportunity to swim at Stratton Pond, Griffith Lake, Little Rock Pond and the Clarendon Gorge. My primary gear consisted of an external frame, blaze orange Camprail backpack, Vasque leather boots, cotton and wool clothing, a Svea 123 stove, Eureka Timberline tent, and a Gerry down sleeping bag. I still have the sleeping bag and I might even wash it someday. I'm not in any rush. The stove still works; at least it did three years ago. The boots, now too small for my older, wider feet, are sitting on a rack in the garage. I just can't bring myself to discard them.

In 25 years some of the names of shelters have changed. Sunnyside Camp is now the Minerva Hinchey Shelter and Tamarack Shelter, where I took refuge from an afternoon thunderstorm, no longer exists. I have returned to Springer Mountain three times since 1977 and once to Katahdin in Maine. This past summer I hiked 870 miles on the Appalachian Trail to complete a second re-hike of the entire Appalachian Trail.

Over the years I've seen many changes. The trail has been relocated, fields have grown in, new shelters built, shelters renamed, shelters torn down, more women hikers, and lighter improved gear. However the one thing that remains unchanged is strong spirit of long distance hiking in my soul.

In The North Woods

By Roma Pulling

As Alfred and I drove into Pittsburg on a recent trip to northern New Hampshire, a large sign loomed in front of us welcoming us to "The North Woods." Before we could get too wrapped up in contemplating breezes in the pines, the fragrance of balsams and the high-pitched whistle of the white-throated sparrow, I noticed a familiar sight down a side street: The Golden Arches.

We had driven to this area in search of the headwaters of the Connecticut River. Years ago we had visited Third Connecticut Lake in the mistaken belief that we had reached the source of the river only to read later that Fourth Connecticut Lake was the actual beginning. So we were there to complete our quest. In order to allow ourselves more time, we spent the night in Pittsburg with plans for an early start the next day.

To reach Number 4 one drives to U. S. Customs at the Canadian border on Route 3. There is a parking lot on the right near a border marker with the trailhead on the left. We arrived early dressed for cold temperatures, which proved to be a wise move. Signs and a brochure informed us that the area was preserved by the Nature Conservancy, which acquired it as a gift from Champion International Corporation. The trail is about a mile long and quite steep, but we felt a sense of accomplishment at finally gazing at the Connecticut's start. The lake is the smallest of the four Connecticut lakes but gives rise to New England's longest river. It consists of two and a half acres and lies at an elevation of 2670 feet. The trail winds in and out of Canada several times with small brass plaques in the ground at each crossing. And no Customs stations!

We spent the afternoon of our first day hiking on the Gore Mountain Trail in the town of Norton and in Avery's Gore but had to turn back because we didn't have time to reach our goal of Gore Mountain. A destination for another trip! We wanted to reach Newport, where we planned to spend the night.

The third day of our trip was the real gem. We planned to meet three hikers as they emerged from the woods on the Long Trail at the Canadian border. One of them was completing his End-to-End that day. Over a period of at least eight years we have helped this gentleman along the way and on the day in question were going to take him and his two companions to their car parked in Hazen's Notch. We wanted to stop on our way up the Journey's End Trail to see the new shelter, Journey's End II. To our surprise, the old shelter, which we had stayed in back in 1983, was still standing. We wished we could stay in the new shelter but had to press on. We did reach the border in time to meet the hikers at the completion of their trek and gave the new End-to-Enders our congratulations.

What a pleasant trip we had! We hope for many more of the same.

Outing Reports

Otter Creek, Proctor to Florence

By Barbara Griffith
14 August 2004

Putting in our vessels just below Sunderland Falls in Proctor the five of us with leader Jerry Parker were rewarded with the unusual cascade of water over the scenic marble ledges. Usually one only encounters this sight in the spring time when snow and ice are melting. A rainy wet summer sure changes things. The seven-mile trip was a fast one with the water coming close to the top of the creek's banks. We were zipping right along. Last year we encountered snags and even had to portage at one point. Not in 2004! No snags were even seen. We soon floated under the newly refurbished Gorham Bridge admiring the workmanship that had gone into it and the rock façade over the concrete abutments. A feature that we were sure would have been missed if we had been viewing from above. Lunch was enjoyed beside Furnace Brook which was roiling out into the Creek. A bench was nicely placed beside one of Pittsford's many trails for our repast.

Onward the flotilla continued, spotting a herd of cows chewing their cuds under one of the many massive silver maple trees that line the creek. As we continued our journey we encountered a long legged tall white bird on the shoreline across from the cows. What could it be? Jerry identified it as a cattle egret, rarely spotted in Vermont. (Its

presence was reported to the Rutland Audubon Society). We went over Pitt's Ford noting that it would have been difficult to ford with anything other than a boat today. A side trip was taken a short way up a side creek to the small falls that mark the waterpower site of one of Pittsford's earliest mills. We shot out of that stream back to the creek and finished our trip taking out at the Hammond Covered Bridge in Florence. In the 1927 flood this bridge was lifted off its abutments and carried more than a mile downstream where it came to rest. It survived with the strength of the lattice truss design and was moved back to its original spot the next winter. What a fast river run adventure we had been involved in!

Haystack and Beyond

22 August 2004

By Steve and Diana Williams,
leaders

This "Haystack" refers to the one in Pawlet, Vermont, and none of the three other "Haystacks" in the state.

The group comprised Ray Catozzi, Gerry Parker, the leaders, and two friends of theirs, Rob Holbrook and Cyndy Warner. While originally scheduled for Saturday 21 August, it was postponed to Sunday because of rain and limited visibility on Saturday morning.

The outing started on Waite Hill Road in Pawlet; ready parking being available at the foot of the private Tunket Road.

The first stop up the Tunket Road was the home of Philip and Erin Ackerman-Leist where Philip had graciously agreed to

present a little (very) local history. Philip teaches a number of environmentally related subjects at Green Mountain College and recently worked with three students to research some history of the area on behalf of the Nature Conservancy. Amongst the group's findings were that the original settler's route from Pawlet to Castleton was not the current Route 30, presumably because such a route would have passed Lake St. Catherine and exposed travelers to the bad "humors" then associated with such a lake. Philip commented on the local settlement of "Tunket" which is evidenced by some five or six local cellar holes. It would seem that the settlement came to an end in the early twentieth century; a situation Philip is now rectifying by building his own house there.



Mettawee valley from Haystack

From a map of 1867 it seems as though the main Pawlet-Castleton route was originally along the Tunket Road, on the east side of Haystack, Middle and Bald Mountains, and could well have been developed from an Abenaki track.

Philip gave two possible meanings of "Tunket"; "the route between two hills" being one, and as a euphemism for hell as the other; "Go to Tunket" having

been a local expression of disfavor.

However, back to hiking which was, after all, the original intent. The route, branching off Tunket Road just below the Ackerman-Leist property, was mostly gently graded, but with one steep pitch which, with the recent rain, was slippery, particularly for the return journey.

The summit provided excellent views of the Mettawee Valley, Lake St. Catherine, the Adirondacks, and the Greens, including Killington and Pico.

About half way down the descent, the day's route left the main trail and joined an old logging road traveling north. With two changes of direction onto new tracks (found by the leaders as a result of talking to Pawlet and Wells residents) and half an hour's walking, an open meadow was found with a fine overlook over East Wells. From there some meadow meanderings led to the leaders' car previously spotted just off the East Wells Road. For the parking spot at his home and permission to cross the meadows thanks are due to Phil Russell, President of the Manchester Section of the Green Mountain Club. In spite of the in-between transitions from one logging track to another, and the apparent disappearance of Tunket Road, the final few hundred yards from Phil's house out on to the East Wells Road was again on "Tunket Road".

The conclusion was wine, lemonade and cheese at the Williams. However, for that to take place, thanks are due to

Gerry Parker for capturing, and removing in a glass jar, a bat, which had elected to rest under the Williams' unfurled sunshade. We hope that the bat is now happily ensconced with Gerry's neighbor who collects his, or her, species.

Glen Lake Overlook

19 September 2004

By Bob Perkins, leader

It was a beautiful early fall day. Nineteen people and two dogs voted approval with their feet (46 to 0) of our scheduling an easy Sunday afternoon walk. We proceeded through the pines along the lake shore and across the bridge at the lake's narrow neck. There the leader, who had previewed the route several months earlier, was mildly embarrassed by a sign indicating that the trail from that point was temporarily closed due to logging operations.

Not to be stymied by this inconvenience, we decided to follow an alternate trail that seemed to start off in approximately the right direction. After a half mile or so, however, our alternate trail turned north while our destination was to our south. As a last resort we followed a logging road south for a short distance until the mud forced us to give up and head for home.

But our story has a happy ending. On the way down chief scout Jerry Parker, noting a huge rock close by, explored off-trail and located an easy route to the top of an out-cropping. We enjoyed a fine view of Glen Lake,

very much like that from the temporarily closed overlook.

Burnt Rock Mountain, Fayston

25 September 2004

By Roma Pulling, leader

Years ago when we had completed hiking the Long Trail and then photographed all the 70-some shelters, we were searching for a new challenge. We decided on hiking as many of the side trails as possible and one day set off for Fayston with a party of KS hikers to hike the Hedgehog Brook Trail. Since then I had had a couple of requests to hike the trail again; so on the above date we met 11 hikers at the park. There was some grumbling about the early hour, but we explained that it was a long drive to the trailhead. We picked up two other people on the way, one in Killington and one in Hancock.

On our first trip we had sauntered easily at the start over two bridges and past a camp and were very disappointed to find that the lower part of the trail had been relocated at the request of the landowner. The route immediately plunged down into a ravine over huge boulders, crossed a rushing stream on wet, slippery rocks, and climbed a rocky bank on the other side. The trail never got much easier.

As Alfred and I are slower than we were on the first trip, our plan was to climb as far as we could, eat our lunch and then head back down in order to be in the parking lot to greet the rest of our group when they returned. We met eight other hikers and nearly as many dogs but were back at

our cars when the summiteers got back. They reported meeting the 81-year-old end-to-ender whose picture was in the paper not long before our hike.

This was not a hike we would usually schedule these days, but we wanted to show that we aim to please.

Shrewsbury Peak

By: Barbara & Barry Griffith,
leaders

2 October 2004

Iffy weather did not deter a large crowd of trekkers from a walk up to the 3720-foot tall Shrewsbury Peak. Rain gear in packs, we gradually ascended the gated Black Spruce road up to the blue blazed trail. This area is known as black bear habitat with a very large forest of beechnut trees. It's now only 1.4 miles to the summit. Once on the blue blazed trail about halfway up on the left is an overgrown area that in the 1970s one could envision

where the clearing for a ski area stood. The CCC camps built and maintained this area back in the 1930s. We reached the peak for lunch. Soon clouds parted and we were rewarded with beautiful fall colors, good companionship, and crisp clear air. On a good day from several rocky views to the southeast one may see Mt. Ascutney, Mt. Kearsage, and Mt. Monadnock. To the south are Ludlow Mountain, Bromley, and Stratton.

A few hikers descended the same trail while the others moved down the rocky trail to the "chimney" parking lot. This trail descends steeply through dense balsam fir into a sag, then climbs to the summit of Russell Hill (elevation 2540). At the top is a well (unsafe) and a log lean-too. There is then an easy descent back down to the parking lot by the CCC road. We were all glad that doubtful weather didn't discourage this trip!

Susie Peak

30 October 2004

By Ray Catozzi, leader

This would have been a nice climb to the top of Susie Peak in Clarendon with its rocky outcropping on the top looking east toward the Rutland airport, and northeast toward Rutland. But we never made it for two reasons.

First, after we parked at a big red barn on the North Tinmouth Road, I missed the turnoff onto a dirt road that goes right between a farmhouse and barn. We walked south on the North Tinmouth Road for quite a long way before I realized my mistake. We retraced our steps, found the turnoff, and walked west toward the trailhead.

But before we got to the trail we heard continuing gun shots farther up on the mountain. That was the second reason we didn't climb Susie Peak.



A turtle hiker enjoys the view southwest from the lookout on Bear Mountain

Killington Section Directors Meeting, 19 October 2004

By Barbara Griffith, Acting Secretary

Attendance: Board members present were Barbara Griffith, Lynda Hutchins, Roma Pulling, Cynthia Taylor-Miller, Sue Thomas, and Steve Williams. Guests present were Barry Griffith, Herb Ogden, Bob Perkins, and Al Pulling.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Williams.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the 17 June 2004 Directors meeting, as published in the August *Smoke & Blazes*, were amended to indicate that section member Kathleen Woods, a Vermont Country Store employee, was responsible for the \$500 gift from Vermont Country Store. With that correction, the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Roma provided the following data:

Checking account	\$731.68
Cash on hand	\$135.00
Savings	\$1126.31
CD	\$1396.43
Kirk savings	\$1509.85
Kirk CDs	\$13,195.27
Memberships	91
Voting members	145

She noted that the Kirk Fund has increased by \$500 because of the Vermont Country Store donation. The report was accepted.

Trails & Shelters Report: Herb reported on the Cauty Trail work. More puncheon needs to be added to the muddy section of the trail and perhaps some "turnpiking" will be needed. The extra cost would be \$52.20. A motion was made and passed to fund that amount for the extra puncheon needed. Herb intends to skid stuff in during the winter months.

Herb is looking into the Last Wills of the Kirks to better enable the Club to understand the Kirks' intentions as to spending of the principle or interest from the Kirk Fund.

Herb sends out notices prior to work projects to garner helpers.

Cindy has reported to the Main Club that there are now blazed ATV trails on Bear Mt.

Governor Clement Shelter Update: Barbara reported on the continuing efforts to protect the shelter from vandalism.

There is a cost estimate of \$8,000 for a gate including posts, abutments, and barriers. It was suggested that the town supply the labor. Barbara and Barry Griffith will attend the 20 October meeting of the Shrewsbury Select Board at which gating will be discussed. They will report back to our board.

A parking ordinance is still being considered and Forest Service signs of "No Motorized Vehicles" have been offered.

Outing Attendees: There has been concern that, for some outings, people show up who do not have the physical condition or level of experience appropriate for that particular event. We discussed whether we should be doing a more thorough job of screening outing participants.

It seems that other GMC Sections do some pre-hike screening and limit the numbers allowed per outing by omitting the starting time and place from the published schedule. This requires the would-be hiker to call the leader in advance and gives the leader a chance to discuss the level of difficulty of the trip and to explore the caller's qualifications.

Some of the hike leaders present liked this approach; others felt that fielding the phone calls would be a burden or that they would be uncomfortable rejecting an applicant. After some discussion the board decided to experiment with the following compromise:

The schedule published in *Smoke & Blazes*, which goes primarily to Section members, will contain starting time and place as at present. However, for the

schedule published in the public media, each hike leader may choose to publish starting time and place or to require potential hikers to call them for the information.

In addition, we should try to provide, both in the schedule and at the meeting location, a more complete hike description including items such as elevation gain, distance, amount of time expected for the outing, and degree of difficulty.

Publicity: Our publicity panel will be on display at the upcoming discount day at Eastern Mountain Sports. The panel is currently in the Rutland Free Library.

Outing Schedule: Sue reported that the winter schedule is in progress

Smoke & Blazes-Bob reminded hike leaders that November first is the deadline for registering winter outing dates with Sue.

Steve will look into the possibility of including advertising in *Smoke & Blazes*. Circulation is about 175 copies per issue including a copy to each GMC section president and newsletter editor.

GMC Waterbury Directors' Meeting: Lynda attended the 18 September meeting at Stratton Mountain. Her in depth report of that meeting included the following highlights.

Random membership survey results were discussed.

There is an urgency to get on with fundraising with a \$5 million goal. Feasibility study results were reviewed.

The mission of the GMC needs to be clarified. Maybe the club should get out of some wilderness groups such as Chittenden Bank 2-for-1 deal. The GMC shouldn't back down to political pressure on issues such as ATV use in the wilderness.

Next meeting: The next Killington Section Board meeting will be 15 February 2005 (the third Tuesday), at 7:00 PM at Barry Griffith's office

Your Invitation to Join

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual \$30
Family \$40
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$20
Individual Lifetime \$750
Family Lifetime \$1000

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education

Make check payable to Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes

Volume 58, Number 1

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

February 2005

Outing Reports

Buck Mountain, NY

9 October 2004

by Sue Thomas, leader.

We had a record turnout for the hike up Buck Mountain – almost 200! Well, OK, they weren't all in our group, and we learned a valuable lesson – steer clear of the entire Lake George region on Columbus Day weekend.

The trail begins right at the lake shore, at a large parking lot that was already nearly full. Later arrivals told us they circled like vultures waiting for a spot to open up, and when we left cars were parked down the road for at least a half mile.

We started up the trail a few minutes behind a group of 28 kids and adults from a Schenectady youth organization and soon overtook their tail – two large ladies in inadequate shoes who clearly had no idea what they'd signed up for back at headquarters! They were good natured about it though. We offered some encouraging words and moved on.

The hike up was uncrowded, but not so the summit. We managed to find a patch of rock to call our own, off to one side, shielded from the hoards by a screen of trees, and had a peaceful lunch. It really is a beautiful summit – the rocks are studded with garnet crystals and below stretches Lake George dotted with islands, sailboats and the toney



Killington Section hikers enjoy lunch break at Sunrise Shelter

Sagamore Resort. How often do you get a chance to “look down on” the rich and famous? Across the lake is Tongue Mountain, known for rattlesnakes and behind it the Adirondack High Peaks.

Yes, fewer people would have been nice, but we had a good day. The only down side was the behavior of the youth group – nice kids all when we spoke to them, but apparently no one had ever told them to pack out their trash. We did, and they seemed genuinely bewildered. I hope before their next excursion they'll get some instruction on how to behave in the woods. In the meantime we collected several bags of water bottles in their wake.

Coming down we were surprised to meet the same two ladies, still gamely trudging on. I sincerely hope they made it to the top eventually. They certainly earned it.

The biggest disappointment of the day came when we discovered my favorite ice-cream shop closed – Oh no! We drowned our sorrows with make-your-own sundaes at Stewart's and the day was saved.

Chittenden Brook

4 December 2004

by Sue Thomas, leader

Surprise, surprise – winter bypassed Rutland and dumped a load of snow right where we planned to hike. Most of us were not as prepared as we might have been, but we managed to slip and slide up the Long Trail from Brandon Gap, arriving at Sunrise Shelter in time for lunch.

With the steepest climbing behind us we could then turn our attention to the beauty of the new snow on the trees – a Christmas card everywhere you looked. Moose were lurking – we saw plenty of tracks

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2005	Barbara Griffith
"	* Bill Robichaud
"	Steve Williams
2006	Andrea McQuade
"	Roma Pulling
"	* Susan Thomas
2007	John Hale
"	Lynda Hutchins
"	Cindy Taylor-Miller

*Second consecutive 3-year term.
Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President	Steve Williams
Vice President.....	Barbara Griffith
Secretary	John Hale
Treasurer.....	Roma Pulling

Committee Chairs

History	Bob Perkins
Outings	Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters.....	Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director.....	Lynda Hutchins
Alternate	Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor.....	Bob Perkins
-------------	-------------

Web Site

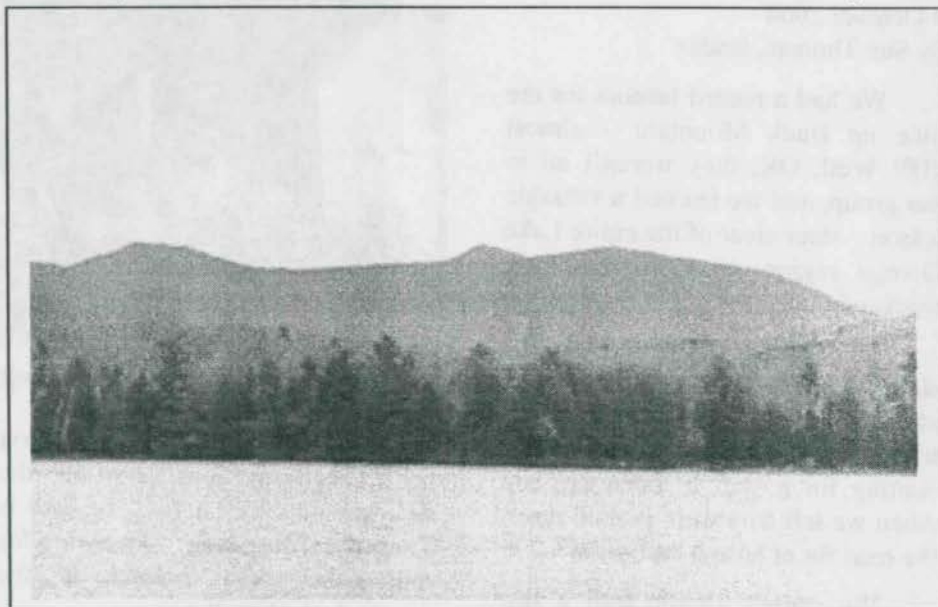
Web master	Deborah Waggett
------------------	-----------------

Vermonttrivia

A question based on a suggestion from Herb Ogden was posed in the November issue:

Q7. What two mountains within ten miles of Sherburne Pass has the Long Trail, at one time or another, gone east of and gone west of but never gone over?

A7. The Long Trail was west of Deer Leap till about 1969, then east, then west since the recent relocation. The Trail was east of Pico Peak and is now to the west. [Herb originally asked about a three-mile radius. I thought that was too easy and changed it to the ten-mile radius. After all, how many mountains are there within three miles of the Pass? Ed.]



View of the Coolidge Range looking over Spring Lake

Q8. What was the former name for Spring Lake?

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Barbara Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@lighters.com
Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@adelphia.net
Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, (H)293-2510, (W)774-2200, hogden@vermontel.net

Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com
Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com
William Robichaud, 215 Lincoln Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-2567
Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net
Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorborg@sover.net

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: March – May 2005

Visit our web site: <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

- 5 March, Saturday** **Lily Pond, Bomoseen** **Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Snowshoe on "Park Avenue" past beaver dams and otter habitat and see several old slate quarries on the way to a remote pond.
Moderate, 4 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.
- 12 March, Saturday** **Mystery Bushwhack, Shrewsbury** **Leader: Jerry Parker, 775-6208**
Venture off the trails in the Plymbsbury area to explore wildlife habitat and tracks. Moose, fisher, and snowshoe hare are among the species common in the area. Snowshoes required.
Moderate, 4 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.
- 20 March, Sunday** **Herrick Mountain, Ira** **Leaders: Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855**
Some bushwhacking and steep climbing, rewarded with a view from the top of this 2726-foot mountain.
Difficult, 6 to 7 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 26 March, Saturday** **Griswold Peak, Hubbardton** **Leaders: Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
The highest point in Hubbardton (2006 feet) now has an official name. We'll pay it a visit. We'll follow logging roads for a time, then bushwhack and scramble to the top.
Moderate, 5 miles, 1300 feet elevation gain.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 2 April, Saturday** **Sugar Hill Reservoir, Ripton** **Leaders: Gordon & Helen Cawood, 352-4310**
Easy, 5 miles, mostly level.
Call leader for meeting time and place.
- 9 April, Saturday** **Pond Woods Wildlife Refuge, Orwell** **Leader: Bill Holt, 537-4227**
Early wildflowers. A lake and three ponds along the way. Wear appropriate foot gear for wet conditions.
Rain date: 10 April.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 16 April, Saturday** **Birding at West Rutland Marsh** **Leader: Roy Pilcher, 459-2851**
A joint trip with Rutland County Audubon Society to identify the returning spring birds with local experts. Bring binoculars.
Easy, 3.5 miles, about 4 hours.
Leave from the West Rutland Price Chopper parking lot at 7:00 AM.
- 23 April, Saturday** **Section Potluck & Annual Meeting** **Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Bring utensils and a dish to share. Potluck begins at 6:00 PM followed by a short business meeting and election of directors, then a slide program. Nonmembers welcome!
Join us at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hillside Avenue, Rutland at 6:00 PM.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: March – May 2005

Schedule continued from previous page.

- 24 April, Sunday** **Split Rock Mt., Westport, NY** **Leaders: Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855**
Views of Lake Champlain, Giant Mountain, and the Dix Range.
Moderate, 3.5 to 5.5 miles, elevation gain 670 feet.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM
- 7 May, Saturday** **Appalachian Trail, Killington** **Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Follow the AT from Sherburne Pass up Deer Lead for a quick view, then east thru Gifford Woods, along Kent Pond and past a beautiful cascading waterfall. Steep up Deer Leap; then easy.
Moderate, 4.5 to 5 miles, elevation gain 400 feet.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM
- 14 May, Saturday** **Lower Elevation Work Party** **Leader: Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
Join us for a day of spring cleaning on the Appalachian/Long Trail. Tools provided or bring your own.
Wear sturdy foot gear and bring along lunch and bug repellent.
Easy to moderate tasks available.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM
- 15 May, Sunday** **Wildflower Identification** **Leader: Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502**
Leader will choose location depending on conditions.
Probably easy. We'll stop to smell the flowers.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM
- 21 May, Saturday** **Buck Mt., Lake George, NY** **Leader: Steve Williams, 645-9529**
Beautiful summit overlooking Lake George and the Adirondacks.
Moderate, 4.6 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM
- 25 May, Wednesday** **Sunset Hike, Pine Hill, Park, Rutland** **Leaders: Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997**
An easy hike with some short climbs in Pine Hill Park. Bring musical instruments for a sing along, and supper if you'd like.
Easy.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 5:30 PM
- 4 June, Saturday** **National Trails Day Work Party** **Leader: Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
All around the country folks will be out doing maintenance on trails in preparation for the hiking season. Join the Killington Section in spring cleanup on the higher elevations of the Appalachian/Long Trail in Killington and Mendon. Tools provided or bring your own. Wear sturdy foot gear and bring along lunch and bug repellent.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM
- 11 June, Saturday** **Mount Equinox, Manchester** **Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
A steep climb to the 3825-foot summit, the highest peak in the Taconic Range. Visit the memorial to Mr. Barbo, probably the only summit monument to a dog. Stay at Lookout Rock for peace and quiet, or continue on to the top of the auto road to see vintage sports cars taking part in the annual Equinox Hill Climb. Some date back to before World War One.
Difficult, 6.5 to 7 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM

The Killington Section remembers Diana Williams 1938 – 2005

By Sue Thomas

A few years back when Herb retired as Killington Section President we faced a bit of a dilemma. The annual meeting loomed, and no one willing to take up the reins could be found. What to do? Then salvation – Steve and Diana Williams made the colossal error of not attending the meeting and, not there to defend himself, Steve was duly elected. Blissfully unaware, they joined us for a hike in Dorset the next weekend, and truly thought we were joking when we said "Oh, by the way,...". When we finally succeeded in convincing Steve that he was in fact the President of the Killington Section,

Diana was bemused. "I guess that makes me the First Lady," she remarked.



That gentle good humor was one of the gifts she brought to enrich our outings, along with a great appreciation for the outdoors, curiosity about the flora, fauna, and history of the region, and a good natured determination to keep on, no

matter the steepness of the hill.

Last year the hill got very steep. Throughout most of 2004, while Diana struggled through the ups and downs of chemotherapy and endless hospital visits, she remained a presence on our hikes and never out of mind. We kept tabs on her progress and hoped our good wishes would help speed her recovery and return her to us on the trails.

In fact, she is very much with us these days as we think of her often when we slog up the hills, enjoy a beautiful view, examine animal tracks in the snow, and laugh at Dickens' stylish wardrobe. I'm sure I speak for the entire Killington Section in extending our condolences to the Williams family, and our appreciation for the time she spent with us. She will be missed

The Golden Years

by Roma Pulling

Nearly everyone has heard this euphemism [ha!]. Of course the younger generation puts it another way: We're "over the hill" or "older than dirt." [Blunt, but closer to the truth.] And then there are those who ask, "But what do you **DO???**" [Now I'm beginning to get annoyed.] So from all us golden-aged, over-the-hill delinquents, here is one way we keep occupied.

We have been asked how hikers who do a one-way hike get back to their cars. That's where we and a few others come in. They call us for help, and we meet them at the end of their trek and take them back to the beginning and their parked car. Or we meet them where their car is parked and take them where they want to start their hike. Here are a few examples of aid we have given:

In 1995 a gentleman called from Tampa, Florida, about a hike he and others wanted to do in October. We were pleased to do so, but the day they planned to fly into Albany airport was a day when the fringes of a hurricane crossed through this area. It seemed unlikely anyone could fly to Albany in that kind of weather or that anyone would want to hike in it, but we had promised to be there to meet them and they hadn't canceled. So we drove to our meeting place, and as we thought, no one was there. But we decided to wait a while, and an hour later they showed up. We took them to their trailhead over a Class 4 road in the rain, dark and fog. As we let them out of the car, I heard one say to the other: "I'll get you for this, Rich."

In 1997 we received a request for assistance from a hiker in New Jersey who wanted to be picked up in Glenclyff, New Hampshire, and

brought back to Sherburne [this was before the recent silliness]. We don't usually drive such distances, but the end of the trip was near home, wasn't it? So we were at the meeting place at the appointed time. We had time for a short hike on the AT. It was a really remote area, and it began to get dark. And I began to get nervous. We locked all the windows and doors and settled down for a long wait. In an unusually short time, considering their drive from New Jersey, the two gentlemen showed up and were transported back here.

My last example is about a gentleman from Georgia who has been hiking in Vermont every year but one since 1996. We look forward to his call every year now. This year he completed his End to End, and we were there for him. This is one way for the Over-the-Hill Gang to keep occupied.

Outing Reports

Continued from page 1

and rubbed trees, but they didn't seem interested in socializing and never showed themselves.

From a gap in the trees we were treated to a beautiful panoramic view of the very white White Mountains just as a large flock of geese flew across the valley in the foreground. No doubt they also had been startled by winter's sudden appearance and were hurrying to their condo in Miami.

We descended the Chittenden Brook Trail as gracefully as possible under the circumstances, awarding extra points for style, and emerged just at dusk.

Brooklyn to South End

2 January 2005

by Herb Ogden, leader

We may have set a statistical record on this hike. Nearly 1.5 per cent of the population of one town turned out for it. That was three people from Mount Tabor, my home town since July 2004. If the same thing happened in Rutland City, we'd have about 250 hikers! Of course, I don't mean to slight the participation of the rest of the dozen hikers and two dogs who showed up on a cool, gray afternoon with freezing rain in the forecast, either.

We began at the U.S. Forest Service work camp in Mt. Tabor Village, otherwise known as Brooklyn. The new building is well underway. It replaces one used by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression. Jerry Parker brought along a book of photos of CCC projects and people, and it was much appreciated. The two Brooklynites explained a further aspect of the CCC work: the two structures with tiny windows, massive cement walls, and thick

metal doors just south of the work camp were used to store explosives.

After climbing up onto a plateau past a split boulder that one Danby hiker remembered playing on as a child, we reached the end of the passable road, managed a tricky brook ford, and followed a woodroad along the east side of a beautiful beaver pond. Near the marshy south end of the beaver pond, at the foot of the Green Mountains, I pointed out a stone log landing. This was the northern end of the Emporium Lumber Company Railroad, built in 1906 to haul logs to a mill between South End Road and Otter Creek, then on to the Rutland Railroad at the South End of Mt. Tabor. Continuing south on the woodroad, I pointed out the railroad grade running through a grove of red pine. Since it was abandoned in 1916, parts of the grade are hard to make out. We headed west from the railroad grade and woodroad to explore an area of many stone walls and a possible esker. If I had known, we could have gone a little farther west to a cellarhole and a small cemetery. As it was, we returned to the woodroad and railroad grade, heading south. Soon after we crossed a causeway with a stone culvert (pretty substantial for a logging railroad), I pointed out a switchback. Three more of these used to bring the rails down to the level of Otter Creek. We took the higher woodroad, passed a cellarhole, and climbed over a little ridge to see the icy, spectacular cascade of McGinn Brook. Following the brook down, we saw the ruins of a water powered mill, and Jerry found a piece of old machinery. By this time, the freezing rain had begun, and we were happy to reach my house on Casey Hill, overlooking South End, where hot beverages and goodies awaited us.

South Pond, Chittenden

8 January 2005

by Viv Bebee & Larry Walter, leaders

We had a good turnout for this one, with 14 heads counted at the trailhead. The weather was agreeable, with some snow showers on the hill and some windy conditions by the Pond. The route is a retracement of an abandoned side trail of the Long Trail, running easterly from Lefferts Pond just over the ridge to South Pond.

The majority of the trail falls within the National Forest, but near the top of the ridge it enters private property, owned by Bob Ashton. (603-643-1851). If you want to hike to South Pond, Mr. Ashton only asks that you let him know you'll be up that way. He does not allow ATV's or Snowmobiles on his property.

The route has not been blazed for years, so you have to really watch for old, blue paint, especially on the upper section. Dave Coppock kept us on course where things got steep and ill-defined. Anyone using this trail in the winter would be well advised to wear snowshoes with crampons or some other traction device, as it gets a little dicey towards the top. (There is an alternate route up an old timber road which branches off of the trail and crosses the brook, but warm weather had eliminated the ice bridges which had been available last week.)

The pond itself sits in a nicely cleared area, just below Bob's place. He and his caretaker came down to visit while we were eating lunch on the leeward side of a utility building. This is a nice hike through some large maple, ash and birch, with evidence of moose activity (we followed some tracks near the bottom). I had rated this hike as moderate, but in winter it probably should be listed as difficult.

Pine Hill Park

15 January 2005

by Andrea McQuade
& Tad Tucker, leaders

A group of 13 hikers enjoyed a six-mile outing in the Pine Hill Park area, which is located in Rutland City. The trails were snow covered enough for hiking boots, but not enough for snowshoes or skis. The hike on this trail system was far easier than getting across the parking lot, which was sheer ice. Our group saw quite a variety of trees and other vegetation, as well as a splendid view of mountains to the north, including Blue Ridge and Pico.

Hot Dogs at Minerva Hinchey

6 February 2005

by Roma Pulling, leader

What a great day we had! After last year's struggle with cold temperatures, sleet and drizzle, the sunshine and ideal snow conditions seemed almost miraculous. We left the park with ten people and were met at Spring Lake Ranch in Shrewsbury by four more people and one dog. And oh yes, by two flocks of turkeys, which make the ranch their home.

Piling the fire wood and food items we had taken with us on two plastic toboggans, we donned snowshoes and started up the trail to Minerva Hinchey Shelter. While Alfred and one of the Toms built a fire in the fireplace in front of the shelter, Dickens and his owner took a large group on a hike down the Long Trail and via a loop, back to the shelter in time for lunch. Jean and I took a shorter hike north on the trail. Accompanying the roasted dogs were potato chips, mustard, ketchup, rolls, cookies, hot chocolate and coffee.

As we wound down the lunch phase of our outing, I heard a challenge: "Let's build a snowman!" Soon several of us were at work on

what? It started as a snowman but acquired ears and a tail, more like a snow rabbit. The next hikers are probably still scratching their heads.

As we put out the fire and packed our supplies for the return trip to the cars, Sue told us of ice cutting at Spring Lake. We were off to see this operation, which I hadn't seen since I was a child. It was being done in the old way with hand saws, nary a chain saw in sight. Several chunks were lying around that we could examine, but no workers were there on Sunday.

We had a wonderful day and were pleased to share it with such a fine group.

Baker Peak, Mt. Tabor

12 February 2005

by Viv Bebee
& Larry Walter, leaders

The weather cooperated nicely with a fresh eight-inch layer of new snow, on what would otherwise have been a pretty icy trudge. A dozen souls made the hike today. The weather was near perfect, at just below freezing, with hardly anyone wearing hats on the way up.

The trail head is accessed from a small, plowed lot off of South End Road (a couple miles south of Danby). The route runs up some beautiful old stands of White Pine and along a brook, which you eventually cross. We easily crossed the brook, which was at low flow.

About half of the trail is routed along an old carriage road used in the early 19th century to access a tourist lodge built by lumber baron, John Griffith. The inn is long since gone, but the old road grade survives surprisingly intact.

Once the trail switches back to the north, you cross into wilderness just before you walk under a large conifer windfall. We caught glimpses of the Danby Mine on the

opposite side of the valley and crossed a nicely built foot bridge which is anchored on the west of a rock face. You can still see the pieces of solid bar-stock cemented into the rock which supported a much larger bridge for the carriages.

There is a nice lookout above this rock face that is accessible with a brief scramble from the road. Herb Ogden managed to sneak in a brief side trip to the lookout on our return from the peak. The first major view from the road occurs at a sharp bend around a second rock face, which is visible from Route 7, especially in the winter. To this point, we had encountered fox and coyote tracks, among others, in the fresh snow.

The old road then turns up a major ravine. If you pay attention, there is at least one spot where the old pull-outs and dammed livestock watering pools are still evident. At the head of the ravine, you cross the creek, leaving the old carriage road behind and climbing northeasterly, with a moderate grade, on old logging roads.

There is one spot where the trail makes a sharp, and very poorly marked right turn (at a big yellow birch), straight up the hill about 500 feet to another old road where it continues back to the left. It's a shame this section could not be better marked, wilderness or not. I plan to ask the Forest Service for permission to do so.

When you near the exposed, rocky final ascent, there is a sign marking the bad-weather by-pass which swings you to the right of and eventually to the back side of the summit. We took that route on the way back down, where we paused for lunch.

As far as difficulty ratings, this trail should be marked difficult when there's only ice on the rocks, or when the runoff levels are high.

Killington Section Directors Meeting, 15 February 2005

By: John Hale, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Williams at 7:00 PM in the law offices of Barry Griffith.

Board Members present:

Steve Williams, President
Barbara Griffith, Vice President
Roma Pulling, Treasurer
John Hale, Secretary

Lynda Hutchins, Delegate to GMC
Cynthia Taylor-Miller
Bill Robichaud
Sue Thomas

Others present:

Barry Griffith
Herb Ogden
Bob Perkins
Al Pulling

The **minutes of the 19 October 2004, Board of Director's meeting** were considered. A motion was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes as written by Barbara Griffith.

Treasurer's Report Roma Pulling reported the following account balances and membership statistics as of 2/15/05:

Unrestricted:

Checking	\$2,135.71
Petty Cash	150.00
Savings	1,127.16
Cert. of Dep.	<u>1,602.01</u>
	\$5,014.88

Kirk Fund:

Savings	\$571.35
Cert. of Dep.	<u>13,378.24</u>
	\$13,949.59

Membership:

Memberships	158
Voting Members	191

A motion was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

The **Governor Clement Shelter** was discussed. Herb Ogden said the Green Mountain Club (GMC) Trail Management Committee has met and decided that if the Town of Shrewsbury does not improve its policing of the shelter to reduce the incidence of vandalism, the Club will be forced to remove the Governor Clement Shelter and build a new one further up the trail between Clement and Cooper. Herb asked the Committee to postpone its decision until our Section and possibly the Town of Shrewsbury, could respond.

Barbara and Barry Griffith told us that incidentally, the Town of Shrewsbury is equally concerned about the vandalism at the shelter and environs and has a remediation plan under consideration. The cost of the plan is already proposed in the Town budget for the coming year.

The Town's plan involves the Sheriff and his deputies patrolling the area with specific frequency during the summer months from Memorial Day to Columbus Day.

At Herb's request, it was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that President Williams should write a letter to the GMC Trail Management Committee requesting them to postpone their final consideration and any decision about the Governor Clement Shelter until the fall of 2006. That would give the Town of Shrewsbury two full summer seasons to apply their new plan and would give all parties opportunity to evaluate the plan's effectiveness.

Herb told us that plans for the **bridge over Gould Brook** are well advanced. The site will be scouted this summer and the bridge will most likely be built next summer.

Herb said the **Cooper Lodge** will be torn down by the GMC, likely some time next summer. Those who care for the Lodge cannot keep up with the vandalism; the drug use at the Lodge is a significant issue; and the Lodge is so close to the ski trail as to be an attractive nuisance for skiers who go off the trail from there and get lost. A new tent platform (later to be joined by a new shelter) will be constructed about two miles south of the existing site prior to demolition. The foundation will be preserved enough to show future generations where the Lodge was.

This summer's **trail work days** will be held on Saturdays, 14 May and 4 June.

Herb asked for another **Section Checker volunteer** to help monitor the trail from Cooper Lodge to Jungle Junction to Route 4. Bill Robichaud does that section now all by himself.

Herb reported that the GMC Headquarters has asked our Section for ideas and suggestions about **how to disable the old Route 4 parking lot access** and how to re-vegetate the area. After some discussion, the Board indicated a preference for large boulders at the roadside but is quite comfortable leaving the final decision to Headquarters in conjunction with the VT Highway Department.

The Section policy of **screening hike participants** was discussed. The Board has empowered each hike leader to decide whether to put the time of meeting in the Rutland Herald announcement. If a leader chooses not to put the time in the paper, participants must call the listed number and speak with the leader who will determine the person's suitability for the planned hike. Leaders may choose alternatively, to include the meeting time rather than be available for telephone calls. The policy is in place and the Board decided to keep it under continued review.

President Williams reached out to Mr. Steve Lulek of the **Rutland Rock Climbing Center** to explore any natural connections between our two organizations. The Section cannot offer a commercial endorsement of the for-profit Center but our Publicity Panel is currently at the Center and Bob Perkins sends the Center our newsletter. Bob offered to assure that outing schedule section of our current newsletter is publicly posted at the Center.

Our **Publicity Panel** is a bulletin board which displays Section and Club information. It is a traveling signboard that Andrea McQuade manages.

President Williams, Lynda Hutchins and John Hale will meet with Kate White, **Capital Campaign Director**. Ms. White is looking for suggestions about how best to approach potential donors in the Rutland area.

The **Killington Section notices** will be posted at all trailheads after the Annual General Meeting.

The **Section's Annual General Meeting** will be held at the Rutland Lutheran Church on Saturday, 23 April. At that meeting, the Board will nominate Barry Griffith to be a new Board Director and will re-nominate Steve Williams and Barbara Griffith as Directors. Bill Robichaud was thanked for his term of service on the Board; he has served two three year terms and must retire from the Board according to the bylaws.

Roma Pulling has a copy of the **Section's Bylaws** and will make copies available to any interested party.

Lynda Hutchins reported on her attendance at the **Headquarters Directors Meeting** held on 22 January. Some of the topics are:

- *The Club will likely meet its financial budget this year although expenses are currently over budget by about \$20,000.

- *The Club contracted with Demont and Associates to manage the upcoming capital campaign. The campaign has been extensively thought through and will be executed over the next two years.

- *Annual Club dues will be increased in the various categories: individual memberships for example, will increase \$5 from \$30 to \$35 per year.

A more complete presentation of Lynda's observations, the formal dues increase proposal, and the details of the capital campaign are available upon request. **Rutland High School will offer a hiking program** as an extra curricular activity for students and has requested that a Killington Section representative address the students to explain our club and its activities. Bill Robichaud and Steve Williams volunteered.

Bill Robichaud told us that a **representative of the Green Mountain Forrest** approached him asking to be invited to address the Section about their programs and plans. A time and place for this speaker will be determined.

Sue Thomas reported that the next **Outing Schedule** is mostly done; and Bob Perkins said that publication of the next issue of *Smoke & Blazes* is well in hand. Cindy Taylor-Miller said the **Section's website** is working well.

The **next Board meeting** will be at the Annual General Meeting on 23 April at the Lutheran Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Your Invitation to Join

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual \$30
Family \$40
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$20
Individual Lifetime \$750
Family Lifetime \$1000

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

____trail work, ____shelter work, ____sign making, ____publications, ____leading outings, ____publicity, ____education

*

Make check payable to Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes

Volume 58, Number 2

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

May 2005

Barry Griffith Elected Killington Section President

Frequent hike leader Barry Griffith was elected Director and Section President on 23 April at the Killington Section annual meeting. Barry takes over from Steve Williams who will continue as a director after completing three successful years in the top spot.

Barry also replaces Bill Robichaud who retires from the board due to our six-year term limit rule. Thanks to Bill for his many hours of trail work, which no doubt will continue.

Barbara Griffith, John Hale, and Roma Pulling were reelected as Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer respectively.

[See page 8 for a full report of the annual meeting.]



Outgoing Killington Section President Steve Williams (above, right) Passes Baton to New Director and President Barry Griffith

Apology To The Sector Checker For Route 103 To Lottery Road

Herb Ogden, Trails & Shelters Chair

In the fall of two thousand and four
We needed one sec-checker more.

You spoke for this sector
And went out and checked her
And sent your report furthermore.

With thanks I received it
And away I did file it
In my cyber file oh so secure.

But there it expired!
My computer'd acquired
A lot of spy junk on its disk.
I had it removed
By an expert approved,
But one thing did put me at risk.

No one made a backup
Before he did hack up
The info that lived on that disk.

So now you may take me to task if
you wish,
Yet still I must ask you --
Who are you, and what's your
address?
And how is your sector?
And has it been checked o'er?
And if 'twas a mess
Send to my address
A report, and the mess we'll redress.

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2006	Andrea McQuade
"	Roma Pulling
"	* Susan Thomas
2007	John Hale
"	Lynda Hutchins
"	Cindy Taylor-Miller
2008	* Barbara Griffith
"	Barry Griffith
"	* Steve Williams

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President	Barry Griffith
Vice President	Barbara Griffith
Secretary	John Hale
Treasurer	Roma Pulling

Committee Chairs

History	Bob Perkins
Outings	Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters	Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director	Lynda Hutchins
Alternate	Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor	Bob Perkins
--------------	-------------

Web Site

Web master	Deborah Waggett
------------------	-----------------

Vermonttrivia

Our trivia question in February was:

Q8. What was the former name for Spring Lake?

A8. Spring Lake used to be known as Shrewsbury Pond, after its town.

This raises the question as to the difference between a lake and a pond. My dictionary was of little help: *Lake*: an inland body of water larger than a pond and *Pond*: a body of water smaller than a lake. A cursory internet search produced a couple of additional suggestions. A lake is large enough to have a wind-swept beach. A pond is shallow enough to maintain fairly even top-to-bottom temperature, and to support rooted plants, even away from shore.

Clearly, Vermonters don't feel constrained, even by the dictionary definitions. There are plenty of small lakes and large ponds. Consult your Vermont atlas and compare, for example, the sizes of Lake Elfin (Wallingford), Lake Madeleine (Sandgate), and Lake Pleiad (on the Long Trail in Hancock) with the sizes of Great Avriil Pond (Avrill), Island Pond (Brighton), or Joes Pond (Cabot).

Apparently *Lake* has a desirable connotation that *Pond* lacks. Not only did Shrewsbury Pond become Spring Lake but Dog Pond (Woodbury) became Valley Lake, and Ray Pond (Wilmington) is now Lake Raponda.

Here are two more posers for your consideration:

Q9. What Long Trail shelter, not far from Rutland, once featured the only piped-in running water shower bath on the Trail?

Q10. What three Long Trail shelters were named after former secretaries/clerks of the Green Mountain Club?

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Barbara & Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net

John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@lighters.com

Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net

Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@adelphia.net

Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, (H)293-2510, (W)774-2200, hogden@vermontel.net

Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com

Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com

Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net

Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185

Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com

Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: June – August 2005

Visit our web site: <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

- 4 June, Saturday** **National Trails Day Work Party** **Leader: Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
All around the country folks will be out doing maintenance on trails in preparation for the hiking season. Join the Killington Section in spring cleanup on the higher elevations of the Appalachian/Long Trail in Killington and Mendon. Tools provided or bring your own. Wear sturdy foot gear and bring along lunch and bug repellent.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 11 June, Saturday** **Mount Equinox, Manchester** **Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
A steep climb to the 3825-foot summit, the highest peak in the Taconic Range. Visit the memorial to Mr. Barbo, probably the only summit monument to a dog. Stay at Lookout Rock for peace and quiet, or continue on to the top of the auto road to see vintage sports cars taking part in the annual Equinox Hill Climb. Some date back to before World War One.
Difficult, 6.5 to 7 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 18 June, Saturday** **15th Annual Taconic Mt. Ramble, Hubbardton** **Leader, Kit Davidson, 273-2982**
Massive cliffs; rolling meadows; mountain peaks with views north, south, east, and west; a Japanese garden full of waterfalls; plus other goodies. Wine and cheese afterward; bring no lunch. Walkers can leave the group at several points and relax on the lawn.
Easy half mile, or moderate 3 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 1:00 PM. Rain date: 6/19.
- 19 June, Sunday** **Paddle Otter Creek** **Leaders: Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
Bring lunch, a sense of adventure, and the hardy water vessel of your choice. We'll paddle northwest on Otter Creek and explore its history, ecology, and environment. Plan to be out for the day.
Moderate. Mileage to be determined.
Leave from Sears parking lot at the Diamond Run Mall at 9:00 AM.
- 25 June, Saturday** **Deer Leap & Long Trail, Killington** **Leader: John Hale, 273-2293**
We'll ascend Deer Leap to enjoy the view and then continue north on the Long Trail. Some climbing.
Moderate. Mileage to be determined.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 2 July, Saturday** **Bird Mountain, Castleton** **Leaders: Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
We'll hike for the views. Steep climb at the end. Then for those wishing for more, we'll hike around the extended top. Maybe we'll find remnants of the old Mason's Monument. Plan to be out for the day. Bring lunch, sturdy shoes, bug repellent and a sense for history.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 6 July, Wednesday** **Trails & Shelter Work Party** **Leader: Cindy Taylor-Miller, 446-2288**
Call leader for project plans and for meeting time and place
- 7 July, Thursday** **End-to-Enders' Reunion** **Leaders: Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997**
End-to-Enders (and serious wannabees!) bring pictures to pass around, favorite trail snacks, and stories. Beverages will be provided, and possibly slides.
Real easy.
Meet at the Pullings home, Route 4 East, across from Dexter Shoes, at 6:00 PM.
- 10 July, Sunday** **Paddle Otter Creek, Proctor to Florence** **Leader: Jerry Parker, 775-6280**
Paddle your canoe or kayak past farms and covered bridges.
Easy, 5 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: June – August 2005

Schedule continued from previous page

- 16 July, Saturday** **Robert Frost Mountain, Ripton** **Leaders: Gordon & Helen Cawood, 352-4310**
 Joint hike with the Breadloaf Section via snowmobile trail from the Ripton-Lincoln Road. .
 Moderate, 5-mile round trip.
 Call leaders for project plans and for meeting time and place.
- 17 July, Sunday** **Trails & Shelter Work Party** **Leader: Cindy Taylor-Miller, 446-2288**
 Call leader for project plans and for meeting time and place
- 24 July, Sunday** **Bike Ride, Castleton** **Leader: Bill Holt, 537-4227**
 Cycle on dirt roads and an abandoned railroad line. All-terrain tires recommended; helmets required.
 Moderate, 15 miles.
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 27 July, Wednesday** **Trails & Shelter Work Party** **Leader: Cindy Taylor-Miller, 446-2288**
 Call leader for project plans and for meeting time and place
- 31 July, Sunday** **Mount Ascutney, Brownsville** **Leader: Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
 We'll ascend the Windsor Trail and come down the Futures Trail to Ascutney State Park. Views from the tower on this monadnock are spectacular in all directions. Steep but rewarding.
 Difficult, 7.3 miles. Elevation gain of 2520 feet.
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 6 August, Saturday** **Okemo Mountain, Mount Holly** **Leaders: Andrea McQuade & Tad Tucker, 775-5104**
 Take the Healdville Trail to the fire tower on the summit for views in all directions.
 Moderate, 6 miles. Elevation gain of 1900 feet.
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 7 August, Sunday** **Trails & Shelter Work Party** **Leader: Cindy Taylor-Miller, 446-2288**
 Call leader for project plans and for meeting time and place
- 13 August, Saturday** **Bald Mountain, Mendon** **Leader: Tom Copps, 770-9394**
 This loop hike offers several vistas including the Coolidge Range, the Cold River, and Rutland.
 Moderate, 4 miles. Elevation gain of 1130 feet.
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 17 August, Wednesday** **Trails & Shelter Work Party** **Leader: Cindy Taylor-Miller, 446-2288**
 Call leader for project plans and for meeting time and place
- 21 August, Sunday** **Paddle Grafton Pond, NH** **Leaders: Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855**
 Canoe or kayak in a beautiful spot with islands and inlets to explore.
 Easy.
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 8:00 AM.
- 27 August, Saturday** **Branch Pond to Stratton Pond, Arlington** **Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
 We'll follow the Branch Pond and Lye Brook Trails into the Lye Brook Wilderness passing Bourn Pond as well. Loons, beaver, bears, and moose are often seen in this remote area.
 Moderate, 9 miles.
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 8:30 AM. Rain date: 8/28.
- 28 August, Sunday** **Trails & Shelter Work Party** **Leader: Cindy Taylor-Miller, 446-2288**
 Call leader for project plans and for meeting time and place
- 10 September, Saturday** **Merck Forest & Mount Antone, Rupert** **Leader: Steve Williams, 645-9529**
 Hike in the Merck Forest and Farmland Center in the Taconic Mountains, climbing to the 2610-foot summit of Mount Antone.
 Moderate, 6 miles. Elevation gain of 820 feet.
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

Outing Reports

Shrewsbury to Lake Ninevah

19 February 2005

By Barbara & Barry Griffith

The hike to Sugar Hill Reservoir in Ripton, scheduled for this day, was cancelled due to cold, windy, blustery conditions. However, nine people showed up for the early start of the hike and decided: "What the Heck? Let's go somewhere". Where to go? All were dressed appropriately for the weather with multiple layers, had food, and a desire to press on. The default leaders proposed a snowshoe outing retracing a segment of the old Crown Point Road visiting old cemetery sites along the way.

Following an abandoned town road off the Tabor Road in Shrewsbury, we stopped to pay our respects at the Woodward-Wilder Cemetery in Eastham. According to the Vermont Old Cemetery Association this cemetery has 18 graves, was first used in 1827, and last used in 1874. A lot of work has been done here to upright markers and fence the burial ground against domestic animals pastured nearby.

Eventually the trail joined a VAST trail bringing the group to the northeast end of Lake Ninevah where we then visited a newly found old cemetery with Wilder family markers. Lastly, before the return trip we explored the site of an unknown Revolutionary War soldier's grave and nearby encampment. This grave is near the top of a fairly steep knoll, with a DAR flag and marker.

Returning to our vehicles we agreed the lesson in history was enjoyable.

Military Road, Hubbardton

27 February 2005

By Barry & Barb Griffith, leaders

As the American Revolution began in the spring of 1775, Ethan

Allen and the Green Mountain Boys staged a surprise attack, capturing Fort Ticonderoga. A crude road was thereafter cut from the Fort through Hubbardton to the older Crown Point Road and Rutland. Soldiers and supplies passed over this road from New England to the American garrison. Troops retreating from Fort Ti in July 1777 fought a rear-guard action on this road – the only Revolutionary War battle fought on what is now Vermont soil.

Some 230 years later, thirteen of us gathered on a mild February morning to retrace a portion of the old Military Road. We convened at the Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. The Visitors Center is closed in winter, but the parking lot is plowed. On snowshoes and one pair of skis, we descended the short but steep hill to the East Hubbardton Cemetery, where some of the town's earliest settlers are buried.

We headed in the direction of Fort Ti, proceeding northerly across Sucker Brook, then climbing and turning westerly through a saddle below Sargent Hill. It is a natural route, and is used by local snowmobilers, so we had a well-set trail to follow. At the height of land, we ate lunch, and tried to catch a glimpse of Lake Bomoseen and what lies beyond.

It was time to retrace our steps to the Battlefield. We marveled at how the troops had managed to advance up the steep hill under fire, in wool uniforms and with heavy packs on a hot July day. We inspected nearby Pittsford Ridge, and reviewed how the remaining American forces withdrew from the area to fight another day. We then withdrew ourselves, having enjoyed a good day in good company.

Shrewsbury Bushwhack

12 March 2005

By Barbara Griffith

Undeterred by an ongoing blustery snowstorm seven snowshoers braved the conditions to venture out into the wilderness with their leader, Jerry Parker, exploring wildlife habitats and tracks. Parking was abundant at the vacant Plymbsbury Wildlife Management area parking lot. We ventured high and low in our search, being rewarded with animal tracks and the freshest of moose signs. Relentless in our pursuit, the moose was even more evasive! As soon as fresh signs of animals were deposited these signs were hidden beneath the falling snow.

One track resembled a giant trough in the snow. Perhaps a giant snow snake some ventured? Alas, not so. Per our guide, this was an otter trail. The slide impression made by the locomotion of the paws in pushing and/or pulling it along. This trail was quite impressive to see.

Our picnic lunch was enjoyed in cover beneath a canopy of evergreens. Returning to our vehicles we bade a safe trip to those returning to Rutland on very snow-covered roads.

All agreed the day out in the elements was most enjoyable. What better way to spend a snowy, blustery day, inside the warmth of one's home or outside romping around in the cold?

Herrick Mountain

20 March 2005

By Larry Walter, leader

Luck was with us on this one, with beautiful weather and nine brave souls willing to traipse off through the uncharted (Kinda...Tom had his GPS) woods. Early spring is

a good time to go, with most of the motorized traffic back in the garage, leaving still decent snow and warm temperatures. We did have some icing problems with some of the aluminum snowshoe parts. I'll try to remember to pack some vegetable oil spray next time. It took about two hours of northward shoeing to reach the best view point, which is actually about a mile south of the peak. We had lunch there and enjoyed views of the back side of Bird Mountain and Grandpa's Knob, plus Marcy and Giant in the Adirondacks. Three of our party turned back at this point with the rest of us forging onto Herrick. Most of the remaining route was along an existing sled trail, making things easier, despite my faulty memory resulting in an unnecessary ascent of a steep little bluff. (We took the easier route on the way back.). A couple of us chose to turn back at the base of the final climb with the remaining four making a surprisingly quick run to the top. We had regrouped on the return trip when we were passed by a couple of sleds moving at a respectful rate. They lost some of their cargo on the trail (a chainsaw). We alerted them to their loss when we met up at the lunch spot. Nice fellows, who seemed to be having a good time, but I think I'd still rather go motor-less. After leaving the lunch spot, the majority of the hike is predominantly down hill with plenty of nice views along the way to the east and west. We saw plenty of evidence of a couple of resident porcupines along the way. The Spruce Knob Road to the 'trail' head can get a little rutted in March, as it was this time. Please contact Carolyn Kenny (802-235-2727) should you wish to hike from the end of this road, as well as John Wilfert (802-457-3567) upon whose land you'll spend a considerable amount of time. John's land is bounded by a yellow-painted, blazed line.

Griswold Peak, Hubbardton

26 March 2005

By Barry & Barb Griffith, leaders

This was a hike inspired by a newspaper article. We read that the highest point in Hubbardton had its name officially approved by the State of Vermont. We have hiked many places over the years, but never to Griswold Peak. We had to pay it a visit!

Thirteen of us (plus Dickens) joined in the adventure. Scheduling a hike in late March is always a challenge. We found that there was still ample snow in the higher elevations of the Taconics, so we made good use of our snowshoes for the last time this season.

There is no trail to Griswold Peak. Consulting topographical maps, we organized on the East Hubbardton Road and struck out easterly toward our destination. We ascended logging roads early, surprised at how deep the snow was when we attempted a short cut! As we climbed we found evidence of a recent logging operation, near the Castleton town line.

When we approached the crest of the ridge, it was time to start bushwhacking to the north toward our goal. We scrambled up a challenging rise. We were eventually rewarded by a nice view of Lake Bomoseen and the Adirondacks to the west. We ate and took in the scenery. Then, after consulting GPS readings, we continued our climb.

After another half-hour, we arrived at the summit. The view from the top was worth the climb. In addition to the view to the west, we could now see in all directions. We identified peaks all along the Green Mountain range, and had spectacular views of the Otter Creek valley below. We celebrated our accomplishment.

The trip back down was uneventful. We took a more northerly route for variety, and were pleased to come out where we expected. Tired but with a feeling of achievement, we returned home and slept well.

Pond Woods Refuge, Orwell

9 April 2005

By Bill Holt, leader

Joan and I just started hiking with the Killington Section about a year ago. We have had some wonderful experiences on all of these hikes, so we thought it was time we led a hike ourselves. Adjoining our property are 2,111 acres of state land used mostly by the critters who live there and the occasional hiker, hunter, or fisherman.

The day of the hike, April 9th, was all blue skies with just the right temperature for a ramble in the woods. Twelve hikers and Dickens started out around midmorning following a faint trail through a mixed forest of hardwoods and conifers. Soon we came onto an old logging road which made the walking very easy. After about a half a mile we came to Mud Pond.

The pond is about ten acres including the swampy end that we came out on. The pond is very tranquil and is surrounded on the east and west sides by steep hills rising a hundred feet or so above the waters edge. We made our way along the west side of the pond following an animal trail. Underneath a hemlock someone spotted a bunch of chewed up twigs littering the ground. Sitting twenty feet up the tree was a bashful porcupine hoping that we would think he was just a bump on the branch. The area we were in had many hemlocks, a favorite food for the sloth like pincushions.

Throughout the day we went up many slopes that led to dry oak and

hop hornbeam areas surrounded by sedge grasses. Then down we would go again into the ravines where the hemlocks were more prevalent. We soon came upon a five-acre beaver pond where a painted turtle was reluctant to leave its warm log. Just then, Jerry caught a ribbon snake which promptly bit his hand. He hung on until we all got a good look. Then it started to exude that special snake oil smell and we set him free.

We had a nice lunch beside a larger body of water known as Spruce Pond, although we've never seen a spruce anywhere near it. While eating we spotted a couple of blue herons and a hawk flying over. After lunch we started a slow climb up another ridge rising to a height of 950 feet above sea level. That's about as large as the hills get over here before succumbing to the Champlain Valley. From this perch we were able to see Bird Mountain and some of the Green Mountains beyond.

From here we went down and around yet another pond, called Doughty Pond. We followed a very narrow deer trail through a thick hemlock woods near the edge of the water. There was around a 15-degree temperature drop in these woods compared to the ridge we were just on. Up and down we continued. Then we came upon a large red oak with a gaping hole near the base. Coming out of this hole was a pile of porcupine scat three feet high and wide. We knock on the hollow tree but no one was home at the time.

Nearing the end of our hike we passed through another ravine that brought us to the shores of Lake Sunset. A couple of the hikers recognized the spot where we came out as the place where they were certified for scuba diving. We followed the shore along another old logging run to finish our hike. We probably covered seven miles in all,

and from the beginning to the end it was much fun.

Lowland Work Party

14 May 2005

By Herb Ogden, Trails & Shelters Chair

A good turnout of a baker's dozen allowed us to do almost everything that was needed in the south half of our section of the Long Trail, between Wallingford Gulf and Gov. Clement Shelter. Four people worked north from Wallingford Gulf to north of Patch Hollow, sawing small blowdowns and digging out waterbars. Seven dug a four foot deep hole for the privy at Minerva Hinchey, moved the privy about 15 feet to the new site, surveyed the bad sill situation at the shelter, and dug out some waterbars working south to meet the above party. Two folks sawed a big blowdown and cleared waterbars between Clarendon Shelter and Hermit Spring, north of the Lottery Road.

The rest of this part of the trail was already in good shape, thanks to Sector Checkers and Tom Shanahan, a freelance volunteer who is good with an ax. Much of this stretch does need to have the blazes repainted. Indeed, most of our Section does. I hope some of the summer work parties described elsewhere in this issue can accomplish that. Care is needed to blaze according to standards, so it is better to learn from someone experienced.

We now have a better way to move privies. We have two eight-foot long two by fours with several 3/8" holes about two feet in from the ends. Lag screws go through the holes and attach the 2x4s horizontally to opposite sides of the privy at about waist height. It is then a simple matter for four people to pick up the privy like a sedan chair, carry it to the hole, and position it exactly. This sure beats tipping the

privy on its side and then tipping it back up at the new site while hoping it will be positioned right, and it takes fewer people.



"All together now, 1...2...3..."

Buck Mt., NY via Hogtown

21 May 2005

By Steve Williams, leader

A Rutland contingent having been ably led there by Sue Thomas, the Fair Haven Visitor Center was the assembly point for eleven Eastern Adirondack enthusiasts and two dogs, whose later actions suggested that they too were enthusiasts. The Hogtown route to Buck Mountain provided a follow-up to the climb from Lake George where Sue Thomas led us last year. Perhaps it should be called "Buck Mountain Lite", as the elevation gain is only 1100 feet as opposed to 2000 feet via the Lake George route.

From Fort Ann one follows County Road 26 almost to the village of South Bay through a pretty valley reminiscent of the "Hidden Valley" of salad dressing fame. Four miles of wooded and steadily climbing unpaved Hogtown Road and another 1.7 miles of unpaved Shelving Rock Road follow.

From the trailhead the well-blazed trail undulates in three dimensions for approximately one and a half miles before becoming

steeper and heading for the summit. From the summit, on the east side of Lake George, about one third of the length from the southern end, there are great views of much of Lake George and the Adirondacks, including a number of the high peaks.

Upon the return to the trailhead, Sue Thomas offered to lead the party to Shelving Rock Falls; falls which Sue found after diligent searching of a large number of streams which flow beneath Shelving Rock Road. The majority of the group then made the two-mile drive and half mile walk in to the falls which, with a

cascading drop approaching 150 feet, are well worth a visit.

With a day when the temperature was up and the black flies down, the outing appeared to be a success.

Killington Section Annual Meeting

By Barbara Griffith,
Acting Secretary

The annual spring meeting of the Killington Section was called to order on Saturday, 23 April 2005 by President Steve Williams. A welcome was extended to members and guests. Those assembled were entertained by statistics that Steve had compiled from the past year's hikes. According to Steve's report the average hike elevation gain was 666 feet, the total elevation gain was a hike up Mount McKinley and the total mileage was equivalent to a jaunt from Brattleboro to St. Albans. Dog Dickens was given honorable mention for logging most doggie miles.

GMC President, Andrew Nuquist spoke about the presentation of the 50th Anniversary pin to former Governor and End-to-End Howard Dean. Andrew spoke of the Headquarters budgeting process. The Club is now in the "quiet phase" of a capital campaign. The GMC Club is now 95 years old and looking forward to it's second century.

Field Supervisor Greg Western addressed current issues, "sprucing up" the new parking lot on Route 4 and re-vegetating the old lot so that it will no longer be feasible to park there. In this process seeds and hay are available to work with and there are plans to relocate trees from the nearby forest to the old lot. A time line for this is this spring. Greg is

looking for volunteers for this project. The new lot is designed to accommodate 30 cars.

Treasurer Roma Pulling reported on the Section's General Fund and Kirk Fund.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were approved.

Trails and Shelters Chair Herb Ogden reported that he is contacting sector checkers. Primary goals for 2005 will be the Minerva Hinchey privy relocation, Minerva Hinchey Shelter repairs, and puncheon for the Cauty Trail.

[Note: According to the By-Laws: "The activities of the section shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of nine members. The Directors shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the Annual Meeting. The terms of office of the Directors shall be three years, with three Directors elected each year. A Director who has served two full consecutive terms may not be re-elected until one year has passed".]

Elections were held to fill three three-year terms on the section board of directors. Barbara Griffith and Steve Williams were nominated and reelected to second terms. Barry Griffith was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy created by the expiring second term of Bill Robichaud.

The Board now consists of the following: Directors and their terms:

Director	Term expires
Andrea McQuade	2006
Roma Puling.....	2006
Sue Thomas.....	*2006
John Hale.....	2007
Lynda Hutchins	2007
Cindy Taylor-Miller	2007
Barbara Griffith.....	*2008
Barry Griffith	2008
Steve Williams	*2008

*Second consecutive 3-year term not eligible for re-election

The Directors then met and elected the following officers for the coming year: and reported the results to the Section.

President:.....Barry Griffith
Vice President Barbara Griffith
Secretary: John Hale
Treasurer: Roma Pulling
GMC Director:Lynda Hutchins

Barry assumes the gavel and, on behalf of the Section, extended a Thank You to out going President Steve Williams for all of his hard work and dedication.

Meeting was adjourned followed by a slide show presentation by Paul Pilcher.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, 21 June 2005 at Barry Griffith's office, 98 Merchants Row.

The Intersectionals

By Roma Pulling

This word is probably a mystery to our newer members, but when I joined the club it was the highlight of the GMC year. When I first read about them in *Long Trail News*, I thought they sounded like a lot of fun; and I was able to take part in several of them. For a week every year ending on Labor Day, campers from every section got together somewhere in Vermont for a week of hiking and other outdoor activities. A former Killington Section member recalls that these campouts started in earnest at the time of the Green Mountain Club's 50th anniversary, although shorter ones had taken place even before.

The golden anniversary was held in 1960 at Mt. Norris [Eden]. I participated at Camp Plymouth, Camp Sunrise [Orwell] and Camp Thorpe [Goshen]. I have been told about ones at Tamarack Notch, Grout Pond [Stratton], Camp Ondawa [Sunderland], Twin Hills Girl Scout Camp ["the Wind Tunnel"] in southern Vermont and even one in Massachusetts.

My favorite activity was the evening bonfire and sing-along. The leader for this event was "Frenchy" Garfield from Sudbury, Massachusetts. He was a real spark plug and wasn't allowed to get away until he had led us in the song "Alouette," his specialty. Second on my list of favorites was the Saturday night supper. Other events included the auction with Frenchy as the auctioneer and sometimes a square dance with a real caller.

Several things probably killed the Intersectional. A group of campers started to get together in the fall for a weekend, and others preferred to come for the annual meeting, which used to take place on Memorial Day weekend. A few diehards came to Vermont even after the Intersectional was officially out of existence and enjoyed time in the Green Mountain State together, but even that eventually came to an end.

The Intersectionals probably never will be resurrected, but those of us lucky enough to have been there will never forget them.

Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association



An event similar in spirit to the lamented GMC Intersectional is the Gathering of the Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association. This year's Gathering will take place on 7, 8, and 9 October at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. The ALDHA is a nonprofit group, open to all fellow hikers who've shared experiences on the Appalachian and other Trails. Check the web site at www.ALDHA.org. Ray Catozzi has said the Gathering is an event not to be missed.

Pitch In This Summer

By Herb Ogden, Trails & Shelters

Our list of things that would improve our trails and shelters is so long that we cannot do it all on the May and June walk-throughs. We have projects great and small. Here is a sampling:

Various stretches of the Long Trail need their white blazes renewed. Directional arrows are needed here and there. Waterbars and ditches should be cleaned out or added in several areas, notably between Vermont Route 103 and the Lower Cold River Road and in the Killington-Pico saddle. The bog

bridging project on the Cauty Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain should be completed. Minerva Hinchey Shelter needs one or more sills replaced and a new roof. Privies there and at Clarendon Shelter should be moved to new pits. Gov. Clement Shelter needs new roof shingles, especially around the chimney and bottom eave. Pico Camp needs window latches and an eaves trough in back. Finally, while Cooper Lodge and Tucker-Johnson Shelter are not our Section's responsibility, plenty of work can be done there if people are available.

To reduce our backlog and to accommodate folks who couldn't

make the traditional May and June work parties, Cindy Taylor-Miller suggested that we plan some July and August work parties – some on Wednesdays and some on weekend days that wouldn't conflict with other outings. (See the Outing Schedule on pages 3 and 4).

If these don't fit your schedule or if you prefer to work alone, we can still accommodate you. Just contact me, Herb Ogden, at 293-2510 or hogden@vermontel.net and I can tell you what still needs doing and get you the right tools or supplies.

Your Invitation to Join
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual \$35
Family \$45
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$20

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

____trail work, ____shelter work, ____sign making, ____publications, ____leading outings, ____publicity, ____education

Make check payable to Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes

Volume 58, Number 3

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

August 2005

Club members heed the *Call of the Wild*

By Lynda Hutchins

On 29 June 2005, six intrepid members of the Green Mountain Club set out to relive the stampede's 1897-1898 Klondike quest for gold, following in Jack London's illustrious footsteps. Expedition members were Lynda Hutchins (Killington Section), Paul Houchens, Phil Hazen, and Kathy Adams (Burlington Section), and Dave Blumenthal and Lexi Shear (Montpelier Section). Boarding a shuttle from Skagway, AK, to Dyea, the enthusiastic group embarked upon the Chilkoot Trail, a 33-mile trek, teeming with archeological artifacts and spectacular scenery, leading up over the Chilkoot Pass into Canada. The trail, which terminates at Bennett Lake, British Columbia, passes through multiple climate zones, including lush coastal rainforest, subalpine, alpine, subalpine boreal forest, and dry forest/sand dunes.

Undaunted by the 45-degree angle of the unrelenting "golden stairs" and several false summits of the Chilkoot, the group was relieved that their 40-plus-pound backpacks came nowhere near the 100-plus-pound packs the stampede's lugged. (This was in compliance with the Canadian government's directive to pack a "ton of goods" per person to Dawson City, mostly accomplished through multiple trips to the summit, where goods were stockpiled until



Heading for the Yukon. Killington Section's Lynda Hutchins, left.

fully assembled and then carted by boat or make-shift raft to Dawson -- if they were not swamped en route).

Arriving on foot at Bennett Lake, the GMC group claimed canoes and equipment, and previously mailed drop-off boxes (delivered by an outfitter via the White Pass rail), and began the 550-mile paddle to Dawson City in the Yukon Territory. A series of waterways presented, including Bennett Lake, Nares River, Nares Lake, Tagish Lake, Tagish River, Marsh Lake and, of course, the mighty Yukon!

The adventuresome group, with

its fledgling sailing skills, decided to enlist Mother Nature's assist in harnessing waves and wind power over the lakes, erecting a makeshift sail for the three lashed canoes, with tarp, ropes, logs, and paddles, using a third paddle for a rudder. The system worked rather efficiently (notwithstanding rudimentary ship-building skills!), with a top speed of 5 mph attained, many of the crew lulled to sleep with the reciting of Robert Service poetry (i.e. *The Cremation of Sam McGee*). Mother Nature further bestowed the benefit of a strong current on the Yukon, often making paddling a sweet

See Yukon page 9

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2006	Andrea McQuade
"	Roma Pulling
"	* Susan Thomas
2007	John Hale
"	Lynda Hutchins
"	Cindy Taylor-Miller
2008	* Barbara Griffith
"	Barry Griffith
"	* Steve Williams

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President	Barry Griffith
Vice President	Barbara Griffith
Secretary	John Hale
Treasurer	Roma Pulling

Committee Chairs

History	Bob Perkins
Outings	Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters	Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director	Lynda Hutchins
Alternate	Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor	Bob Perkins
--------------	-------------

Web Site

Web master	Deborah Waggett
------------------	-----------------

Vermonttrivia

Our first trivia question in May was:

Q9. What Long Trail shelter, not far from Rutland, once featured the only piped-in running water shower bath on the Trail?

A9: Pico Shelter was an open-faced structure built on the Long Trail in the mid 1920s. (It was replaced in 1959 on the same site by the current Pico Camp, now on the Sherburne Pass Trail). The spring is about 100 feet north of the site. I remember that in the early 1940s there was a rustic, open-topped, enclosure to the east of, and downhill from, the spring. A series of carefully placed, grooved logs directed spring water to the top of the enclosure providing, as far as I know, the only shower bath on the Long Trail. Was it invigorating? YES!

The other question from May was:

Q10. What three Long Trail shelters were named after former secretaries/clerks of the Green Mountain Club?

A10: Minerva Hinchey Shelter, near Spring Lake in Shrewsbury, and well known to Killington Section members, was named in honor of Miss Hinchey, who served as Corresponding Secretary of the statewide Green Mountain Club for 22 years from 1955 to 1977.

Lula Tye Shelter, near Little Rock Pond in Wallingford, was named in honor of Miss Tye, who preceded Miss Hinchey as Corresponding Secretary for 29 years from 1926 to 1955.

Willis Ross Camp, built on Stratton Pond in 1929, burned in 1972. It was named in honor of Willis Ross, a leader in the construction of the original Long Trail south from Killington to Prospect Rock, and who served for a number of years as Clerk (Recording Secretary) of the statewide club.

In posing this question I overlooked a fourth answer. The Willis Ross Annex, built across the bay from Willis Ross Camp in 1934, burned in 1952, was rebuilt in 1953, and dismantled in 1961.

It's interesting to note that all three of these honorees were Rutlanders.

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Barbara & Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net

John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@lighters.com

Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net

Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@adelphia.net

Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, (H)293-2510, (W)774-2200,

hogden@vermontel.net

Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com

Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingr137@aol.com

Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net

Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185

Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com

Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorborg@sover.net

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Sept. – November 2005

Visit our web site: <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

- 10 September, Saturday** **Merck Forest & Mount Antone, Rupert** **Leader: Steve Williams, 645-9529**
Hike in the Merck Forest and Farmland Center in the Taconic Mountains, climbing to the 2610-foot summit of Mount Antone.
Moderate, 6 miles. Elevation gain of 820 feet.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 18 September, Sunday** **Moonlit Bike Ride, Castleton – Poultney** **Leaders: Bill Holt & Joan Davidson, 537-4227**
Leave the CSC campus at dusk on the D&H Rail-Trail; return on the same path from Poultney under a full moon. Bring helmet and some sort of bike light. All-terrain tires recommended.
Easy, 14 miles. Elevation gain of 50 feet.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 5:30 PM.
- 24 September, Saturday** **Otter Creek Canoe/Kayak, Florence – Brandon** **Leader, Jerry Parker, 775-6208**
Put in by historic Hammond Covered Bridge and paddle north to Route 73. Bring lunch and canoe or kayak
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 25 September, Sunday** **Senior Shuffle – Wallingford Pond** **Leaders: Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997**
Follow an old road to the largest pond in town. It was once named Lake Hiram and is sometimes called Spectacle Pond.
Easy, 1.6 miles. Elevation gain of 50 feet.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 2 October, Sunday** **Split Rock Mountain, Westport, NY** **Leaders: Larry & Viv Walter, 775-3855**
Views of Lake Champlain, Grant Mountain, and the Dix Range.
Moderate, 5.5 miles. Elevation gain of 670 feet.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:30 AM.
- 8 October, Saturday** **Saltash Mountain, Plymouth** **Leaders: Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
Hike to the southern sentinel of the Coolidge Range. Some bushwhacking required to reach the 3286 foot summit.
Difficult, 5 miles. Elevation gain of 1200 feet.
Call leaders for meeting time and place.
- 15 October, Saturday** **Haystack Mountain, Pawlet** **Leader: Steve Williams, 645-9529**
Spectacular views of the Mettawee River Valley and the Taconic Range from the summit. Some steep pitches.
Moderate, 3 miles. Elevation gain of 1000 feet.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 22 October, Saturday** **"Put the Trail to Bed" Work Party** **Leader: Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
Location to be determined. Bring lunch, sturdy shoes, and work gloves if you have them. Tools will be provided.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 23 October, Sunday** **Long Trail Lodge History Outing** **Leaders: Reidun & Andrew Nuquist, 223-3550**
A joint venture with the Montpelier Section to explore the site of the Green Mountain Club's Long Trail Lodge with historian David Wright. David will share historic photos, and we'll bushwhack to Adirondack Lookout. After lunch hikers may climb Deer Leap if they wish.
Easy, 0.3 miles. Elevation gain of 50 feet. Deer Leap option; add 2.4 miles and elevation gain of 430 feet.
Call leaders for meeting time and place. Or, locally, call Sue Thomas, 773-2185
- 29 October, Saturday** **Cardigan Mountain, Canaan, NH** **Leaders: Andrea McQuade & Tad Tucker, 775-5104**
A short but rugged climb to a spectacular bare rock summit with a fire tower. Summit is exposed and windy; bring a jacket.
Difficult, 3.5 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 8:30 AM.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Sept. – November 2005

Schedule continued from previous page

- 5 November, Saturday** **Little Rock Pond – Green Mt. Loop** **Leaders: Connie & Mark Youngstrom, 492-3502**
 Easy walk in to beautiful Little Rock Pond with return over Green Mountain to view the Pond from above.
 Moderate, 7 miles. Elevation gain of 800 feet.
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 12 November, Saturday** **Saratoga Battlefield, Stillwater, NY** **Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
 Explore the site of a decisive battle of the Revolutionary War, where Benedict Arnold distinguished himself as a hero and Burgoyne surrendered, turning the tide. Visitors center will be open; no fee. If time permits we may also visit Saratoga Spa State Park or the U. S. Grant Cottage.
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 8:30 AM.
- 19 November, Saturday** **Annual Fall Potluck** **Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
 Join us for our annual fall potluck supper and a slide program by Herb Ogden and Cathy Thomas on their recent trip to Newfoundland. Bring plates, utensils, and a dish to share; hot drinks provided. Nonmembers welcome!
 Meet and eat at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Hillside Avenue in Rutland at 6:00 PM.
- 27 November, Sunday** **Great Hawk Colony Road Walk, Rochester** **Leaders: Gorgon & Helen Cawood, 352-4310**
 Joint trip with the Breadloaf Section on a dirt road lined with No Hunting signs, but wear bright colors.
 Easy, 4.4 miles.
 Call leaders for meeting time and place.
- 3 December, Saturday** **Moscow Pond, Hubbardton** **Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
 Hike in to a small, remote beaver pond west of Lake Bomoseen. Our route will be determined by weather conditions.
 Moderate, 3.5 miles.
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.
- 10 December, Saturday** **Pine Hill Trails, Rutland** **Leader: Tom Copps, 770-9394**
 Explore the extensive new trail system, through woodlands with cliffs and ponds, in Rutland City's Pine Hill Park.
 Moderate. Route, mileage, and elevation gain to be determined.
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

Turtle Outing Schedule September – October 2005

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of "Turtle" hikes for seniors and others who wish to enjoy their outings at a somewhat slow and easy pace. The outings typically cover two to four miles, involve limited elevation gain, and try to avoid treacherous footing. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Meet to car pool on **Thursdays at 9 AM** from the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street off Woodstock Avenue. We return in early to mid-afternoon. Call leaders listed at the right below if you have questions. All are welcome.

- | | | |
|--------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 8 September | Mt Tom, Woodstock
Moderate. Follow carriage roads and trails in the Marsh Billings National Park to Mt. Tom overlooking Woodstock village. | Bob & Thelma Perkins
773-0184 |
| 22 September | Rocky & Muddy Ponds, Rutland City
Moderate. Loop through Rutland City's Pine Hill Park passing the old stone crusher site and two good-sized ponds. | Ray Catozzi
773-3006 |
| 6 October | Back of Blue Ridge, Mendon - Chittenden
Moderate. Walk up old Turnpike Road, past the beaver dam (if the water is not too high), and down Wildcat Road. | Bob & Thelma Perkins
773-0184 |
| 20 October | Chaffee Falls, Pittsford
Moderate. This walk in the woods culminates beside a lovely waterfall on Furnace Brook. | Jean Davies
483-6623 |

Outing Reports

Sunset Hike, Pine Hill, Rutland

25 May 2005

By Roma Pulling, leader

The musical sound of the melodica rang over Pine Hill as we sang "Red Sails in the Sunset" and "You Are My Sunshine," but it had no effect on the weather. When we finished our short concert, the skies were still cloudy and threatening. No sunset that night!

Five of us had gone to Pine Hill in a hopeful mood and had stopped halfway into the hike for light refreshments. By that time it seemed unlikely we would see the sun that evening, whereas if we hurried back to town we could perhaps get to the library in time to watch a slide show about hiking which, without our knowledge, had been scheduled on the evening of our hike.

It seems to me this outing is worth scheduling again, another time, and perhaps in another place. Stay tuned.

Otter Creek, Clarendon-Rutland

19 June 2005

By Barbara Griffith, co-leader

Rivers and streams swollen with recent heavy rains, roads washed out, and news reports of calamities had us all wondering about this trip. This section of Otter Creek from the Creek Road in Clarendon to Park Street in Rutland, a stretch of about 13 miles, had been beckoning to me for some time. As a responsible leader I had an alternate trip planned. However Otter Creek crested during the night and had receded to what all participants agreed was a safe "Club" adventure. One thing about high water on the Creek – it eliminates most "snags" which we call those stringers or walls of refuse that can occur across any narrowing body of

water. They consist of trees, trunks, junk, rubbish, basketballs, and at times have sand and mud involved with vegetation growing abundantly.

One such snag portage was necessary in the 13 miles – not bad at all! Silver maples lined the banks. There were multitudes of nesting birds greeting us, or warning us off. Kingfishers were plentiful as were a variety of ducks. Cliff swallows nesting in the high creek banks came swooping at us. There were king birds and oh, so many more.

There are no falls or rapids in this area of the Creek. It meanders through farm country, alongside corn and hay fields. If you trace it as the crow flies from our put in to take out on a topographical map it is a bit over six miles. So you can imagine all the twists and convoluted turns involved. Abutments of several bridges from long ago line the banks. A number of these appear in the middle of nowhere.

Please come with me on our trip. I'll denote mileage from our launching to some locations when I can in parenthesis.

Donning personal flotation devices, checking supplies of insect repellent, lunches, water, sunscreen, and cameras, off we paddle heading north on the "Indian Road". Mill River flows in just before our launching site. We paddle upstream a bit, but the current is strong. So with the current we go. The Creek Road looms up above the bank to our left, or west, as we rush by heading north. Sand banks are spotted on our right with sand pipers abundant. The creek swings away from the Creek Road (1.25 miles) and wanders east before crossing under the Walker Mt. Road bridge (2 miles). Just past this bridge

is the site of an old ford from pre-revolutionary days but, as we zip by, the water is too high for us to see any evidence of the ford. From here it seems as though we do loop-de-loops as we twist hither and yon. Around a corner we turn and hear rushing water. "What's that?" we wonder as there are no rapids on our agenda. It's a massive snag with volumes of water rushing over and under. Discretion being the better part of valor, we pull our kayaks out and notice that others have done so before. We pulled and carried the five kayaks around on land and put in safely on the other side.

Who knows where lunch was enjoyed? It was on a sandbank somewhere on the Creek. We passed in back of Mill River High School (6 miles), and made our closest approach to the railroad tracks since Walker Mt. Road. The Crown Point Military Road forded the Creek somewhere near this location. Just beyond Otter Valley Supply Lumber Company, several brooks rush into the Creek. We keep paddling! Soon, or not so soon (8 miles), the Alfrecha Road Bridge greets us. Barry quips "We are more than *halfway* there!" Hmmm, "Perhaps we should have spotted a 'get away' vehicle here." I retort.

Onwards we paddle seeing the Creek Road once again (10 miles) before encountering the Cold River as it rushes into the Creek. At this point the volume of water does increase, but the Creek also widens. Here the Creek bends back almost upon itself; we go directly west, take a sharp turn and go back to the east-north-east!

What's that up ahead? It's the four-lane Route 4 Bridge. We must

be nearing out destination! Another old bridge abutment reminding us of covered bridges from the past, and a prior crossing marks the place where we parked our vehicles many hours before (12 miles).

A great day; a trip completed. With sore, tired muscles, we take out, bid each other adieu and leave with a feeling of good companionship and a sense of a day well spent.

Deer Leap Mt., Killington

25 June 2005

By John Hale, leader

The new parking lot on Route 4 had been finished only the week before when we ten (humans, plus Dickens) met there for our Saturday hike up to Deer Leap Overlook. It was warm in the sun but we enjoyed a breeze even in the forest.

The trail from Maine Junction would have taken us on to Katahdin but after a quick vote, we continued toward the Leap. We quickly separated into two speed groups and the five leaders (and the GPS) were out of hearing when the trail unexpectedly started (and continued) going down. The second five commented, deliberated, back-tracked and then re-tracked (correctly) down the trail finding the fore five after their lunch at the Leap, ready to start home.



Viewing Pico from Deer Leap

We agreed to separate and four headed down the mountain, while six lunched and enjoyed the view of Pico and the valley before starting down

(with the GPS) back around Deer Leap Mountain on the Appalachian Trail finding the Maine Junction again before descending to the parking lot, energized and grinning.

Some of us had gone 2.8 miles, going up and down about 550 feet of elevation; some about a mile farther and a couple hundred feet more elevation change.

Bird Mountain

2 July 2005

By Barbara Griffith, co-leader

Bird Mountain, in the Taconic Range, has a prominent 2216 foot rock outcrop. Barry and I gleaned some historical information about Bird Mountain, or Birdseye as some locals call it. Tidbits of our research are:

- From the *History of Rutland County*: Colonel Bird spent an unscheduled night "on the summit of a precipitous mountain" circa 1767, thus the name Bird Mountain. Some say he woke up and had a "Birdseye View" of the panorama below.
- From the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department website: The Department now oversees the Bird Mountain Wildlife Management Area (BMWMA) which has 175 acres in Ira, 115 acres in Castleton and 350 acres in Poultney.
- From the *History of Bird's Mountain Masonic Monument*: the Masons erected a monument on the top on August 27, of 1886. When the corner stone was laid there was a great ceremony with over 2,000 participants. This Masonic Monument was later struck and demolished by a bolt of lightning. We have it from a local mason that many of the bricks were retrieved and used in parts of the construction of the Castleton Masonic Lodge.

For this trek the weather was near perfect with a group of all ages out for the trip to the top. There is no

blazed trail to the peak and this leader can get you there, but I can't give you navigable verbal directions. "Just do it" we say in our family. You drive about three miles up the Bird Mt. Road to the gated road and kiosk with maps and information at the BMWMA. As you journey up the old overgrown road the mountain looms up ahead with precipitous ledges abundant on its southern slope.



Bird Mountain from the south

Our group made its way to the easterly slope and a spring with cold water that flows out of the caverns and crevices of the rocks. Just past the spring on the left there is a trail up quite a steep scramble through a notch. This narrow, precipitous path is built into the notch upon a rock bed. I find it difficult to describe the trail otherwise. A lot of hard labor went into its construction and for that we were grateful.

At the top of this steep ascent the group followed the path as it tracked along the ridge, now rising more leisurely, southwesterly toward the summit.

Amidst "Oh's" and "Ah's" all enjoyed the breathtaking views: to the east the Rutland airport, West Rutland, and the Coolidge Range with Pico, Killington, Mendon, and Shrewsbury; to the south the Taconics with Herrick Mountain, and Lake St. Catherine; to the west Lake Bomoseen, Castleton, Fair Haven, and the Adirondacks; and to the north Hubbardton; and many more I cannot remember.

Granola bars, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, yogurt and such abounded. Our five-star lunch overshadowed any restaurant in the valleys below.

Taking our time down the steep terrain we soon enjoyed the wildflowers of summer, even chancing upon an orange wood lily. Biding adieu to one and all after a walk into the nearby cemeteries we all agreed the day was extraordinary!

End-To-End Reunion

7 July 2005

By Roma Pulling, hostess

Several months ago it occurred to me someone should get End-to-Enders together to reminisce and perhaps inspire others to walk the same course. Pretty soon a second thought occurred: Instead of waiting for it to happen, why not do it myself?

On the evening of 7 July six people gathered at our house and brought trail snacks and pictures to share. They first entered our dinette and signed our guest book on a table displaying hiking books, including some of my favorites: three by Colin Fletcher and one of Earl Shaffer. Nearby on a room divider was a collection of ancient backpacking gear [from a couple of ancient backpackers].

We proceeded from there to the porch, where the snack items were assembled. We had a choice of veggies, trail mix, banana chips, peanuts, ham sandwiches and cheese. The beverages were iced lemonade and elderberry wine [guess who?]. While we snacked, we recalled experiences on the trail and poured over pictures of our treks.

Cindy brought a computer disc, which we hoped to enjoy to cap off the evening. Being nearly a computer illiterate, I put Cindy in charge, and she soon discovered one of the

limitations of a seven-year-old computer. Anyway, thanks for trying! The only thing that would have made the evening more complete was to have some aspiring End-to-Enders take part. They missed a great opportunity.

Killington Work Trip

9 July 2005

By Cynthia Taylor-Miller, leader

Three workers with tools rode the Gondola to the summit of Killington. We cleared the section of trail from Cooper Lodge to Jungle Junction of six blow downs, leaving one large white birch, approximately 14 inches in diameter, located 100 feet south of the southernmost puncheon in the Killington-Pico saddle. Hikers can walk over this obstacle, but if someone with a chainsaw removed this one, this section of the trail would then be clear of all blow downs. We also cleared the water bars and cut back brush with loppers and clippers.

The white blazes need to be freshened up along this entire section and the blue blazes on the LT/AT north of Cooper should be made white as far as the intersection with the properly blue blazed Bucklin Trail. I knew I was on the right trail, but hikers traveling north might be confused as to why they were seeing blue blazes when they were looking for white blazes only.

We walked out via the Sherburne Pass Trail where we removed two more blow downs and two leaners, and carted out a large bag of trash from both Pico Camp and Cooper Lodge. Bill Robichaud found the privy in good shape but he didn't like the "flimsy" latch.

Otter Creek, Proctor-Pittsford

10 July 2005

By Barbara Griffith

To put a boat in below Sunderland Falls in Proctor one

accesses the site by seemingly vanishing down a dirt road by the waste water treatment plant. It's easily accessible and a beautiful place to launch. This launching was rewarded with a large volume of water cascading over the scenic marble ledges. Recent rains had once again put Otter Creek at higher than normal summer levels.

Along this seven-mile trip one paddles below the creek bank levels isolated from the busy world above. The party was rewarded with various water fowl including great blue herons, and multitudes of king fishers.

After lunch, which was enjoyed alongside one of Pittsford's scenic hiking trails, these kayakers decided to venture up Furnace Brook, a route not always maneuverable due to low water and snags. We made it all the way to the Cooley covered bridge before returning to continue down Otter Creek.

We approached "Pitt's Ford" noting that it would have been difficult to ford with anything other than a boat today. Another short side trip was taken up a stream to the small falls that mark the waterpower site of one of Pittsford's earliest mills.

We shot out of that stream back to the Creek and finished our trip by taking out at the Hammond covered bridge in Florence. In the 1927 flood this bridge was lifted off its abutments and carried more than a mile downstream where it came to rest. It survived with the strength of its lattice truss design and now sits across the Creek with memories of earlier times.

Taking out was a bit tricky with fast moving deep water. With Jerry Parker's leadership, and with teamwork and assistance, we all made it safely to paddle another day.

Robert Frost Mountain

16 July 2005

By Gordon Cawood, leader

Five members of the Bread Loaf and four from the Killington Sections were joined by a diminishing infestation of mosquitoes on a hike from Ripton-Lincoln Road in Ripton to the peak of Robert Frost Mountain along a VAST snowmobile trail. Since this trail is not maintained for foot traffic, the intrepid hikers pushed their way through mud in some places and tall grass in others. The trail was nevertheless easily followable. We all enjoyed lunch at the peak.

Unfortunately there were no views because of so much haze. We could not even see the Omya quarries down in Middlebury. Thus it made no sense to continue to the lower viewpoint looking eastward.

On the return trip we had the pleasure of meeting Claire and Norm Groleau, who own the property at the trail crossing on North Branch Road. It turns out that the Groleaus and Debbie Ramsdell had been friends in Charlotte before the Groleaus moved to their new home. They graciously gave us a tour of their house and offered us refreshments.

Castleton Bike Ride

24 July 2005

By Bill Holt, leader

On a bright Sunday seven GMC bikers came out for a ride. We met near the firehouse in Rutland and headed west to Castleton State College. After discussing where we would be riding, two of the riders decided to ride just on the D&H Rail-Trail. They called later that night to say they had a wonderful ride all the way to Poultney and back.

The rest of us headed to Staso Road, which turned to dirt after a mile. We climbed a couple of steep

grades before leveling off at Pond Hill Ranch. While taking a break from the hill one of the riders decided to head back to Castleton as she was a little pooped out after the climb.

We were now four. As we started zooming down the backside of Pond Hill Ranch we had to stop abruptly when we encountered about ten riders on horseback coming up the hill. The lead rider on his white horse was almost thrown when the horse couldn't figure out just what we were. We had come to a complete stop 50 yards before the horses, but this one horse still was acting as though he had never seen a bicycle. Finally the cowboy straightened the horse around and they all passed without further ado. We continued on down the hill just coasting for a mile or so through the dappled light of maples and pines.

We were in Poultney now, turning onto Watkins Hill Road, which is rough gravel and about 15 feet wide. As we went along we passed a steep gorge on our left that dropped off 50 or 60 feet from the edge of the road. On we went, past farmer's fields and shady groves, to Gorhamtown Town Road.; past a corn field all tasseled out and ready to eat. And no, we didn't grab a few ears along the way. It was mostly cow corn anyway.

We then turned left and south onto Lewis Road, which was fairly flat all the way to Hannon Road, and across Route 30, where we hooked up with the Rail-Trail. We took this non-motorized trail all the way back to the college. The only thing left of this old rail road bed is the cinders on which it had been built. Because railroads rarely exceed a six-percent grade, it feels as if you are riding on level ground. So we each found a comfortable gear and cruised along through the colorful wild flowers that is Vermont in midsummer.

The whole trip of 15.3 miles took us only two hours in real time. For me though, I noticed that time had slowed way down, like those summer days when, as a kid, the days went on for ever. So if you're interested in experiencing a time warp come with us next time and see if you can be that young again.

Okemo Mountain, Mount Holly

6 August 2005

By Andrea McQuade, leader

Nine hikers and two faithful canine companions enjoyed a break in the summer heat and humidity to climb the Healdville Trail to the summit of Okemo Mountain. Before we got onto the trail, we heard a presentation by Dennis Devereux from the Mount Holly Historical Association about this area that once was part of Ludlow and the site of a mill, train station and post office.

**Okemo Fire Tower**

We just about had the trail to ourselves going up and coming down. At the top, we enjoyed views of Ludlow and surrounding mountain peaks from the top of a ski lift and a fire tower. Back at our cars, we were refreshed with watermelon slices before heading back to Rutland.

Yukon *continued from page 1*

endeavor with speeds up to 11 mph. Several towns along the way provided culture and relief from sea legs. Carcross, with a population of 300, is not an altogether thriving community at 7 AM, but come the tour buses, it becomes a booming metropolis (or so it appeared to the weary crew, who, having set off at 4 AM that morning, proceeded to engorge, once the town awakened, on fried dough, pie, fresh coffee, ice cream, and all things not re-hydrated).

The Whitehorse dam presented the only portage challenge of the 550-mile waterway stretch, providing a ready excuse for disembarking and spending three days touring the capital of the Yukon. Favorites were the steamboat S.S. Klondike, the Beringia Museum of the ecology during the land bridge era, and the Transportation Museum. An acquaintance of one of the crew, a member of the venerable Royal

Canadian Mounted Police, supplied the group with tent space, showers (!), cooking facilities, and use of vehicles -- a 4-star stay in the midst of the heretofore primitive camping.

The Five Finger Rapids proved to be the most formidable barrier en route. The fearless captain of one canoe, cognizant that some had met their maker at this particular juncture determined it best to "take the waves head on", resulting in a net gain of 12 inches of water and a thorough cleansing of all items on board. Once bailing had been completed, equipment and gear were shiny and bright, and about as good as new.

Although there were limited close and personal encounters with wildlife, there were sightings of a black bear (ferrying across the Yukon to the opposite shore), moose, Dall sheep, beavers, ground squirrels (mighty aggressive!), peregrine falcons, and too-many-to-count bald eagles.

On 27 July the ecstatic group

reached its destination of Dawson City (where it is rumored "The men mined the gold and the women mined the men."). Camp was set up at a rustic hostel located across the river. A ferry running nonstop provided access to the local flavor and events, including the Palace Grand (with featured performances and silent movies), Robert Service's cabin, Goldtooth Gertie's (modern-day gambling hall), and a local saloon which highlighted the Sour Toe Cocktail (extracted from a hapless native during a bout with frostbite). As luck would have it, the group arrived in time for the annual music festival; with attendees numbering 400, this was touted as the biggest event of the year.

A bike trip to the goldfields and retired dredges outside of Dawson City provided an opportunity to pan for the elusive gem but alas, to the woe of the would-be stampeders, netted no profit. Bust in their quest for gold (as were 99 percent of their predecessors), they were successful in their Klondike voyage!

Killington Section meets with Rutland High School Hikers

By Steve Williams

On 27 May, Bill Robichaud and Steve Williams met at Rutland High School with a group of student hikers who were participating in an option of the "YES" program. The group had already climbed Black Mountain and Okemo with Pico, Little Rock Pond, and Mounts Ascutney and Equinox on their schedule.

Bill and Steve related the history of the Green Mountain Club and the Killington Section and then went on to describe our outings and trails and shelters maintenance work.

Bill and Steve then joined four hike leaders and forty-five students in a foggy journey to Sherburne

Pass. A quick bit of organizing and the group was off. Pico summit was reached via the ski trails in about 90 minutes. By this time the mist had cleared and lower level landmarks became at least partially visible.

After a lunch break the party descended to Pico camp, where an assembly was held to ensure that no one was lost. As the party set off, Steve attempted to stay with the first group. A mistake! A group of fit 15 to 18 year olds does not have much difficulty tiring an only moderately fit 67 year old. At Jungle Junction, sanity returned and from there on Steve held to a more moderate speed.

On the way down, one of the students described his experience

last year with the Vermont YCC which had worked on this portion of the trail. He pointed out some of the water bars, embankments, and steps that he had worked on.

In two hours the group was at the trailhead. This represented a pace which would have caused a rebellion on a Killington Section hike, but which was readily handled by the students.

This meeting seemed to be a great way to interface with some very fit and interested youthful hikers. It would be appropriate for the Section to repeat this interface in future years. An invitation has already been extended.

[This story edited to fit space. Ed.]

Your Invitation to Join
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$35
Family..... \$45
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$20

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___trail work, ___shelter work, ___sign making, ___publications, ___leading outings, ___publicity, ___education

*
Make check payable to Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701





Volume 58, Number 4

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

November 2005

Killington Section to Host GMC Annual Meeting in 2006

By Barry Griffith

The Green Mountain Club's 2006 Annual Meeting is being scheduled for the first weekend in June, at the Long Trail Brewery in Bridgewater Corners. The Killington Section, through its Board of Directors, has agreed to host the event. Much planning has taken place already. Those plans will be summarized here.

The Annual Meeting will begin with a Friday evening presentation at the Long Trail Brewery on June 2, 2006. Historian David Wright will present a program on the original Long Trail Lodge, on the south side of Sherburne Pass. The "Clubhouse" was constructed for and donated to the Green Mountain Club by its President, Mortimer Proctor in 1923. Most Killington members know that the Long Trail actually passed through this Lodge, until it was tragically destroyed by fire in 1968. This Friday program will give us the opportunity to share this interesting history with attending members from other Sections.

GMC Annual Meeting activities will begin in earnest on Saturday morning, June 3, 2006. Killington Section volunteers will

be needed to assist with registration. The Club's annual business meeting will begin at 9 a.m., and take up the morning.

As host of the meeting, the Killington Section is responsible for organizing and leading Saturday afternoon hikes and outings in the area. Sue Thomas has been busy putting together a variety of outing options for that afternoon. If you are interested in leading a hike or otherwise assisting, please let Sue know.

Saturday evening will begin with a social hour and dinner at the Long Trail Brewery. While the main Club has not yet confirmed the identity of its keynote speaker for the evening, we have every reason to believe that the program will be noteworthy and well-received.

For those who remain in the area and interested, Sunday outings will also be provided. Once again, Sue Thomas is working to finalize this list. Call Sue with suggestions or offers to help.

In our hosting capacity the Killington Section also plans to sponsor a raffle, to provide merchandise or gift certificates for those attending the annual

meeting, while at the same time raising funds for the Club. The contact person for the raffle is Cindy Taylor-Miller. The raffle will require solicitation of local businesses for donations. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, or perhaps have an item of your own to donate, please let Cindy know.

Your Board of Directors approached this hosting role cautiously, having in mind our Section's limited budget. We were delighted to learn that the Long Trail Brewery has generously agreed to underwrite the food and drink to be provided at the annual meeting. This means that the financial obligation of the Section will be minimal. Our primary hosting obligation will be to provide helpful and knowledgeable volunteers to assist. The Killington Section is blessed with members we can count on to contribute!

There will be an official notice and more information regarding the 2006 Annual Meeting in the next edition of the *Long Trail News*. I wanted to share this news with Killington Section members now. See you on the trails this winter – and in Bridgewater Corners next June!

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2006	Andrea McQuade
"	Roma Pulling
"	* Susan Thomas
2007	John Hale
"	Lynda Hutchins
"	Cindy Taylor-Miller
2008	* Barbara Griffith
"	Barry Griffith
"	* Steve Williams

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President	Barry Griffith
Vice President	Barbara Griffith
Secretary	John Hale
Treasurer	Roma Pulling

Committee Chairs

History	Bob Perkins
Outings	Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters	Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director	Lynda Hutchins
Alternate	Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor	Bob Perkins
--------------	-------------

Web Site

Web master	Deborah Waggett
------------------	-----------------

Letter to the Editor

Long Trail End-to-End, Anyone?

From discussions with a number of hikers during the section's outings, I have become aware that there are a number of section members who have an interest in doing the entire Long Trail "in bits and pieces".

Cindy Taylor-Miller has used her knowledge of the Long Trail, and of its trailheads in particular, to develop a possible approach, showing thirty separate hikes. With this in mind an objective of doing all thirty hikes in a two or three years would appear to be practical.

At this point no one, neither Cindy nor the writer, has stepped forward to offer to be an overall leader, coordinator, or anything else. However, I believe that with sufficient members interested, and with some flexibility, the development of a mode of undertaking the project should be possible.

My suggestion is that, if there are sufficient members (or non members) interested, we have an evening meeting at, say, the Rutland Public Library, to discuss how we might put a plan together.

Those interested are asked to call or e-mail me if they would be interested in participating in such a meeting. It would be helpful if callers would indicate any (weekday) evening, such as Wednesdays or second Tuesdays, when they would not be available.

Stephen T. Williams
802 645 9529
voorburg@sover.net

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Barbara & Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net

John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@lighters.com

Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net

Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@adelphia.net

Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, (H)293-2510, (W)774-2200, hogden@vermontel.net

Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com

Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com

Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net

Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185

Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com

Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Dec. 2005 – Feb. 2006

Visit our web site: <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

3 December, Saturday Moscow Pond, Hubbardton Leader, Sue Thomas, 773-2185

Hike in to a small, remote beaver pond west of Lake Bomoseen. Our route will be determined by weather conditions.

Moderate, 3.5 miles.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.

10 December, Saturday Pine Hill Trails, Rutland Leader: Tom Copps, 770-9394

Explore the extensive new trail system, through woodlands with cliffs and ponds, in Rutland City's Pine Hill Park.

Moderate. Route, mileage, and elevation gain to be determined.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

7 January, Saturday Buckner Preserve, West Haven Leader: Herb Ogden, 293-2510

X-country ski at the Nature Conservancy's preserve including the scenic ruins of a farm overlooking Lake Champlain and the historic Galick Cemetery.

Moderate, 3 to 4 miles.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.

15 January, Sunday Pond Woods State Forest, Orwell Leaders: Bill Holt & Joan Davidson, 537-4227

Bushwhack and/or snowshoe. Depending on conditions we will snowshoe over or around several ponds and through mixed woods. Dress in layers.

Moderate, 4 to 6 miles.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

21 January, Saturday Mystery Snowshoe Leader: Tom Copps, 770-9394

Location to be determined. Call leader for more information or just come for the surprise.

Moderate. Distance: only the leader knows, for sure.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

29 January, Sunday Shareheat Skiathon, Peru Leader: Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502

The Killington Section will participate in the Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council's annual Skiathon to raise money for the Shareheat program. Shareheat provides assistance to low-income Vermonters who have difficulty paying heating bills through the winter. This year, due to skyrocketing fuel prices and shrinking public assistance, the need will be greater than ever. So join us for a fun day of x-country skiing at Wild Wings in Peru as we support a worthy cause. When they become available, pledge forms can be picked up from our log book on any hike. If you can't come ski with us, signup to sponsor someone.

Call leader for further details and for meeting time and place.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Dec. 2005 – Feb. 2006

Schedule continued from previous page

- 4 February, Saturday Hot Dog Roast Leaders: Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997**
There's nothing like a roaring campfire on a cold winter day! This outing has become an anticipated tradition with a short snowshoe excursion to whet the appetite. Bring hot dogs to roast; hot drinks will be provided.
Easy. Distance: your choice.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.
- 11 February, Saturday Mount Philo, Charlotte Leader: Steve Williams, 645-9529**
Climb this 980-foot mountain for sweeping views of the Adirondack Mountains and nearly the entire length of Lake Champlain.
Moderate, 2 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 19 February, Sunday Sugar Hill Reservoir, Ripton Leaders: Gordon & Helen Cawood, 352-4310**
Ski or snowshoe on a mostly level snowmobile route.
Easy, 5 miles.
Call leaders for meeting time and place.
- 26 February, Sunday High Pond, Brandon Leaders: Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
The Nature Conservancy recently blazed a trail to remote High Pond. We'll show you the trail, and the pond. Snowshoes recommended.
Moderate, 4 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.
- 4 March, Saturday Stowe Pinnacle, Stowe Leaders: Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855**
Enjoy excellent views of Mount Mansfield from this 2,651-foot spur on the side of Hogback Mountain. Some steep climbing.
Moderate, 3 miles, 1,520-foot ascent.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 12 March, Sunday Valcour Island, NY* Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Walk on water (frozen Lake Champlain, that is) out to historic Valcour Island and tour the Bluff Point Lighthouse, built in 1874 and operated until 1929. The Clinton County Historical Society will be on hand with displays. Bring snowshoes or skis to explore the island's trails and visit the site of a pivotal Revolutionary War battle.
Easy, 1.5 miles, more optional.
* If the Lake is not safe, we'll substitute another snowshoe trip.
Call leader for meeting time and place.
- 19 March, Sunday Shrewsbury Snowshoe Leader: Jerry Parker, 775-6208**
Bushwhacking in the woods.
Moderate, 2 to 3 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.

Killington Section Directors Meeting

27 September 2006

By John Hale, Secretary

The Killington Section directors met at the Law Offices of Barry Griffith, 98 Merchant's Row, Rutland, VT

Attendance:

Board Members: Barry Griffith, Barbara Griffith, Roma Pulling, John Hale, Steve Williams, Cynthia Taylor-Miller, Sue Thomas, Andrea McQuade, and Lynda Hutchins

Guests: Al Pulling and Bob Perkins

The meeting was called to order by President Griffith at 5:10 PM.

Treasurer's Report

Roma Pulling reported the following account balances and membership statistics as of 9/27/05:

Un-Restricted:	
Checking	\$ 787.46
Check not Deposited	48.75
Savings	1,129.70
Cert. of Deposit	<u>1,602.01</u>
	\$3,567.92
Kirk Fund:	
Savings	\$ 1,804.98
Cert. of Deposit	<u>13,378.24</u>
	\$15,183.22
Membership:	
Memberships	158
Voting Members	189

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Smoke & Blazes Editor's Report

After being commended by President Griffith for his fine efforts, Editor Perkins reported that there was nothing new to be considered with the publication; the next edition will be sent out at the end of November.

Trails & Shelters Report

Gov. Clement shelter was better managed this summer with only one small incident: the new town police patrol seems to have helped control the misuse seen in past seasons.

In the recent past however, the US Park Service has wanted the town to close the access road to the shelter, actually threatening to tear down the shelter if the road was not closed. This position seems to have been taken even after the town instituted

the additional police patrols in that area. It was not clear what more the Killington Section could do to dissuade the Park Service. Barry G. will circulate Herb's (Ogden) email to generate further discussion at the next Board meeting.

Construction of replacement shelters for both Cooper and Clement are scheduled for next year (2006); sites have already been identified.

Report from the Main Club

Our representative, Lynda Hutchins, reported on her attendance at the Headquarter Club Directors Meeting held on 17 September. Some of the topics were:

* A new version of the waterproof Long Trail map is now available.

* The Capital Campaign is meeting its optimistic goals so far: 100% participation from the Board of Directors; significant contributions or pledges from employees and committee members. Awareness Meetings are being hosted around the state. The name of the Capital Campaign Committee was changed to the "Steering Committee to the Second Century".

* The Headquarters Club organization's 2005 financial books received a clean audit report. A few recommendations were made by the auditors (McSoley McCoy and Co.) which were taken under consideration.

* There are still 12 full time paid employees, although there have been some departures and hires, as well as shifts in responsibilities.

* There have been new developments in the Winooski River Crossing plans. The Club is re-thinking the location after a significant donor has apparently come forward. This is an important project, involving, as it does, more than one third of the as yet unprotected land.

* Board members will now receive part of their pre-meeting information packages electronically. However, the decision was made not to allow electronic access to meeting minutes for confidentiality reasons.

President Griffith and all present thanked Lynda again for her selfless involvement at the Club meetings.

GMC 2006 Annual Meeting

Killington Section has been asked to consider acting as host for next year's Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Long Trail Brewery. There was an extensive discussion of whether our Section should or could host the meeting. Numerous volunteers will be required to spend a good bit of time organizing and then actually running the event.

There was a general consensus that our section cannot afford to be financially responsible for any costs: no outright contribution of funds to defray costs can be considered and no financial or contractual obligation can be undertaken on behalf of the Headquarters Club; the Club would have to be principal in any financial arrangements. There was every willingness however, to volunteer time and take responsibilities as agents for the Club.

Cynthia T-M agreed to speak with the Club's point person in this issue, Ms. Kerry Foster to find out what they would expect of our section if we were to agree to be hosts.

Mr. Dave Wright, who is shooting a video about the old Long Trail Lodge, was mentioned as a possible speaker at the Annual Meeting.

We all agreed to meet again on Tuesday 18 October at 6:15 PM at Barry's office to discuss this issue. Cynthia is to invite Keri Foster from the Waterbury office to attend.

Outing Schedule

The next schedule, for December, January, and February, is filling in nicely.

Other Business

Former President Williams and Cynthia have discussed the idea of segmenting the entire Long Trail into day hikes such that interested people could complete their end-to-end journey in that way. A general discussion ensued revolving around perceived practical difficulties and possible scheduling conflicts. Steve W. will write a letter to Smoke & Blazes requesting email feed-back and indications of interest; he will report back to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Killington Section Directors Meeting

18 October 2006

By John Hale, Secretary

The Killington Section directors met at Sabby's Restaurant, Center Street, Rutland, VT

Attendance:

Board Members: Barry Griffith, Barbara Griffith, Roma Pulling, John Hale, Steve Williams, Cynthia Taylor-Miller, Sue Thomas, Andrea McQuade, and Lynda Hutchins

Guests: Al Pulling and Bob Perkins

Special Guest: Keri Foster, GMC Headquarters Staff

The meeting was called to order by President Griffith at 5:40 PM.

Secretary's Report

The Minutes of the 27 September 2005, board meeting were read, discussed and amended in the *Trails & Shelters Report* section in the first paragraph "Gov. Clement shelter was better managed this summer with only one small incident that was reported to us." (underlined words added); and in the third paragraph of that section rewritten to read "Construction of a replacement shelter is scheduled for next year (2006); the site chosen is two miles north of Clement and about two miles south of Cooper."; and in the *GMC 2006 Annual Meeting* section, the spelling of Ms. Foster's first name was corrected to "Keri".

A motion was made to accept the amended minutes, seconded and passed unanimously.

The 2006 Annual GMC Meeting

Keri Foster spoke to us about the 2006 Annual Meeting. Ben Rose would like to have been able to attend but had a significant conflict and sent his greetings instead. She was in attendance to answer our questions, allay our fears, and encourage us to decide to host the Meeting.

Each year different Sections of the Club act as hosts for the Annual

Meeting. The meeting in 2006 will be held on 2 and 3 June and the parent club has already made a number of arrangements: the venue will be the Long Trail Brewery in Killington; and the Saturday night meal and speaker have been contracted. Food for Friday night is still under consideration.

The Club has agreed that the Killington Section would not have any financial responsibility for the event.

Killington Section would be responsible for volunteers and management of the following areas:

- * Identify hikes and leaders for day hikes for Saturday in enough variety to interest all possible participants and run the hikes.
- * Arrange for a speaker for Friday night's event (the parent Club agrees to cover the cost of any honorarium); and coordinate donation of desserts for the evening.
- * Organize and run any extra events such as a Gear Swap, a Raffle of local business products and services, a 50/50 money raffle, and/or private homes offered for lodging.
- * Detail availability and location of camp sites/grounds, hotels, motels and other overnight accommodations in the environs.
- * Prepare a map and written travel directions to the various venues.
- * Write a formal Introduction to the event.
- * Prepare a Schedule of Events once all details are settled and provide it to the Club for dissemination.
- * Register participants on Saturday (seven to ten volunteers will be needed.)

A motion that our Killington Section host the 2006 Green Mountain Club annual meeting was made, seconded and passed unanimously. A Committee of the

Whole was formed to manage the process and volunteers were accepted for the various tasks:

- * Sue Thomas offered to detail the hike and outing schedule with leaders, and to manage that process.
- * Cynthia Taylor-Miller offered to scout out and list all overnight accommodations in the immediate area.
- * Barry Griffith will prepare a map and write travel directions.
- * Steve Williams is to write the Introduction paper with the assistance of Bob Perkins.
- * Lynda Hutchins proposed to coordinate Section members' dessert contributions and their presentation at the Friday night event.
- * John Hale and Cynthia Taylor-Miller will organize and run the Raffles (Gear Swap, Products & Services Raffle, and 50/50 Raffle.)
- * Barry Griffith will be the central coordination point for all activities.

Ben Rose and Keri Foster will meet with the Long Trail Brewery people on Tuesday 15 November at 12:30 PM to iron out details of the event. Barry Griffith will also attend.

Our own annual pot luck dinner meeting will be held on 19 November and our participation in the 2006 Annual Meeting will be presented and discussed. We will hope to generate more volunteers and possible homes offered for participant lodging. Barbara Griffith plans to set up easels to facilitate the sign-ups.

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be on Tuesday, 15 November at 5:30 PM at Barry Griffith's office at 98 Merchants Row in Rutland.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Outing Reports

Mount Equinox, Manchester

11 June 2005

By Sue Thomas, leader

About two years ago I climbed Mount Equinox by myself and at the summit stumbled into the midst of the annual "Hill Climb", a race up the auto road for antique sports cars. I thought it would be fun to bring the club up to see it, so this year I scheduled a hike to coincide with the race. Imagine my surprise when a few days beforehand I got a call from the silent order of monks, who own much of the mountain. (When I reported this on the hike, someone asked the obvious question: "Why do they even have a phone?") It seemed their insurance company was requiring that no one be anywhere on the mountain during the race. I convinced the monk that we couldn't possibly be injured over at the lookout, a half mile across the ridge. By the time we finished commiserating about the idiocy of insurance companies, he said to go on to the top and ask the guards if we could watch from the porch of the defunct hotel. So that's what we did and no one objected. We made certain to control Dickens. I had visions of him claiming a vintage Austin-Healy by jumping in and refusing to budge!

The little cars are just his size. Some date back to World War I, and a few of the drivers looked as if they did too. We'd hear then long before they shot, one by one, over the crest of the hill and into the parking lot. Two of our hikers knew a lot about cars and were able to identify each one, not unlike our spring wildflower walks.

We, of course, paused to pay tribute to Mr. Barbo. I think it's safe to say that his is the only mountaintop memorial to a dog around. Passing hikers leave offerings there: little piles of stones, acorns, wildflowers, and coins. Dickens appeared to be unmoved.

WARNING: The rest of this hike report contains graphic material that may be upsetting to the squeamish. Caution is advised.

In addition to the auto race this hike also, unfortunately, coincided with the height of the tent caterpillar invasion. The moment we got out of the cars we could hear a sound like raindrops in the leaves although the sky was bright blue. Caterpillar poop was falling like rain all around us. As we headed up the trail the varmints themselves hung from threads in our path, forcing us to dip and dodge in a peculiar dance as we made our way thru the gauntlet. It was our own GMC version of "Fear Factor", though as far as I

know no one actually ate one – at least not on purpose. Luckily they were confined to the lower elevations so we eventually left them behind, but it caused us to start back down the trail after lunch with much trepidation.

It all would have been very interesting viewed on the Nature Channel – we saw tree trunks completely covered with caterpillars and the ground was carpeted with bits of chewed leaves. Quite a different story when you're picking them out of your hair though! My complements to those hikers who valiantly battled thru the worms without complaint, and with the acceptance that sometimes Nature is just plain disgusting!

Mount. Ascutney

31 July 2005

by Herb Ogden, Leader

Even though my late father and I were the first two members of the Ascutney Trails Association, the group that revived the Mt. Ascutney trails beginning in 1966, I had never hiked the Futures Trail up Vermont's highest monadnock. My trail work on Ascutney pretty much ended in the 60s, and the Futures Trail was not built till 1983. The best way to make sure I got around to exploring it was to agree to lead a hike over it. Now I can say from personal experience that there are four good ways up Ascutney: the Weathersfield Trail from the south, the Brownsville Trail from the north, the Windsor Trail from the northeast, and the Futures Trail from the east. Back when we were laying out or rediscovering trails in the late 60s, I also experienced some not so good ways up. One, an old wood road that we followed downhill from the Weathersfield Trail, mysteriously petered out at a high elevation on the west side. There was no more road until much lower. Only later did we find out that there was a long log chute on that side of the mountain. Of course, it had vanished without a trace by the 60s, and where it used to be was a heck of a bushwhack.

The Futures Trail contrasts with all the other routes up the mountain in that it actually goes up and down significantly. The Brownsville and Windsor Trails are pretty much an unrelenting climb, and the Weathersfield Trail has at best some level stretches. As it follows the long, undulating east ridge, however, the Futures Trail seems a bit more like the Long Trail than the other Ascutney trails do. At 4.6 miles from the State Park to the summit, it is also by far the longest Ascutney trail.

Our small Killington Section group saved the Futures Trail for the second part of our hike, opting for a gradual descent. Climbing up the Windsor Trail, we noted unusually low water at Gerry Falls, though the summer had not been especially dry. Ascutney's unusually dense granite slows the percolation rate so much that springs on the mountain tend to reflect the rainfall of the previous summer more than that of the current summer. Just south of the Log Shelter, we helped a hiker who, while trying to climb to the top, was about to head back down, thanks to her confusion about the 1903 and 1857 routes. We admired the wood floor that the Ascutney Trails Association had just put in the shelter, and then headed to the top after a detour to Castle Rock for a good view of Windsor. Lunch at the top was a calmer event than the last time I led a hike up there, when one participant insisted that the observation tower was the best place to be in the face of an oncoming thunderstorm.

We saved a little mileage by using the shortcut from the Slot Trail to the Futures Trail and by forgoing the side trail to the Steam Donkey (No, a steam donkey has nothing to do with riled-up Democrats. It's a stationery steam engine, used on Ascutney to winch logs.) Just below that side trail, we marveled at a wide flume that is not even mentioned in the guidebook. It's an impressive sight. Farther down, we enjoyed a stop at the picnic area across from where the trail touches but does not cross the motor road. The shelter is a grand old CCC type building, and the view is good. We enjoyed a final view from a knoll about a mile from the bottom, among pines and oaks that are unlike most of Ascutney's forest. This was a long outing, but well worth the trip.

Mount Antone and Beyond

10 September 2005

By Steve Williams, leader

Most club trips to Mount Antone return either by Mount Antone Road, or via Beebe Pond. This trip aimed at returning on a loop via the southern end of Merck Forest. Consequently, after lunch at the summit, with an excellent view of much of the eastern Adirondacks, the nine-hiker party set off down Lookout Road (the latter being a misnomer; in many places the "road" is barely discernable). The objective was Lookout Point, which looks south over the valley leading east from West Rupert and towards the ridges associated with Equinox Mountain. In an attempt to follow club traditions, the leader there provided the party with a post-lunch snack of zucchini bread.

The leader was most gratified that this was well received as, prior to the morning of the hike, he had never baked a loaf of bread in his life, zucchini or otherwise.

From Lookout Point, Lookout Road improves and, via a number of switchbacks, leads the hiker down to Old Town Road, while losing more than the 850 vertical feet ascended on the way up to Mount Antone. This gives rise to a one-hour uphill stretch before the loop is completed at the junction with Mount Antone Road. En route the group visited the so called Sugar Shack shelter, which is in excellent shape, with a capacity of ten or more and Birch Pond, a pleasant enough small pond, but not too inviting for swimming because of its limited depth and very muddy bottom.

All told, a welcome day in the big outdoors with a group with high conversation skills; at each resting point, the leader had to use all his cajolery skills to re-start onward motion!

Moonlight Bike Ride, Castleton

18 September 2005

By Bill Holt, leader

On a late Sunday afternoon six bicyclists met in Castleton near the abandoned rail road bed. All day had been cloudy and cool, but just before we started out the weather started changing for the better. We took off just as the sun dropped off the western horizon. The railroad bed was dry despite rain the day before and we cruised along at a steady pace. The trail was wide enough so we could ride two abreast allowing us to converse along the way. We passed fields, swamps, and woods without having to deal with vehicle traffic and arrived in Poultny at dark. We all gobbled down a snack on Main Street while swapping stories of close encounters with bears. Now that we were thoroughly versed on what could happen out there in the boondocks we started our ride back to Castleton in total darkness. Our bike lights cut a feeble path of light through a tunnel of black. I could see fifteen to twenty feet ahead of me while leading the way, but when a cottontail dashed across in front of me it still was startling. Not far out of town the moon, full of orange, peeked over the eastern horizon. Some the bikers now howling like coyotes greeted the majestic sight. As we rode through open areas we were coated with a refreshing dampness as the dew was settling in. We arrived back in Castleton under a white moon and just slightly chilled. We hope to ride again under the light of the moon, perhaps next spring.

Sr. Shuffle to Wallingford Pond

25 September 2005

By Roma Pulling

Immense potholes – some large enough to lose your car in – were what I remembered from earlier hikes to Wallingford Pond. They were still there – the same holes and (probably) some of the same water. Brown, dirty water surrounded by brown, dirty mud. But in each instance we were able to make our way around these obstructions without getting our feet wet.

There were seven of us on this outing under cloudy skies, but the threatened showers never occurred. Driving two cars up Sugar Hill Road off Route 140 in Wallingford, we followed Wallingford Pond Road to a parking lot 1.9 miles in. There were two other cars there but no other hikers. But someone had pitched a tent nearby and, we presume, was inside because his shoes were placed neatly beside the tent flap while his roll of paper towels hung on a tree branch in lieu of a more traditional hanger.

There were signs that vehicles had been driven to the pond, perhaps in order to launch boats. As mud was everywhere, we decided to check for other approaches that would provide drier places to enjoy our lunch; but finding nothing that looked promising we headed back to our cars. One hiker suggested that nearby White Rocks picnic area would be a good lunch spot, and we all agreed enthusiastically. [Thanks, Esther]. There were many cars there but apparently for the hiking trails as we were the only people eating there. It was their loss.

Watch for our next "shuffle." Remember, no one said fun should be reserved for the young.

Rupert-West Rupert Loop

2 October 2005

By Vivian Bebee, leader

The planned Split Rock hike was postponed for a second time. Larry Walter, my co-leader, was in Mississippi as a volunteer in the hurricane relief efforts. When Larry and I hiked Split Rock last spring, it was not well-signed at the time, so I opted to lead a hike in more familiar territory. I grew up in West Rupert.

Anyway, we had a warm and sunny day (75-plus degrees) for the six individuals (all female) that arrived for the hike. We parked our cars by the old Delaware & Hudson railroad bed on Route 153 (between West Pawlet and Rupert). We started our hike with freshly baked chocolate-chip cookies for sustenance and walked along the railroad bed for about two miles to West Rupert. Leaving the railroad bed, we walked along the Mill Road to the home of Georgia Bebee, who kindly allowed us to use "the facilities." From there on pavement up East Street, we walked about a mile, passing the old two-

room schoolhouse, which served the Town of Rupert for grades 3-6 for many, many years and now is used as the Town Clerk's office. Turning left onto the Lang Road, we left pavement for a sleepy dirt road. Along the Lang Road, we stopped for lunch in a meadow and then continued on, passing three homes at the far end. As we passed the second home, the elderly owner inquired if we would assist in pushing a stalled vehicle from her garage to enable her neighbor (a young lady) to jump-start it with her car that was parked out on the road. During the course of our task, it was discovered that the friend was the wife of someone I babysat when I was a teenager, a very young teenager of course. We continued on, bearing left on Youlin Road (dirt as well), which led us to Route 315. Turning left on pavement and a short walk to a right on Route 153 brought us back to our cars, where more chocolate-chip cookies were consumed by all. For those of you who are still not quite sure where we were, turning right on Route 315 and traveling a couple of miles would bring you to the top of Rupert Mountain and Merck Foundation.

The hike was a pleasant 5 ½ miles due to gorgeous weather, good company and sleepy, less-traveled roads.

Haystack Mountain, Pawlet

15 October 2005

By Steve Williams, leader

The leader was not totally surprised when, at 9:10 AM, he received a call from his trusty Rutland liaison, Sue Thomas, to say that, given the prevailing weather conditions in Rutland, there were no takers for the hike, including herself. From the leader's viewpoint this was somewhat disappointing as he had looked at his local weather situation at 6:00 AM., 7:00 AM. 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM., and on none of these occasions had it been raining (though, admittedly, only an extreme optimist could have declared it to be a fine sky). Further, he had once again stretched his baking skills to produce brownies as bonus sustenance for the hike, of which more anon.

In spite of this setback, the leader still had some hopes for the day, as Bob Boutwell, who had several times indicated an interest in ascending Haystack, had said that he needed to come to Pawlet anyway, and that the two of us had agreed to make the outing unless the weather was totally beyond the pale. After a coffee and taste of the aforementioned brownies, they headed for the front door, by which time it was indeed raining. This continued for the short drive to the trailhead, at which point the leader, in no way wishing to overplay his leadership role,

gave Bob every opportunity to back out there and then, or later, if he so elected.



Steve's photo of the rest of his group

At the first point on the trail where the Haystack summit should have been visible it certainly was not, and the rain continued in a downpour of varying intensity. From periodic solicitations from the leader to Bob about his wish to continue, it became apparent that Bob is a veteran of many long hikes with overnight stays; many of them in much wetter circumstances than currently being experienced.

Some twenty minutes later the east slope, though not the summit, came into view, and the steeper part of the ascent commenced. Curiously enough, this was no worse than on many non-raining days when the rocks had not yet dried out, except that water was by now gushing down the trail, which is not blessed with water-bars. Shortly after the leader's traditional fourth recital of the mantra "we're almost there", the summit was apparently reached, as measured by there seeming to be lower ground all around. But then, after ten minutes of the leader telling Bob what he would see under better circumstances, persistence was rewarded, and glimpses of the floor of the Mettawee Valley and of the adjoining peak (Middle Mountain) miraculously appeared. Two of Bob's excellent Cortland apples were consumed to celebrate.

After such a sight, the trip down was necessarily anti-climactic, except for the stream near the trailhead which was rather more challenging than on the ascent. In summary, a damp, but not unpleasing, trip to the woods!

The brownies found their way to the church school. The recipients expressed no regrets about the circumstances that brought them there.

Canty Trail Work Party

22 October 2005

By Herb Ogden, leader

I was delighted to have ten people show up for the fall work party on 22 October though the weather was not

particularly inviting. In only about an hour, they managed to carry eighteen hemlock planks (each six feet long by two inches thick), and twenty hemlock sills (each three feet long and six inches square) about a half a mile up the Canty Trail. The task was made easier by summer hikers who had lugged some of the supplies part or even all of the way. Thank you, whoever you are! Meanwhile, I used the new Killington Section Timber Trundler to wheel two eight foot long planks to the work site. Once everything was in place, we split into a couple of crews to level out spaces for the sills and then fasten the planks to them with six inch spikes. We had more workers than we needed for this final phase, so half the party had time to work south on the Sherburne Pass Trail hoeing leaves and debris out of the waterbars, putting the trail to bed for the winter. The result: 68 feet of new puncheon on the muddiest remaining spots on the trail up Blue Ridge Mountain, and waterbars that will once again take the water off the trail instead of overflowing down the trail.



This last spike ought to do it

Until the waterbars freeze solid, if you take a hike on one of our more drainage-intensive stretches of trail, like the upper part of the Canty Trail, the Long Trail north or south of US 4, the Sherburne Pass Trail (above where our party stopped), the Long Trail between Snowdon Peak and Consultation Point, the upper Bucklin Trail, the Long Trail between the Lottery Road and Clarendon Shelter, or the Long Trail south of Bear Mountain, please consider taking along a hoe to clear out the waterbars. If they get plugged up, water can wash out the trail and negate many hours of work by trail builders. I have Killington Section hoes to lend if anybody needs one.

Saratoga Battlefield, NY

12 November

By Sue Thomas, leader

Our day started with scraping ice off our cars in Vermont, but by the time we'd driven the scenic route along the Champlain Canal, watched a movie at the Visitors Center, and enjoyed our lunch on the patio

overlooking the farmland and the Hudson River the sun had done its job. We set off on the four and a half-mile hiking trail, shedding layers like molting snakes. The trail is very pretty, passing through fields and woods with frequent points of interest where significant things happened and just enough hills to give us a workout. We spent most of the day in enemy territory, signified by red-tipped posts that mark the location of the British lines, but managed to come through unscathed. I suspect our red hunting season clothes may have caused some confusion.

We stopped to admire a monument dedicated to Benedict Arnold's leg, one of the more unusual tributes I've seen. Arnold was the big hero of the battle and, had his leg wound proved fatal, we'd be seeing signs claiming that he'd slept in every old inn across New England. Well, we all know how his story turned out. People should just quit when they're ahead.

We'd also passed a monument on the drive down dedicated to Jane McCrae. Barry cheerfully read us her story out of a history book, and a lovely tale it is. Poor Jane was a settler with long red hair who was killed and scalped by the Indians and rolled into a ditch. If there's one thing I've learned it's that having a monument in your honor is probably a very bad thing.

After cookies in the parking lot most of us went on to see the Neilson House, the only surviving building from the time of the battle and our first glimpse of, at last, blue-tipped posts, signifying that we had finally reached the American lines. Relief was short lived however, in listening to farmer Neilson's account in an audio display, we learned that our naughty troops had trampled Ma's garden when they used the house as a headquarters.



The big wheels of Saratoga

By now it was dusk and the fields began to fill with deer – there for the same reason we were as hunting is not permitted in the National Park. Like most battlefields I've visited, Saratoga is now a serene and beautiful place, making it difficult to think about the thousands who fought and died there.

Your Invitation to Join
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$35
Family..... \$45
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$20

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___trail work, ___shelter work, ___sign making, ___publications, ___leading outings, ___publicity, ___education

Make check payable to Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes

Volume 59, Number 1

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

February 2006

Gov. Clement Shelter – Are Its Days Numbered?

By Barry Griffith, President
Killington Section

The most venerable structure on the AT/LT maintained by the Killington Section is Governor Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury. Most Section members are aware of the history of problems at the site, which stem from its location near a town highway. This has allowed non-hikers easy access to the site in motorized vehicles, where they can disturb those trying to enjoy the shelter as intended. The good news is that a new shelter will be built on Little Killington in 2007, approximately two miles to the north of Governor Clement and safely distant from roads. This is about halfway between Clarendon Shelter and Churchill Scott Shelter, and will provide an excellent additional overnight option for hikers.

What happens then to Governor Clement? For the past several years the Green Mountain Club and its partners have urged Shrewsbury to abandon the Town Highway leading to Governor Clement, to allow a gate to exclude motorized vehicles to be erected by the Forest Service. Up to now, the Shrewsbury Select Board has been unwilling to abandon the road. The Town did authorize funds for a Sheriff's patrol, and only one incident was reported in 2005. However, that report – of a motor vehicle narrowly missing a tent with



campers inside at the Shelter site – is a reminder that even one such incident could lead to tragic consequences.

In January 2006, GMC's Trail Management Committee concluded that hiker safety cannot be assured while vehicles can still be driven there, and recommended that Governor Clement Shelter be removed if Shrewsbury does not abandon the road for gating. A letter summarizing the history and setting forth the resolution has been sent to the Shrewsbury Select Board. The Town has been asked for a favorable response by March 31, 2007. If not

received, the erection of the Little Killington Shelter could be followed by the removal of Governor Clement. As expressed in a previous issue of *Smoke & Blazes*, what a shame that would be.

I understand that the Shrewsbury Select Board intends to schedule a hearing to consider the matter later this year. I will find out when that hearing will be, will notify interested members, and will attend. If you want to be included on my list of interested members to notify, let me know! Time is running out for the Governor.

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2006Andrea McQuade
" Roma Pulling
" * Susan Thomas
2007John Hale
"Lynda Hutchins
" Cindy Taylor-Miller
2008 * Barbara Griffith
" Barry Griffith
" * Steve Williams

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President..... Barbara Griffith
Secretary John Hale
Treasurer..... Roma Pulling

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters.....Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director.....Lynda Hutchins
Alternate Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

Heard on the trail

(mostly from hike leaders)

By Steve Williams

"Not much more than five minutes."

"Another hour."

"Another two hours."

"The summit is just around the corner."

"We'll soon see the summit."

"There was a good view before the trees got so big."

"If you climb out on that fallen-over fire tower you just might see
something."

"This stream didn't look like that last time I was here."

"The fog should lift any time now."

"Only one more bit of climbing."

"That was the last steep bit."

"Yes, you often have to go down before you can go up."

"Did your cardiologist really say that you could do this?"

"The weather forecast didn't say anything about it raining all day."

"It's just a bit muddier than when I was here last."

"Personally, I'd shoot the ATV drivers."

"Great view if we didn't have the clouds."

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Barbara & Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net

John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@lighters.com

Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net

Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@adelphia.net

Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, (H)293-2510, (W)774-2200,
hogden@vermontel.net

Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, rperkinsvt@aol.com

Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com

Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net

Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185

Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com

Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Dec. 2005 – Feb. 2006

Visit our web site: <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

- 4 March, Saturday** **Stowe Pinnacle, Stowe** **Leaders: Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855**
Enjoy excellent views of Mount Mansfield from this 2,651-foot spur on the side of Hogback Mountain.
Some steep climbing.
Moderate, 3 miles, 1,520-foot ascent.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 12 March, Sunday** **Valcour Island, NY*** **Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Walk on water (frozen Lake Champlain, that is) out to historic Valcour Island and tour the Bluff Point Lighthouse, built in 1874 and operated until 1929. The Clinton County Historical Society will be on hand with displays. Bring snowshoes or skis to explore the island's trails and visit the site of a pivotal Revolutionary War battle.
Easy, 1.5 miles, more optional.
* If the Lake is not safe, we'll substitute another snowshoe trip.
Call leader for meeting time and place.
- 19 March, Sunday** **Shrewsbury Snowshoe** **Leader: Jerry Parker, 775-6208**
Bushwhacking in the woods.
Moderate, 2 to 3 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.
- 26 March, Sunday** **Mt. Moosalamoo, Salisbury** **Gordon & Helen Cawood, 352-4310**
Hike or snowshoe on the trails of Mt. Moosalamoo from Ethan Allen Cave to Burnt Mountain.
Moderate, 5 miles.
Call leaders for meeting time and place.
- 2 April, Sunday** **Okemo Mountain, Mount Holly** **Bill Holt & Joan Davidson, 537-4227**
Hike the back side to a fire tower on the summit for sweeping views in all directions.
Moderate, 5.8 miles, elevation gain 1900 feet, steep.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 8:30 AM.
- 8 April, Saturday** **Killington Section Annual Meeting, Rutland** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Bring a dish to share and your own place setting for a pot luck supper followed by a short business meeting and election of officers. All are welcome!
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Hillside Avenue in Rutland at 6:00 PM.
- 9 April, Sunday** **Old Roads of Shrewsbury** **Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
We'll explore several of the old wood roads of the town of Shrewsbury.
Moderate, 6 to 7 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 15 April, Saturday** **Grandpa's Knob, Castleton** **Tom Copps, 770-9394**
Climb to the site, in the 1940s, of the first municipal wind turbine. Views in all directions of the Greens, the Adirondacks, and the Taconics.
Moderate, 3 miles, elevation gain 1000 feet.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Dec. 2005 – Feb. 2006

Schedule continued from previous page

- 22 April, Saturday** **Lye Brook Falls, Manchester** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Climb gradually to one of Vermont's highest waterfalls, in the Lye Brook Wilderness.
Moderate, 4.5 miles. (Rain date: 4/23.)
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 29 April, Saturday** **Long Trail Spring Cleaning** **Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
All are welcome to join us for our annual cleanup and maintenance, preparing the trail for the summer hiking season. We'll clear water bars, trim brush, and cut blowdowns on the lower elevations. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and lunch. Tools provided. Have fun while doing a good deed. Rain date: 4/30.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 1 May, Monday** **End-to-Enders' Reunion, Rutland** **Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997**
Long Trail End-to-Enders (and serious wannabees) bring pictures to pass around, favorite trail snacks, and stories. Beverages will be provided, and possibly slides.
Real easy.
Meet at Pullings' home, Route 4 East, across from Dexter Shoes at 6:30 PM. Call for directions.
- 6 May, Saturday** **Little Killington Shelter Site, Mendon** **Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
Join Dave Hardy, GMC Director of Field Programs, for a look at the site chosen for our newest Long Trail shelter on the south slope of Little Killington. Snow shoes may be needed.
Moderate, 5.5 miles, rough terrain and very wet.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:30 AM
or from the Shrewsbury Town Office at 10:00 AM.
- 13 May, Saturday** **Old Brandon Town Site, Brandon** **Roma & AL Pulling, 773-6997**
A short walk to the site of the original village of Brandon and the Hawk Hill Cemetery, resting place of the earliest settlers.
Easy to moderate.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.
- 20 May, Saturday** **Split Rock Mountain, Westport, NY** **Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855**
Gorgeous views of Lake Champlain, Grant Mountain, and the Dix Range.
Moderate, 5.5 miles, elevation gain 670 feet.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 27 May, Saturday** **Appalachian Trail, Pomfret** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Follow the trail east from Route 12 to Cloudland Shelter over hills and pastures with sweeping views of the valley and mountains.
Moderate, 6.5 miles, up and down.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 2 – 4 June, Fri. – Sun.** **Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting, Bridgewater Corners**
The Killington Section will be hosting this year's Annual Meeting. See articles in *Smoke & Blazes* and *Long Trail News* for details, or check the website: greenmountainclub.org. There will be several hikes, especially on Saturday. We'll need volunteers to help out. Call any Killington Section Board member if you can donate some time.

Outing Reports

Cardigan Mountain, NH

29 October 2005

By Andrea McQuade, leader

We had 12 people in our group and we hiked in snow! The day was clear and sunny, but the trail was snow covered all the way to the top. The views at the summit were beautiful and we were joined by an enthusiastic group of students from Kimball Union Academy who passed us in both directions. We met a few other hikers along the trail who were also out enjoying a late-fall/early-winter day.

Austin Hill, Rochester

20 November 2005

By Gordon & Helen Cawood, leaders

This was a joint outing of the Killington and Breadloaf Sections. It being hunting season, the six of us stuck to the roads up Austin Hill in Rochester, where there are plenty of "No Hunting" signs. Austin Hill is the location of the Great Hawk Colony, an association which owns some very attractive homes. We saw nice views of the Green Mountains and had lunch at the association's swim pond. Lunch was well deserved after a short hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet.

Buckner Preserve, West Haven Ski, Snowshoe and Slog

7 January 2006

By Herb Ogden, Leader

Ha! I was right! I told them the cross country skiing would be fine, and I'd even checked it out a couple days earlier, before the last snow. But did they believe me? No! Most brought boring snowshoes. There was no Snowshoe Hare, however, because Ruth Hare did bring her skis all the way down from Montpelier. Now, I will admit that the snow depth was low enough so that Jerry

Parker's little dog Dickens had no problems, and that none of those without skis or snowshoes had to posthole through monstrous drifts. Still, the skiing was fine because we were mostly on hayfields and old pastures, and we two skiers left everyone behind on the final glide down to the former Galick Farm.

The Nature Conservancy's Helen W. Buckner Memorial Preserve was our playground on this fine day. Visitors' vehicles are not permitted beyond the summer trailhead, so we left the cars there and walked through the small village of houses, barns, and outbuildings accumulated by the old Galick brothers before they stopped farming and the Nature Conservancy got this beautiful land. Until we began the descent to the inlet of the Drowned Lands, we went first west and then east of the old road shown on the USGS map. That part is overgrown, so we could not actually use it. From there on north, we followed the road across old hayfields or pastures to a little plateau where a woodroad comes in from Bald Mountain on the east. At that point, though there is no longer any obvious road to the west, one simply heads west to the edge of the plateau, and there's the road again, leading down to a sizable house that has fallen down in the last six years. We battled our way through burdock to the foundation so we could have a resting place for lunch. Wisely, Jerry did not join in this endeavor, for Dickens would have resembled a large self-propelled barking burdock burr by the end of it. Everyone enjoyed the panorama from South Bay up the narrow part of Lake Champlain, and most explored the foundations of a large barn just north of the house. No public highway map shows a road to

this house, though it is on the 1869 Beers Atlas of Rutland County, so we wondered whether the farmer did most of his trading across the very narrow lake in New York.

Before driving back east into New York (think about that, "east"), we toured three cemeteries. A couple hundred feet from the trailhead is the abandoned Galick Cemetery, with some large slate gravestones going back to 1813. Lying flat near their bases in brushy woods just south of the Tim's Trail parking lot, about 100 feet west of an old power pole, are the big headstones of Charles and Betsey Stewart, who died in 1873 and 1876, aged 87 and 83 respectively. Our last visit was to the Adams Cemetery at The Elbow, the only one that looks like a real cemetery with graves in rows. Over the last three years, the Youth Group of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rutland has cleared away the prickly ash that was once so thick that you couldn't see from one end to the other. They also have re-erected a number of stones and unearthed more. In the 8 inches of soil that used to cover one large headstone from 1906, the group found a piece of casket hardware and a human collarbone. Our theory is that the substantial headstone led robbers to think the deceased probably had been buried with valuable rings or jewelry. They probably unearthed the casket, robbed it, and then found the quickest way to fill in the hole was to topple the headstone into it and then throw some of what they had dug up onto the stone. This happened too late to be a corpse stealing for the old Castleton Medical School. Any other ideas?

Pond Woods, Orwell

15 January 2005

By Bill Holt, leader

This outing was cancelled due to weather conditions.

Shareheat Skiathon, Peru

29 January 2006

By Connie Youngstrom, leader

It was hard to imagine that there would be enough snow to ski on at WildWings Cross-Country Center in Peru, but there was. Mark and I enjoyed spring-like conditions on their gently rolling terrain, some of which followed a brook and was quite lovely. The weather was damp and temps were in the high 30s making for tricky waxing. I was glad for my nowax bases. We were later told that the event raised well over \$20,000 in pledges to assist local folks with their heating expenses. Mark and I thank you for your pledges. If you have never skied WildWings do plan on joining us next year. You will find great skiing at this low-key relaxing place and will help to raise money for a very worthwhile cause.

Gifford Woods Hot Dog Roast

4 February 2006

By Roma Pulling, leader

Given the choice of leading this hike on Saturday, February 4, or

Sunday, February 5, purely by luck we took the better of the two days. It was even better than forecast with mostly sunny skies. Eleven people left the park, where the ground was bare, and arrived at Gifford to find about four inches of snow on the ground. Still, no one saw the need to use snow shoes.

After we had loaded supplies on a plastic toboggan and pulled it to one of the log shelters, Alfred busied himself building a good fire in the metal fireplace ring. As a hike leader I have come to rely on, Jerry Parker with his assistant, Dickens, and eight of the hikers went for a walk on the hill west of the shelter. (Jerry would insist that Dickens was the leader because he went first.) After they left, I took a shorter walk, following in their foot steps.

When we had reassembled at the shelter, Alfred had water boiling for hot beverages. Two of the men cut hot dog sticks, which we used to cook our main course, which was accompanied by rolls, chips, condiments and cookies. Sue brought her delicious brownies with a candle on one to celebrate Barb's birthday. (If you want to know how many birthdays, ask her.)

These winter cookouts are a lot of fun. Try it sometime!

Philo in February

By Steve Williams, leader

11 February 2006

In *Smoke & Blazes* would-be participants were offered "Sweeping views of the Adirondack Mountains and nearly the entire length of Lake Champlain". This indeed is precisely what was seen, though the snow-shoeing originally envisaged was, due either to the quirks of a New England winter, or as a result of global warming, a non starter. Three section members, plus a guest of the leader from Boston, were on hand to ascend 980 feet high Mount Philo, some eight miles north of Vergennes. There is a very decent well-blazed trail which corkscrews its way up to the summit. There was a light snow covering which masked a few icy patches where those with yak traks, boot stabilizers or other anti slip attachments definitely had the advantage. The summit was at an ideal temperature for lunching, with the view described above. The descent was made via the road.

This was not the Section's longest hike, nor the one with the greatest elevation gain, but a very satisfying one for a bright and clear Saturday morning.

The Long Trail in Bits & Pieces

Former Section President Steve Williams is spearheading an ambitious group who intend to earn their Long Trail End-to-End patches by section-hiking all 272 plus miles of the trail in bits and pieces over the next couple of seasons. Already ten folks have expressed interest and an exploratory meeting is scheduled



for 6:00 PM, Monday 20 March at Barry Griffith's office, 98 Merchants Row.

Steve invites all who think they might be interested in joining the group to attend the meeting, or to contact him for more information at Steve Williams, phone 802-645-9529 or internet voorburg@sover.net.

Section Directors Meet

By John Hale, Secretary

A meeting of the Killington Section Board of Directors was called to order by President Barry Griffith at 7:10 PM on 24 January 2006 at his law offices at 98 Merchants Row, Rutland, VT.

Board Members Attending:

Barry Griffith Barbara Griffith
Roma Pulling John Hale
Steve Williams Sue Thomas
Lynda Hutchins Andrea McQuade
Cynthia Taylor-Miller

Others Attending:

Al Pulling Bob Perkins

Secretary's Report The Minutes of the October 18, 2005, Board meeting were read and considered. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report Roma Pulling reported the following account balances:

Un-Restricted:

Checking.....	\$ 971.30
Checks not Dep.	203.75
Savings	1,129.70
Cert. of Dep.	<u>1,414.51</u>
.....	\$ 3,719.26

Kirk Fund:

Savings	\$ 1,832.75
Cert. of Dep.	<u>13,345.27</u>
.....	\$15,178.02

Little Killington Shelter The planned new shelter was discussed. Sue T. will speak with Herb Ogden to discover whether the Killington Section will be expected to contribute to the cost of the new shelter.

The GMC Annual Meeting Lynda H. mentioned that this June event may be the occasion for the parent club's kick-off of the fund raising campaign. That decision has not yet been made.

Cynthia T-M announced that she will be hiking the AT again at the time of the Annual Meeting and has asked John H. to head up the raffle:

* Tickets for sale at one for \$1 and six for \$5

* Put one or more tickets in the container in front of the item you particularly want; increase your odds for being drawn by putting more tickets in the container.

* Some raffle items have already been donated; more will be collected.

Smoke and Blazes

Bob P. reminded us that February is coming and he has received no articles for that issue yet, suggesting that it would be nice if someone were to write an article on the Governor Clement shelter situation. (Barry G. offered to write a synopsis. See below)

Outing Schedule Sue T. mentioned that she needs hike leaders.

The date of our semi-annual meeting and pot luck dinner was set for Saturday, 8 April this year. Sue T. will double check with the church to assure its availability.

Governor Clement Shelter This continuing situation has taken another turn. Barry G. reported that the Parent Club has written a letter to the Shrewsbury Select Board supporting the National Forest Service's request that Town Highway 13 be abandoned from just north of the northernmost private camp on that road, and that a gate installed, which could be unlocked during the winter and hunting seasons. It is the Forest Service's position that continued motorized access to Governor Clement Shelter threatens the safety of hikers camping at the shelter and that this past year's increased police monitoring has not produced the desired result. If the road is not abandoned by the Town, the Forest

Service will be obliged to remove the shelter. (Copy of the Parent Club's letter, penned by Dave Hardy, GMC Director of Field Programs is available from your Secretary. Also available is a copy of the Shrewsbury Clement Shelter Committee chairperson, David Rice's memo to his committee, undated but after November, 2005)

Director Hardy's letter was read to the Board and found to be acceptable in tone and content. The consensus of the Board was that we need not take a formal position. Barry G. offered to write a synopsis of the circumstances surrounding this issue for the next issue of Smoke and Blazes.

Trails Cynthia T-M pointed out that there have been a significant number of blow-downs on most of the trails for which we are responsible, that some work seems to have been done but that much remains to be done. She also reported that vandalism is still a problem at all of our trail heads especially with overnight parking.

Main Club Lynda H reported on the Parent Club's meeting of 17 September 2005.

A copy of her report is available from your Secretary.

It was suggested that an award for Bill Robichaud from the Parent Club recognizing Bill's long service to the Club might be in order. Herb Ogden will be asked to follow through.

End-to-End Steve W. brought the Board's attention to the "Long Trail in Bits and Pieces" project. He said that the project is still alive and of interest to a number of people but that no progress has been made recently. He called for interested parties to attend a meeting on the project on Monday, 20 March, at 6:00 PM at Barry Griffith's office.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Your Invitation to Join
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual \$35
Family \$45
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$20

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___trail work, ___shelter work, ___sign making, ___publications, ___leading outings, ___publicity, ___education

Make check payable to Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes

Volume 59, Number 2

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

May 2006

Killington Section Annual Meeting

By John Hale, Secretary

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held on 8 April 2006 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Rutland.

Attending:

Board members:

Barry Griffith.....President
Barbara Griffith..... VP
Roma Pulling..... Treasurer
John Hale..... Secretary
Steve Williams
Sue Thomas
Lynda Hutchins
Andrea McQuade

Guests:

Dave Hardy.....Director of
Field Programs, GMC
Paul Pilcher. Guest Speaker

Others:

About 20 other people attended

Pot Luck Dinner: Our pot luck dinner began about 6:00 PM and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. President Barry Griffith brought the business meeting to order at about 7:00 PM.

Minutes: The meeting minutes of the 2005 annual meeting as printed in the May 2005 *Smoke & Blazes* were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Roma Pulling reported on the 2005 year's income

Wayne Krevetski is New Director



Wayne (trail name: Madhatter) Krevetski, who was elected to the Killington Section board in April, is new to the Green Mountain Club and to Rutland but certainly not to hiking, trail work, and the outdoor life in general.

Wayne is a ski instructor, a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, worked on a shelter construction project in Tennessee, and was, for fifteen years, a Scout Master. His interests also include rock

Main Club to Meet at Brewery

Most Killington Section members are aware that we are a local chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club (GMC), commonly referred to as "The Main Club". Reading the quarterly *Long Trail News* is the only interaction most members have with the Main Club.

This weekend, 2 to 4 June, we have the rare opportunity to take part in GMC activities close to home. Our section is hosting the GMC annual meeting at the Long Trail Brewery (no relation) in Bridgewater Corners, on Route 4, only about 25 miles east of Rutland.

A social hour on Friday at 7:30 PM will be followed by David Wright's slide show on the history of the Long Trail Lodge.

Saturday's 9:00 AM business meeting will give you a chance to meet club leaders and hear about what's going on in the club and on the Long Trail statewide.

Saturday afternoon offers you a choice from nearly a dozen different hikes ranging from an easy half-mile in Eshqua Bog to a challenging 5.8 miles to Okemo Mountain. Meet at the Brewery at 1:00 PM.

More Hikes on Sunday. Meet at 9:00 AM and choose Mount

See **Meeting** page 9

See **Krevetski** page 8

See **Brewery** page 9

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2007 John Hale
" Lynda Hutchins
" Cindy Taylor-Miller
2008 * Barbara Griffith
" Barry Griffith
" * Steve Williams
2009 Wayne Krevetski
" * Andrea McQuade
" * Roma Pulling

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President Barbara Griffith
Secretary John Hale
Treasurer Roma Pulling

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times-

Dickens



Dickens Parker enjoying a hike to South Pond

By Sue Thomas

The Killington Section recently lost one of its most enthusiastic hikers. Dickens Parker was a fixture on our hikes, summer and winter, cheerfully handling terrain that made his human companions growl. His little legs carried him up sizable mountains, thru snowbanks twice his height, and thru brush and mud, all at an age when most of us will be hobbling around with canes and walkers!

We'll miss him; he was one of a kind.

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Barbara & Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net

John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@lighters.com

Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net

Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com

Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@adelphia.net

Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net

Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, (H)293-2510, (W)774-2200, hogden@vermontel.net

Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu

Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com

Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185

Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com

Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: June – August 2006

Visit our web site: <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

2 – 4 June, Friday – Sunday GMC Annual Meeting, Bridgewater Corners See your Long Trail News

The Killington Section is hosting this year's Annual Meeting of the state-wide club. See articles in *Smoke & Blazes* and *Long Trail News* for details, and check the website: greenmountainclub.org for the latest information. There will be several hikes, especially on Saturday. We can use volunteers to help out. Call any Killington Section Board member if you can donate some time.

10 June, Saturday Upper Elevation Work Party Herb Ogden, 293-2510

Join us for our spring cleanup on the higher portions of the Long/Appalachian Trail on Killington and Pico. Fun in the woods and worthwhile accomplishments! Bring work gloves, lunch, and sturdy shoes. Tools provided. Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

17 June, Saturday Canoe/Kayak – Otter Creek, Proctor/Pittsford Jerry Parker, 775-6208

A scenic paddle from Proctor to Florence past farms and covered bridges.

Easy, 5 miles

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

24 June, Saturday 16th Annual Taconic Mountain Ramble, Hubbardton Kit Davidson, 273-2982

Featured in *Vermont Life* magazine! Massive cliffs; rolling meadows; mountain peaks with views north, south, east, and west; a Japanese garden full of waterfalls; plus other goodies. Wine and cheese afterward; bring no lunch. Walkers can leave the group at several points and relax on the lawn.

Easy half mile or moderate 3 miles.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 1:00 PM.

1 July, Saturday Pico Peak, Killington Tom Copps, 770-9394

Climb to the 3959-foot summit via the Sherburne Pass Trail. Along the way see the sinkhole, an interesting geological oddity, and Pico Camp.

Moderate, steep, 6 miles, 1807 feet elevation gain.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

8 July, Saturday Bike Trek, Castleton-Poultney Bill Holt, 537-4227

Bike on an old railroad bed and dirt roads in the Castleton-Poultney area. Helmet required.

Moderate, 10 to 15 miles. Rain date 9 July.

Call leader for meeting place and time.

15 July, Saturday Montcalm Point, Lake George, NY Sue Thomas, 773-2185

Follow the Northwest Bay Trail along the shore of the lake for many scenic views, cascading streams, and shaded hemlock glens. Swimming is an option.

Moderate, 10.8 miles. Rain date 16 July.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 8:00 AM.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: June -- August 2006

Schedule continued from previous page

- 23 July, Sunday** **Canoe/Kayak, Grafton Pond, NH** **Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855**
A beautiful spot with islands and inlets to explore.
Easy.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 8:30 AM.
- 29 July, Saturday** **Dorset Peak, Danby** **Steve Williams, 645-9529**
Climb to the wooded 3730-foot summit via the Dorset Hollow Trail.
Difficult, 6.8 miles, 2320-foot elevation gain.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 6 August, Sunday** **Paddle the Poultney River** **Jerry Parker, 775-6208**
A relaxing paddle along the scenic Vermont/New York border.
Easy, 5 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 12 August, Saturday** **Trail Work Party** **Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
There's always work to be done to keep the Long Trail spiffy! Call leader for details or just come and lend a hand.
Bring work gloves and sturdy shoes. Tools provided.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 19 August, Saturday** **A bit of End-to-End, MA & VT** **Steve Williams, 645-9529**
Join the Killington Section's End-to-End group for the southernmost piece of the Long Trail. Begin at the Pine Cobble Trail in Massachusetts and hike across the border to the County Road in Vermont.
Moderate, 6.4 miles
Call leader **no later than 9 August** for meeting time and place.
- 26 August, Saturday** **Canoe/Kayak – Otter Creek, Rutland Area** **Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
Paddle scenic Otter Creek in the Rutland region.
Moderate, 7 miles or opt to go the 11 mile distance.
Meet in the Diamond Run Mall Parking lot in front of Sears at 8:00 AM.
- 10 September, Sunday** **Senior Shuffle – Quechee Gorge, Hartford** **Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997**
Enjoy one of Vermont's scenic wonders at a leisurely pace. All welcome.
Easy.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.
- 16 September, Saturday** **Silver Lake, Leicester** **Bill Holt & Joan Davidson, 537-4227**
Hike around Silver Lake via the Chandler Ridge Trail
Moderate, 8 miles.
Call leaders for meeting time and place.
- 23 September, Saturday** **Split Rock Mountain, Westport, NY** **Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855**
Gorgeous views of Lake Champlain, the Green Mountains, and the Dix Range.
Moderate, 5.5 miles, elevation gain 670 feet.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

Outing Reports

High Pond, Sudbury

26 February 2006

By Barry & Barbara Griffith, leaders

The snow storm didn't deter this outing, but made parking in the snow plow turnaround site a challenge. Luckily we were forewarned by a neighbor to bundle the cars tightly together.

The Nature Conservancy trailhead to High Pond Preserve is on Ganson Hill Road in Hubbardton. High Pond is in Sudbury. The hiking trail was constructed by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps in July 2005. The trail is well marked and quite easy to navigate, with a touch of the Corps' artistic flavor.

Conservationist Douglas Burden started buying parcels of land in the 1930s. Eventually these lands came under TNC's care in the early 1980s. These lands now cover an area of nearly three thousand acres with territory in Hubbardton, Brandon, Pittsford and Sudbury. There is quite a history about the site; if you wish to learn more let the Griffith's know and we will forward the information to you. For history buffs: there is evidence that an old military road passed by the Pond.

After sliding in on a snowy trail we were able to walk along the ice on the shoreline of the Pond. We enjoyed lunch sheltered from the wind in a sunny spot. Tom Copps captured the entire jaunt on GPS for anyone who would like exact guidelines. We were reminded of evidence of the Taconic Mountains with shale and slate outcroppings here and there. Vermont has such diverse geological terrain.

On return to Rutland we managed to drive over the High Pond Road and stopped to view the site of

the old High Pond Ski Area. There are old buildings still existing with remains of trails and ski tows. One can go online on New England Old Ski Area Preservation site (*nelsap*) and read about the spot from the 1940s to the 1980s.

For those who couldn't join us because of the snow or because of it being a Sunday I would recommend a jaunt in.

Stowe Pinnacle

4 March 2006

By Viv Bebee and Larry Walter

After about a two hour drive from Rutland we pooled for a combined eight person count at the parking lot. The weather was a little stormy, with a fresh, 12-inch layer of new snow. The new white stuff actually helped dampen the effects of some pretty nasty ice chutes that Viv and I had encountered on our earlier recon' hike.

The trail has been re-located in recent years to avoid a housing subdivision to the south. The new trail location goes nearly straight up the eastern slope, resulting in some 'otter-slides' on some of the upper sections. We helped each other up a few slippery stretches, to a main saddle where the grades improve. A couple folks with decent crampons and a general disregard for skeletal integrity skittered out to a nice little overlook on the eastern face.

From the first overlook, the trail gently descends along the southeastern slope and then climbs on an easy grade through some conifer thickets to a very nice, open summit. Although we couldn't see the ski resort across the valley, the closer peaks were visible through a screen of light snow. We decided to retreat from the wind to a more

sheltered view on the south flank for lunch. Sue Thomas produced a candle and some stubborn matches to celebrate Larry's 53rd plus-one-day birthday (said candle was ceremoniously poked into a whole-wheat with cheddar sandwich).

The return trip was accented by some unintended slides on our backsides on some of the now-exposed ice. One old fool attempted to keep up with our 15 year old member, luckily unscathed. At the urging of Peter (the 15 year old) and others, we stopped at the Ben & Jerry's factory off of Route 100 and replenished our calorie counts. This is a relatively short hike with a great view at the summit. We'll be sure to return in the future, but probably while on-route to destinations north.

Goshen Peak Bushwhack

19 March 2006

By Barbara Griffith

We slid into the parking lot at Brandon Gap (elevation 2183 feet) remarking on our third such hike out in one of our winter's scarce snowstorms. Undeterred, we surged ahead for one of leader Jerry Parker's tracking bushwhacks. Unfortunately the billowing snow covered most of the critter tracks making identification a challenge at the least.

Moose rubbings on trees were abundant. We wandered hither and yon with the hobble bush living up to its name as we tottered, tripped, and staggered trying to stay upright. Hobblebush is a member of the honeysuckle family that one stumbles upon in Vermont's cool, moist woods. It serves as a food and cover for wildlife such as moose, deer, rabbits and small rodents. Hiking critters found a challenge in slogging around in its tangled masses.

Our climb lived up to its true name of "bushwhack". We peaked eventually onto a plateau and searched this way and that for one of those canisters that the Appalachian Trail Conservancy puts atop some 3000 footers. Falling repeatedly into large pot holes left by very hefty moose hooves we eventually slogged along to another peak. A forward search team ventured ahead and returned to the pack reporting "just over the next rise and up the embankment we found our destination". The group followed our leader scrambling over more hobblebush. The ATC canister was located, and all signed in. Another peak conquered or did it conquer us?

The sun parted to allow views from the top of Goshen Peak, (3292 feet). Silence ensued as we gazed out over the Greens, sun shining through swirling snow. First we saw the other mountains. Then we didn't. Agreeing words were not enough to describe the views each trekker shot a memory. You just had to be there.

Mt. Moosalamoo, Salisbury

26 March 2006

by Gordon Cawood, leader

This was a joint Bread Loaf/Killington Section hike starting at the campground at Branbury State Park in Salisbury. The Ethan Allen Trail brought us to Ethan Allen Cave, rumored to have been used by Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys during the War of Independence. The story was convincing enough to the DAR to have recognition of the event inscribed over the cave opening. Here Tom Copps took some neat photos and printed a map which he was kind enough to post to me (and perhaps others) via email. Thanks, Tom! Barbara Griffith is seen crawling out of the cave, her floppy hat almost concealing her identity.

We followed Ethan Allen Trail to its northern end and picked up Bear Pond Trail, which led to the Cold Spring Trail. From there we climbed up to Pat's Pad. Pat's Pad is an open shelter owned by Keewaydin Camp. But we all chose to have lunch in the sun on the exposed bedrock.

After lunch we hiked down the Iroquois Trail and followed Burnt Mountain Trail. The section of trail that climbed Burnt Mountain was poorly maintained and suffered much winter storm damage. (The same was true of most of Ethan Allen Trail.)

We had the option of foregoing the mountain and walking out to Upper Plains Road where a van had been spotted. However, every one chose to climb the mountain. The climb was well worth it. It proved the only real distance viewing to the west over the Champlain Valley and, from another viewpoint to the east and south, over the Greens and Lake Dunmore.

Okemo Mountain, Mount Holly

2 April 2006

Bill Holt, leader

Six hikers and Dickens showed up the day after Fools' Day to hike Okemo from the north side. We started up the Healdville trail midmorning under a sunny sky. The trail climbs up steadily for a 1900-foot elevation gain, but is not strenuously steep. Despite the sun the air was cool from the north, just right for an up hill climb. As we got closer to the summit we started to encounter ice on the trail. The ice increased the higher we went so we had to be very careful of our foot placement while at the same time looking for hand holds. We soon were surrounded by thick conifers and rock so the going was very slow for a while as we negotiated the ice. We made it to the summit unscathed, but a little

concerned about returning the same way.

We were now standing underneath the fire tower and through the trees we could catch glimpses of skiers and snowboarders coming off the ski lift. As we went up the tower the wind and cold increased. By the time we reached the top of the tower the wind was gusting over 50 miles per hour and the chill factor was below zero. The views were spectacular despite the cold. We could see individual peaks and mountain ranges in all directions in the crisp blue air. My face started to numb and my eyes water after around ten minutes. The tower was very stable and safe considering the wind that was assaulting it.

After lunch as we started back down the Healdville trail. Jerry and Dickens decided to do a little bushwhacking to avoid some of the ice. Luckily the ice became tackier and less slippery on our way down. We met up with Jerry and Dickens after a short time. He had found a service road that ran parallel to our trail for the first half mile, but the ice was melting now so we decided to stick with the trail. Soon, we were legging it out unencumbered down to the parking lot. The day wrapped up with a drive over to a series of wonderful cascading falls, know as Buttermilk Falls.

Overgrown Roads of Shrewsbury

9 April 2006

By Barbara Griffith, co-leader

Springtime hiking guidelines advise us to keep off the trails in higher elevations until these trails dry out. This keeps the trails from eroding and keeps our feet from becoming waterlogged. Out in rural Vermont there are long-abandoned roads that one only needs to have the time to wander around on and explore. Thus we decided to wander

around in "Plymsbury", along the Plymouth-Shrewsbury corridor. My expression is "I'm going for a walkabout."

Our weather was perfect for a stroll through Plymsbury on roads both past and present. We started at the parking lot on the Old Plymouth Road. Friend Lee Wilson led us up through a side road and path to join with the route wished-for, passing by old cellar holes and what was speculated to have been a livestock holding pen. Perhaps it corralled oxen or work horses for one of the logging operations from yesteryear.

We did end up on the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) Road heading north for a short distance before slogging down to the right on a logging road/VAST (Vermont Association of Snow Travelers) trail. (Gate closed). The CCC Road was remarkably drivable for this time of year. No snow.

Heading north-northeast, and crossing a dilapidated bridge, we intersected a very overgrown northbound lane. After clambering over trees downed and grown in this questionable pathway we ended up on Grouse Hill Road

Eventually a sunny spot was found where fine lunches were enjoyed, feet were rested, and stories were exchanged.

We followed the Grouse Hill Road back to the Old Plymouth Road. Walking back towards the parking lot we stopped to view the site of an old sawmill. Local history cites this as one of Burditt's sawmills. Although the mill was in Plymouth the logging operation took place in Shrewsbury. Across the way, barely discernable anymore, are the remnants of the schoolhouse foundation for School District 13.

Back on our trek we wandered off to the north again up a side road

to another cellar hole. A well is marked with a stick there to save one from plunging in. We wandered up the hillside to view stone stacks and to speculate on their purpose. A few theories abounded. Of course we enjoyed the "Celtic origin" theory the most. However the more scientific and historical minds of the group speculated that a barn was built on this site with the piles of stone being the under-pillar foundation holding the barn. Livestock would have been housed underneath with hay and such on the upper floor.

Onwards we wandered, amazingly coming back to the Old Plymouth Road having "walked about" exactly 6.94 miles according to Tom Cops' GPS mapping. Please call me if you want to "walk-about". There's not much I enjoy doing more than that or bushwhacking.

Lowland Trail Party

29 April 2006

By Herb Ogden,
Trails & Shelters Chair

About a dozen people turned out on a beautiful spring day to work on the Long Trail between Wallingford Gulf and the Lottery Road in Shrewsbury. The Griffiths and Jerry Parker had agreed to remove blowdowns between the Lottery Road and Gov. Clement Shelter, and reported that part of the trail was otherwise in good shape, so we didn't send parties up there. Instead, we had a party working between Wallingford Gulf and Patch Hollow, a party working south from Vt. 103, and a party clearing and waterbarring from Vt. 103 to the Lottery Road. All were successful.

The party that started from Wallingford Gulf had the most work, because three large trees had fallen up on Bear Mountain. We had no certified chain sawyer, so we used the Section's recently bought one man crosscut saw, but as a two man

saw with a handle on the small end. We began with two people who knew how to use a crosscut and a wedge, and ended with four or five, so this was an accomplishment in itself. We also did get through all the blowdowns and cleaned out numerous waterbars.

ATVs have made a track just south of the high point on Bear Mountain. They come in from Button Hill, though Patch Hollow, and then up the west side of Bear Mountain till they strike the Long Trail near the top. They are damaging the footway. If you see one, please note its license plate number and tell me or Kim Kinville, the Forest Service's law enforcement person in this area

End-to-End Reunion

1 May 2006

By Roma Pulling, hostess

It seemed like a good idea to move our party to the library (more room, central location), but we couldn't reserve any of the dates that interested us. So, as we have in the past, we welcomed people to our house. No. '45 was pleased. No packing up supplies and transporting them to another location.

As you came through our door, the first thing you saw was a table with the hiker's log, our two End-to-End certificates, old backpacking gear, albums of pictures, and my collection of hiking books including three Colin Fletchers, Earl Shaffer's "Walking With Spring" Robert Macfarlane's "Mountains of the Mind" and various trail guides. We sat in the living room, chatting about our experiences while waiting for everyone to get here, and then adjourned to the dining room. There we continued to reminisce while munching on trail snacks of gorp, pretzels and peanuts, crackers and cheese and trail bars. These were

accompanied by a large pitcher of ice-cold lemonade.

A good time was had by all.

Old Brandon

13 May 2006

By Roma Pulling co-leader

It could be said that this hike brought us good and bad luck. I'll leave the bad for later. Early in the day we looked at the sky often, also checked Channel 31 on TV, and the weather didn't look good. But it wasn't raining by time to leave for the park; so we packed up and drove down. We found twelve people besides ourselves! And there was no rain until we were inside our car ready to return home and driving south toward Rutland.

Because we planned to spot cars, we left Rutland with six and planned to leave three at Otter Valley School. It didn't quite work out that way, but we drove to the north end of Old Brandon Road and left the remaining cars there. Several signs on our way indicated this was school property. As we hiked along, I was pleased to leave the lead to younger people while I served as sweep in the rear. We saw several spring wildflowers: red trillium, foam flower, and ginseng among others. Red efts were common.

Jerry pointed out an old cellar hole, and the old Hawk Hill cemetery was interesting. This was the earliest part of present-day Brandon to be settled by white men, the first being

Amos Cutler, who came from Hampton, Connecticut, in 1772. In 1773 he was joined by David June and his father-in-law, John Ambler. These two men are buried here. From the cemetery it is a short, downhill walk back to the school parking lot.

It was at this point, when we were nearly ready to leave, that Jerry suffered a very sad loss when his dog and companion, Dickens, wandered into the road and was killed by a car. We thought he was with us, and no one saw him put himself in danger. Everyone knew him and enjoyed having him join us on hikes. He will be greatly missed.

Long Trail End-to-End in Bits and Pieces

Section members who are not regular participants in the "end to end" group are welcome to join these outings, subject to their fitness and the availability of travel space. Those interested should call the designated coordinator at least ten days before the outing to determine the meeting time and place.

2006 Schedule

Date	From	To	Miles	Coordinator	Phone #
29 May	Vt. Route 140	Upper Cold River Road	11.7	Tom Copps	770-9394
17 June	Upper Cold River Rd	US Route 4	12.0	Tom Shanahan	775-5371
08 July	US Route 4	New Boston Trail to USFS 99	13.9	Chuck Helfer	287-9190
22 July	New Boston Trail to USFS 99	Vt. Route 73	8.4	B&B Griffith	492-3573
05 August	Vt. Route 73	Vt. Route 125	9.9	Cindy Oas-Kirk	775-7646
19 August	Pine Cobble Road	County Road	6.4	Steve Williams	645-9529
09 September	USFS 10	Vt. Route 140	8.3	Tom Shanahan	775-5371
23 September	Lake Mansfield Trail to Nebraska Valley Road	Vt. Route 108 Smugglers Notch	10.3	Chuck Helfer	287-9190
07 October	Mad Tom Notch Rd USFS 21	USFS 10	12.3	TBD	
21 October	Forest City Trail to Camels Hump Road	Duxbury Road	10.3	TBD	
04 November	Old Rootville Road	Mad Tom Notch Rd USFS 21	11.9	TBD	

Krevetski continued from page 1

climbing and white-water paddling. Thirty-five years ago a younger "Madhatter" hitch-hiked all the way across Canada and back across the United States.

Born in New Jersey, and a longtime resident and employee of the State of Connecticut, Wayne and his wife Kathy moved to Rutland last year. They have two grown sons no longer living at home.

Wayne completed an Appalachian Trail thru hike from April to September 2004. He has covered the Long Trail as far as Middlebury Gap and looks forward to pushing on to Journey's End.

Meeting continued from page 1

and expenses and the current balances for both the Section and the Kirk Fund accounts. The reports were accepted as presented.

Killington Section Income

25% share of dues ... \$1,112.50
Other 394.48
Total \$1,506.98

Killington Section Expenses

Newsletter \$ 519.44
Trails & Shelters 236.85
Hall rental 118.00
Xfer to Kirk Fund 1,373.94
Other 394.41
Total \$2,642.64

Kirk Fund Income

Xfer from Section \$1,373.94
Other 7.69
Total \$1,381.63

Kirk Fund Expenses

Miscellaneous \$120.23
Total \$120.23

**Killington Section Balances
(as of 31 December 2005)**

Checking \$ 971.30
Savings 1,129.70
Cert. of Deposit 1,650.28
Total \$3,751.28

**Kirk Fund Balances
(as of 31 December 2005)**

Savings \$ 1,832.75
Cert. of Deposit 13,345.27
Total \$15,178.02

Membership counts

Memberships 152
Voting members 187

A member asked about the restrictions, if any, on the Kirk Fund balances: wondered about what the original mandate was. It was agreed that this topic would be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

Roma was thanked for her service.

Smoke & Blazes: Editor Bob Perkins was unable to attend this evening but was roundly thanked for his service.

Web Site: Public thanks were also offered to our website designer, Deb Waggett.
(www.geocities.com/gmckillington)

Main Club Directors: Lynda Hutchens reported on her attendance at the latest parent club directors meeting. Lynda was thanked for selfless involvement.

Trails and Shelters: Herb Ogden reported that there were many blow-downs but that most have been cleared. He mentioned that we are looking for another Sector Checker to replace Bill Robichaud.

Dave Hardy, Director of Field Programs at the parent club, spoke about the situation with Governor Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury and the Cooper Lodge replacement by the planned Little Killington shelter.

Finance Campaign: Mr. Hardy also spoke about the parent club's fund raising Second Century Finance Campaign. The amount to be raised is from \$5 to \$9 million, \$2 million of which will be used to acquire title to more of the Long Trail in Vermont and \$1.5 million of which will be used for trail maintenance. The campaign has not officially been begun because the organizers want to reach more than half of the goal privately from large donors (as a sign of strength) before opening it up to the general public.

End-to-End: Steve Williams reported on the development of the "Long Trail in Bits and Pieces" project. It is expected to take three hiking seasons to complete the 29 sections identified. Day hikes are planned but there may have to be one overnight.

Parent Club Meeting: The GMC Annual Membership Meeting will be held on the weekend of June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at the Long Trail Brewery in Bridgewater Corners. Killington Section will be host and volunteers were sought.

Board Election: President Griffith opened the meeting to nominations for Board members. Director terms are staggered; three being elected each year for a three-year term with a two-consecutive-term limit.

This year Andrea McQuade and Roma Pulling each completed a term and Sue Thomas completed a second consecutive term. Andrea, Roma, and Wayne Krevetski were nominated and elected as directors to serve to 2009.

Continuing directors are Barbara and Barry Griffith and Steve Williams (to 2008); and John Hale, Lynda Hutchens, and Cindy Taylor-Miller (to 2007).

Election of Officers: The new board met and re-elected the following officers for the coming year

Barry Griffith President
Barbara Griffith Vice P.
Roma Pulling Treasurer
Secretary John Hale

The next Board meeting was set for 6:00 PM, Tuesday, May 23rd at Barry's office: 98 Merchants Row in Rutland.

Program: The business meeting was adjourned at about 8:00 PM and Paul Pilcher presented a slide show of his trip to the Rocky Mountains, which was enjoyed by all.

Brewery continued from page 1

Ascutney, Killington, or a portion of the Appalachian Trail in Barnard. Or bring your canoe or kayak and paddle around Woodward reservoir.

Your Invitation to Join
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual \$35
Family \$45
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$20

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

____trail work, ____shelter work, ____sign making, ____publications, ____leading outings, ____publicity, ____education

Make check payable to Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701





Volume 59, Number 3

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

August 2006

Outing Reports

Little Killington Work Party

18 June 2006

By Herb Ogden, Trails & Shelters
Chair

Despite a forecast of temperatures around 90F, about a dozen people showed up to clean up the mess that the fall and winter storms had left on Little Killington. Larry Walter, Dave Coppock and Tom Copps had already sawed through enough of the tangle so that hikers could get through, but much more needed to be done to restore last summer's hiking conditions. By the end of the day, that had been accomplished from Gov. Clement Shelter to Cooper Lodge. We also cut back brush and cleared waterbars.

By far the worst stretch was about half a mile on either side of Shrewsbury Peak Junction. Trees had fallen on the trail every few feet, sometimes in great piles, so multiple trunks had to be cut to clear the trail fully. In places, the tangle alongside the trail was so dense that it was hard to find a place to throw the cut wood. The last task was to saw the fallen mess out of a number of waterbars so they could be cleared!

L T End-to-End in Bits & Pieces

LT miles	LT miles
Hiked	to Go
56.6	216.1

See stories on pane 6

Dorset Peak, Danby

29 July 2006

By Steve Williams, Leader

The trail, actually an old logging road, starts at the east end of Dorset Hollow. It is of a distinctly convex nature, gradually becoming steeper and steeper until it levels out at a notch, with views to the northeast over the Otter Valley, some three quarters of a mile from the summit. The process is then repeated on the way to the SW summit, where, by climbing on the remains of an old observation tower, more views of the Otter Valley are obtained.

After lunching at the SW summit, and at the encouragement of Sue Thomas, we went on over to the NE peak, which Sue pointed out was only thirty feet higher and was one of New England's highest 100 peaks (number 98 for those who are

statistically minded). The route did include some modest descent before re-ascending and a surprising bog at such an elevation, but did take us to the unprepossessing forest bound NE summit, which had the redeeming features of a geological survey canister and an opportunity to record our arrival in the records book

Some of the party thought that the second trail leading down from the NE peak would curve to the west and join the logging road from the notch to the SW summit. After a very democratic debate on the matter we decided to try it for a short distance and reconsider if it did not seem to be working out. It did not; the trail seemed to be very faint and going downhill east too much. We therefore returned back over the NE summit, headed for the SW summit and then turned right on the road to the notch.

While the weather was merely hot and humid on the way up, the party was treated to direct precipitation on the way down. Overall, not the greatest payoff for a peak (the ratio of view divided by effort), but the company was enjoyable, and the participants have now added an ascent number 98 of New England's highest peaks to their hiking accomplishments.

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2007 John Hale
"..... Lynda Hutchins
"..... Cindy Taylor-Miller
2008 * Barbara Griffith
"..... Barry Griffith
"..... * Steve Williams
2009 Wayne Krevetski
"..... * Andrea McQuade
"..... * Roma Pulling

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President..... Barbara Griffith
Secretary John Hale
Treasurer..... Roma Pulling

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters..... Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director..... Lynda Hutchins
Alternate Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Barbara & Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net

John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@lighters.com

Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lrhutch@shoreham.net

Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com

Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@adelphia.net

Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net

Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, (H)293-2510, (W)774-2200,
hogden@vermontel.net

Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu

Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com

Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185

Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com

Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorborg@sover.net

Minerva's Genealogy

[The following paragraph was moved here from Herb Ogden's story "Minerva Hinchey Shelter Goes South" (page 9) Ed.]

This open front shelter was built in 1969 by Louis Stare and members of the Killington Section. Originally a closed camp with a stove, it was converted to an open shelter in 1982 to reduce the threat of vandalism and fire. It replaced Sunnyside Camp, a building of similar design with big double front doors that had been built by the Killington Section in 1955 but had burned. That in turn had replaced Spring Lake Camp, erected in 1951 by the Killington Section 0.6 miles north at what is now Spring Lake Clearing. I heard somewhere that Spring Lake Camp began life as Blue Triangle Camp, which used to stand near Gov. Clement Shelter near the brook bank, but, unlike the rest of the above, I have not been able to verify it by consulting old guide books.

[The following paragraph is copied from an April 1999 Smoke & Blazes article "50 Years Ago in Smoke and Blazes", which reviewed items originally reported in S&B during 1949, its first full year of publication. Ed.]

The major trails and shelters project for the year was the relocation of the old Blue Triangle Camp from its site next to the brook near Gov. Clement to its new home above Spring Lake. On a January work party the shelter was cut into sections and trucked to the south shore of the lake. At least seven more work parties at Spring Lake were reported during the year. The camp sections were tobogganed across the lake ice, carried up through what was then an open pasture, and reassembled high on the hill.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Sept. – November 2006

Visit our web site: <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

- 10 September, Sunday** **Senior Shuffle – Quechee Gorge, Hartford** **Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997**
Enjoy one of Vermont's scenic wonders at a leisurely pace. All welcome.
Easy.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.
- 16 September, Saturday** **Silver Lake, Leicester** **Bill Holt & Joan Davidson, 537-4227**
Hike around Silver Lake via the Chandler Ridge Trail
Moderate, 8 miles.
Call leaders for meeting time and place.
- 23 September, Saturday** **Split Rock Mountain, Westport, NY** **Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855**
Gorgeous views of Lake Champlain, the Green Mountains, and the Dix Range.
Moderate, 5.5 miles, elevation gain 670 feet.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 1 October, Sunday** **Moose Mountain, Hanover, NH** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Climb to the 2300-foot summit on the Appalachian Trail for excellent views of Mounts Cardigan and Kearsage.
The south peak is the site of a 1968 plane crash. After a side trip to Moose Mountain Shelter we'll descend via a 1772 road cut by order of Governor Benning Wentworth so that he could attend Dartmouth's first commencement.
Moderate, 4.5 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 7 October, Saturday** **Fall Bike Trip** **Bill Holt & Joan Davidson, 537-4227**
Enjoy the fall foliage while pedaling. Ninety percent will be on dirt or gravel roads.
Moderately difficult, 15 to 20 miles. (Rain date: 10/8).
Call leaders for meeting time and place.
- 14 October, Saturday** **Stratton Mountain, Stratton** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Climb to the summit where the Long Trail was born! Spectacular views of Somerset Reservoir, the Taconics, and New Hampshire from the fire tower.
Moderate, 7.6 miles; steep, 1910-foot elevation gain. (Option for an 11-mile loop). (Rain date: 15 October).
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 8:30 AM.
- 22 October, Sunday** **Senior Shuffle: Proctor Ledge, Proctor** **Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997**
Climb to a view point above the village.
Easy to moderate, 3 miles
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 10:30 AM.
- 28 October, Saturday** **Picnic Rock, Shrewsbury** **Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
A bushwhack thru the woods to the biggest rock in Shrewsbury.
Moderate, 5 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Sept. -- November 2006

Schedule continued from previous page

- 4 November, Saturday Work Party Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
 Help us finish up our Long Trail maintenance chores for the year. Tools provided; bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and lunch.
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 11 November, Saturday Hope Cemetery, Barre Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
 Famous worldwide for its unusual, beautiful, and sometimes bizarre memorials carved from Barre granite by skilled artisans. Established in 1895, the cemetery covers 65 acres. If time and weather permit we'll add a walk on country roads in the area or a visit to the new Vermont Historical Society Building.
 Easy. (Rain date; 12 November).
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 18 November, Saturday Fall Potluck, Rutland Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
 All are welcome to join us for our annual Hunting Season feast. Bring plates, utensils, and food to share; hot beverages provided. Slide program will follow.
 Meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church fellowship hall, Hillside Road, Rutland at 5:30 PM.

Attention All Hike Leaders: Our outing schedule is compiled each quarter by Sue Thomas, 773-2185. In order for us to publish the schedule on time we would greatly appreciate it if you would try to comply with the following time table:

S & B publication date	February 20	May 20	August 20	November 20
Covers outings for	Mar., Apr., May	June, July, Aug.	Sept., Oct., Nov.	Dec., Jan., Feb.
Commitments to Sue by	January 31	April 30	July 31	October 31

Appalachian Trail Hike in Pomfret, 27 May 2006

by Sue Thomas

The Appalachian Trail segment from Route 12 to Cloudland Road is an especially pretty one in the spring and well worth what can only be called "lumpy" terrain. It's certainly easy to picture those famed Vermont cows, reputed to have shorter legs on one side than the other, endlessly circling the steep hillside pastures which we trekked up and down and up and down. No one of the hills was very high, but Tom's GPS reported a quite respectable total elevation gain for the day, which justified some sore muscles.

We may not have spotted any of these malformed cows, but nature rewarded us with lovely views of the valleys, mountains, and hill farms at

many places along the way. We were treated to a patch of rare showy orchis in bloom, and a porcupine ambled along the trail ahead of us and climbed a tree. Farther along a mother killdeer tried to protect her nest, foolishly built in the trail. When puffing up to look her most fearsome failed to intimidate us, she tried dragging a wing to lure us away to an easy meal. As it happened we'd already had lunch, so we admired her handiwork instead – the nest neatly made of woodchips piled on the ground and filled with four beautiful speckled eggs, which blended in so well we didn't see them immediately. She really should speak to her Realtor though – location, location, location.

Killdeer have no corner on bad judgment however. Most of the group struggled across a rain swollen stream before it was discovered that there was a bridge a short distance away!

We admired some of the most impressive stonewalls we'd seen in the woods, evidence that people had once farmed that challenging terrain. I don't know if the cows really did limp, but one AT hiker surely did. We found his discarded swiss-cheese-like boots hanging from a tree – a testament to different generations of Vermonters tackling the same piece of Vermont.

Section Leaders Honored with GMC Life Memberships



At the recent annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club two Killington Section members were awarded honorary life memberships in recognition of their outstanding and long time service to the club. The citations that accompanied Bill's and Herb's plaques are reproduced below.

Bill Robichaud

In the early 1990's, Bill Robichaud joined the Killington Section because he wanted to hike. Although he was already retired, most of the section members couldn't keep up with him. He subsequently took up trail work with remarkable fervor. In the late 1990's, he spent hours helping to build Long Trail relocations over Bear Mountain north of Wallingford Gulf and around the west side of Pico Peak. He served for several years as co-chair of the Section's Trails and Shelters Committee, while continuing to be one of the most faithful participants on work parties. From 1993 to 2005, he came out for 30. At the same time, Bill began putting in long hours on his own or with a few other volunteers. In 2003 alone, he worked over 80 hours "unofficially." He also serves the Club as Sector Checker for the Long Trail between Cooper Lodge and Tucker Johnson Shelter, hiking that stretch at least twice a year and alerting the Committee of any problems requiring a work crew.

According to fellow Section member Herb Ogden, "I am sure there is no part of the Long Trail System in the Killington Section on which Bill has not worked. He has also worked on GMC trails outside our area. He is a meticulous trail clearer, but his specialty is erosion control, which is even more important with heavy use of steep trails.

Herb Ogden

It could be said that the GMC is in Herb Ogden's blood. His father, Herbert senior, was a long-time Club volunteer who introduced his son to the Long Trail. Herb Jr. became an end-to-ender in 1964 and, with his father, helped build the shelter on Mt. Ascutney and acquired the two-hole privy at Governor Clement Shelter (There must be a story here). In addition to regularly volunteering as a Killington Section trip leader, Herb served as Section President from 1996 to 2002. As the Section Trails and Shelters Chair, he runs frequent work outings and, as importantly, coordinates the Club's responses to local trail issues in the Rutland area. From 1992 to 1996, he was secretary to the GMC Board of Directors and has been a member of the Trails and Shelters Committee since 2001.

When asked about Herb's nomination, Breadloaf Section volunteer Anne Hoover wrote, "I think Herb is an excellent choice to be nominated for Honorary Life Membership. I read the Rutland Herald regularly and occasionally see a good letter from him on some relevant issue. I remember Herb (as Chair of the Committee on Long Range Planning) as a quiet, but determined leader. He was an excellent chair and a good listener and, at the time, I thought we got a lot done."

Long Trail End-to-End in Bits and Pieces (The Saga Begins)

Tom Copps & Steve Williams

We are pleased to report that the "Long Trail End to End in Bits and Pieces" project is finding its way forward.... in bits and pieces. To date six sections have been completed (from Route 140 to Middlebury Gap, and a 3.1-mile bit at the Massachusetts border) with participation varying from 6 to 9. Having cars spotted early at the destination trailhead and an early start at the initiating trailhead have turned out to be key to the timely completion of hikes. This will become more difficult as we move further away from "home", but we're learning as we go. We have successfully reconnoitered the route to the Long Trail one mile north of Glastenbury Peak for next year.

Reports of Bits and Pieces

Upper Cold River Road to Wallingford Gulf Road

29 May 2006, Leg 1

By Steve Williams

Monday, May 29, 2006 was the big day, the very first hike by the Killington Section end-to-enders group. We intend to hike the Long Trail in bits and pieces as day hikes over the next two years or so.

We assembled at the Upper Cold River Road trailhead right on schedule. Our roster included Rich and Lindy Brown, Tom Copps, Mike Farrell, John Hale, Robert and Bonnie Lucas, Steve Williams and Cindy Oas-Kirk. Lynda Hutchins and her friend Gene had intended to join us but had to opt out the night before. Barb and Barry Griffith were present for shuttle service but they could not join us either.

Steve Williams had pre-positioned his car at Route 140 earlier and was kindly driven back to the trailhead by Barry Griffith. The nine of us started out for Gould Brook and what lay beyond, many of us in sandals. The previous Wednesday I had checked trail and discovered the brook to be high and running fast. Fortunately it was much lower so we all were able to get across, some in sandals, some in over their boots. Mike Farrell waded across the brook barefoot. We continued on to Kieffer Road, the

very first waypoint for the end-to-enders!

Feeling good about ourselves we set out for Lottery Road and beyond. Enjoying our great adventure we continued over Beacon Hill and down to Clarendon Shelter for lunch. On the previous Wednesday there had been a person without any gear staying there; however he was gone when we arrived. After lunch and a short group meeting we set out for Route 103 and the swinging bridge across Upper Clarendon Gorge.

Everybody was quite surprised at the steep rocky, boulder-strewn descent from Clarendon lookout to Route 103. We all agreed that it is better to be going down this pitch than to be going up. We crossed Route 103 and the swinging bridge and started up the bank towards airport lookout. As we climbed the hill Bob and Bonnie Lucas decided that blisters developing from their wet stocks would preclude them from completing the trip this day so they turned back. This slope, although steep, is one of the prettiest parts of the whole trip. It is made up of ledge rock so wide that you have to watch carefully for blazes to make sure that you haven't lost the track. Soon we achieved airport lookout and everybody was glad to have another climb behind us. We all agreed that yes indeed, it certainly

was a handsome airport and we were still making good time. But we still had a lot of climbing to do, so after a few moments we set out for the high points above Spring Lake and then down to Minerva Hinchey Shelter.

In due time we reached the shelter and sat ourselves down for a good long restorative rest. Mike Farrell decided at this point that he really did not want to climb Bear Mountain on this particular day. He bid us good luck and set out for the Spring Lake Ranch and the road down the hill to Route 103 where we promised we would pick him up in a couple of hours. After our rest we continued on up to Patch Hollow where several of us pitched in with an attenuated version of the Patch Hollow Legend. Of course it was nowhere near as lucid and entertaining as Barry Griffith's version but those who had never heard it were duly impressed.

Continuing on up Bear Mountain we climbed the last long steep climb. When we reached the top we were all satisfied that we had done what we set out to do and so what still lay ahead of us took us by surprise. We were not prepared for how long it would seem to take us to travel from the north peak of Bear Mountain to the south peak and then down the long switchbacks to Route 140. Even after we could see the roofs of horse barns on Sugar Hill

Road below us we still had miles to go before we slept so to speak. Of course everything comes to an end, even a great trip like this, and finally we all broke out into the parking lot at 140 more or less together with great whoops and hollers because we had actually done it! We had completed the first leg of the end-to-enders great trek! And a wonderful hike it was.

We had started at 9:40 AM and were finished by 6:11 PM, for a time on the trail of 8 hours and 31 minutes. The trip was 10.8 miles giving a speed of approximately 1.3 mph. The Long Trail handbook estimates one half hour per mile plus one half hour per thousand feet. Since we had climbed 3027 feet according to DeLorme, the trip should have taken us to 6.9 hours for a speed of 1.6 mph. They may not consider us up to snuff but we sure do.

Sherburne Pass to Upper Cold River Road

17 June 2006, Leg 2
By Tom Shanahan

Besides the leader, this twelve mile section was completed by Tom Copps, Linda Hutchins, Cindy Oas-Kirk and Steve Williams who spotted a car at the Upper Cold River Road. The group then car-pooled to the Route 4 AT/LT crossing at approximately 08:30 AM. The hike was completed at approximately 4:00 PM.

The weather was cloudy and cool. The trail between Route 4 and Cooper Lodge was in good shape. There were many blow-downs on the trail in the area about a half mile on either side of the Shrewsbury Peak Trail. The rest of the trail to the Cold River road was in good shape.

Sherburne Pass to New Boston Trail

8 July 2006, Leg 3
By Steve Williams

This 13.3-mile section with vertical ascent of 2653 feet was completed by Rich and Lindy Brown, Tom Copps, Linda Hutchins, Allie Norton, Tom Shanahan, and Steve Williams.

After the gentle climb from Route 4 to Maine Junction, the trail meandered past the Tucker Johnson Shelter (this name represents two people, not one) to the Elbow Road crossing. With very restricted views and frequent direction changes, the intent of the original trail blazers was at times far from clear. The next landmark was the recently rebuilt and handsome looking Rolston Rest Shelter

More oscillations and undulations brought us to the ledges close to North Pond, from where there is a fine view over Chittenden Reservoir, and which proved to be an ideal lunch spot. En route, our GPS master Tom Copps was mystified by a stream flowing from left to right across our path in a location where we were shown to be on the west side of the ridge. Could it be that the Long Trail map is not as accurate as we thought? (Subsequent checking by Tom proved this to be the case).

From there it was over the hump to the curiously named "Telephone Gap". One participant suggested that was because cell phones don't work there. However, as that situation applies to much of Vermont, further explanation is still being sought.

A final pitch of 0.8 miles on the Long Trail brought us to a skimobile trail heading west, which provided a gentle downhill amble to be joined by the New Boston Trail from the Mount Carmel direction and then on to US Forest Service Road 99 and short hike to the leader's Jeep.

Brandon Gap to New Boston Trail

22 July 2006, Leg 4
By Tom Shanahan

Besides leader Tom Shanahan, this 9.8 mile section was completed by Tom Copps, Linda Hutchins, Cindy Oas-Kirk, Carol Wright and Steve Williams. The starting time was 8:30 AM; the hike was completed at 2:30 PM.

The weather was warm and cloudy. The last two hours of the hike were conducted during a heavy soaking rain. This last factor made all the hikers happy that Steve had been able to spot his car at the intersection of the New Boston Trail and USFS 99.

Brandon Gap to Middlebury Gap

5 August 2006, Leg 5
By Cindy Oas-Kirk

It was a beautiful day for a hike – neither too hot nor humid. The Hikers were Tom Bassett (O Section), Richard and Lindy Brown, Tom Copps, Lynda Hutchins, Cindy Oas-Kirk, Tom Shanahan, Dorothy Sullivan (O Section), and Steve Williams. The elevation gains of the five mountains would rise the temperature, but at that point, we would turn a corner and be relieved by a cool breeze.

We had two fine view points – Great Cliff, which is a protected area from 15 April to 1 August for nesting peregrine falcons, and Cape Lookoff Mountain. The other two hoped-for views, South Worth and Monastery Lookouts, were grown in. We lunched at Sucker Brook Shelter, which was about midpoint in our 9.9 mile trek.

Nine people started in at Brandon Gap at 8:40 AM and nine people arrived at Middlebury Gap at 4:30 PM – and they were the same nine. Another piece of the Long Trail and a great time.

Pine Cobble & Mass. State Line to Country Road

19 August 2006, Leg 6

By Tom Copps

The Killington Section End-to-Enders Group hikes the start of the Long Trail

On August 19 the end-to-end group of the Green Mountain Club's Killington Section hiked the Long Trail from the Pine Cobble Trail in Williamstown Massachusetts to County Road in Stamford Vermont. Our group included Lindy and Rich Brown, Tom Copps, Barb and Barry Griffith, Cindy Kirk, Tom Shanahan and Carol Wright. We were also joined at the trailhead by R.J. Hyden and Dylan Keenan. This pair had read of our adventure and come over from Troy NY to join us. Dylan is an environmental engineer with the state of NY where R.J. also works. R.J. is a powerful wide shouldered 270 pound ex-athlete with a very bad hip that needs replacement and a knee that is also due for an operation. Nevertheless, he sets a fast pace and

quickly took the lead up the Pine Cobble Trail. Soon we were at Pine Cobble lookout. The Cobble is covered with a pretty forest of red oak. It has a fine view to the southwest over Williamstown and another to the east of North Adams. Barb Griffith pointed out that there seems to be only one pine tree on Pine Cobble. Since we were running late and it was already noon we decided to have our lunch right where we sat.

After lunch we made our way over the top of East Mountain to the Vermont line. East Mountain is an easy hill strewn with granite boulders. It has limited views, made even more limited by the weather, which was now closing in on us. Of course when we reached the Vermont border we stopped to take group pictures. Although the signs introducing people to Massachusetts were bright and clear those on the Vermont side were old, faded and difficult to read. At this point we had covered 3.3 miles with 3.3 miles

still to go. The hiking was easy although the trail was sometimes muddy and slippery. The showers and drizzle that we had encountered in Bennington finally caught up with us and the rest of the trip was done in the damp.

Soon we crossed Risky Ranch Road at 5.8 miles and arrived at Seth Warner shelter at 6.2 miles. The shelter was in good shape with little sign of vandalism or graffiti. This marked our last waypoint with only half a mile left to go. Soon we crossed a power line and arrived at the County Road trailhead.

Although it had been a long drive for a relatively short hike we were pleased to have introduced ourselves to the Long Trail at mile 0. We had also introduced ourselves to the difficult logistics of spotting cars so far away on unfamiliar roads. R.J. promised to do the next leg for us and report on conditions so I guess he didn't find his new companions too slow and boring after all. As always a good time with head by all!

The Next Five Legs

Below is the slightly revised schedule for this fall: Hikers with long distance experience are invited to call a coordinator to discuss their possible participation.

Date	From	To	Miles	Coordinator	Phone #
9 September	USFS Road 10	Vt. Route 140	8.3	Tom Shanahan	775-5371
24 September	Lake Mansfield Trail (Nebraska Valley Road)	Smugglers Notch	10.3	Tom Copps	770-9394
7 October	Old Rootville Road	Mad Tom Notch	11.9	Tom Copps	770-9394
21 October	Forest City Trail (Camels Hump Road)	Duxbury Road	10.3	Steve Williams	645-9529
4 November	Mad Tom Notch	USFS Road 10	11.9	Steve Williams	645-9529

Minerva Hinchey Shelter Goes South

By Herb Ogden, Section Trails & Shelters Chair

Minerva Hinchey Shelter has a new foundation, new sills, and a new location about a dozen feet farther south. The present shelter, once also called Sunnyside Camp was renamed in honor of Minerva Hinchey, who was GMC Corresponding Secretary from 1955-77, back in the days when the Club had only one year-round employee.

To be sure, the present shelter had only been there for 37 years, but it was showing its age. The rear sill was rotten. There were at least two causes. First, there had been years of failing provide for drainage in the rear, including when I had been Trails & Shelters Chair. Second, the builders had rested the sill only on a string of cinder blocks, and they had been heading slowly toward China for years. Consequently, even the floor joists were resting on the ground. Furthermore, the old asphalt shingle roof leaked.

Preparations for renovation began last year, when GMC Field Supervisor Kate Fish, Spring Lake Ranch representative Becki Bates, and a few of us Killington Section members sized up the problem and came up with a list of materials. Then, in July, with our own Jerry Parker in charge, most of the new foundation was laid. In one long day, Jerry, helped by Barry and Barbara Griffith, dug holes for three Sonotubes and poured four of the six footings. This involved moving some rocks that probably weigh a quarter ton.

The next stage began on 12 August, when Jerry led six other local GMC folks, five GMC staff, and one through hiker who decided to stay and help. Jerry Parker, Larry Walter, and GMC Field Supervisor Kate Darakjy deserve special credit,

because they were on the site from 8 AM to 8 PM. Spring Lake Ranch folks moved the wood up to the work site for us in their amazing six wheel antique. The 20-foot long 8x8 pressure treated sills took eight people to move. We sawed out part of the old sill and dug out around the back of the shelter to accommodate jacks, laboriously jacked up the shelter, and put it on cribbing mostly donated by Spring Lake Ranch. Using two come-alongs simultaneously, we inched it about 15 feet south so the front rested on one of the new sills and the rear rested on cribbing. Meanwhile, others gathered up trash and pried the old nails out of the discarded sill and siding pieces so they made safe kindling wood. The die-hard evening crew, consisting of Jerry Parker, Larry Walker, and GMC Field Supervisor Kate Darakjy at least, dug two more 4-foot holes for the remaining Sonotubes and poured Sakrete mixed with Portland cement in them before going home.

About a dozen of us put in another full day on Sunday, 13 August. We drilled the remaining sill to fit the Sonotube bolts, put the sill onto the Sonotubes, and moved the shelter a couple feet west. (The westward move was necessary because the crew had poured as many Sonotubes as possible in July, including the west most one of the rear three, so of course the rear one had to be a couple feet from the original shelter location.) We improved our moving technique by using small logs as rollers this time, so it was possible to move a couple feet in perhaps twenty minutes, much faster than the day before, when sliding the joists over the cribbing often threatened to collapse the cribbing. We then rolled the shelter

back onto the rear sill. Meanwhile, a couple of us had filled in the holes and done a little light landscaping. Others replaced the bottom course of rotten siding and sawed off the excess sill at either end. (The shelter is 16 feet long.) Last tasks for the day were to nail metal roofing over the bottom of the shelter front where it had been heavily gnawed and to build temporary rock steps on the same side. That task involved three people with rock bars and one or two others to shove the huge rocks into place.



There's more to do. The main task is to remove the old asphalt shingle roof and replace it with green metal that currently resides under the shelter. Remaining carpentry includes adding four corner board sets and probably building some steps for the front of the shelter, which is now a good deal higher than it used to be. It would also be nice to finish the landscaping, replace the table, which looks as if folks have built fires on it, and restore the fourth window. Please check the Outing Schedule elsewhere in this issue for the date of a September work party to finish up this big job.

Special thanks are due to head carpenters and planners Jerry Parker and Larry Walter and to Spring Lake Ranch for helping with people, materials, and a vehicle, and for allowing us to keep the shelter on its land.

Your Invitation to Join

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual \$35
Family \$45
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$20

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education

Make check payable to Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701





Volume 59, Number 4

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

November 2006

Long Trail End-to-Enders' Quest Continues Bits & Pieces Start to Add Up

Mad Tom Notch to Prospect Rock

21 October 2006, Leg 8
by Allison Norton

With several cancellations in previous weeks due to scheduling difficulties and horribly rainy weather, the participants, Tom Copps, Allison Norton, Cindy Oas-Kirk, Tom Shanahan and Steve Williams, were thrilled to wake up to a clear day following the first bit of snow for the season in our area. There was no snow on the ground in downtown Rutland, but the higher elevations got a dusting. The sunny drive from the rendezvous point in Rutland to the Manchester area was absolutely gorgeous, with sparkling snow on all of the peaks bordering Route 7. Even with a pit stop for coffee and doughnuts in Manchester we got to the trailhead at Mad Tom Notch pretty early. Thanks Steve and Tom for planning ahead and spotting a car at the other end by the time the rest of us arrived. (I guess we should have brought them some doughnuts too).

For the first few miles we were hiking in several inches of snow. The trail was icy in some spots and like a waterfall in others. We saw an interesting phenomenon of stringy-looking ice along the edges of the

L T End-to-End in Bits & Pieces

LT miles Hiked	LT miles to Go
87.3	185.4

trail, which someone said was hoarfrost. Killington section members sure are knowledgeable! Being well-behaved hikers and wanting to establish good leave-no-trace karma, we tried to walk on the wet parts of the trail rather than going around. At one point someone suggested that we were actually doing double the mileage by zigzagging back and forth across the trail! Unfortunately the wet trail resulted in at least three wet boots in our party within the first hour.

Bromley Mountain was cold, icy, and windy, but beautiful in the snow. We liked the idea of feeling like we were Bromley's first visitors of the ski season. We climbed the lookout tower which was even colder, icier, and windier. We also went in the ski patrol cabin at the peak. On the way down from Bromley, a few of us checked out Bromley shelter. Even though it is a

See Leg 8 page 9

Mad Tom Notch to USFS Road 10

4 November 2006, Leg 9
by Steve Williams

The last leg write-up is a hard act to follow, but here is a humble offering. For this final leg of the first season of "End to Ending" in bits and pieces, the participants were Cindy Oas-Kirk, Tom Copps, Tom Shanahan and Steve Williams. Based on two past experiences of the LT at high elevations with fresh snow, which had indicated just how hard white blazes can be to follow, Steve decided to take a look at the trail on the previous day, and did in fact ascend the first (Styles) Peak. From Mad Tom Notch to the peak snow depths varied from about two inches to maybe four or five. Contrary to Steve's concerns, this was not enough to make finding the trail difficult. There were two significant blow-downs just before Styles Peak, which raised another concern: Did the remaining ten miles of Saturday's hike have a similar problem?

After meeting at the USFS Route 10 trailhead at 7.15 AM to spot a car, the group traveled the seventeen miles over USFS 10 and

See Leg 9 page 9

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2007 John Hale
".....Lynda Hutchins
"..... Cindy Taylor-Miller
2008 * Barbara Griffith
".....Barry Griffith
".....* Steve Williams
2009 Wayne Krevetski
".....*Andrea McQuade
".....*Roma Pulling
*Second consecutive 3-year term.
Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President.....Barry Griffith
Vice President..... Barbara Griffith
Secretary..... John Hale
Treasurer..... Roma Pulling

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters.....Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director.....Lynda Hutchins
Alternate Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor..... Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Barbara & Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@lighters.com
Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com
Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@adelphia.net
Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net
Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, (H)293-2510, (W)774-2200, hogden@vermontel.net
Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com
Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net

What Color is Summer?

At a recent Killington Section board meeting we asked for suggestions on ways to spice up *Smoke and Blazes*. One of the first responses was "What about color?" A good idea!

My challenge then became – what color? We publish quarterly, by the seasons. The color for fall was an easy choice. It had to be orange – the color of fall foliage, of pumpkins, and of Halloween.

For winter we want the coolest color – blue. There is even a shade called ice blue. That's appropriate.

In spring the grass, the leaves, and almost everything else outdoors turns verdant green (which actually means "green green"). And we are, after all, the Green Mountain Club. So we have pretty obvious colors for three of the seasons.

But summer! What color is summer? Why was I stuck on this one when the other three were so easy? July conjures up red, white and blue but that wouldn't be practical for our one-color production process. After much thought the best I've been able to come up with is – yes – hot pink.

Help! Can anyone rationalize a better choice?

Thinking about colors and writing in this space, which is sometimes used for *Vermontivia*, sent me to one of my favorite references: Ester Munroe Smith's *Vermont Place Names*. Did you know the Vermont has 3 Green Mountains, a Green Peak, and a Green Hill (not counting the range, itself); 2 Black Mountains and 3 Black Hills; 2 White Rocks Mountains and a White Hill; a Red Mountain, a Grays Mountain, a Browns Mountain, a Blue Mountain, and our own Blue Ridge?.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Dec. 2006 – Feb. 2007

Visit our web site: <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Each outing leader is required to deny participation, in a given outing, to anyone whom the leader believes might become a safety hazard to themselves or an undue burden on the group. Call the leader if you have any questions.

2 December, Saturday **Picnic Rock, Shrewsbury** **Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**

A bushwhack thru the woods to the biggest rock in Shrewsbury. This trip was rained out in October so we're trying again. We may need snowshoes this time.

Moderate, 5 miles.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.

9 December, Saturday **Deer Leap, Killington** **Tom Cops, 770-9394**

Via Willard Gap to the overlook. Mileage and route subject to conditions. Snowshoes may be needed.

Moderate with some climbing.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 8:30 AM.

6 January, Saturday **Masters' Trail, Merck Forest, Rupert** **Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855**

Some steep climbing. Snowshoes may be needed.

Moderate to difficult, 6 or 7 miles

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

14 January, Sunday **Minerva Hinchey Shelter, Cuttingsville** **Roma & AL Pulling, 773-6997**

Join us for our traditional winter hotdog roast, and inspect the recent renovations at the shelter. Bring hotdogs; we'll furnish hot drinks. After lunch we'll venture out for an easy snowshoe or ski.

Easy, less than a half mile.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:30 AM.

20 January, Saturday **AT, River Road to Quimby, Killington** **Herb Ogden, 293-2510**

Follow the Appalachian Trail to Woodard Cemetery and an unusual view of the Coolidge Range.

Snowshoes may be needed.

Moderate, 4 miles, 1100-foot elevation gain, steep.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.

27 January, Saturday **Pond Woods State Forest, Orwell** **Bill Holt & Joan Davidson, 537-4227**

Snowshoe around and over ponds and streams. Some bushwhacking.

Moderate, 4 to 5 miles.

(Bad weather date: 1/28.)

Call leaders for meeting time and place.

3 February, Saturday **Merck Forest, Rupert** **Steve Williams, 645-9529**

Snowshoe on old wood roads and trails in this unique preserve.

Moderate, 4 to 5 miles

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Dec. 2006 – Feb. 2007

Schedule continued from previous page

- 10 February, Saturday** **Lily Pond to Half Moon, Bomoseen** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
 Explore beaver, mink, and other habitat on snowshoes.
 Moderate, 4 to 5 miles.
 (Bad weather date: 2/11.)
 Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:30 AM.
- 18 February, Sunday** **Sugar Hill Reservoir, Ripton** **Gordon & Helen Cawood, 350-4310**
 Ski or snowshoe on a mostly level snowmobile route.
 Easy to moderate, 5 miles.
 Call leaders for meeting time and place.
- 24 February** **Chittenden Brook, Rochester** **Bill Holt & Joan Davidson, 537-4227**
 Snowshoe south on the Long Trail from Brandon Gap, a steady climb, and then down the Chittenden Brook Trail.
 Moderate, 6 miles. 868-foot elevation gain.
 Meet at Brandon Gap Long Trail parking lot at 10:00 AM.
- 4 March, Sunday** **Valcour Island, NY** **Sue Thomas, 775-6208**
 Walk on water (frozen Lake Champlain, that it) out to Valcour Island and tour the Bluff Point Lighthouse, built in 1874 and operated until 1929. The Clinton County Historical Society will be on hand with displays. Bring snowshoes or skis to explore the island's trails and visit the site of a pivotal Revolutionary War battle.
 Easy, 1.5 miles. More optional.
 (If the Lake is not safe we'll substitute another trip.)
 Call the leader for meeting time and place.
- 10 March, Saturday** **Leader's Choice Bushwhack** **Jerry Parker, 775-6208**
 Snowshoe trek thru the woods to look for winter tracks and signs of wildlife.
 Moderate, 3 to 5 miles.

[The following was inspired by an unusual encounter on a Section outing to Montcalm Point last summer. Ed.]

Rattlesnake's Lament

by Sue Thomas

Nobody knows the trouble I've seen.
 I was minding my business down by the stream
 When out of the blue came a blood-curdling scream.
 Oh, sorrow and woe.

By the lake they call George my friends and I dwell.
 We like it just fine; the scenery's swell.
 Then the Killington Section turned our heaven to hell."
 Oh, sorrow and woe.

Later that day I told my friend Jake:
 "Even now when I think of it I start to shake!
 That boot coming toward me was too much to take!"
 Oh, sorrow and woe.

"By God, it was awful; I'll tell you no lie.
 That skinny one looked me right in the eye!
 It was chilling, I tell you; I thought I would die!"
 Oh, sorrow and woe.

"That's nothing," said he, "just wait till you hear --
 I nearly wound up on the point of a spear!
 That one they call Barb is a menace, I fear!"
 Oh, sorrow and woe.

So we hope that you hikers will give us a break.
 And if you come back to our home by the lake.
 Leave Barb and her stick in the car for God's sake!
 Oh, sorrow and woe.

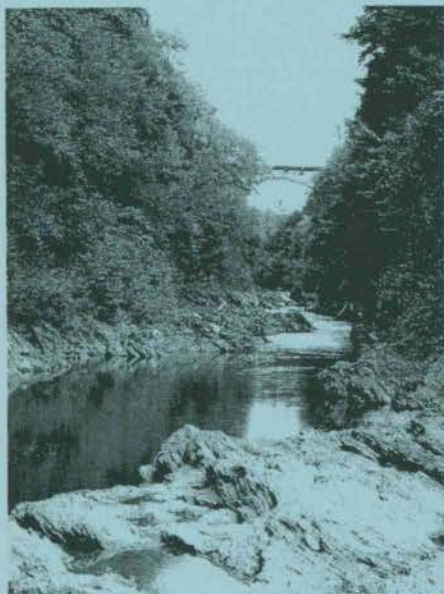
Outing Reports

Quechee Gorge, Hartford

10 September 2006

by Roma Pulling, co-leader

Each of the five hikers who headed for Quechee on a cool but sunny Sunday morning had experienced the Gorge in some way, either walking into it or perhaps just riding over it; but each of us was able to add a new facet to the adventure.



Most of us had visited the area before development of the state park and found it very different. Instead of walking under Route 4 from the north side on an unimproved gravel road, we now parked in the new paved parking lot in front of the new Visitor's Center, both on the south side of the road. We started our hike by descending steps at the right of the Center to a new path which followed a series of switchbacks to the location of the old gravel road. In place of the old road was a thoroughly groomed version with a high metal fence on the side toward the gorge.

After the gradual descent we scrambled down onto the ledges and sat beside the Ottauquechee River to eat our lunch. The climb back to Route 4 was slightly more strenuous

but not unpleasantly so, and we were soon on the trail under the road and on our way to view the falls near the site of the former Dewey's Mills. We continued on the trail, enjoying views from different angles, and discovered that instead of coming to an end it continued on as a wide swath through head-high goldenrod. There was much speculation about where the path was leading us, but no one suggested turning back.

At the end of a leisurely and very pleasant walk which was soon bordered by a body of water, we encountered another road and people enjoying water pursuits, including canoeing. A sign identified the site as Dewey's Pond State Recreation Area. Across the road I recognized Quechee Inn, which was formerly known as Marshland, the home of Joseph Marsh, Vermont's first lieutenant governor. In the '40s it was acquired by my cousin, Kathleen Robinson Goodwin, and her husband and operated very successfully as a dairy farm until they left under pressure from the state and the Quechee Lakes development. Alfred and I and the children enjoyed many visits to the farm.

Recognizing that it was time to leave, we retraced our steps but took time to walk across the 163-foot-high bridge over the gorge with a hiker who had never had that pleasure. Thus ended a familiar, but still different, visit to one of Vermont's natural wonders.

Silver Lake, Leicester

16 September. 16, 2006

by Bill Holt, leader

Six hikers arrived at the Minnie Baker trailhead at 9AM. The Minnie Baker heads east from Route 53 just south of Lake Dunmore. The trail is a very gradual up hill climb for about a half mile before leveling out. After another half mile the trail descends to the Leicester Hollow trail. We headed north on the Leicester

Hollow trail for just a couple hundred yards before taking a turn to the left up the Chandler Ridge trail.

The day started out humid and somewhat heavy, but the moisture was welcomed by all the colorful mushrooms. They were most plentiful among the hardwood forest running along the spine of the Chandler Ridge trail. We hiked north on the Chandler Ridge trail, slightly uphill at first then mostly level for about three miles, before descending to Silver Lake.

There were quite a few people enjoying the lake when we arrived. One guy was swimming across a very narrow section of the lake near the dam holding his boots up in the air with one hand while swimming with the other. We crossed the dam and met the Silver Lake caretaker. He has a camper and is at the lake all summer, although many nights he goes home because he lives close by. We found a picnic table in the sun and had our lunch.

The roads leading into Silver Lake are gated -- no vehicular traffic. So if you come here to enjoy the lake for a day or to camp overnight you have to hike in a little over a half mile down hill. Coming back out is fairly steep, especially if you are carrying anything, and can seem much longer than going in.

After lunch we took the Leicester Hollow trail, a very gradual down slope for around three miles. This trail follows a meandering brook which begins its journey at the outlet of Silver Lake. Much of the Leicester Hollow trail is bordered by steep woods, large boulders, and moss. It is a wonderfully beautiful trail most often, but when the mosquitoes have hatched you'd better have protection. They can be fierce! We finished our hike by rejoining the Minnie Baker trail on which we started

The only disappointment was that we forgot to bring a snack to share See ya next time.

Bike Hike, Castleton

7 October 2006

Joan Davidson, leader

It was a cool clear morning when four of us bikers met across from the old Ft. Warren drive-in. We put on plenty of layers because it was going to feel even cooler once we started our ride down the "rails to trails" through Castleton State College. Once we got going, the ride was invigorating and full of fun and good conversation as we straddled the bike trail in two's. Half way to Poultney, we stopped and took a few layers off because the air temperature was rising as well as our own body temperatures from all the peddling.

Upon arriving at Main Street in Poultney, we were surprised to see a town-wide yard sale everywhere. Many people were meandering up and down the street looking for a deal as well as enjoying each others company. As we were taking a break, we had a nice talk with a couple who have been on another section of the "rails to trails" that goes to Rupert. That will have to be a trip for another day for us, because this is where we got off the trail and headed east down Main St. Once we rode by the congested store fronts, we slowly made our way down into the historical village of East Poultney. At the town green we took a left onto a dirt road that would bring us in a northerly direction back toward Castleton.

The back roads that we traveled had spectacular foliage with charming old farms and homesteads. During our lunch break, we had a few good laughs as we took photos of each other and experimented with the timer on the camera. Just before the biking group began its ascent up a steep hillside I left, due to lower back issues and proceeded back to

the cars by a shorter less strenuous route. I later learned that the threesome saw tremendous views at Pond Hill Ranch before descending back into the village of Castleton. All in all, we had a beautiful day for our bike ride and wished you all could have been there too. Maybe next year?

Proctor High Ledge

22 October 2006

by Roma Pulling

You won't find West Mountain, Proctor, popularly known as "High Ledge," on any list of Vermont's 100 highest peaks; but when you arrive at the top you are in a very special place. You can pause to admire a view of Otter Valley.

I had made several trips to the lookout, including ones with friends and a few with a group of Senior Citizens, but the scariest was in the back seat of a jeep, an experience I don't care to repeat.

Leaving the park in Rutland we were a group of 19 hikers from ages 17 to 81. We drove to Proctor village via the West Proctor Road in four cars, which we parked at a wide spot across from Proctor Gas and started our hike there. We first retraced our route a short distance up the West Proctor Road to Cain Street, followed that street for some distance to where we could hike to our right and kept to our right at each trail junction until our destination was reached. Except that our teenager took a more direct route, climbing up the steep face of the bluff. No one else was tempted to follow him.

After eating our lunch while taking in the view, including what appeared to be a wildfire, we made our way back to our cars by the same route.

Putting the Trail to Bed

4 November 2006

by Herb Ogden, Trails & Shelters

Eight people did the best we could to get our thirty-plus miles of trail ready for winter, but we covered only about a tenth of the total mileage. No, that doesn't mean we'd need ten times the volunteers (eighty) to do the job right. There are considerable stretches that have few waterbars and side ditches, and they don't need attention after all the leaves fall. For example, there's not much to do between Patch Hollow and Route 103 and between the Lower and Upper Cold River Roads on the Long Trail, and on the lower two miles of the Bucklin Trail. Still, the statistics do mean we sure could use more help to clear out the waterbars and ditches in the late fall so they can do their job in the spring and keep the water off the trail. Otherwise our "Footpath in the Wilderness" turns into a "Footbath in the Wilderness."

We eight began at US 4 and covered from Willard Gap on the north to Churchill Scott Shelter on the south. Two went north with a hoe and loppers, and the rest went south, armed with hoes, loppers, and a chainsaw. Countless waterbars and side ditches were cleared of silt and leaves, and this is by far not the first time since the trail was built. Things silt up fast. It's hard to remember that all the original waterbars and ditches were dug only about eight years ago when the trail was relocated from the present Sherburne Pass Trail to its present location.

If you have some time after hunting season, or even before that if you wear blaze orange and make noise, and if the ground isn't frozen yet, please consider calling me at 293-2510 to volunteer to spend at least a few hours with a hoe, clearing more waterbars and ditches so the water will stay where it belongs.

Killington Section Directors Meeting

by John Hale, Secretary

The Killington Section Board of Directors met at 6:00 PM, on 17 October 2006 at the Back Home Again Café in Rutland.

Attendance

Board members present: Barry Griffith, President; Barbara Griffith, Vice President; Roma Pulling, Treasurer; John Hale, Secretary; Lynda Hutchins; Steve Williams; and Wayne Krevetski.

Others present: Al Pulling, Bob Perkins, and Thelma Perkins

Secretary's Minutes

The minutes for the 23 May Board Meeting were reviewed. The spelling of Al Pulling's name was corrected and, in the Treasurer's report, the Restricted funds were corrected to show the Certificate of Deposit amount to be \$13,345.27 and the Savings Account balance to be \$1,832.75 rather than the *vice versa* amounts mistakenly presented. The revised minutes were then accepted with thanks to John.

Treasurer's Report

Roma Pulling reported on the Section's bank balances as of 10/17/06:

Un-Restricted:

Checking	\$ 1,449.02
Savings	1,133.09
Checks not deposited	96.25
Certificate of Deposit	1414.51
	<u>\$ 4,092.87</u>

Restricted:

Savings	\$ 1,804.98
Certificate of Deposit	13,345.27
	<u>\$15,150.25</u>

Total..... \$19,243.12

These balances represent a \$196.02 reduction from the total reported on 5/23/06. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

President Barry led a discussion about a \$500 authorization of expenditure from the Kirk Fund (Restricted) to support the Minerva Hinchey shelter renovation. The Main Club has not requested us to disburse these funds and it was decided to await such a request. Treasurer Pulling was, however, directed to reimburse the Griffiths for the \$50 they spent from the \$500 authorization.

Main Club Board Meeting

Lynda reported on the Main Club Board Meeting of 30 September 2006. Some highlights are:

- Financially the GMC is running slightly behind last year's bad performance. It is, however, more of a cash flow problem than a fiscal crisis; the year will probably come close to breaking even with the \$1.3 million budget.

- The Second Century Campaign is advancing but slowly. Pledges for \$2.4 million of the \$5.25 million goal have been received. The Campaign will be formally announced when \$3.0 million in pledges is in hand.

- The Main Club needs specific sections to host presentations of the Taylor Lecture Series in March or April.

Lynda's detailed report is available from the Secretary.

Taylor Lecture Series

A general discussion ensued about the Main Club's Taylor Series program. Apparently the lectures in Rutland were embarrassingly poorly attended in the past. Some questioned whether we should offer to host. Lynda will find out the subjects of the lectures; the sense being that if some subject/speaker were really interesting, we might offer to host.

Trails & Shelters

• Minerva Hinchey Shelter

President Barry detailed how much work went into the recent renovation of the Minerva Hinchey shelter, especially the extraordinary involvement of Jerry Parker who put in an estimated 100 hours of effort. Others involved were Larry Walter, Wayne Krevetski, many of the Spring Lake organization personnel and the Griffiths.

• Governor Clement Shelter

There has been no response, formal or otherwise from the Shrewsbury Select Board who were to be looking into various tactics. In the meantime, there are anecdotal reports of another recent beating assault on a hiker.

• Little Killington Shelter

The Main Club has decided not to accept the cash donation offered in exchange for naming the New Little Killington shelter "Four Bears"; no new name has been established.

Herb Ogden has offered a gift of up to \$1,000 in dollar-for-dollar matching of other donations received for the cause of building the New Little Killington Shelter.

While Herb is willing to continue as the Chairperson of the Trails and Shelters committee, he would appreciate sharing the effort with a new co-chair and would be happy to turn the job over to anyone who would like it. The Board discussed this situation.

Smoke & Blazes

Bob P. reported that delays in his receiving the hiking schedule are still a problem for him in getting out the newsletter. The last issue was two weeks late. President Barry will address this problem. Bob and Thelma send out about 200 copies.

The Long Trail in Bits and Pieces

Steve W. reported that this project is still very much alive with

six to ten participants for each leg. Management has fallen back to himself and Tom Copps.

Outings Leadership

A general discussion ensued about whether a hike leader can/should turn away a prospective hiker. This point has been discussed at past Board meetings and we again confirmed the Killington Section policy that a hike leader has absolute authority to decide whether a person can participate in any given hike based on safety considerations of the individual and of the group at large. We also decided that a general statement of this policy should be included in the appropriate section of the "Smoke and Blazes" newsletter.

Barry and Bob will generate the wording.

Long Trail Festival

Wayne detailed his ideas about his Long Trail Festival to be held next year on 17 to 20 August 2007 at the Rutland County Fair Grounds. He is now forming a steering committee and establishing a budget. More complete details can be found at www.longtrailfestivalvt.com.

Appreciation of Jerry Parker

We all thought some token of appreciation is in order for Jerry Parker for all his selfless involvement in Killington Section projects: suggestions included a Proclamation, a Plaque (whether or not attached to Minerva Hinchey

shelter), and Publication of the honors.

Ben Rose to Visit Area

Steve W. will host a special hike for Main Club Executive Director Ben Rose starting at Steve's house next Tuesday, October 24th at 10:00 AM: destination - Haystack.

Pot Luck Supper

The Killington Section fall pot luck supper will be held on 18 November.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6 February 2007, at 6:00 PM and will involve food.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.



View looking northwest from Killington Peak. Pico in the foreground and then Blue Ridge

Leg 8 *continued from page 1*

three-sided affair, it is a palace of a lean-to! It has a large overhang and a sleeping loft.

The next several miles of our hike had less snow but a lot of stream crossings. Tom C. took several opportunities to politely recommend the investment of waterproof boots. Luckily the good LT karma from walking directly in the water and the mud on the trail prevented any of us from falling in any of the streams. Well, no one fell all the way in, anyway. After a treacherous crossing of routes 11 and 30, we had a lunch break by yet another water crossing (this one at least had a bridge). We took a spur trail up Spruce Peak to check out the views (and, of course, to say we'd done it). The spur trail involved some rock scrambling.

We then went on to Spruce Peak shelter, which is an enclosed cabin. One member of our group looked inside and found a taciturn non-hiker staying there. On our way back to the trail we mentioned the man to some hikers going toward the shelter, and they said that he had been there the day before as well. A general discussion of safety and shelter usage ensued. (Steve's post trip note: this was reported to Waterbury who in turn contacted the Forest Service. By the time someone went back to the shelter, the "resident" had moved on). Toward the end of the hike we found Prospect Rock. The views from the cliff were pretty nice with mist rising from the valley. The end of our hike was an easy walk down Old Rootville Road. Steve's Jeep came into view way too soon.

Leg 9 *continued from page 1*

connecting roads to reach Mad Tom Notch. (This road had been closed two weeks before because of washed away culvert. Fortunately the Forest Service had been speedy in fixing the problem, thus saving the group the necessity of driving around via Routes 7, 11 and 30 and then the Peru back roads).

As the hike started, conditions were misty, a situation that prevailed until about mid-day. On Friday, Styles Peak had provided views to the East; on Saturday there was just the occasional glimpse of something from time to time. The group then passed over Peru Peak, which is notable for having no view whatsoever, and seems to be such an insignificant landmark that there is even no marker at the summit. The descent to Griffith Lake was the steepest and snowiest part of the day, but fortunately without the major blow-downs previously envisaged by Steve. All took some tumbles of one sort or another, fortunately without damage. Lunch was taken at the Peru Peak shelter, after which it was a short distance to the LT Expressway, aka the puncheons around Griffith Lake.

Shortly after the lake, we had our first encounter of the day with other hikers – a family who had come up the Old Job trail. They were last seen following our group towards Baker Peak, which provided its own reward of no mist and fine views over the Otter Valley. Then began the long and steady five-mile descent toward USFS 10. In about a mile the end of snow was reached, thus giving eight miles of snow and four of a very wet trail for the day's conditions. Apart from a slight irritation from the general wetness of the trail, the descent was actually a very pleasant amble in the woods.

Our second encounter with another hiker occurred at the Big Branch Shelter. A woman from Connecticut was just trying out her new overnight camping equipment. She appeared to be equipped with all necessities, except for a map. Thus the group was able to be the good guys and identify just where she was, upon which she decided that was the right place for the night. All bade their farewells and trundled off to the trailhead and the drive back to Mad Tom Notch.

It's Not Work If You're having Fun

Our Section is responsible for maintaining about 25 miles of the Long Trail and several miles of side trails. In his 2006 annual report to the main club in Waterbury, Herb Ogden, Section Trails and Shelters Chair, recently submitted some interesting Killington Section trail work statistics for the year.

37....number of volunteers
381....hours of trail work
69....hours of travel time
25....hours of white collar work

Why not consider becoming a statistic for 2007?

The First Annual Long Trail Festival

Mark Your Calendars

17 – 20 August 2007

Friday through Monday

Vermont State Fair Grounds
Rutland, Vermont

Free Admission. Free Camping

For more information
Check the Festival website

Longtrailfestivalvt.com

Volunteers

Please contact Section members
Wayne & Kathy Krevetski
802-282-2237

GMC

Your Invitation to Join
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual \$35
Family \$45
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$20

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education

Make check payable to Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes

Volume 60, Number 1

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

February 2007

How To Do Good Deeds While Enjoying A Hike

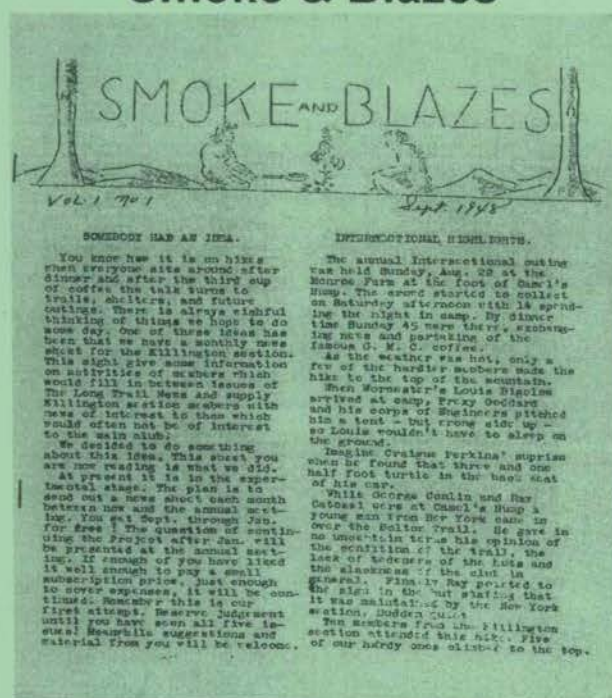
by Herb Ogden, Sections Trails & Shelters Chair

For several years, a few people have made our work parties much more efficient by checking sectors of our trails ahead of time and reporting what needs to be done. That way, we no longer need to send work parties over the whole 33.4 miles of Long Trail and side trails we are responsible for.

Sector Checkers periodically visit their sectors, perform any maintenance they feel comfortable doing (which may be none if they are so inclined), and report to the Section Trails & Shelters Chair on the condition of the trail and the need for major work where help is needed. Tools and guidance by experienced trail workers are provided as needed. Typical maintenance by Sector Checkers or full-blown Section work parties includes pruning trailside foliage, trimming weeds and brush, hoeing out waterbars and trailside ditches, removing blowdowns, repairing or replacing signs, and repainting blazes. To become a Sector Checker or to be put on a list of volunteers to call when a need arises, please contact Trails & Shelters Chair Herb Ogden at 293-2510 or hogden@vermontel.net.

Two of our Sector Checkers have retired, Bill Robichaud for health reasons and John Horchner because he has moved away. The Section thanks them for their years of service. Their sectors, marked VACANT below, are open for new checkers.

Sixty Years Ago in Smoke & Blazes



See story on page 2

Killington Section Sector Checkers from south to north

Cynthia Taylor-Miller	3.6 mi.	LT from Vt. 140 to Minerva Hinchey Shelter
Steve Williams	2.7 mi.	LT from Minerva Hinchey Shelter to Vt. 103
Tom Shanahan	1.9 mi.	LT from Vt. 103 to Lottery Road
Connie and Mark Youngstrom	2.0 mi.	LT from Lottery Road. to Lower Cold River Road
Barbara and Barry Griffith	1.9 mi.	LT from Lower Cold River Road. to Gov. Clement Shelter
VACANT	4.3 mi.	LT from Gov. Clement Shelter to Cooper Lodge
VACANT	2.5 mi.	LT from Cooper Lodge to Jungle Jct.
VACANT	1.9 mi.	LT from Jungle Jct. to Churchill Scott Shelter
Connie Youngstrom	1.9 mi.	LT from Churchill Scott Shelter to US 4
Vivian Beebe (Walter)	1.4 mi.	LT from US 4 to Tucker-Johnson Shelter
Deb Waggett	3.3 mi.	Bucklin Trail (up Killington)
VACANT	0.2 mi.	Killington Spur
Sue Thomas	3.4 mi.	Sherburne Pass Trail south of US 4 and Pico Link
Herb Ogden	2.4 mi.	Canty Trail (up Blue Ridge Mountain)

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2007 John Hale
"..... Lynda Hutchins
"..... Cindy Taylor-Miller
2008 * Barbara Griffith
"..... Barry Griffith
"..... * Steve Williams
2009 Wayne Krevetski
"..... * Andrea McQuade
"..... * Roma Pulling

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President..... Barbara Griffith
Secretary John Hale
Treasurer..... Roma Pulling

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters..... Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director..... Lynda Hutchins
Alternate Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Barbara & Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@lighters.com
Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com
Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@adelphia.net
Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net
Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, (H)293-2510, (W)774-2200, hogden@vermontel.net
Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com
Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorborg@sover.net

Smoke & Blazes to Turn 60

This issue, Volume 60, Number 1, marks the beginning of the 60th year of publication of *Smoke & Blazes*. The Killington Section newsletter is believed to be the oldest of all Green Mountain Club section newsletters in continuous publication. Volume 1, Number 1, pictured on page 1, appeared in September, 1948.

The lead article explains that "someone had an idea" that "we have a monthly news sheet for the Killington Section". Almost apologetically it makes clear that "at present it is in the experimental stage" and that "the question of continuing the project after January will be presented at the annual meeting".

Well, the annual meeting voted its approval and the rest, as they say, is history – in more ways than one. For six decades *Smoke & Blazes* has chronicled and recorded the activities of the Section and its members – the day hikes and overnights, the paddling and pedaling, the spaghetti suppers and sugar-on-snow, the committee meetings and slide shows, and the blazes painted, the water-bars cleared, and the shelters built.

The other front page story on that first issue, for example, reported on the Intersectional held that August at the Monroe Farm at the foot of Camel's Hump. For many years the Green Mountain Club held annual, week-long campouts that were well attended by folks from all of the sections.

Fortunately, a couple of pack-rats retained copies of every issue of *Smoke & Blazes* and they are now available in the library of the Vermont Historical Society in Barre and at the Rutland Historical Society.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: March – May 2007

Visit our web site: <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Each outing leader is required to deny participation, in a given outing, to anyone whom the leader believes might become a safety hazard to themselves or an undue burden on the group. Call the leader if you have any questions.

- 4 March, Sunday** **Valcour Island, NY** **Sue Thomas, 775-6208**
Walk on water (frozen Lake Champlain, that it) out to Valcour Island and tour the Bluff Point Lighthouse, built in 1874 and operated until 1929. The Clinton County Historical Society will be on hand with displays. Bring snowshoes or skis to explore the island's trails and visit the site of a pivotal Revolutionary War battle.
Easy, 1.5 miles. More optional.
(If the Lake is not safe we'll substitute another trip.)
Call the leader for meeting time and place.
- 10 March, Saturday** **Leader's Choice Bushwhack** **Jerry Parker, 775-6208**
Snowshoe trek thru the woods to look for winter tracks and signs of wildlife.
Moderate, 3 to 5 miles.
Call the leaders for meeting time and place.
- 17 March, Saturday** **Northam Trails, Connie & Mark O'Youngstrom, 492-3502**
St. Patrick's Day ski on Shrewsbury's Northam trails. Appropriate Irish-ware mandatory! If conditions warrant we'll snowshoe instead.
Moderate, 5 miles.
Call the leaders for meeting time and place.
- 24 March, Saturday** **Merck Forest, Rupert** **Steve Williams, 645-9529**
Snowshoe on old wood roads and trails in this unique preserve. Sweeping views from atop Mt. Antone.
Moderate, 4 to 5 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 31 March, Saturday** **Killington Section Annual Meeting Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
Bring a dish to share and your own place setting for a pot luck supper followed by a short business meeting and election of officers. All are welcome.
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Hillside Avenue in Rutland, 5:30 PM.
- 7 April, Saturday** **Mystery Hike** **Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
Only the leaders know for sure what the destination will be. Come see for yourself and enjoy a day in the great outdoors.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.
- 14 April, Saturday** **Another Mystery Hike** **Tom Copps, 770-9394**
Leader's choice again. Sure to be a great trip wherever we end up.
Call leader for approximate distance and difficulty.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: March – May 2007

Schedule continued from previous page

21 April, Saturday **Mt. Hanley, West Rutland** **Tom Copps, 770-9394**

You see it every day from Rutland. Join us for a climb to the top. Some steep climbing, a little bushwhacking, and great views.

Moderate, 4 miles.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.-

29 April, Sunday **North Pond, Bristol** **Jerry Parker, 775-6208**

Some bushwhacking to reach a remote pond in the Bristol Cliffs Wilderness.

Moderate, 4 to 5 miles.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

6 May, Sunday **Saltash Mountain, Plymouth** **Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**

Bushwhack to the top of this trailless peak, the highest in Plymouth, where the AMC has placed a canister log to sign. Some steep climbing.

Moderate, 5 miles.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

12 May, Saturday Senior Shuffle – Chittenden Brook, Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997

Ramble along a stream to a beaver pond. Spring wildflowers should be abundant.

Easy, 3 miles.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.

19 May, Saturday (Rain date 5/20) **Long Trail Spring Cleaning** **Herb Ogden, 293-2510**

All are welcome to join us for our annual cleanup and maintenance, preparing the trail for the summer hiking season. We'll clear waterbars, trim brush, and cut blowdowns on the lower elevation stretches.

Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and lunch; tools will be provided. Have fun while doing a good deed.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

20 May, Sunday **Bike Trek** **Bill Holt & Joan Davidson, 537-4227**

Pedal along dirt roads and Rails-to-Trails.

Moderate, 15 to 20 miles (less is an option).

Call the leaders for meeting time and place.

27 May, Sunday Lake St. Catherine, Wells Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855

Explore the ridge above the lake with great views and interesting terrain.

Easy.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

2 June, Saturday (Rain date 6/3) Upper Elevation Trail Maintenance, Killington Herb Ogden, 293-2510

On National Trails Day volunteers all over the country will be out clearing brush and waterbars, cutting blowdowns and painting blazes, readying the trails for the summer hiking season. Join us to work on our local treasure, the Long/Appalachian Trail. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and lunch; tools will be provided.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

8 – 10 June, Friday – Sunday GMC Annual Meeting, Manchester

Centered around Hildene in Manchester with many activities, meals, and hikes planned in addition to the meeting itself. For details and registration information see the Long Trail News or check the website greenmountainclub.org.

Outing Reports

Otter Creek Paddle

26 August 2006

by Barbara & Barry Griffith, leaders

Hauling the kayaks back into the barn to hang 'em back up off the rafters hauled out the memory of our last kayak for the club on Otter Crick....it was so much different than the '05 trip. This time the water was LOW. So I pulled out the old report and will excerpt it here:

One thing about high water on the Creek, it eliminates most "snags" as we refer to those stringers or walls of refuse that can occur across any narrowing body of water. They consist of trees, trunks, junk, rubbish, basketballs, and at times have sand and mud involved with vegetation growing abundantly.

An auspicious start with two participants dumping head over heels into the crick left us using Jerry's new pump to bail them out. Since the water was soooo low, no one really wanted to get mired knee deep into the mucky muddy clay of the crick banks. So instead, different launch methods were applied to start the voyage. As you gather, they were apparently unsuccessful attempts. Well, the mud got its hold on certain kayaks--and was reluctant to release its hold. You had to be there to have appreciated it

Low water we're coming around....Not too much grumbling once everyone was "remounted" and on their way. Must say the two were good sportsmen about their unscheduled swim. This was one way to cement the group together with camaraderie.

Along comes the first stringer to challenge the group. We manage to get all kayaks across without dumping (barely) and are on our way again. Then comes the 2nd., 3rd., 4th., 5th., 6th., 7th., ...well, we lost count somewhere along the way after lunch. One big portage had us wondering what the dickens we had gotten ourselves into. Two other groups came along to the same portage. We were delighted to encounter others out using the crick along with us.

I'll tell you this, the last log jam I had to haul my kayak up and over -- my arms were about done in. We really couldn't have done the trip without the cooperation of the group. Kayaks back on the vehicles, exchanges of how great a trip it was (really) and this person was more than relieved to make it home and collapse into a chair.

Hope to see more brave souls on the waters of Otter Crick next year. It truly is a beautiful place to spend the day.

USFS Road 10 to, Wallingford Gulf Road

9 September 2006, Leg 7

by Tom Copps, leader

On Sept. 9 the Long Trail end to end group hiked leg7 from FS 10 to VT 140. Cindy Kirk, Allison Norton, Tom Shanahan and Tom Copps made up the group with Tom Shanahan leading. As we were leaving the parking lot a bus full of young people pulled in. They were trail runners out for a training loop around the pond. The weather was threatening but comfortable for the moment at least. Within a mile the faster runners overtook us; we weren't in any hurry anyway. When we reached Little Rock Pond we found many of the runners already swimming and jousting with each other. The weather wasn't getting any better so we continued on toward Little Rock Pond Shelter. Presently a couple of the runners came down the trail obviously going in the wrong direction. They thought they were on the loop trail around the pond even though they were quite a ways below pond level. So we turned them around and sent them back up the trail. If we had not stopped them who knows; they might still be going.

Soon we reached the old Aldrichville site at the head of Homer Stone Brook. Quite a few artifacts still remain so we explored a bit and had a brief snack. However, with an eye on the sky we were soon moving again. We made our way comfortably up White Rock Mountain and across the top to the Rock Sculpture Garden. Unfortunately, a great number of the rock sculptures have been tipped over. We debated whether this was caused by vandals or the weather. We chose the weather. By now everybody was hungry (again) so we went down to the top of White Rock cliff for a leisurely lunch in spite of the sky.

Soon however we were hurrying down the trail past the Greenwall Shelter to where the Long Trail leaves the Keewaydin Trail and drops down to cross Bully Brook. Finally the rain found us and we picked up the pace again. Immediately we were drenched in a real downpour. As we continued down to Sugar Hill Road a bolt of lightning struck right next to us. It was so close that it left all of us quite shaken. We hurriedly crossed Sugar Hill Road then Route 140 to the parking lot. We were soaked but warm enough and happy as we hurriedly got into the cars. It really was a great hike, a little unusual but great!

Stratton Mountain

14 October 2006

by Sue Thomas, leader

I suppose that Stratton Mountain really ought to be approached with some reverence -- after all it is considered to be the birthplace of the Long and Appalachian Trails. Green Mountain Club founder, James Taylor, came up with the idea for the Long Trail while hiking there, and Benton MacKaye thought up the Appalachian Trail from the summit. As I led the Killington Section up the trail on a picture-perfect fall day, I expected some such life-changing inspiration to strike me too, but it was not to be. Oh well, I'll settle for a beautiful fall day in Vermont, good company, and a sweeping view from a lofty fire tower, and leave lofty ambitions to others.

On the summit a plaque tells the history of the mountain, and from the tower Somerset Reservoir, Mt. Snow, Glastonbury, Equinox, Ascutney, Killington, and Grand Monadnock were all visible.

Given the significance of this spot to the Club, perhaps we should make the climb a yearly pilgrimage. We might even sacrifice some ritual trail mix on the summit, dance around and chant...no, maybe not!

On the way home we stopped to see the nearby Daniel Webster monument commemorating the spot where the orator spoke to a crowd of 1600 at a Whig Party rally in 1840.

Masters Trail, Rupert

6 January, 2007

by Larry Walter and Viv Bebee, leaders

Others along for the walk in Merck Forest: Sue Thomas, Herb Ogden, Tom Copps, Mark and Connie Youngstrom, Steve Williams, Woody and Phoebe. (We were briefly introduced to Jerry Parker's 13-week-old Cairn terrier, Burdock, in the morning).

Access is southerly and then easterly from West Rupert. There's a place to park by the Merck gate, as long as you're not in the path of the bus or in the snow plow turnaround. Jeff Harvey and I had cleared the trail a couple weeks back, so it's a nice unencumbered grade up about 25 switchbacks or so, and then up the main southerly ridge from Mt. Antone.

We had a pleasant lunch at the lookout, just off the north side of the summit, where I managed to pick up a tick. It was windy and probably in the mid 50s -- really weird stuff for January. Just when we headed back to the

south, a pretty good rain squall hit us as we made our way down Beebe Pond Trail.

I was ahead a little bit, looking for things to clear off of the trail, when I heard a loud WHUMP and one of the dogs yelp. I looked back up the trail to see Connie standing next to a freshly fallen, 12-inch-diameter, 35-foot-long snag. It had chosen that time (it was a bit windy) to fall as close as possible to our little band, without actually hurting anyone.

Phoebe recovered almost immediately, and we all scurried off the hill and dropped down the Wade Lot Road to Old Town Road, and southwesterly by the brook to our cars. Tom and I used Barb and Barry's trusty 3-foot bucking saw to remove a couple of windfalls along the way. Everyone counted their fingers and toes and climbed into our heated transportation devices.

Minerva Hinchey Shelter Hot Dog Roast

14 January 2007

By Roma Pulling, leader

On the day of our hike, my brother called me and asked me to call him "if" we got back! Another person asked if we were going to call it off because of the weather. There was light snow with the possibility of freezing rain, but the main roads were clear and the road from Route 103 to Spring Lake Ranch had been well sanded. By the time we all got together, there were 16 of us making our way to Minerva Hinchey Shelter for our winter cookout.

This outing turned into a team effort, starting with my co-leader, my husband, Alfred. Two people, Larry and Viv Walter, contributed wood for our fire. As there wasn't enough snow to make using a toboggan for delivering supplies to the shelter practical, several people pitched in and carried supplies in for us. And hikers who knew the area of the shelter well acted as hike leaders. Thanks to all of these people.

While Alfred built a fire in the outdoor fireplace and heated water for hot beverages, I set out supplies inside the shelter for lunch. The hikers headed south on the Long Trail and were back in time for our meal. I took a short walk on the trail myself. What a wonderfully peaceful experience compared to my home on the main road! The cookout was fun, too. We used to cook out more often in the old days. At that time there were fewer restrictions about where fires could be built.

We were honored on this outing to have four Killington Section Presidents – three former Presidents: Rob Carey (1984-91), Sue Carey (1993-95), and Steve Williams (2002-04), and our current

President, Barry Griffith (2005 to date). When we all were full, we packed up what was left of our supplies and walked back to our cars after a short but very satisfying activity.

Quimby Mountain, Killington

20 January 2007

by Herb Ogden, leader

This outing taught us several lessons. First, don't believe me when it's noon but I suggest a better place for lunch because it's only about half an hour further along. Second, there can be a great difference in snow depth between the 1000-foot and 2500-foot elevations. Third, some forests recover remarkably rapidly after logging operations. Fourth, it's better to ride in Jerry Parker's jacket than to try to walk through snow that's deeper than you are tall. This applies only to the sole canine participant, however.

A beautiful sunny, crisp morning saw eight of us, including two guests who were new to us but obviously not new to hiking, gather at Main Street Park. There were actually nine of us if you count Jerry's amazingly cute and friendly terrier puppy, Burdock. Jerry says he chose the name because the dog has a rough coat the color of burdock. I think it's also because the dog should stick with him. Burdock hiked along happily at first, because the snow was only a couple inches deep. When the depth doubled as we climbed up the Appalachian Trail from the River Road in Killington, however, Burdock got a cozy ride in Jerry's jacket. By the time we reached the first (unnamed) peak, some 1,500 feet above where we began, the snow was about 15 inches deep, but it was fluffy and pretty easy going even without snowshoes.

That was where we should have had lunch, since it was noon. Fearless Leader, however, thought it might be too windy and urged continuing on to the old Woodard cellarhole in Quimby, where the walls would shelter us from the wind. I thought it would take about half an hour. Nearly two hours later, the first of our party arrived there. The snow along the ridge was denser than it was on the west slope, and that slowed us up some. Then I missed the overgrown turn from off the logging superhighway that runs south from Notown, crosses East Mountain, and ends up on Stockbridge South Hill near Pittsfield. Consequently, we had to follow it maybe half a mile farther south than usual and then climb back northeast up a somewhat overgrown logging road. Part way along it, there was a lunch mutiny, so only half the party reached the old Woodard place and no one reached the Woodard Cemetery.

We returned as planned down the Quimby Road. It has been closed to ATVs

and snowmobiles and was pristine. A couple of us wished we had our skis. Even so, the hike down the beautiful steep sided Quimby Brook valley took only about an hour, and we were back at the Killington Town Offices by quarter past three.

Who was Quimby? I have tried to find out, but all I know is that the 1869 Beers *Atlas of Rutland County* shows an "R. Quimby" house on the ridge of East Mountain and a rough road leading to it, not up Quimby Brook but south of it. While the Beers Atlas did not always locate rough roads precisely, it usually did a pretty good job, and the "R. Quimby" location is so far from the Woodard cellarhole that I don't think they can be the same thing. No Quimby shows up in the town land records of the time, so he must have been a renter, not an owner. Madeline Fleming, who wrote a history in the 1960s, located one person whose grandfather had known him. Now a mountain, a brook, and a locality bear his name.

Who were Asa and Mary Woodard, who lie buried all by themselves in a little plot surrounded by a stone wall, high on the west slope of East Mountain? Mary died in February 1845, aged 72, and Asa died that July, aged 74. I surmise they were the last occupants of a large two story house about a quarter mile north of the cemetery. It must have disappeared by 1869, because the Beers Atlas doesn't show it. Nevertheless, its ruins are still impressive. The dry-masonry cellarhole is still some seven feet deep. It is roughly square, a good forty feet on each side. In the middle is a huge chimney pile, about ten feet on each side. The only likely reason for such a big chimney base would be to support flues serving multiple fireplaces on at least two floors. It must have been built some time after April 1812, because that is the date of the earliest deed to a Woodard in Killington (Asa, Sr.) and the deed says nothing about a dwelling.

Asa came from Stockbridge, legally and probably physically too. Building anything like a decent road from the River Road in Killington up Quimby Brook was probably impractical with nineteenth century techniques. Madeline Fleming's *History of Sherburne* (Killington's name for most of its existence) says International Paper built the present Quimby Road in the 1940s. I guess that, to reach Asa's place by road, one went south from Notown in Stockbridge on the old road to Little Sherburne, then headed over East Mountain by more or less the route of the present logging superhighway, and headed back north more or less on a contour. Fifteen years ago or so, before the last logging operation, a jeep road followed the route of the present logging superhighway south from the Appalachian Trail crossing,

passed just west of the Woodard cellarhole, passed about 150 feet west of the Woodard Cemetery, passed just a few feet west of a very small cellarhole, and continued on south. Perhaps it followed the original road.

Asa began with 100 acres in 1812 and bought more land on East Mountain in 1824, 1829, 1833 and 1834. Half a year after his death in 1845, what may have been his seven children deeded their interests in one lot to another Asa, presumably his son. What happened to the home lot is not clear, because the volume of the town land records that probably showed it was destroyed in a fire. It appears, however, that all the Woodards had sold out by the 1850s. Unless the big house burned down, my guess is that old Asa was its last occupant, no one kept it up after he died, and the roof caved in by 1869 so it was not shown on the Beers Atlas of that year. Probably no one has farmed the west side of East Mountain for over 160 years since the death of old Asa, the original homesteader.

Pond Woods State Forest

27 January 2007

by Bill Holt & Joan Davidson, leaders

Around ten in the morning, eleven hikers started walking into the woods from Sunset Lake Road in Orwell. We were supposed to be snowshoeing but there were only a couple of inches of fresh snow atop a measly crust. It still felt like winter weather though, because the air was nippy.

We started bushwhacking up hill through hardwoods until we reached a trail used mostly by animals. The trail soon became steep and ledgy requiring careful footing in some spots. Soon, we got to the top of the ledge which had many scraggly pines, oaks, and blueberries trying to survive on a thin layer of soil. The ledge provided good views of Mud Pond directly below us. We could also see Lakes Sunrise and Sunset further off, but because it was overcast and snowing slightly we could only see for about five miles.

After leaving the ledge, we descended into a hemlock forest where the chill that we lost with the climb was back again. We kept up a brisk pace for the next mile until we reached the marshy end of Mud Pond. Mud

Pond, until four months ago, was accessible by four wheel drive vehicles, but it is now gated a mile from the pond because some nitwit decided to dump a whole truck load of household garbage right near the pond. Very few people ever drove up there anyway, so thank you nitwit for keeping Mud Pond free of vehicles.

We left the pond and did a little more bushwhacking through a mixed forest. We soon reached another body of water created by beavers. Since the pond didn't have a name, Larry dubbed it Joanie Pond. The ice seemed thick enough and we got across without losing anyone. Soon we reached a larger body of water known as Spruce Pond, although, I have never seen a spruce tree anywhere near the pond. Maybe there was at one time, but now the only conifers around the pond are hemlocks and white pines. We decided to stop for a bite to eat, but it was so cold that we didn't stop for very long.

After a good thirty minutes of legging it out with some elevation gain, we reached the top of Oak Hill, where there were red, white and chestnut oaks around. We then descended down to the back side of Doughty Pond. After going through a large grove of hemlocks we skirted the edge of the pond across the ice. We found some pitcher plants from last year popping out from the vegetation near shore.

We left Doughty Pond behind as we cut through mixed woods across a brook and were soon standing next to a porcupine tree. There was no doubt it was the home of a porcupine, because of the huge pile of scat at the bottom of the tree hole. We knocked and sure enough we could hear some scrabbling inside the tree.

After hiking for another mile we reached Sunset Lake where ice fishermen were trying their luck. They got a late start this year, and this was the first weekend we had seen anyone on Lake Sunset. After another mile of easy walking we ended our hike with Joan's pumpkin muffins.

See ya next time.

Lily Pond to Half Moon, Hubbardton

10 February 2007

by Sue Thomas, leader

"I see an ant leg!" exclaimed Barb, as she carefully dissected the scat of a pileated woodpecker to see what he'd had for dinner. (Does Killington Section know how to have fun on a hike, or what?) I decided to pass, not out of squeamishness but, due to poor eyesight – I don't think I'd be able to see an ant leg. So I contented myself with examining the very large hole in the tree from which the bird had extracted the yummy treat. Even taking into account the size of a pileated, the hole was impressive.

We'd set out for Lily Pond hoping to see signs of nature and, fortunately, the rest of our finds were much larger. Beavers have created a new pond which was formerly the trail. These are ambitious "Keep up with the Joneses" beavers. In addition to the usual large dam and lodge they'd taken out a second mortgage and built two smaller dams alongside, creating a kiddy pool and perhaps a hot tub.

The trail next passes small quarries where hefty cables are still anchored to boulders and huge piles of scrap slate. In other years with more snow I've seen otter slides on these piles. If I were them I'd contract with the beavers to construct a T-bar rope tow. This year (before the big blizzard) the snow barely covered the rocks, but we did find a slide a little farther up the trail. Tracks were plentiful – deer, porcupines, mice, grouse, rabbits, turkey, and a large wing print where a turkey had taken flight.

Lunch was a more formal affair than our usual. We dined in style at a "sidewalk café" along the trail complete with candles on the tables and a floor show, provided by the section's smallest (and by far cutest) member, Burdock Parker. Sporting a natty new sweater with leopard-print collars and cuffs, he prepared to show off a few tricks, but developed a sudden case of stage fright, which was entertaining also!

From Lily Pond we set off through the woods and managed to stumble on to Half Moon Pond, which was fortunate since that's where we'd parked the cars. We had a snack and bravely set off across the ice, which was, alarmingly, covered with water in places. Safe, but a bit frightened to be sure, terra firma was a relief.

Don't Forget

Killington Section Annual Meeting and Potluck

Everyone is welcome

5:30 PM Saturday 31 March

Bring a dish to share

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Hillside Avenue, Rutland**

Killington Section Directors Meeting

by John Hale, Secretary

The Killington Section Board of Directors met at 6:00 pm on 6 February 2007 at the Back Home Again Café in Rutland.

Attendance

Board Members present: President Barry Griffith, Vice President Barbara Griffith, Secretary John Hale, Secretary Roma Pulling, Lynda Hutchins, Wayne Krevetski, Andrea McQuade, and Steve Williams.

Others present: Bob Perkins, Thelma Perkins, and Al Pulling.

Special guests: GMC Development Officer Shawn Keeley and Montpelier Section Member Andrew Nuquist.

Secretary's Minutes

The minutes for the 17 October 2006 Board Meeting were corrected on page three (. . . the Main Club's Taylor Series Services program.) and a typographical error on page four, then accepted as corrected with thanks to John.

Treasurer's Report

Roma Pulling reported on the Section's bank balances as of 6 February 2007.

Un-Restricted:

Checking	\$ 1,559.89
Savings	1,133.94
Cash/checks on Hand	311.25
Cert. of Deposit	1,454.36
	\$ 4,459.44

Restricted:

Kirk Savings	\$ 1,985.02
Cert. of Deposit	13,574.72
	\$15,559.74

Total \$20,019.18

Memberships: (not reported)

These balances represent a \$776.06 increase from the total reported on 17 October 2006. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented with thanks to Roma.

Roma mentioned that the **\$500 expenditure from the Kirk Fund** authorized by the Board at the 17 October meeting last year to be paid to the Main Club has not yet been requested and so not paid. Because representatives of the Main Club were present, Roma cut a check in the appropriate amount and gave it to Shawn Keeley for delivery.

Roma reported that Ms. Ellen Russell has died leaving one fifth of a life insurance policy valued at \$9,305 to the Killington Section. Roma has received a letter from the estate and is now awaiting settlement. Ms. Russell was a long time member of the Club.

GMC Capital Campaign

Shawn Keeley and Andrew Nuquist made a presentation of the Main Club's Capital Campaign:

We are two years into the Campaign the purposes of which are 1) to provide an endowment with current income for Long Trail maintenance; 2) to protect the entire length of the Long Trail and assure public access (i.e. no dependence on private owners of trail land); and 3) to rebuild the burned barn at the Waterbury headquarters.

The focus of the Campaign started with the Main Club Board of Directors and staff, both of which groups have registered 100% participation. The second phase, just begun in Montpelier, Burlington and Ottauquechee Sections, is for each Club Section to approach its own members and the At-Large members living in that Section's geographic area.

The process for a section is to 1) assemble a team; 2) attend an orientation session provided by the Main Club; 3) attend a training session provided by the Main Club to learn how to solicit effectively and comfortably for money; 4) set up a program, make appointments and visit prospective contributors; and 5) participate in Report-Back sessions with representatives of the Main Club.

Andrew shared some of the Montpelier Section's experience. Their committee of eight people had to overcome their natural hesitancy and awkwardness in asking people for money. It was discouraging at the beginning but eventually all members found personal rewards in the effort beyond their successes in generating funds for the Club.

Note: There is a one million dollar challenge grant on offer which must be matched by the end of 2007 which is also the expected end of the Killington Section's fund raising efforts.

John Hale, and Lynda Hutchins both offered to participate in the Section's efforts; but neither could commit to heading up the group.

Main Club Board Meeting

Delegate Lynda Hutchins reported the following highlights of the Main Club Board Meeting of 20 January 2007:

The Capital Campaign has raised \$2.9 million toward a revised goal of about \$6 million.

The preliminary 2008 fiscal year budget was presented showing an \$80,000 shortfall. Expenses have already been cut to

the bone and staff is being stretched to their limits. On the other hand, we generate good income from publications and membership is growing. The Capital Campaign must succeed to put the Club on solid financial ground.

An official GMC logo is being researched; a larger emphasis on the Long Trail is wanted.

The Club is purchasing green lumber harvested under the Vermont Family forest program for use in the Head Quarters rebuilding project. This is a money saver and fosters sustainable lumbering.

Lynda's detailed report is available from the Secretary.

Trails and Shelters

Barry Griffith, reported that the Shrewsbury Select Board appears unwilling to "throw up" the road to Governor Clement Shelter and is seeking other alternatives for controlling hooligan misuse of the shelter. That board's position letter to the Main Club is expected shortly. The Main Club committee will then decide how to respond.

Construction of the new Little Killington Shelter, designed to replace Governor Clement Shelter, has been rescheduled to 2008, probably because of money concerns. The Clarendon Gorge area was recently cleaned of trash.

Smoke & Blazes

Bob Perkins was proud to announce that we are now printing in color. The next issue will come out at the end of February.

The Long Trail in Bits and Pieces

Steve Williams reported that the Long Trail in Bits and Pieces group is still going strong, planning for next season's hikes.

Long Trail Festival

Wayne Krevetski reported that the Long Trail Festival is making progress. The City of Rutland, through the Recreation Department, has agreed to cover liability insurance costs for the event. The City has agreed to the terms of the contract for use of the Fair Grounds and that document is expected to be formally signed shortly.

Section Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be a pot luck supper again this year to be held on a Saturday, either 14 or 21 April, depending upon which best suits the Church. Sue Thomas will make the reservation.

Service Award

Steve Williams was presented with the Long Trail Service Award in recognition of

his many contributions to the Club.
Congratulations to Steve.

Next Board Meeting

The next Killington Section Board meeting will be at the Annual Meeting in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Late Breaking News!

The Governor is Reprieved

at least temporarily



Governor Clement Shelter on the Long/Appalachian Trail, (1929 – 20??)

As we, somewhat belatedly, go to press *Smoke & Blazes* has learned that the voters of Shrewsbury in town meeting have indicated by a vote of 190 to 89 that they would be willing to throw up and gate Clement Shelter Road rather than see the historic shelter dismantled. The next move is up to the Shrewsbury Select Board. Watch these pages for further developments.

Your Invitation to Join

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual \$35
Family \$45
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$20

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___trail work, ___shelter work, ___sign making, ___publications, ___leading outings, ___publicity, ___education

Make check payable to Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701





Volume 60, Number 2

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

May 2007

Rutland to Host First Annual Long Trail Festival

By Wayne & Kathy Krevetski, organizers

The First Annual Rutland Long Trail Festival, a celebratory gathering to inspire individuals to participate in the outdoors, is scheduled for Friday thru Monday, 17 – 20 August 2007 at the Vermont State Fairgrounds, in Rutland. Admission is FREE and free camping will be available at the fairgrounds

The festivities start Friday night with music by Drum Journeys of the Earth, and others.

Saturday will be filled with exhibits and presentations including:

- *Leave No Trace Principles*
- *Hiking Nepal*, slide presentation and discussion
- *An Ordinary Wanderer: Long Trail End to End Hike*, slide presentation and discussion by author and hiker Jan "Liteshoe" Leitschuh,
- *History of the Long Trail Lodge*, slide presentation, by Dave Wright
- *Long Distance Hiking*, panel discussion and Q&A by those who have and are doing it.
- *Questing/Geo Caching Adventures*, presentation with opportunities for local questing adventures.

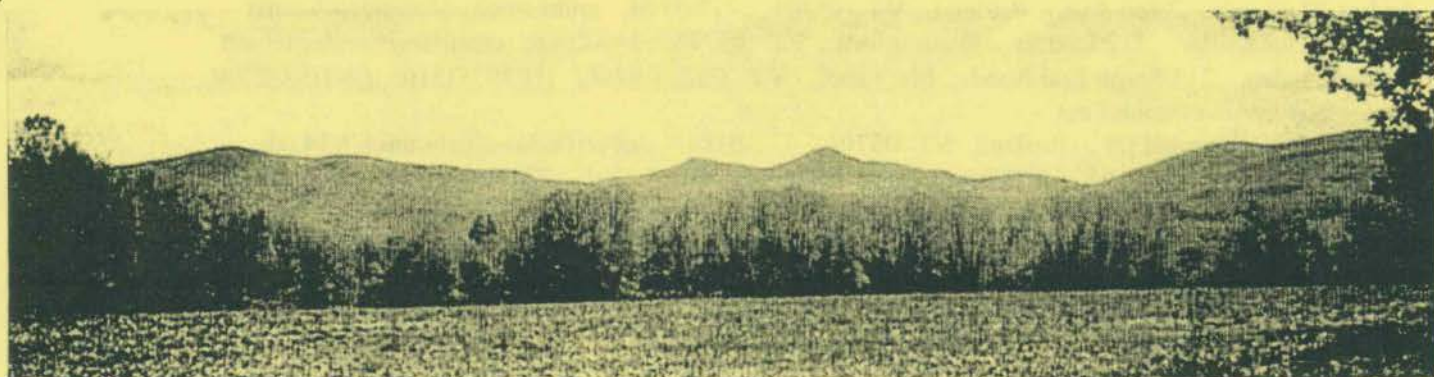
- Films moderated by Robert "Red Wolf" Croyle
Recovering A Species – The Red Wolf,
Arctic Dance – The Mardy Murie Story,
Wilderness and Spirit – A Mountain Called Katahdin
- *Yoga Salutation to the Sun and Tai Chi For the Athlete*
- *Backpackers kitchen – Eating well on the trail*
- Rutland Historical Society Long Trail Video Project
- *Hiking/Trail Etiquette*
- Plus fun filled activities for the Kids
- As well as music by Local Musicians

The Key Note Speaker on Saturday Night will be noted writer and radio commentator Willem Lange. There will also be music by the likes of Gypsy Reel and others.

Sunday will continue with presentations and exhibits but the Big Event for the Day will be guided hikes of our local trails.

Monday will be set as a trail Work Day.

So come on out and join us for an educational, fun filled weekend.



Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2008 * Barbara Griffith
" Barry Griffith
" * Steve Williams
2009 Wayne Krevetski
" * Andrea McQuade
" * Roma Pulling
2010 * John Hale
" * Lynda Hutchins
" * Cindy Taylor-Miller

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President Barbara Griffith
Secretary/Treasurer John Hale

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

Latest News from the Governor

The Forest Service, with concurrence of the Killington Section and other interested parties, has advised the Shrewsbury Select Board that Governor Clement Shelter will be razed unless the town takes steps this summer to permit gating the access road. In a recent nonbinding vote, townspeople indicated by a good majority that they preferred the shelter to the road, and there are indications that the Selectmen may be willing to along.



Governor Clement Shelter, circa 1930

Unwelcome partiers, often with alcohol and firearms, have made the shelter unappealing, and possibly unsafe, for hikers. All previous attempts to control the situation have been unsuccessful. Several legal steps are required in order to "throw up" the road so that it can be gated, but hopes are rising again that what may be the oldest Long Trail shelter still in use may be saved.

Stay tuned.

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillingtonStay>

Barbara & Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net

John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@lighters.com

Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net

Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com

Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@adelphia.net

Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net

Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, (H)293-2510, (W)774-2200,

hogden@vermontel.net

Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu

Roma & Alfred Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com

Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185

Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com

Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net

WORK PARTIES READY THE TRAILS FOR THE SEASON

By Herb Ogden,
Section Trails & Shelter Chair

First, the Honor Roll. Here are the people who sawed trees, dug out waterbars, pruned back brush, and generally got our part of the Long Trail in shape for the hiking season.

Greg [Badger?]
Rich Brown
Dave Coppock
Tom Cops (2)
Barbara Griffith
Barry Griffith
Wayne Krevetski*
Roland Marx
Allison Norton
Cindy Oas-Kirk
Herb Ogden (2)
Jerry Parker (2)*
Tom Shanahan
Wayne [Soros?]
Larry Walter*

Sorry. A couple of last names in the register were hard to read. Those with a (2) after their name came out for both work parties. Those with asterisks lugged chain saws.

On 19 May, eight volunteers showed up despite threatening weather. Two cleared brush and dug drainage ditches between Minerva Hinchey Shelter and the hilltop south of the Airport Lookout. Three cleared brush and many blowdowns between the Lottery Road and the Keiffer Road, and another three cleared brush and waterbars and several blowdowns between the Upper Cold River Road and Gov. Clement Shelter. Most of the rest of our section between the

Wallingford Gulf Road (Vt. 140) and the Upper Cold River Road had already been cleared by a one man crew named Tom Shanahan. Thanks very much, Tom! Thanks also to Sector Checkers Connie and Mark Youngstrom, Tom Shanahan and Steve Williams for reporting on their sectors so we could send the crews where they would do the most good.

We do still have some problems on the lowland part of our trails. ATVs have been on the trail north of Bear Mountain. Minerva Hinchey Shelter needs metal edges on the table to foil porcupines that have gnawed it. Wet stretches north of the Lottery Road need bog bridging or relocation. Last but definitely not least, Gould Brook needs bridging. We may have help from a General Electric group on this.

On 2 June, National Trails Day, ten volunteers provided meals for black flies, chiggers and mosquitoes while looking out for thunderstorms. Rich Brown took two crews up the work road to the Killington Peak top station, courtesy of Killington, Ltd. A chain-sawyer and a brush lopper/swamper headed south to Gov. Clement Shelter, meeting three people with loppers heading north. Another chain-sawyer and a brush lopper/swamper headed north to Sherburne Pass, meeting three people with an ax-mattock, hoes, and a lopper heading south. The result was that the entire LT from Gov. Clement to Jungle Jct. and the Sherburne Pass Trail are

properly cleared. Also, the Sherburne Pass Trail is better drained than it has been since at least the 1960s. We cleared or built some 52 waterbars, including a couple substantial new ones. Jerry Parker's little dog Burdock even pitched in on a couple of the waterbars!

Many thanks to the crew listed above and to Sector Checkers Larry Walter, Dave Coppock, Cindy Oas-Kirk, Allison Norton, and Deb Waggett. Many of the Sector Checkers not only reported where work was needed but also did some maintenance before the work party. In fact, by the time of the work day, the Bucklin Trail was already in good condition and needed no crew.

More work remains, however. We lacked crews to cover the Long Trail from Jungle Jct. to Tucker-Johnson Shelter, the Pico Spur, and the Cauty Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain. Several blowdowns are reported south of Churchill Scott Shelter, the shelter privy door blew off and must be replaced, the nettles north of Route 4 need scything, and ditches and waterbars south of Tucker-Johnson Shelter need cleaning. The Cauty Trail was cleared of blowdowns in early winter, but it probably needs attention again. If you have time, we have work for you! Tools are available. Please call Herb Ogden at 293-2510 or email hogden@vermontel.net.

Notes from the Road

By Cindy Taylor-Miller

[Mrs. Gorp has switched travel modes this year and embarked on a cross country bike ride. Smoke & Blazes has received the following communiqués, Ed.:]

Wallingford, VT, April 3: One last email before I head south to Yorktown, VA this morning to begin my TransAmerican Bike Ride to Astoria, OR.

Charlottesville, VA April 5: I have gone 186 miles since Sunday when I left Yorktown, VA and am currently in Charlottesville right at the University of VA. It's a brisk morning. Have a 5 mile UPHILL to Rockfish Gap this afternoon to reach the Blue Ridge Parkway.

All is well, feeling fine, and the bike, my Cannondale T2000 is running smooth.

Chester, IL, April 26: Hello from Chester, IL, home of Popeye the sailor man! Been on the TransAm route since April 1st and have covered 1,168 miles. Have had snow, broiling sun, strong headwinds, and today it rained for a brief bit, but for the most part the weather has been

perfect for riding. The Appalachians were tough and hilly. Now the terrain has mellowed out a bit, averaging about 60 miles a day. My biggest mileage day so far has been 76 miles and the smallest 36 miles.

Had my Cannondale T2000 tuned up yesterday in Carbondale, IL. The bike has been flawless. I haven't even had a flat tire (shhhhhhhhhhh I don't want to jinx myself).

Back in Elkhorn City, KY, I waited out two days of pouring rain, snow showers and 35 degree temps. When I hit finally hit the road west again, I came upon a house in the middle of Rte 611. A mud slide had washed it downhill the evening before. One of the salvage workers helped me carry my bike around the mess to higher, dryer, less muddy ground and back to the blacktop.

All is well. I've had a shower every night and am eating well. I think Long Distance Bike Riding beats LD Hiking ;-).

Dubois, WY, May 19: Hello! I am alive and well and in Dubois WY. Survived the tornadoes in

Kansas and tomorrow enter Yellowstone National Park. 2,775 miles and NO Flats!!!

Riding into Lander, WY the wind was so strong I had to pedal my bike going downhill a 6% grade. It made for a very long a tiring 128 mile day.

Baker City, OR June 1: Hello. Here in Baker City, Oregon. It's a hot day. By Sunday they're predicting a high of near 100*. I'm on slow bake.

There wasn't a welcome to Oregon sign when I crossed the ID/OR border near Oxbow. Instead, it felt like welcome to Hell's Canyon. Turn up the heat! I'm sorry I fretted the frozen toes back in Yellowstone.

The Oregon Trail passed through here in Baker City.

I should be touching the front wheel of my bike in the Pacific in about 5 to 6 days, depends on the heat and if I can ride in the afternoons. I need my nap when it gets too hot.

3,660 miles on the TransAm !

The Long Trail in Bits & Pieces

A group of Killington Section GMC hikers has set out to hike the entire 272.7 miles of the Long Trail from end-to-end in bits and pieces. Starting in 2006 the group has covered 87.3 miles of the Long Trail plus approach trail miles. Listed below are the next several legs planned by the group.

Date	Miles	From	To	Coordinator	Phone
Mon., 28 May	11.2	County Road	Vt. Route 9	Rich Brown	802 948-2966
Sat., 23 June	14.4	Stratton-Arlington Road	Old Rootville Road	Steve Williams	802-645-9529
Sat., 7 July	10.4	Vt. Route 125	USFS Road 201	Allison Norton	802-775-1627
Sat., 21 July	13.9	USFS Road 201	Lincoln Gap Road	Tom Copps	802-773-9394
Sat., 4 August	11.6	Lincoln Gap Road	Vt. Route 17	Cindy Oas-Kirk	802-775-7646
Sat., 25 August	12.8	Vt. Route 17	Camels Hump Road	t.b.d.	t.b.d.

Most of the pieces are long, and sometimes difficult, day hikes requiring extra planning and effort. Occasionally there are overnights. Hikers who have been on a few of our section's regular scheduled hikes are welcome to call the bits and pieces hike coordinator to discuss details. It is the coordinator's prerogative to accept additional hikers for any particular hike.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: June – August 2007

Visit our web site: <http://www.geocities.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

2 June, Saturday Upper Elevation Trail Maintenance, Killington Herb Ogden, 293-2510

On National Trails Day volunteers all over the country will be out clearing brush and waterbars, cutting blowdowns and painting blazes, readying the trails for the summer hiking season. Join us to work on our local treasure, the Long/Appalachian Trail. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and lunch; tools will be provided.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

[Rain date 3 June.]

8 – 10 June, Friday – Sunday GMC Annual Meeting, Manchester

Centered around Hildene in Manchester with many activities, meals, and hikes planned in addition to the meeting itself. For details and registration information see the Long Trail News or check the website greenmountainclub.org.

16 June Saturday Paddle Otter Creek, Proctor to Florence Jerry Parker, 775-6208

Paddle your canoe or kayak past farms and covered bridges.

Easy, 5 miles.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

[Rain date 17 June.]

23 June, Saturday 17th Annual Taconic Mountain. Ramble, Hubbardton Kit Davidson, 273-2982

Featured in Vermont Life magazine! Massive cliffs, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east, and west, a Japanese garden full of waterfalls, plus other goodies. Wine and cheese afterward; bring no lunch. Walkers can leave the group at several points and relax on the lawn.

Easy half mile or moderate 3 miles.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 1:00 PM.

[Rain date 24 June. Call leader if in doubt.]

30 June, Saturday Sunset Paddle, Glen Lake, Castleton Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855

Canoe or kayak into the sunset at Glen Lake in Bomoseen, and swim if weather permits. Bring food for supper. A hotdog roast may be possible. Call leaders for information. If you don't have a boat join us for a ride.

Leave from West Rutland Price Chopper (east end of parking lot) at 6:00 PM.

8 July, Sunday Paddle the Poultney, Fair Haven Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573

A relaxing paddle for kayaks or canoes along the scenic Vermont/New York border.

Easy, 5 miles.

Leave from Diamond Run Mall parking lot (near Sears) at 9:30 AM.

14 July, Saturday Black Mountain, Whitehall, NY Alison Norton, 775-1627

Beautiful views of Lake George and the Adirondacks from the 2,646 foot summit of the highest peak in the Lake George region.

Moderate, 5 miles. Elevation gain 1,046 feet with some steep places. Option for a longer loop.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: June – August 2007

Schedule continued from previous page.

- 22 July, Sunday** **Senior Shuffle, Pine Hill, Rutland** **Bob Perkins, 773-0184**
We'll try a few of the new trails in our city park and view Rocky Pond from above.
Easy, 4 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 1:00 PM.
- 28 July, Saturday** **East Mountain, Rutland** **Tom Capps, 770-9394**
Bushwhack to the ridge top at 2,386 feet and explore this local landmark.
Difficult, 5 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 4 August, Saturday** **Delectable Mountain, Barnard** **Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
Hike from the White River to Notown along the west flank of Mount Hunger and Delectable Mountain in eastern Stockbridge and western Barnard, including abandoned Barnard District No. 2. Unusual views of the Coolidge Range, hill farms abandoned 150 years ago, mysterious stone piles, and deep backwoods. Mostly on woodroads and old highways but some bushwhacking. Bring plenty of water or a water filter.
Moderate to difficult, 8 miles. Elevation gain 1,900 feet.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 11 August, Saturday** **Mount Grant, Lincoln** **Larry Walter, 775-3855**
Follow the Cooley Glen Trail to the Long Trail, then up to the 3,523-foot summit. We'll bushwhack back to some open views.
Difficult, 8.5 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 18 August, Saturday** **Haystack Mountain, Pawlet** **Diane Bargiel, (413) 687-1109**
Climb via the Nature Conservancy trail to an open summit with spectacular views of the Green Mountains and the Mettawee Valley.
Moderate, 3 miles with a steep pitch at the top. Elevation gain 1,000 feet.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:15 AM.
Or meet us at Williams Hardware on Main Street in Poultney at 10:00 AM.
- 25 August, Saturday** **Mystery Bike Raid** **Bill Holt & Joan Davidson, 537-4227**
Explore back roads.
Moderate.
Call leaders for details and for meeting time and place.
[Rain date 26 August.]
- 8 September, Saturday** **North Pond, Chittenden** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Climb the ridge above the reservoir to a remote, high elevation beaver pond on what was once the main route to Pittsfield. Keep an eye out for moose which frequent the area and enjoy views of the lake and mountains.
Difficult, 9 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
[Rain date September 9.]

Outing Reports

Chittenden Brook

24 February 2007

By Joan Davidson, co-leader

This snowshoe trip was a little daunting due to the cold blustery day, as well as the enormous amount of snow that we had received the week before on Valentine's Day. We began the trek from the top of Brandon Gap, heading south on the Long Trail. Previous snowshoers and cross country skiers had already packed much of the trail down so the initial going wasn't too bad. After about an hour, we came upon moose tracks that were interesting to see, but made snowshoeing a little tricky, because you could easily get your shoe caught down one of the deep moose track holes. The views on the trail were spectacular of the Braintree range east of us, as well as the frost that glistened on the branches above our heads.

Once we reached the trail junction we ate our lunch, and then began our descent in an easterly direction toward Chittenden Brook campground. This trail had not been used by anyone, so it was slow going in the very deep snow. Also, the trail was hard to see in places and at one point we had to search around to find our markers. By the time we reached our vehicles at the front parking lot of Chittenden Brook, we all seemed pretty tired and happy to take off our snowshoes and gobble down our snack of oatmeal cookies.

Mount Antone II

24 March 2007

By Steve Williams, leader

Mount Antone I, ably led by Larry and Viv Walter from the Rupert side earlier this year, with its tree falling episode, was a hard act to follow. However, twelve Merck Forest enthusiasts arrived to join Steve on this "Mount Antone II" hike on a bright and sunny morning. The first concern was mud on the access road; two of the party wisely left their cars adjacent to Route 315, though the road itself was not as bad as Steve had anticipated from his scouting visit the day before. The Old Town Road section of the trail was easy enough with just a little ice thrown in to merit attention. Shortly after taking the side trail towards Clark's Clearing there was a blow-down across the trail. At this juncture we were fortunate to have with us Sawman and Axeman (aka Larry Walter and his protégée, Peter) fully equipped with their tools of choice) who enthusiastically removed the offending tree.

Upon reaching Clark's Clearing, snowshoes were donned until shortly before the summit, where the southern exposure led to mostly bare ground. En route the principal diversion was the discovery by Jerry Parker's dog Burdock of a number of chipmunks in a tree. Burdock, being of a breed bred to chase and catch rodents, anticipated great sport. However, in the art of tree climbing the chipmunks demonstrated a definite superiority, and in fact it was they who had the better sport.

At the summit we celebrated the birthday of Diane Bergiel, at which point the well equipped Cindy impressively produced a candle and a match. Congratulations on the birthday, Diane! Jerry Parker followed up this act by finding an owl pellet and pointed out the knee

and other bones of a mouse which had moved on to the lunch stage of its life, unfortunately that of the owl.

On the way back to the visitors center, the group stopped by at the sugar house (equipped with a new reverse osmosis unit as well as a conventional evaporator) where many sampled some of the syrup samples available and some went for the pancakes on offer. Not too much later the rain started. Good timing!

Chittenden Brook Trail

12 May 2007

By Roma Pulling, leader

Carpets of delicate spring beauties interspersed with dog tooth violets, wood anemones and Dutchman's britches delighted the nature lovers in our group. The trip could have been billed as a wildflower hike!

Our group of fourteen people and one dog left the park in Rutland with five cars which we parked by Route 73 at the beginning of the road to the Chittenden Brook Campground in Rochester. Due to the fact that the gate was still closed, it added a mile to our usual 3.5-mile walk; but I didn't hear any complaints.

It is a road walk with only gentle uphill.

At the junction marked #4 on our map, where the main trail continues on to the Long Trail, we stopped for a lunch break and to wait for part of our group to catch up. Then we took a side trail to the beaver pond, where we could watch salamanders near the shore. The beavers were not home or at least did not have their welcome mat out.

The return trip was uneventful, and we left for home, congratulating ourselves on having picked another day of perfect hiking weather.

Killington Section Annual Meeting

By John Hale, Secretary

The annual meeting of the Killington Section, Green Mountain Club was held on 32 March 2007 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Hillside Avenue in Rutland, VT.

Board Members present were Barry Griffith, Pres.; Barbara Griffith, VP; Roma Pulling, Treas.; John Hale, Sec.; Lynda Hutchins; Andrea McQuade; and Wayne Krevetski. About 15 other people attended.

A **Pot Luck Dinner** began at about 5:30 PM and was enjoyed by all.

President Barry brought the business meeting to order with the observation that this likely was the **95th annual meeting** of the Killington Section, our founders having started the Section in 1912.

The **Minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting** as printed in *Smoke and Blazes* were approved as presented.

Treasurer Roma Pulling reported the following **account balances** as of 31 December 2006:

Un-restricted:

Checking	\$ 1,509.89
Savings	1,741.52
CD	1,704.06
.....	\$ 4,955.47

Restricted: (Kirk Fund)

Savings	\$ 1,985.02
CD's	13,559.11
.....	\$15,544.13

Membership:

Memberships	145
Voting Members	166

The Un-restricted assets increased \$1,204.19 from last year and the Kirk Fund assets increased \$366.11 from last year. Our registered membership decreased by seven.

Smoke and Blazes editor Bob Perkins reported that the publication continues its smooth quarterly appearance. He asked people to submit articles and pictures for inclusion. Bob was roundly thanked generally and especially praised for his inclusion of color in the publication.

President Barry mentioned one item that did not appear in the publication: Bob and Thelma Perkins have granted an **easement** to the Green Mountain Club for a section of the Cauty Trail that is part of their family's property.

Deb Waggett was thanked again for her service in generating the **Section's webpage** the new address for which is:

web.mac.com/gmckillington.

Herb Ogden, **Trails and Shelters** Chair, reported on various shelters:

- **Minerva Hinchey Shelter** was significantly improved last year but still needs new front steps.

- **Mill River** suspension bridge area is still hard to maintain because of the illegal camping and partying that occurs there. Overlapping official jurisdictions make the policing more difficult.

- **Gov. Clement Shelter** is still being abused, most recently

with journal entries from the last hiking season indicating that a through hiker was beaten by several people who had driven to the shelter. There is some good news. On town meeting day the voters of Shrewsbury approved an advisory ballot item calling for abandonment of the town highway leading to the shelter so that the Forest Service can erect a gate to keep Governor Clement from being razed. However, only the Town Selectmen can authorize discontinuance of a town highway, after a public warning and hearing. This process will probably play out in the months ahead; the outcome is unknown at this time. If the Forest Service is unable to gate the road during the summer to help insure hiker safety, it is expected that Governor Clement will be demolished.

- **Little Killington Shelter** will not be constructed this year primarily for lack of funds but also because of the uncertainty surrounding the Governor Clement shelter.

- **Cooper Lodge** will be demolished because of misuse; the foundation will be retained as a memorial.

- **Pico Camp** is now in good shape but if the new owners of the Killington ski resort decide to create the long proposed inter-connect between Killington and Pico, the shelter could be lost for being physically in the way.

Herb has been informed that a group of about 20 local General Electric employees want to do

volunteer trail construction this summer. A bridge over Gould Brook is under consideration.

Tom Copps reported on the first year's activity of the **Long Trail in Bits and Pieces Project**. Most participants have completed nine of the 29 sections in the project totaling 94 miles mostly in hikes near Rutland. Most sections are of ten to 11 miles in length, nearly twice the length of Killington Section's weekly hikes. All are welcome.

Lynda Hutchins reported on her attendance at the latest **parent club meeting** held on 24 March.

John Hale reported on the parent club's **Second Century Finance Campaign** as it will be supported by our Section. John, Lynda Hutchins and Steve Williams are the committee which will reach out to club members in our area asking for contributions.

More than \$3,000,000 of the \$5,250,000 expected in the Campaign has already been raised.

Upcoming Events: This year's GMC Annual Meeting will be held at Hildene in Manchester on 8 – 10 June.

- The **Rutland Area Physical Activity Committee (RAPAC)** has asked our Section to join them in offering weekly articles to the Rutland Herald newspaper.

- The first annual **Long Trail Festival** will be held at the Rutland Fairgrounds on August 17 - 20. Much fun is expected for all. The webpage is: www.longtrailfestivalvt.com.

- It is not too early to begin thinking about the **ATC's Biennial Meeting** to be held at the campus of Castleton State College in July of 2009.

- The **Green Mountain Club Centennial** is also in the offing coming up in the year 2010.

President Barry opened the meeting to **nominations for Board Members** for terms to end in 2010. John Hale, Lynda Hutchins, and Cindy Taylor-Miller were nominated, seconded and unanimously approved:

The full Board then met in closed session and elected the following **officers for the coming year:**

Barry GriffithPresident
Barbara Griffith. Vice President
John Hale... Secretary/Treasurer

The **next Board meeting** date was set for 6 PM on Tuesday 19 June at the Back Home Again Café.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:00 PM



Killington Section Hikers on Mount Antone, 24 March 2007

Your Invitation to Join
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual \$35
Family \$45
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$20

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education

Make check payable to Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

John Hale, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
P. O. Box 506
Castleton, VT 05735



KILLINGTON SECTION

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 60, Number 3

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

August 2007

Long Trail Festival Big Success

Hats off to Killington Section members Cathy and Wayne Krevetski! Last year when they broached their idea for a Long Trail Festival almost everyone offered mild encouragement but many privately feared low attendance and an embarrassing failure. After all, this is Rutland, Vermont, not a well known trail town like Damascus, Virginia whose Trail Days Celebration was the Krevetskis' inspiration.

Well, the estimated 1,000 attendees proved the doubters wrong.



Festival goers relaxing on the green

Pot Luck to Feature Yukon Trip

The Killington Section's annual fall pot luck supper will take place at 6:00 PM on Saturday 10 November at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Hillside Avenue in Rutland. Members and nonmembers alike are invited to attend. Bring a plate, utensils, and a dish to share.

Following supper Paul Houchens of the Burlington Section will present a slide show of the Yukon River canoe trip that he and five other GMCers, including our own Lynda Hutchins, took last year.



GMCers heading north

Here's what Paul has to say:

"There are strange things done in the midnight sun..." These famous words by poet Robert Service, The Bard of the North, inspired a group of six GMCers to trek northward last summer to discover the allure of the northern summer. Following the footsteps of the Stampeders in the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898, the group climbed the infamous Chilkoot Pass from Alaska into Canada and then boarded canoes for the 550-mile journey down the Yukon River to Dawson City. Under almost perpetual daylight they paddled through Miles Canyon, camped on the "marge of Lake Labarge," shot the Five Finger Rapids, explored abandoned settlements and panned for gold on Bonanza Creek in the Klondike Valley. Did they strike it rich? Well they do have a wealth of stories to tell!

Hopeful Signs for Gov. Clement

The Shrewsbury select board recently held a public hearing and a visit to the site proposed for the gate on the road to Governor Clement Shelter. Although no official action was taken, it appears that the selectmen are heeding their constituents who, in a nonbinding but substantial majority vote, have said that they want to save the shelter.

The discussion has progressed from whether the road should be gated to the resolution of a number of details such as who should hold title to the road, who should pay for the gate and parking area, and the dates when the gate should be locked and unlocked.

Another public hearing is scheduled for 6:00 PM on 19 September at the Shrewsbury town clerk's office.

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2008 * Barbara Griffith
" Barry Griffith
" * Steve Williams
2009 Wayne Krevetski
" * Andrea McQuade
" * Roma Pulling
2010 * John Hale
" * Lynda Hutchins
" * Cindy Taylor-Miller

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President Barbara Griffith
Secretary/Treasurer John Hale

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate Alfred Pulling

Smoke & Blazes

Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

Remembering Al and Bill

The Killington section lost two of its long-time and most dedicated leaders this summer with the deaths of Al Pulling and Bill Robichaud, each in his early eighties. Al and Bill had contrasting personalities but they shared a common devotion to the outdoors and to the Long Trail in particular.

Gregarious Al served as a Section Director and Treasurer for many years, alternating the jobs with his wife Roma when term-limit rules came into play. Al and Roma led hikes in all seasons over the years including their popular annual winter snowshoe trek and hotdog roast. As a sideline, Al transported long-distance AT and LT hikers around the state and was an expert on locating all the trailheads. On a wall of their home Al and Roma had a huge map of Vermont with photos of (I think) every Long Trail shelter. They had visited and photographed them all.

Independent Bill also served as a Section Director but meetings, committee work, and group outings were not his things. He was happiest in the woods, especially with a pair of loppers in one hand and a hoe in the other. Bill turned out for almost every scheduled work party and no one knows how many days he went out alone, or with anyone he could recruit, to clear waterbars and blowdowns. Bill was our official Sector Checker for Long Trail from Cooper Lodge to Tucker-Johnson Shelter and was a key participant in the major relocations on the west side of Pico and over Bear Mountain. As a GMC Corridor Monitor Bill spent hours tramping off-trail to help ensure the integrity of our protected lands.

The Killington Section is fortunate to have had leaders like Al and Bill. We send our condolences to their families.

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Barbara & Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@lighters.com
Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com
Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@adelphia.net
Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net
Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, (H)293-2510, (W)774-2200, hogden@vermontel.net
Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
Roma Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com
Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net

Bits and Pieces End-to-Enders Still Going Strong

Kelly Stand Road to Old Rootville Road

23 June 2007, Leg 11

By Steve Williams

While six participants had been expected until 9.00 PM, the night before, this number was suddenly halved, to Tom Copps, Cindy Oas-Kirk and Steve Williams. However, as the weather forecast was promising (and eventually proven correct) and the minimum of two cars available was met, the outing proceeded. The threesome met at Zoey's in Manchester and proceeded to leave Steve's Jeep at the lower end of the Old Rootville Road whereupon Cindy drove the approximately 22 miles to the trailhead on the Kelly Stand Road for a 9:50 AM start.

Two and a quarter hours, 3.8 miles and 2000 feet of elevation gain saw the party atop Stratton Mountain. At about three-fourths of the way up Tom's illusion of

seeing the lookout tower at the summit is believed to be the triumph of hope over reality. However, at the summit, a climb up the tower was very worthwhile, even if a chilly experience because of the wind. With Killington, Somerset Reservoir, Ascutney and the Adirondacks all in sight it was a fine place to be. The group had an interesting chat with the GMC caretaker on duty who told of the one week's training new caretakers receive, covering all aspects of their jobs: care of facilities, interaction with visitors, first aid, rescue operations and the management of composting privies. Any takers?

On to Stratton Pond, a relatively easy, mostly downhill, 3.2 miles with the pond providing a picturesque lunching spot. From Stratton Pond to Prospect Rock is 5.7 miles of nothing in particular (except for a fine new bridge at

the entry point to the Lye Brook wilderness) but which does very adequately meet the Long Trail description of "A Footpath in the Wilderness". Approximately half a mile before Prospect Rock, the trail comes out on a surprisingly smooth and well groomed extension of the Old Rootville Road. It was in such great shape in fact that we met a through hiker who had previously passed us coming back because he thought that he must have missed a turnoff somewhere.

Prospect Rock, with its fine view of Manchester, was a welcome rest spot before the rigors of the 1.8 mile descent of the Old Rootville Road. Sounds easy, but with a number of steep stretches, a rough surface, and knees feeling the effect of the previous miles, the last stretch is a good one to have behind you.

All in all, a fine day out.

Middlebury Gap to Emily Proctor Shelter

7 July 2007, Leg 12

By Allison Norton

The participants for our hike included Allison Norton, Tom Copps, Steve Williams, Lynda Hutchens, Cindy Kirk, Rich Brown, and Lindy Brown. Our day started out bright and sunny and we were in great spirits as we crossed Route 125 and began a steep climb up the trail, entering the Breadloaf Wilderness. We were very chatty and conversation topics included the weather,

small-engine aircraft, and privy etiquette. Soon, however, not a word was spoken as we proceeded to sneak past the turnoff to the Silent Cliff trail (Shhh!). We continued to climb and you could actually see that we were on a ridgeline as we hiked, with the land dropping off on either side of us. After a few miles we reached Boyce Shelter. When the guide says, "On the trail," they aren't kidding. It looks like someone just dropped it right in the middle of the trail. I expected to see the Wicked

Witch's feet sticking out from under it! We were on the long green tunnel, though, not the yellow brick road, so after a short break for snacks and a few really great photos we were off again.

Leaving the shelter, the trail seemed tricky to find at first but we found it. We came to some really old log puncheon that was very, very, slippery. After that we chose to go around the log puncheons when we came to them rather than trying to use them. We made sure to step right in the mud, rather than widening the

muddy sections, of course. For the next few miles we went up and down along a ridgeline through the Breadloaf Wilderness, crossing over Mt. Boyce and Battell Mountain (no real views from either). We spent most of this time looking forward to lunch at the next shelter (well, at least I did, and a few others kept asking how far to our lunch stop!). And, as on most hikes, the estimates of how far away we really were from our intended lunch spot ranged from a few minutes to a few miles. We were very happy when we reached the sign for the spur trail to Skyline Lodge at Skylight Pond.

Skyline Lodge is a really fancy enclosed log shelter. Fancy compared to the board lean-tos, anyway. It has a front porch, a table inside, and two levels of sleeping platforms. I have less positive things to say about Skylight Pond—it is rather muddy and weedy. Last year Tom and I read in the shelter log that someone had seen a six-inch leech in the pond! Swimming anyone? Leeches or no leeches, the pond gave us a great view, so

we ate lunch on the porch and enjoyed our break. Upon leaving the shelter a member from our party said that it seemed longer than a tenth of a mile back to the LT, and mentioned that a tenth of a mile would be 176 yards. I bravely suggested that I count steps to see, and giant-stepped back to the LT! It was 221 steps, give or take a few rocks and roots, so whoever does the mileage for the signs and guidebooks wasn't all that far off.

Leaving the Skylight Pond trail we went north on the LT continuing our ridge walk. We took a short side trail for a lookout on Breadloaf Mountain, and it really was a lookout (Look out!) with a trail that suddenly drops off. It was getting windier and a little darker, though, so we tried not to hang around for too long. It started to rain, and just as we reached Emily Proctor Shelter, the skies opened and it really rained. Rich and Lindy who had gotten to the shelter ahead of us said they were making tea, but unfortunately they were teasing. We had to admire the shelter, though. It is a cute little log lean-

to with what is probably a great view, although we couldn't see anything due to the weather.

After a longer than usual rest at the shelter we roused ourselves for the 3.5 mile trek down the Emily Proctor Trail to Steve's jeep. It was a very slippery hike down, especially for the first mile or so, with pouring rain and dripping rocks, and more than one of us ended up on our backs on our packs, like turtles. On the way down we were marveling that we'd be coming back up that same trail in a few weeks for our next leg! At some point on the way down, a new tradition (maybe!) was begun. Steve suggested that we make bets on when we'd be back at the car; with each person contributing a quarter (closest guess takes all). Rules were discussed, including: 1. Everyone has to be off the trail and at the car for it to be official; and 2. No fair purposely dawdling or hurrying so your time wins. I don't remember what the winning time was, but Rich was the winner, and he commented that with his winnings he'd be able to buy half a gallon of gas.

L T End-to-End in Bits & Pieces

LT miles Hiked
150.8

LT miles To Go
121.9



The End-to-End Gang takes a break at Boyce Shelter

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Sept. – Nov. 2007

Visit our web site: <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

8 September, Saturday North Pond, Chittenden Sue Thomas, 773-2185

Climb the ridge above the reservoir to a remote, high elevation beaver pond on what was once the main route to Pittsfield. Keep an eye out for moose which frequent the area and enjoy views of the lake and mountains.

Difficult, 9 miles.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

[Rain date September 9.]

15 September, Saturday Senior Shuffle – Mount Independence Roma Pulling, 773-6997

Bring supper and a musical instrument if you have one for a sing-along in the sunset at historic Mount Independence.

Easy, 2 miles.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 5:00 PM.

22 September, Saturday Mystery Bike Ride Joan Davidson & Bill Holt, 537-4227

Explore back roads.

Moderate

Call leaders for details and for meeting time and place.

23 September, Sunday Gilmore Pond, Bristol Jerry Parker, 775-6208

Hike into the Bristol Cliffs Wilderness.

Easy to moderate, 3 miles.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.

29 September, Saturday Killington Tom Copps, 770-9394

Follow the Long/Appalachian Trail from Governor Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury to Cooper Lodge on Killington Peak then down the Bucklin Trail. Optional climb to the 4241-foot summit if time and weather permit.

Difficult, 8 miles. Elevation gain of 2391 feet.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 8:30 AM.

[Rain date: September 30.]

7 October, Sunday Bird Mountain, Castleton Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573

We'll hike for the views. Steep climb at the end and some bushwhacking, so bring sturdy shoes, lunch and a sense for history.

Moderate, 3 to 4 miles.

Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Sept. – Nov. 2007

Schedule continued from previous page

- 13 October, Saturday** **Little River, Waterbury** **Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855**
History hike on a loop trail passing various sites, cellar holes and cemeteries that date back to the 1700s when farms and mills thrived in the area. State Park fee required
Moderate, 3 to 4 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 20 October, Saturday** **Griffith Lake, Mount Tabor** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
A gentle climb on an old forest road, the Old Job Trail, which meets the Long/Appalachian Trail at pretty Griffith Lake. We'll continue on to Peru Peak Shelter for lunch.
Moderate, 8 to 9 miles.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
[Rain date: October 21.]
- 27 October, Saturday** **Deer Leap Overlook, Killington** **Steve Williams, 645-9529**
Climb to a rocky overlook with beautiful views. A few steep pitches. Loop via the Long/Appalachian Trail.
Moderate, 3 to 4 miles. Elevation gain of 800 feet.
- 3 November, Saturday** **Work Party** **Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
Help us put the trail "to bed" for the winter by clearing out water bars, removing downed trees, and repairing the shelters. It's a fun way to contribute to a great local resource. Bring sturdy shoes, work gloves, and lunch. Tools provided.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- 10 November, Saturday** **Annual Fall Potluck Supper** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Join us for our annual fall potluck and a slide program on Alaska. Bring plates, utensils, and a dish to share. Nonmembers welcome!
Meet and eat at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Hillside Avenue in Rutland at 6:00 PM.
- 25 November, Sunday** **Great Hawk Colony, Rochester** **Gordon & Helen Cawood, 352-4310**
A safe road walk, partly paved and partly smooth dirt, and lined with "NO HUNTING" signs. This is a joint trip with the Breadloaf Section.
Easy, 4.4 miles.
Call leaders for meeting time and place.
- 1 December, Saturday** **Crown Point Road, Proctor** **Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
Follow along the route of the historic military road, past the homesite on Tory sympathizer Roger Stevens and several cellar holes.
Easy.
Leave from Rutland's Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at 10:00 AM.
- 8 December, Saturday** **Cook Mountain, Ticonderoga, NY** **Allison Norton, 775-1627**
Views Lake George and the Champlain Valley from the top of the Tongue Mountain range. Hike, or snowshoe if winter comes early this year.
Easy hike or moderate snowshoe, 4 miles. Elevation gain of 900 feet.

Killington Section Directors Meeting

By John Hale, Secretary

The Killington Section Board of Directors met on 19 June 2007 at the Back Home Again Café in Rutland. The meeting was called to order by President Barry at about 6:00 PM.

Attendance

Board members present:

Barry Griffith, President,

Barbara Griffith, Vice President,

John Hale, Secretary/Treasurer,

Lynda Hutchins, and

Andrea McQuade.

Also present: Editor Bob Perkins.

A Loss

A great sadness and sense of loss came over the Board when we learned that Al Pulling, long-time member and former Treasurer, passed away yesterday. The Board paused in silent remembrance of this fine man.

Secretary's Minutes

The Meeting Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Hale presented the Cash Flow Report for the year to date showing income of \$3,068.98 and expenses of \$801.31, and a Current Balance Report showing the general account of \$6,334.48 and the Kirk Fund of \$15,725.01. Copies of these reports are available from the Treasurer.

John was asked to provide the Section's membership numbers with the financial statements next time and to bring the Killington Section Membership List that the Main Club provides, to the next Board meeting.

[After Note: According to Waterbury's list, the Killington Section has 142 memberships with 195 voting members as of 30 May 2007.]

Second Century Campaign

Treasurer Hale presented a financial idea for the Board's consideration: that the Killington Section make a \$15,000 donation from the Kirk Fund to the Main Club's Second Century fundraising campaign. He reasons:

* The Kirk Fund is reserved for use in maintaining the Section's portion of the Long Trail; and the Section values the Kirk name and has a strong interest in preserving the Kirk legacy.

* While the Section has enjoyed the interest earned on the fund (ranging from \$300 to \$600 per year), the Section's actual expenditures from the Kirk fund average only \$315 annually over the past 11 years for standard maintenance. [Extraordinarily, the Section decided to support the Main Club with a \$2,000 donation for "Bridge material" in fiscal 2003.]

* An analysis of the Section's income and expense over the past 11 years reveals that income from dues averages \$1,071 and standard expenditures average \$1,018 [The Section was extraordinarily assessed \$1,472 by the Main Club in fiscal 1998 for its share of the main liability insurance policy.]. We basically break even financially each year.

* The Main Club needs support now for the Second Century campaign and offers to recognize the endowment of a shelter by name in the Long Trail Guide, Annual Report, website and at Club Headquarters and promises a good faith effort to continue donor acknowledgment in perpetuity.

* The Kirk Fund balances currently stand at \$15,725.01 in the Section's accounts at Key Bank; and the General Fund balances stand at \$6,334.48.

* John feels that by means of this suggested donation, the Kirk funds would be spent on trail maintenance per the Kirk mandate; the Kirk name would be remembered in posterity; the Main Club would begin to actively use the funds for trail and shelter maintenance as part of the Second Century campaign; and the ongoing work of the Killington Section would not be negatively impacted.

A general discussion ensued: Could the new Little Killington

shelter be endowed in this way? Should the general membership be asked for input? For approval? Do the By-Laws authorize the Board of Directors to make decisions of this type? Can the Kirk funds principal be distributed or rather only the interest? President Barry offered to speak with Herb Ogden about these last two issues. John hoped that a decision could be made before the end of this year, and the Board agreed to discuss the suggestion again at its next meeting in September.

Clement Shelter

The Governor Clement Shelter saga continues. The Shrewsbury Selectmen will visit the site personally in the next few days and appear ready to decide whether the town will "throw up" the road, allowing it to be gated. There is some reason for optimism. The US Forest Service requires a decision from the town by the end of this summer.

GMC Directors Meeting

Lynda presented her minutes of the Main Club's Board of Directors meeting held at Hildene in Manchester on 9 June. Her written report is available from

Secretary Hale.

Trails and Shelters

The Trails and Shelters work parties have been successful so far this summer.

Smoke & Blazes

Bob Perkins reported that the *Smoke and Blazes* newsletter continues to do well. He noted that he is using one folded folio sized piece of paper now rather than separate stapled sheets. President Barry opined that ours is far and away the best newsletter produced by any of the GMC sections.

New GMC Logo

Lynda presented the two options for a new section logo offered by the Main Club for our consideration and choice. Unanimously, the Board chose Alternative B in which the word "Vermont" continues to appear in the bottom arch of the circular logo and in which the word "Killington" appears outside and directly below the circular logo. Lynda will report our decision.

Long Trail Festival

Everyone was reminded that the Long Trail Festival will be held on 17-20 August. Board member Wayne Krevetski is looking for

more hike leaders for that Sunday.

Potluck Dinner

The Fall Potluck Dinner is to be scheduled for either November 17th or 10th in that order of preference. The date will be finalized after Lynda speaks with prospective guest speaker Paul Houchens about his availability. Paul has a fine presentation on the Yukon and a particular hiking/kayaking trip taken by GMC members last year.

Sympathy

There was a discussion about using Section funds for a remembrance for Al Pulling. The general consensus was that were Al himself involved in the discussion, he would vote against such an expenditure on the grounds that it would be a dangerous precedent. We all agreed that individual expressions of sympathy would be most meaningful.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be at 6 PM, Tuesday 16 October at 6 PM at the Back Home Café.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Thundering Brook Relocation on the AT Nears Completion



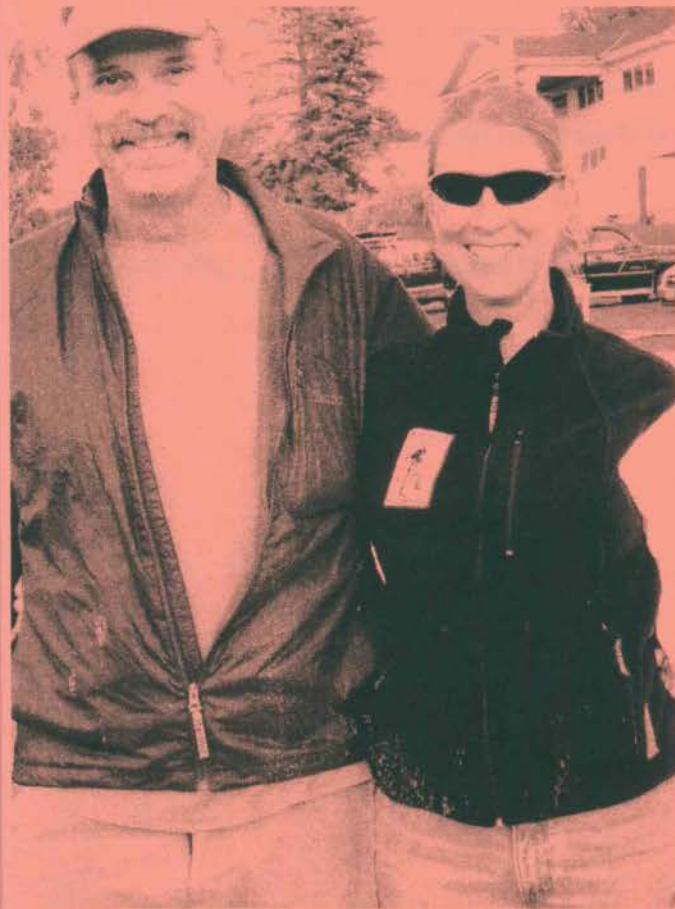
VYCC and GMC crews putting finishing touches on the wheelchair-accessible relo near River Road

Notes from the Road

By Cindy Taylor-Miller

[In the May issue we left Mrs. Gorp in Baker, OR on her trans-continental bike ride. Ed.]

Twisp, WA, June 13: Hello all. I reached the Pacific Ocean at Florence OR on June 7. So far 4,086 miles and I'm riding back to Vermont via the Northern Tier. Currently I'm in Twisp Washington. Long day, 96 miles of which 50 were all uphill over the Northern Cascades. I don't have much time on this computer and they're closing the library.



Mrs. Gorp and her biking companion, Stump Thumper, a five-time AT through hiker.

Williston, ND, June 28: Bucked strong headwinds to reach the MT/ND border this morning. I feel cursed. First I had three flat tires in five days in Montana and now the winds are blowing strong from the East – the direction I'm headed. Had two great days of westerly tail winds and rode 122

miles, (my 7th Century), in six and a half hours.

Saw two wolves this morning before the border and a black bear near the Libby Dam in Montana. I'll be riding through Canada, taking the most direct route home. I'm about a third of the way home!

Superior, WI, July 10: Yesterday was the 100th day on this journey and we rode 101 miles from Grand Rapids MN to here to celebrate. Not really, it just worked out that way. We got to Cloquet MN about 2 PM and decided to keep riding. It's a rainy morning here so I'm not leaving bright and early. I should be back in Vermont in about 3 weeks. Today I hit 6,000 miles!

Middlebury, VT July 31: Guess it's time to let you know that I finished my cross country bike ride last week, on Wednesday July 25th in Middlebury. I rode to the same bike shop where I bought my Cannondale T2000 last winter. It's for sale now, a low mileage 2007 model.

116 days; 6,786 miles; 20 States; 1 Province; and 3 flats.

I'm slowly getting back into the swing of things around here in Wallingford. My body is here but the old brain is still on a bike tour. I've gone through a three-foot pile of unopened mail and thought it was time to bring the pool furniture out of the pool house. I'm working on the weeds, one perennial bed at a time.

Yesterday, I visited the Minerva Hinchey Shelter on the AT/LT and ran into several AT thru hikers I know. That was a good diversion and made me realize how much I LOVE VERMONT.

[Cindy went on to say that this winter she'll be planning her next long distance bike tour. Ed.]

I think I'd like to ride the Southern Tier. This way I'll have traversed the country three times: once across the middle, once across the north, and once across the south.

Your Invitation to Join
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual \$35
Family \$45
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$20

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

John Hale, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
P. O. Box 506
Castleton, VT 05735



KILLINGTON SECTION



Volume 60, Number 4

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

November 2007

What is the Kirk Fund? – Why Should I Contribute To It?

By Barry Griffith, Section President

"Recent Killington Section Members sometimes ask 'What is the Kirk Fund?' or 'Why should I contribute to it?'" I asked these questions after joining the Killington Section, and have inquired with more purpose since joining the Section's Board of Directors. Longtime members were able to provide general information, but not the specifics. I volunteered to do some research. I found the sentence quoted above in the January 1981 edition of *Smoke & Blazes*! I also unearthed the information set forth below.

Establishment of the Kirk Fund was announced at the Killington Section's 15 January 1977 Annual Meeting – more than 30 years ago. George Kirk died in 1966, having worked as a reporter and editor at the *Rutland Herald* for 57 years. He was also an observer for the Weather Service for over 25 years, and was reported to be an expert on botany and ornithology as well as "all items of natural history." *Smoke & Blazes* articles describe him as "an ardent Green Mountain Club member" (Jan. 1977) and as "an active hiker who probably climbed Killington more than anyone else." (Oct. 1978) If George Kirk held the record, I wonder if it has since been eclipsed by W. Churchill Scott, Bill Robichaud, or others following in

his footsteps!?

Dorothy Wyman Kirk (1907-1987) was a Radcliffe graduate who taught English at Rutland High School for many years. Dorothy Kirk continued her association with the Killington Section following the death of her husband and her retirement in 1972. The Annual Meeting minutes contained in the January 1977 issue of *Smoke & Blazes* explain the Kirk Fund as follows:

Mrs. Dorothy Kirk established a Fund in memory of Mr. George L. Kirk with a check for \$500.00. *** To be named the George L. Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund of the Green Mountain Club, Inc. This Fund to be managed by the Killington Section and when the princip[al] reaches \$5,000.00 the % [interest] income will be used for maintenance. Mrs. Kirk will continue to contribute with the understanding that the Section will do the same. A number of methods were discussed: voluntary donations at the time of paying dues, gifts in memory or honor of a person, or a small donation on hikes.

Subsequent Treasurer's reports show the Fund steadily growing, thanks to the commitment and contributions of Dorothy Kirk and other Section members. The January

1981 *Smoke & Blazes* reported:

Over the past five years Mrs. Kirk has made several substantial donations which when added to the contributions of club members presently total \$4973.19. After reaching our goal of \$5,000 the interest earned will be used for the maintenance of our section's trails and shelters. With constantly increasing expenses...the Kirk Fund is vital to enable us to meet our responsibilities.

The October 1981 *Smoke & Blazes* reported that the goal had been reached "and according to the terms of the agreement, interest earned will [now] be used for trails and shelter maintenance."

I have not reviewed our Section records for the decades since the \$5,000 threshold was achieved 26 years ago. Your Killington Section Board of Directors has authorized expenditures for trails and shelters work, and will continue to do so. Thanks to continued donations and accrued interest, the Kirk Fund now contains more than \$15,000.

The minutes of the last Section Directors' meeting, contained elsewhere in this newsletter, reflect that the Board recently considered a proposal to donate \$15,000 from the Kirk Fund to the Main Club. I

Continued on Page 2

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2008 * Barbara Griffith
" Barry Griffith
" * Steve Williams
2009 Wayne Krevetski
" * Andrea McQuade
" * Roma Pulling
2010 * John Hale
" * Lynda Hutchins
" * Cindy Taylor-Miller
*Second consecutive 3-year term.
Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President Barbara Griffith
Secretary/Treasurer John Hale

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate vacancy

Smoke & Blazes

Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

Kirk Fund (Continued from Page 1)

believe I speak for your Killington Section Directors when I state that the decision not to transfer these funds to the Main Club intends no disrespect to the laudable goals of the Second Century Campaign. We encourage Killington Section members to contribute to the Second Century Campaign as they are able. Rather, I believe your Directors' decision was intended to honor the stated terms of the Kirk Fund, and in particular the stipulation set forth above that the Fund "will be managed by the Killington Section."

Expenditures for the improvement of the trails and shelters in our area have been approved during my tenure on the Board. There will be projects needing financial assistance on "our" stretch of the Long Trail in the near future – Gov. Clement repairs and the projected new shelter on Little

Killington are two which spring to mind. The Board expressed its willingness to expend Fund monies on such worthwhile projects, while respecting the \$5,000 reserve and other conditions for its management and use accepted by the Killington Section when the Kirk Fund was established.

I hope this investigation and report memorialized in *Smoke & Blazes* will inform a new generation of Killington Section members about the establishment and use of the Kirk Fund. We should all be thankful to Dorothy Kirk and other past Section members for establishment of and generous donations to the Kirk Fund, which will continue to pay dividends as the Green Mountain Club and Killington Section enter their second century protecting and maintaining the Long Trail.



Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Barbara & Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net

John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@lighters.com

Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net

Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com

Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@adelphia.net

Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net

Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, (H)293-2510, (W)774-2200, hogden@vermontel.net

Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu

Roma Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com

Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185

Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com

Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg@sover.net

Killington Section Board of Directors Meeting

By John Hale, Secretary

The Killington Section Board of Directors met at the Back Home Again Cafe on 23 October. The meeting was called to order by President Barry Griffith at about 6:00 PM.

Attendance:: Board Members:

Barry Griffith, President

Barbara Griffith, Vice President

John Hale, Secretary & Treasurer.

Lynda Hutchins

Andrea McQuade

Steve Williams

Wayne Krevetski

Roma Pulling

Cindy Taylor-Miller

Guests present:

Kathy Krevetski

Herb Ogden

Bob Perkins

Thelma Perkins

Sue Thomas

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of the 19 June Board meeting were reviewed and approved as presented by Secretary John Hale.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John Hale presented the Financial Statements dated 10/23/07 which reflect Total Assets of \$22,535.58; Income and Expense for the period 1/1/07 to 10/23/07 of \$3,813.42 and \$1,069.66 respectively yielding a Net Income for the period of \$2,743.76.

Income for the period came primarily from Donations of \$2,253 and Membership Dues of \$1,255. Expenses for the period were primarily Newsletter Expenses of \$381, Hall Rental for our two social events and a \$500 donation to the Main Club regarding the Minerva Hinchey Shelter.

Statewide Club: Lynda Hutchins reported on her attendance at the Main Club's Board Meeting of 28 September 2007:

- The Main Club cash flow is running slightly better than last year but is still an area of concern and various painful options are under consideration including cutting the share of dues given back to Sections from 25% to 20%.

- The Second Century fundraising campaign stands at about \$4,400,000 with \$845,000 to go to the goal.

- Preparations are underway for the new Main Club Headquarters building; Act 250 and other permit applications are submitted, a construction bid is expected by January, a residential wind turbine has been donated for education purposes, lumber is being measured and cut.

- Two men have been arrested and charged with the felony count of damaging public property. During this summer, these men clear cut a 3,000 foot long by 60 foot wide section of Big Jay (Jay Peak) in an area under GMC management by deeded easement. The Main Club is suing the men for civil damages and pursuing other punitive action.

Lynda's full report is available from the Secretary.

Governor Clement Shelter: The Governor Clement Shelter saga continues. The Town of Shrewsbury originally offered to "throw up the road" to the shelter so it could be closed to vehicular traffic and so shut out miscreants. The Town Board of Selectmen has since decided to downgrade the road to a "trail" allowing its entrance to be gated. In theory the gate would be locked during the summer party months to

keep out the vandals and opened in the late fall and winter for hunters and snowmobilers. The timing of the locking/unlocking is still being discussed, but this solution appears to be workable for all parties. The Shelter will likely not have to be torn down as a result.

It was moved, seconded and passed that a \$100 donation toward the Town's cost of installing the gate (which is to be provided free by the US Forrest Service) be offered by the Killington Section to be consummated once the gate is actually installed. This gesture is meant to encourage the Town and indicate the Section's pleasure at their decision. President Griffith will write the offer letter.

Smoke & Blazes: Bob Perkins reported that the next *Smoke and Blazes* newsletter will be sent out at the end of November and asked that reports on hikes be submitted more quickly. He was asked if recycled paper can be used for our publication; Bob will research.

Kirk Fund: John Hale again presented his idea that the Killington Section contribute \$15,000 of the Section's Kirk Fund to the Main Club's Second Century campaign. A contribution of this size would endow a particular Long Trail shelter and be recognized by name in the Long Trail Guide, the Annual Report and website, and at the Main Club Headquarters.

John felt that the Kirk funds would be spent on trail maintenance per the Kirk mandate; that the Kirk name would be remembered in posterity; that the Main Club would begin to actively use the funds for trail and shelter maintenance as part of the Second Century campaign; and that the ongoing work of the Killington Section would not be negatively impacted.

A motion was made and seconded that the Board make the fall potluck dinner meeting scheduled for 10 November an official Section meeting; that an extraordinary mailing be sent out to all Killington Section members noticing the meeting and the contribution proposal; and that the general membership should decide the issue. (John offered to pay for the extraordinary mailing).

In active discussion, the opposing view held that the original intent of the Kirk family donation appeared to be to put control of the funds in the hands of the Section; that the funds could have been given to the Main Club but were not; and that the Section has an obligation to maintain control of the funds as we have for the past 30 years.

The motion was defeated in a vote of two Yeas and seven Nays.

Trails and Shelters: Trails and Shelters Chairperson, Herb Ogden, asked that the Board consider allowing him to represent that the Killington Section is willing to support upcoming projects in our area with substantial financial contributions. This would allow him better leverage with the Main Club's Trail Management Committee in having our own project needs set higher on the priority list.

It was moved and seconded that the Killington Section should stand ready to contribute as much of the

funds from the Kirk Fund balances (\$15,920.84 as at 10/23/07) as necessary to support worthwhile projects within the Section's purview with the provisos that the Kirk Fund balances shall not be drawn down to less than \$5,000 and that the Section Board review and approve all such projects before funds be expended. The motion was intended to serve the dual purpose of supporting Herb in his relationship with the Main Club and to settle the issue of how the Kirk Fund monies may be utilized.

The motion passed with five Yeas, three Nays, and one abstention.

Outing Publicity: President Griffith reported that the *Rutland Herald* has changed its method of accepting public notices for publication. An electronic filing system is now employed and Bob Perkins offered to enter information about the Section's hikes in that way.

End-to-End Hike: Steve Williams reported that there are six End to End hikers still in the program and the last hike of this season will be held on 3 November.

Trailhead Issues: The Route 103 parking lot and the adjacent Clarendon Gorge areas are being misused, particularly with trash and garbage discards. There is no person or organization now responsible for policing the area. Herb Ogden will bring up the subject at the next Main Club Trail Management Committee

meeting. One suggestion was to hire people on probation from the courts.

Upcoming Events: Upcoming events include the Second Annual Long Trail Festival in August of 2008; the Appalachian Trail Conference Biennial celebration in July of 2009 (the Killington Section contact will be Sue Thomas); and, of course the Green Mountain Club Centennial in 2010.

The Education Committee of the Main Club sponsors speakers in their Taylor Series and on February 6, 2008, Board member Cindy Taylor-Miller will speak about her recently completed transcontinental bicycle ride. There is no official charge for attending the program, but any donations collected will accrue to the Killington Section.

The speaker at the 10 November Fall Potluck Dinner will be Paul Houchens who will describe his (and Board member Lynda Hutchins') experiences in the Yukon last summer. A motion was passed to reimburse Mr. Houchens \$60 toward the cost of his car transportation to the meeting.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12 February at 6:00 PM at the Back Home Again Café in Rutland.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.



Steve Williams at Duck Brook



Group at Peru Peak Shelter



Beaver Work at Bolton Notch

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Dec. 2007 – Feb. 2008

Visit our web site: <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

1 December, Saturday, 10:00 AM Crown Point Road, Proctor Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573

Follow along the route of the historic military road, past the homesite on Tory sympathizer Roger Stevens and several cellar holes.
Easy.

8 December, Saturday Cook Mountain, Ticonderoga, NY Allison Norton, 775-1627

Views Lake George and the Champlain Valley from the top of the Tongue Mountain range. Hike, or snowshoe if winter comes early this year.
Easy hike or moderate snowshoe, 4 miles. Elevation gain of 900 feet.

16 December, Sunday, 10:00 AM The Stegosaurus Bridge, Rutland Tom Copps, 770-9394

Hike or snowshoe, depending on conditions, to see the new bridge at Pins Hill Park. We'll meander a bit coming back to hit some of the highlights of the park. Note: if snow is insufficient for snowshoes, ice creepers may be needed.
Moderate, 3 to 5 miles.

5 January, Saturday, 10:00 AM High Pond, Sudbury Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573

Hike to this pristine preserve owned by the Nature Conservancy. We may do some bushwhacking around the pond to explore winter wildlife habitat. Snowshoes may be needed.
Moderate, 3.5 to 4 miles.

12 January, Saturday, 8:30 AM Mad Tom Brook, East Dorset Larry Walter, 775-3855

A combination of old forest roads and bushwhacking on a forested ridge. Snowshoes may be needed.
Difficult, 6 miles.

19 January, Saturday, 9:00 AM Lake George Wild Forest, Dresden, NY Allison Norton, 775-1627

Snowshoe to remote Lapland Pond or Black Mountain Point, depending on conditions.
Difficult, 7 to 8 miles.

27 January, Sunday, Ski-for-Heat Ski-athon, Peru Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502

Enjoy a day of skiing at Wild Wings x-country ski area on groomed trails, and raise money to help your neighbors stay warm this winter. Call leader for time and place or for more information.

2 February, Saturday, 9:00 AM Merck Forest Ramble, Rupert Steve Williams, 645-9529

Walk or snowshoe, depending on conditions, through the woods and along old roads in the forest preserve.
Moderate, 4 miles.

9 February, Saturday, 10:00 AM D&H Rail Trail, Rupert Herb Ogden, 293-2510

Cross country ski along the converted rail bed. Rain date: 2/10. Call leader for conditions.
Easy, 8 miles.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Dec. 2007 – Feb. 2008

Schedule continued from previous page

- 16 February, Saturday, 9:30 AM** **Gifford Woods, Killington** **Roma Pulling, 773-6997**
Annual Hot Dog Roast. Celebrate Roma's grandmother's 144th birthday at our annual event. Bring your own hot dogs or whatever you want to roast over the campfire. Hot drinks will be provided. Snowshoes may be needed. We'll have a short hike to work up an appetite.
Easy, one-half mile.
- 23 February, Saturday** **Mystery Snowshoe** **Bill Holt & Joan Davidson, 537-4227**
Storm date: 2/24. Call leaders for time and place, conditions, and degree of difficulty.
- 2 March, Sunday, 10:00 AM** **Woodland Snowshoe** **Jerry Parker, 775-6208**
Explore animal tracks and winter signs. May involve some bushwhacking.
Moderate, 3 miles.
- 8/9 March, Saturday/Sunday** **Merck Forest Winter Weekend, Rupert** **Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855**
Come down for a day hike (or ski or snowshoe, depending on conditions), or spend the night in one of the shelters. Fee for overnight stay. Call leaders for details or to make overnight reservations.
-

Global Warming?

A note from our schedule coordinator, Sue Thomas, 773-2185

After our scheduled trip to the **Valcour Island Lighthouse** had to be cancelled two years in a row, I've decided that the way to make the channel freeze over is to not list it in the schedule! I will keep an eye on conditions, and if it's safe enough for the Historical Society to open the lighthouse, we'll go. It's likely to be the first or second Sunday in March. Phone me if you'd like to add your name to the to-be-called list.

Killington Section Outings Last Winter



Pond Woods, 27 January 2007



Merck Forest. 24 March 2007

Sable Mountain Area

4 August 2007

By Herb Ogden, leader

This was going to be a moderate to difficult eight mile hike along the flank of Mt. Hunger and (yes) Delectable Mountain in Stockbridge and Barnard. For three reasons, it wasn't. First, the forecast was for temperatures around 90 degrees. Second, I checked out the bushwhack part of the route and discovered that an old, logged-over area that was fairly easy to navigate in April had turned into something with such lush, high ferns that one had to walk very slowly to avoid tripping over the logging leftovers that were now hidden beneath all the vegetation. Third, part of what looked like a nice woodroad walk in April was choked with tall nettles. After conferring with the other two who showed up, I changed the hike to an old road walk. I'll put the original on the schedule for next spring.

We drove up Pittsfield's South Hill Road from Vt. Route 100 and left the car at the height of land. Walking down a pretty passable road to the Fletcher Brook Road, we passed several cellar holes and a nice new camp. We then headed north on the Fletcher Brook Road, very happy on such a steamy day to be in a steep, shady valley with a brook at the bottom. Leaving the valley, we hiked up the Taggart Hill Road. When the grade lessened, we retreated up a shady lane to the former J. Taggart farm, where we lunched and enjoyed a little easterly view.

Soon after lunch, we turned left onto a less used road, where logging had created some local views. Quite a ways up the road was a rustic year round house with lawn ornaments! There were also several foundations. As the road deteriorated, we finally stopped climbing toward Sable Mountain and the road took us south to the car. We saw no wildlife to speak of but enjoyed the relatively cool woods on this hot day.

On the way home, we toured the old cemetery. Some of the stones from the early 1800s are beautiful. There's

Outing Reports

also the gravestone equivalent of yellow journalism – the headstone of a deaf mute who was "killed by the fall of a tree." This was a good place to ponder what life was like up there about two centuries ago.

**Mount Independence
Senior Shuffle at Sundown**

15 September 2007

By Roma Pulling, Leader

Saturday morning was very disappointing with dark clouds and showers. It didn't seem likely that we would ever see the sun set, as we never saw it rise. When we left the park at 5:00 PM, it started to rain again. But at the lookout on the Orange Trail at Mt. Independence, we saw the most beautiful sunset I ever remember.

Four of us set out on the trail that had been "improved" to accommodate wheel chairs since our last trip there. Still, it seemed long for such conveyances with sharp turns, and I was glad to be walking. At the new lookout we ate our supper and enjoyed the view. Returning as dark settled in we needed the flashlights that we had stowed in our packs.

Thank you, Sue, Barb, and Charlie, for sharing this rewarding experience with me.

Bird Mountain-Poultney

7 October 2007

By Barbara Griffith, leader

We've been to the top of Bird Mountain a number of times but we've never made the hike up the same way. None with us this day had made the trek. When we pointed in the general direction of the western summit stating that *that* was our destination all that was seen was a fog bank. The clouds cloaked the mountain and the hikers knew not what they were climbing towards. Perhaps the mystery spurred them on.

Our footing was fine as we traveled up a well maintained path skirting the fields at the base of the mountain. Steadily we climbed onto the steep

incline that is stoned into the path. Noses to the hill we carefully made our way to the area between the ridges then winding to the southwest. In the time it took us to attain the top of the outcrop the fog and clouds parted and we were rewarded with breath taking views to the valleys below. Dinner in a fine restaurant would be found wanting after lunch at this altitude's panorama.

Bird Mountain, located in the Taconic Range, has a prominent 2216-foot rock outcrop. Barry and I gleaned some historical information about Bird Mountain or Birdseye as some locals call it: From the "History of Rutland County" one learns that Colonel Bird spent an unscheduled night "on the summit of a precipitous mountain" circa 1767. Thus the name Bird Mountain. Some say he woke up and had a "Birdseye View" of the panorama below.

**Bird Mountain from the South**

According to their website the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department now oversees the Bird Mountain Wildlife Management Area, which has 175 acres in Ira, 115 acres in Castleton and 350 acres in Poultney. According to the "History of Bird's Mountain Masonic Monument" the Masons erected a monument on the top on 27 August 1886. When the corner stone was laid there was a great ceremony with over 2000 participants. This Masonic Monument was later struck and demolished by a bolt of lightning. We have it from a local mason that many of the bricks were retrieved and used in the construction of the Castleton Masonic Lodge.

Little River State Park

13 October 2007

By Viv & Larry Walter, leaders

We had a good turn out with 13 folks eventually joining up. The Little River State Park is an 1100-acre tract within the Mount Mansfield State Forest situated west of Waterbury, VT and north of the Waterbury Reservoir. The park headquarters closed the weekend before, so we hiked an extra mile up the hill from the gate to the trail head. This little park is a historical gem with many cellar holes, graveyards and points of interest. A thriving farm and mill community existed here from the mid 1800s into the 1930s. We guessed that the total mileage was about five miles. Except for the first quarter-mile or so, most of the hiking was on an easy grade. We managed to see pretty much everything and were leaving the old Waterbury Last Block Co. Sawmill site when it began to drizzle. I then led everyone on an errant shortcut (it's traditional) before about-facing to our warm automobiles. Anyone interested in obtaining guide maps to the different sites can get one at the park headquarters during the summer, or they can give us a call. There are several trailside history stations with short descriptions of who occupied different sites, some tragic and some humorous. It's worth the trip the next time you're in the Waterbury area. A clockwise loop would be a nice choice if on skis.

End-to-End in Bits & Pieces**L T End-to-End
in Bits & Pieces**

LT miles Hiked
150.8

LT miles To Go
121.9

Lincoln Gap to Appalachia Gap

4 August 2007, Leg 14

By Cindy Oas-Kirk

Lindy Brown, Tom Copps, Allison Norton, Cindy Oas-Kirk, and Dorothy Sullivan hiked the 11.6 miles over this very interesting section of the Long Trail. We set in at 8:45 AM and emerged at 6:15 PM. I don't think there was a winner of the "Time Out" contest. Most guesses were between 4:30 and 7:00 PM. Who guessed 7:00 PM? And was that a second guess?

The weather was perfect. We did have to add a layer atop Mt. Abraham as we sat having a snack. It was crowded on Mt. Abe that day. The caretaker was very helpful, pointing out various peaks including Camel's Hump (where we will be hiking on the next leg of our Bits & Pieces project), Killington, and some of the Adirondacks, and Whites. It never ceases to amaze me how the mileage shrinks when viewed from the mountain tops. This section of the Long Trail offers boulder scrambling, rocky terrain, softwood northern forest, and three ski areas – some runs look very formidable without snow. There are also many fabulous lookouts.

An interesting find along the way was the access to the Theron Dean Shelter via a side trail and/or a cave. Another factoid is that the Long Trail from Lincoln Gap to the Winooski River is called "The Monroe Skyline". In the 1930s there had been a plan to build a highway along this section but it was voted down.

For peak baggers, we did summit two of Vermont's five 4,000-foot peaks: Mt. Abe and Mount Ellen.

**Vermont Route 9 to
Kelley Stand Road**

22/23 September 2007, Leg 16

By Steve Williams

All six "regulars", meaning Rich and Lindy Brown, Tom Copps, Allison Norton, Cindy Oas-Kirk and Steve Williams were available for this hike, so far the only one where an overnight was undertaken. Originally the idea had been to undertake it in two legs, with the breakpoint being access to the ridge via a forest road (by Jeep) followed by a

stretch on a skimobile trail (on foot), which access had been surveyed by Steve and Tom. However, discussion of the time required and the associated logistics led to the decision to overnight at the Goddard Shelter, 0.3 miles short of Glastenbury Peak.

The day was great and, with the help of early starts by all for the trip to leave two vehicles at the Kelley Stand Road trailhead, the group left the Route 9 trailhead shortly before 8.00 AM. The trail was easier than the mid-state locations which had been the subject of other recent "End to End" hikes and was also without any bugs (which, earlier in the season are a plague in the area). The party reached the Goddard Shelter in mid afternoon, left gear there and went on to the summit to view the surrounding area from the fire tower. This was a good move, as on Saturday afternoon humidity was low and the view good, as opposed to the next morning when the reverse applied. A spectacular coverage of green meets the eye from East to West and North to South, from the Adirondacks to New Hampshire and from Stratton and Mount Snow to Massachusetts.

It was the writer's first encounter with freeze dried foods, but the beef stroganoff and noodles proved to be splendidly filling, and were followed by an ice cream sandwich (in the usual chocolate biscuits), for which saliva provided the hydration. Ingenious, and definitely recognizable as ice cream even if not first choice in comparison with, say, Ben and Jerry's. Tom and Rich were purists and set up tent near the peak (see below); the remaining four settled for the comforts of the shelter which we had to ourselves. Initially the wind and the early "heads down" time of 8.00 PM were deterrents to sleep, but eventually the rigors of the day overcame both.

On Sunday morning two unaccompanied fine looking hounds appeared, of which more below.

Now, some vignettes from the party:

- **Lindy Brown:** "My favorite part was waking up Sunday morning in the shelter on Glastenbury Mountain to very chilly temperatures. After breakfast we hiked 4.1 miles to Kid Gore Shelter

for our first lunch of the day. It was so beautiful there. We sat in the sunshine looking out at gorgeous foliage and a body of water. I wanted to spend the day but they told me we had a few more miles to go! Later in the day at our next lunch (adequate food being an essential of longer distance hiking) we met a couple that had spent the night at Kid Gore. They had had a moose walk right by the shelter that morning".

- **Tom Copps:** "Soon after Rich and I pitched our tents at the top of Glastenbury and crawled in for the night I was awoken by running animals racing closely around his tent. I was concerned. What could they be? Bears? No, too fast. Raccoons? Again no. Coyotes? Maybe. On about lap ten the second one whimpered to the front-runner and the mystery was explained. They were hounds out on their own. They spent the whole night chasing around the top of the mountain annoying us. Two hikers who were sleeping without even tents on the top of the mountain were also the target of rambunctious nocturnal carousing and got little sleep. However, they probably diverted attention from Rich and me, allowing for a comfortable nights sleep after all"

- **Allison Norton:** "I have to say I was thrilled when we got to the trailhead at Route 9, because I had looked forward to this trip all spring and summer! I second the previous comments that we found this hike to be easier than some of the other LTETE trips further north. A particular feature of the trip that was especially nice was the "mauve squad" which consists of Cindy, Lindy, and me, all with similar shades of backpack, and sometimes hiking as a trio. One of the main things I remember from the first day is that we were never really sure where we were, or how far from our campsite, because there were no signs and few landmarks! I think we were all surprised when we got to Goddard Shelter as soon as we did. I also insist on including the following useful tidbit of information: on the first day we passed two HUGE piles of bear scat right on the trail. Also on the first day, as we got closer to the shelter, we came across two young guys who were obviously hiking faster than us

and were taking a break. They caught up toward the "mauve squad," as we were hiking together at the time, and we discussed holding them up somehow so we could get to the shelter first. I considered holding my hiking pole out to the sides like a balance pole. But when we talked to them, they mentioned that they were going to just sleep on the ground without tents, and we relaxed a little. The shelter was beautiful and clean with a nice porch, which provided a psychological if not physical barrier to roving wildlife. And, the second day was pretty much a slow, gradual downhill all day with only a few minor uphill. Like everyone else, I was surprised and excited to see Sue and Barry at Story Spring. Seeing those two, coupled with running into Pooh Bear and Happy Tails (see below), resulted in a noisy, excited reunion of sorts at the shelter, much to the surprise of some other hikers who said they hadn't seen people in days!"

- **Cindy Oas-Kirk:** "As we came into Story Spring Shelter--our last stop along this division of the Long Trail, I thought I was seeing things. But no--indeed, there was Sue Thomas and Barry Griffith approaching from the North with treats of bottled water, cookies and stories of the "Glastenbury Triangle". WOW!! How thoughtful!! We learned there is a history of mysterious disappearances on this section of the Long Trail. Yes, we were all accounted for and pleased to learn this on our way out. The last four miles seemed easy as we moved right along chattering with our welcoming party"

- **Steve Williams:** "Also at Story Spring Shelter were Pooh Bear and Happy Tails, previously met in mid-state and still looking remarkably trim and enthusiastic as they made their way to the Massachusetts border. (As trail names do not give much away about their owners, let's add that Pooh Bear was an attractive woman with many years of youthful advantage compared to the more mature members of our own party, while Happy Tails was a Nova Scotia Duck Toller Retriever. Not too many of these out on the trails.)"

Before the final stretch, Forest Service Route 71 to Kelley Stand Road,

the party met a man and his (presumed) daughter who were looking for two hounds which, from their description, were the two described by Tom above, and last seen by the searchers the previous day. After some discussion about missing canines, it emerged that there were two missing bipeds also, but these appeared to be of less concern. The Glastenbury Triangle strikes again?

The hike concluded at about 5.00 PM. with a feeling of satisfaction by all at having conquered the longest continuous roadless section of the Long Trail.

Duxbury Road to Bolton Notch Road

3 November 2007, Leg 18

By Lindy Brown

Come along with us as this is a trail of three men and a lady! On Saturday Steve Williams, Tom Copps, and Richard and Lindy Brown hiked the Long Trail from Duxbury Road to Bolton Notch Road. Steve and Tom were to meet us in Jonesville at 8:00 AM. We arrived in Jonesville, looked in our rear view mirror, and there they were at 8:00 AM. How's that for coordination?

We started hiking at 8:35 AM on a very cold day; frost was still on the grass. Tom thought we needed to jog. Well, Steve soon put an end to that idea! We paused for a photo opportunity under the I 89 overpass as this marked a milestone in our 8.2-mile journey.

The wind was really whipping at Duck Brook Shelter where we stopped briefly for a chilly lunch at 11:00 AM. In the afternoon we had a few outlooks and then time for another snack at the 1680-foot height-of-land.

We were fascinated by the beaver pond and by all the fresh work the busy animals have been doing. Tom took a picture of a tree being held up only by an inch of wood remaining in its center. After a little difficulty crossing the final brook, we arrived at the car at 1:45 PM. We stopped for tea and HUGE brownies on the way home.

Your Invitation to Join
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual \$35
Family..... \$45
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$20

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___trail work, ___shelter work, ___sign making, ___publications, ___leading outings, ___publicity, ___education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Bob Perkins, Editor
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 61, Number 1

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

February 2008

Mrs. Gorp: On the Road Again

[Killington Section Director, shelter adopter, and AT End-to-Ender, Cindy Taylor-Miller, (a.k.a. Mrs. Gorp), who last summer bicycled across the country and back, provided the following update.]

Once again I'll be riding across the country on my bicycle. This time the route I'll follow is called the "Southern Tier", as it traverses 3,159 miles through the states of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. I'll begin this adventure at the Pacific Ocean in San Diego, CA and ride east to the Atlantic Ocean

I'll have a bit of climbing to do to get out of San Diego before I spill out into the desert near In-kopah Pass. This route is best ridden before it gets too hot. That is why I'm making this my end of February get-a-way from the snow ride.

I will reach the route's highest point at Emory Pass, 8,228 feet in New Mexico. Once I ride out the Texas hill country the route should "flatten out" as I pedal through the bayous and farmlands of the Gulf Coast and reach the Atlantic Ocean in Florida.

I hope to be back in Vermont near the first of May, just in time for black fly and mud season!

Minerva Hinchey Shelter Maintenance Endowed



By Cindy Taylor Miller

Smoke & Blazes has been informed that the future maintenance of Minerva Hinchey Shelter has been permanently endowed through a generous Second Century Campaign contribution from Scott and Deb Livingston of Bolton, Connecticut.

Scott Livingston is President and CEO of Horst Engineering, a 61 year old manufacturer of precision machined components for aerospace and other high technology industries.

The Livingstons both are competitive endurance athletes, and

completed a thirteen day End-to-End of the Long Trail in 2005. Their Long Trail hike was chronicled in the June 2006 issue of the Appalachian Mountain Club's *Appalachia*. When asked why they chose Minerva Hinchey Shelter, Deb said, "I lived in Mendon and taught snowboarding at Killington for many years. I feel a closeness to that area because of that."

The Killington Section is thankful for generous people like the Livingstons who have the ability to ensure the future of one of the seven shelters within our section.

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2008 * Barbara Griffith
" Barry Griffith
" * Steve Williams
2009 Wayne Krevetski
" * Andrea McQuade
" * Roma Pulling
2010 * John Hale
" * Lynda Hutchins
" * Cindy Taylor-Miller

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President Barbara Griffith
Secretary/Treasurer John Hale

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate vacancy

Smoke & Blazes

Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

Section Directors to Meet

It's not often that a Killington Section event is postponed because of our fickle Vermont weather but it happened in February, not to an outing but to the regular quarterly meeting of the Section Board of Directors. President Barry Griffith has rescheduled the meeting for

6:00 ~~AM~~ Tuesday 25 March
at the Back Home Again Café

on Center Street in beautiful downtown Rutland

Board meetings are not always the most exciting way to spend an evening but meetings are open to all members and, in fact, to anyone who is interested. This would be a good opportunity to gain some insight into what it takes to manage our program of outings and maintenance of our section of the Long Trail. You might even find a way to become more involved in your club.



Directors Steve Williams and John Hale at a Previous Board Meeting

And then there's our second favorite sport. While discussing club business you can enjoy a cup of tea, a light snack, or even a full delicious Back Home meal (on your own nickel, of course). Join us on the 25th.

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Barbara & Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net

John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@lighters.com

Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net

Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com

Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@adelphia.net

Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net

Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, (H)293-2510, (W)774-2200, hogden@vermontel.net

Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu

Roma Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com

Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185

Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com

Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorborg@sover.net

Outing Reports

Black Mountain, Whitehall, NY

14 July 2007

By Allison Norton, leader

A fifty percent chance of rain was forecast, but the day turned out to be clear and sunny. We had a nice group of nine people plus everybody's favorite terrier. When signing in at the trail register on Pike Brook Road, I wrote a greeting to the Burlington Section in the log, because according to the GMC calendar they would be doing the same hike the next day!

After a little climb out of the parking lot, the trail is an old road for a while, goes past someone's (uninhabited?) camp with outbuildings, and then turns up the Black Mountain trail toward the summit. The trail to the summit is pretty steep and very eroded. As we were climbing, we met a woman and her puppy. The puppy became Burdock's new best friend and for much of the climb, the two dogs raced and chased each other up and down the trail, back and forth past our group. They must have gone at least ten times the distance that we people hiked.

When we reached the summit, we found that the windmill was gone, which was a surprise to some of us. There were some solar panels instead, along with the usual assortment of communication towers and the remnants of a ranger cabin and an old fire tower. Having anything on top of a mountain, especially in a wilderness, is controversial to many of us, but personally I prefer solar panels and windmills to condos. The weather was still clear and sunny at the top, and we enjoyed a leisurely lunch while discussing the views.

The area around the peak has some steep cliffs, but the only casualty was one water bottle. From

the peak, we could see Lake George, Lake Champlain, the High Peaks, and Route 4 extending to our very own Pico, Killington, and Mendon. We could even see White Rocks when the haze shifted. I swear I could even see the faintest outline of the Champlain Bridge, but don't ask me to explain exactly how to find it!



Photo Op on Black Mountain

After our lunch was the moment of decision: in the hike schedule, I had listed the hike as a trip to the summit, with an "optional" longer loop down the west side of the mountain, depending on weather and the group's preference. The decision was enthusiastically unanimous, or unanimously enthusiastic, to continue the loop! The trail down the west side of the peak is beautiful, with views of Lake George much of the way down. It is much less eroded as well. We followed a few faint side trails in search of better views. It was only after bushwhacking through chest-high shrubbery and across rocky ledges to reach some blueberries that someone mentioned the possibility of rattlesnakes! No sightings, even though we had Barb with us. I wasn't on her infamous snake hike, but I've heard!

The trail switchbacks down, down, and down some more. We marveled at the well-constructed trail, with retaining walls built of rock, and we wondered if it had been a road in the past. At the bottom of the trail, we looped back to our starting point, along the Black Mt.

Pond trail and the Lapland Pond trail. Black Mt. Pond had a lean-to with a nice new picnic table. Both ponds were pretty clear, and we could see frogs and little fish. Near Lapland Pond, we were able to catch a view of the towers on the summit of Black Mt., and with all of the climbing and descending we had done, the summit didn't really look all that far away. Much of the Lapland Pond trail heading back to the junction with the summit trail was pretty wet, but for a warm sunny day we put up with it just fine. Once we reached the junction with the summit trail, it was an easy walk back to the trailhead.

Great Hawk Colony, Rochester

25 November 2007

By Gordon Cawood, leader

Eight GMCers resisted the temptation to go skiing on this, the first decent ski weekend of the season. Instead, we enjoyed what developed into a sunny hike up Austin Hill in Rochester, VT. We admired the upscale Great Hawk Colony dwellings from roads clearly marked "Hunting Prohibited". The hunters were busy, however, judging from the rifle reports sounding from the Maple Hill area to the west. The sun came out while we had lunch beside the community's swim pond.

A moment of excitement occurred when Viv's still-rolled-up seat pad rolled out onto the ice. A gentle breeze took it out near the middle of the pond. After some agonizing minutes another playful zephyr brought it back to shore where it was quickly recovered. Views to the west of the lightly snow covered hills were irresistible.

Thanks for coming, Arlene Zivitz, Larry and Viv Walters, Sue Thomas, Allison Norton, Gerry and Cheryl Martin. I enjoyed your company.

Crown Point Road, Proctor

1 December 2007

By Barry Griffith

We carpooled to Proctor, where we were met by Jim Moore, our leader for this outing. Jim told us that he went on many Killington Section outings as a teenager, learning from Churchill Scott, Craigie Perkins, and others. He was pleased to share his knowledge and love of the outdoors with us. Appropriately, we met at a Crown Point Road marker at the northeasterly corner of Beaver Pond. The Crown Point Road could be described as Vermont's first hiking trail. After driving the French from Lake Champlain in 1759, British General Amherst sent troops to cut and mark a route from Crown Point to Fort No. 4 on the Connecticut River. In the years which followed colonists used this route to come and settle here.

Traces of the old Crown Point Road are hard to spot in most towns. However, as we descended into the Garden of Eden Jim pointed out a remarkably well-preserved abutment carved into the hillside above his home. We paused to admire the workmanship in a stone house Jim has erected nearby. We then continued north, past another noticeable abutment, and on to Shelter Rock. The southerly side of this massive outcropping benefits from solar warmth even in the winter, and was likely used as a campsite.

Our next stop was the cellar hole of Roger Stevens, who settled here in 1770. His home was west of Gorham Bridge, on a tract with a great view of the Otter Creek valley and Green Mountains to the east. Jim shared stories about Roger's son, Roger Jr., who remained loyal to the Crown during the American Revolution, and was required to

remove to Canada to avoid the wrath of his neighbors. We then struck out to the west until we came across another old highway, the Market Road, which was used to take goods from Middlebury and other towns along its route southerly to Albany. We followed this road south to the Powers cellar hole – home of another early area settler. We talked about the local marble industry, dominated by the Proctors in the years which followed.

A short trek along the present-day highway returned us to our vehicles. We expressed pleasure with our walk in the woods, enjoying both the natural features and the history of the area. Thanks for a great day, Jim!

High Pond, Sudbury

5 January 2008

By Barbara & Barry Griffith, leaders

Holidays over, cabin fever amongst us – twenty snowshoers and one dog came out for this hike. It was so nice to see everyone again. We were fortunate to have along with us a former maker of signs and resident of the High Pond ski area. Gleaned from Cindy Taylor-Miller was history of the '80's. The mystery of the trails and signs that crisscross the area was solved.

The Nature Conservancy trailhead to High Pond Preserve is on Ganson Hill Road in Hubbardton. High Pond itself is in Sudbury. The hiking trail was constructed by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps in 2005. One word of caution – you hike into and down to High Pond. Thus you hike out and up when you leave.

Conservationist Douglas Burden started buying parcels of land here in the 1930's. Eventually these lands came under the Conservancy's care in the early 1980's. The preserve now includes nearly three thousand

acres in Hubbardton, Brandon, Pittsford, and Sudbury. There is quite a history about the site. If you wish to learn more, let the Griffiths know and we will forward the information to you. For history buffs, there is evidence that an old military road passed by the Pond. We noted evidence of the Taconic Mountains, with shale and slate outcroppings here and there.

Returning to Rutland we managed to drive over High Pond Road, and stopped to view the site of the old High Pond Ski Area. There are old buildings still existing with remains of ski tows and trails. There are even gravestones beside the old farmhouse across from the old ski area. One can go online to the NELSAP website (New England Lost Ski Area Preservation) and read about High Pond's history from the 1940s to the 1980s.

Mad Tom Notch Road

12 January 2008

By Larry Walter, leader

Tom Capps and I recon'd this hike the weekend before and encountered a nasty combination of zero Fahrenheit and a hard crust with four inches of powder on top. Any side hill traversing rapidly degenerated into frustrating skating expositions with poles and shoes scattered over a 200-meter radius (speaking for myself here...Tom did a lot of waiting). Thankfully, a long rain and lots of January thaw had lowered the snow level and made the footing a lot better for the GMC hike.

The trail begins about a half mile east of the Dorset Town Clerk's office where the paved road turns northerly. We parked at the town office. It's a nice place to park, but beware of speedy automobiles slaloming off of the hill. Once on the trail, it continues about a half mile along the north bank. That's

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: March – May 2008

Visit our web site: <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

- 2 March, Sunday, 10:00 AM** **Woodland Snowshoe** **Jerry Parker, 775-6208**
Explore animal tracks and winter signs. May involve some bushwhacking.
Moderate, 3 miles.
- 15 March, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **Spruce Peak, Manchester** **Tom Copps, 770-9394**
Snowshoe south on the AT/LT to the summit of Spruce Peak for views of the Taconic Range and the valley. (Depending on conditions a lower elevation hike may be substituted.) Bad weather date: 3/16.
Moderate, 5 miles.
- 29 March, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **Pharoh Lake Wilderness, Chilson, NY** **Allison Norton, 775-1627**
Options include several back-country ponds and mountain summits with sweeping views. Very wet with several stream crossings. Actual route will be determined by weather and trail conditions.
Difficult, 6 to 7 miles.
- 5 April, Saturday, 5:30 PM** **Killington Section Annual Meeting, Rutland** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Join us at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Hillside Avenue for a potluck supper followed by a short business meeting with election of officers and updates on Long Trail issues. Bring a dish to share and your own place setting. All welcome.
- 12 April, Saturday, 10:00 AM** **Shrewsbury Ramble, Shrewsbury** **Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
Explore old logging roads in Shrewsbury. May be wet.
Moderate, 7 miles (with shorter options).
- 19/20 April, Saturday/Sunday** **Merck Forest Weekend, Rupert** **Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855**
Come down for a day hike or spend the night in one of the shelters at this 3,000 acre preserve. Fee for overnight stay. Call leaders for details or to make overnight reservations.
- 26 April, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **Tree Hike, West Rutland** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
In celebration of Arbor Day, join us for a hike with forester Russell Reay. We'll climb to a summit with great views and learn about tree identification, the history of this hardwood landscape, and forest management.
Moderate, 3 miles with some climbing. (Rain date: 4/27.)
- 3 May, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **Deer Leap Overlook, Killington** **Steve Williams, 645-9529**
Climb, with a few steep pitches, to a rocky overlook with beautiful views. Then loop back via the Long/Appalachian Trail.
Moderate, 3 to 4 miles, elevation gain of 800 feet.
- 10 May, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **Shaw Mt., Benson** **Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502**
Welcome spring with a bird and wildflower walk through this beautiful Nature Conservancy preserve, home to white trillium, wild ginger, and fringed polygala. The migrants will be back from winter quarters so bring binoculars, field guides, and bug spray. No dogs, please.
Moderate, 2.5 miles.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Dec. 2007 – Feb. 2008

Schedule continued from previous page

- 17 May, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **Long Trail Spring Cleaning** **Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
All are welcome to join us for our annual cleanup and maintenance preparing the trail for the summer hiking season. We'll clear water bars, trim brush, and cut blowdowns on the lower elevation stretches. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and lunch; tools will be provided. Have fun in the woods while doing a good deed. (Rain date: 5/18).
- 24 May, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **North Branch Trail to Silver Lake, Goshen** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Hike from Moosalamoo campground to beautiful Silver Lake with possible extension to see the Falls of Lana.
Moderate, 6.5 miles. (Rain date: 5/25.)
- 30/31 May, Friday/Saturday** **Main Club Annual Meeting, Waterbury** **GMC, 244-7037**
This year's meeting of the state-wide Green Mountain Club will be at the club headquarters in Waterbury Center. Learn about the activities of the main club, meet like-minded folks from across the state and beyond, and choose from a dozen hikes in the central Vermont area. See your *Long Trail News* for more information, or log on to www.greenmountainclub.org.
- 1 June, Sunday, 9:00 AM** **Gilmore Pond, Bristol** **Jerry Parker, 775-6208**
Hike to a remote pond in the Bristol Cliffs Wilderness.
Easy to moderate, 3 miles
- 7 June, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **National Trails Day Maintenance, Killington** **Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
Volunteers all over the country will be out today clearing brush and waterbars, cutting blowdowns, and painting blazes, readying the trails for the summer hiking season. Join us to work on our local treasure, the Long/Appalachian Trail. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and lunch; tools will be provided.
(Rain date: 6/8.)
- 8 June, Sunday, 10:00 AM** **Senior Shuffle (or Black Fly Ramble), Tinmouth** **Roma Pulling, 773-6997**
Stroll by Chapman Lake and visit the grave of early Vermont Statesman Nathaniel Chipman. Bring bug juice!
Easy, 3 miles.
- 14 June, Saturday** **Bike Trek** **Bill Holt, 537-4227**
Pedal along old roads and a discontinued railroad bed. Call leader for details and meeting time and place.
Moderate, 15 to 20 miles. (Rain date: 6/15.)



where the road crosses to the south side over a bridge that was washed out in the early 1900s. The twisted remains of an I-beam stringer lie down stream from here.



Mad Tom Brook

I'm inclined to think that this was more than just an access route for pig-iron smelters. The bridge footings (at least three of which we encountered) were all substantial, with stone and mortar wing walls. When the road crossed back to the north bank, further up the ravine, we found beautifully constructed retaining walls complete with iron support cradles built into the stone work (to support wooden rails?). When we hit the third massive bridge footing, where the road crosses back to the south side of the brook, we paused for lunch. A dark fisher-cat trotted side slope to the north of us.



Lunch at Mad Tom

All in the party appeared well and relatively oblivious to future hazards (similar to Irvin and Mallory?), so we left the drainage and climbed northerly and westerly over a series

of old skid trails until we hit the height of land. Earlier, some of us were silly enough to believe my proclamation: "we probably won't need snow shoes". It got a bit dicey on the southeast slope with some glazed surfaces and post-holing. Lesson learned...I'll be a bit more conservative the next time. Tom kept track of our progress with his trusty GPS. The satellites accurately indicated us as being within striking distance of Pierre, South Dakota. We were welcomed by a relatively bare, razor-back ridge upon which we descended several hundred feet southwesterly, catching views of the back side of Bromley and Stratton as well as the Taconic Range. We discovered several, beautiful old maples and oaks along the way, some with cryptic cross-hatched scribe marks and blazes. Some of the old snags had been all but disassembled into brick-sized chunks by the local woodpecker. Not many people get up this way. Eventually we had to bail off the west side onto old skid roads, eventually joining back onto the main trail. We got back to the cars at about three o'clock and rendezvoused at the local store for essential sugar, fat, salt and caffeine supplements. Nine souls started and nine finished with no injuries...just the customary dose of whining (brownies were provided to soften the blow).

I'm going to attempt to get the Town and the Forest interested in adopting this route, bridge crossings included, as an official LT side trail. Mad Tom Brook is a beautiful stream with huge pools. The third bridge is within easy reach of Mad Tom Notch Road and Forest Road 21. Another branch could easily be established to a major ridge to the south which eventually tails out near East Dorset. We'd probably need another bridge crossing there. I'll schedule a fall

hike, when the water levels are negotiable, for one of these extended routes. Being that I'm allergic to spot-the-car scenarios, I'll probably attempt to loop things off. Hope to see you there.

Ski Day for Shareheat, Peru

27 January 2008

By Connie Youngstrom

Wild Wings XC Center, located in Peru, VT., was the host of this year's Shareheat fundraiser. BROCC organized the event to raise money for heating assistance. With the current high fuel prices, the fundraiser was especially important this year.

Cindy Taylor Miller, Mark and I were the representatives from the Killington Section. The month of January saw a big meltdown, so skiing was limited to the easier terrain, mostly on the level near the warming cabin. Under overcast skies with a light snow fall we climbed the hills and enjoyed exhilarating downhill, while taking in the views of the snowy woods.

In total we raised almost \$500 for this important cause. Many thanks to those of you who made donations.

Merck Forest Ramble, Rupert

2 February 2008

By Steve Williams, leader

With icy conditions on the afternoon and evening of the preceding Friday, and thinking of the connecting road from Route 315 to the Merck Forest Visitor Center, the key question about the hike was whether it would be held at all. Fortunately, the leader was able to make contact with Merck Forest, specifically Ken Smith, the man responsible for sanding the aforementioned road. With a reassuring report by Ken at 7.30 a.m. the leader felt sufficiently confident

to invite others to join him, which a surprising number of eleven did.

Most of the four-hour loop trail hike was on the Forest's old logging roads, but with the last half mile or so down from the shoulder of Spruce Peak being a more conventional hiking trail. Fortuitously all participants had snowshoes or yak tracks or similar which, given the occasional ice beneath the snow covering of a few inches, were highly desirable. Views out towards the Adirondacks, Mount Equinox and Mount Antone were all worthwhile, even if mostly through trees. Larry Walter did some sterling maintenance work by cutting and removing a number of obstacles from the trail.

All in all a pleasant outcome bearing in mind what might have been expected from the previous day's inclement weather.

Gifford Woods, Killington

16 February 2008

By Roma Pulling

Without the help of my co-leader, Steve Pulling, this roast would never have gotten off the ground. He drove his truck, which was a big help in carrying our equipment and supplies; he lifted crates of wood and a 5-gallon water carrier with great ease; and he strapped all this stuff to a toboggan and hauled it to the shelter.

As our 11 hikers and 2 dogs were on their way over Route 4 to our destination, we saw a car lying on its side on the shoulder. It was surrounded by a police vehicle, fire truck and ambulance with westbound traffic backed up for some distance, but eastbound traffic was moving smoothly and we were soon in the parking lot near the maintenance shed at Gifford Woods. Steve quickly had the supply toboggan ready to go and we proceeded on

snowshoes for a short distance to a group of lean-tos named Locust, Pine and Cherry but decided on Aspen as having a fireplace we could actually identify under the snow. Taking turns with the shovel Steve had carried in, the men cleared enough snow away so a fire could be built. Jerry and Steve P. volunteered as firekeepers while 7 of our group went on a snowshoe hike. Jean and I enjoyed an abbreviated version and returned to the shelter to find that our firekeepers already had water boiling so we could warm up with hot chocolate.



Hot-dogs on the Fire

Shortly the long trekkers returned, and we partook of roasted hot dogs in rolls, chips, mustard and relish and topped it off with a cake and candle in honor of my grandmother's 144th birthday. For both the idea and the cake I owe thanks to our Outings Chairperson, Sue.

Who was my grandmother? Ruth Ellen Lewis was born February 16, 1864, in Bridgewater and upon completing her education taught in area schools. On 21 February 1885, she married Gilman Fernando Robinson and settled on his farm in Bridgewater Chateaugay until they were hired to work on renovation of the Inn in Wallingford, he in construction and Ruth furnishing meals for the workers. While there, Ruth gave birth to her first child [my uncle].

On completion of the work in Wallingford, Gilman purchased a farm just over the Bridgewater line in the town of Woodstock, where my mother was born. Besides caring for her two children, Ruth mothered three boys from Gilman's first marriage, his mother and his brother, and a two-year-old child which they adopted from an orphan train and even a grandson for a while. In time Gilman and Ruth had a new three-story house and a five-story barn built, which are still there, now being used as a bed-and-breakfast.

Thanks to everyone who came on the annual roast and helped to make it a huge success.

Nina LaPenna

By Sue Thomas

The Killington Section has lost another devoted member with the passing in February of Nina LaPenna, 91. Throughout the 1980s and early 90s Nina was a regular on hikes, short and long, and an enthusiastic and welcome contributor to pot luck suppers.

Raffle Quilt

Calling all sewing enthusiasts: The Killington Section is planning to make a quilt, which will be raffled off to benefit the Green Mountain Club's Second Century Campaign. Our goal is to have it completed in time for the annual meeting in late May. If you'd like to help by contributing a square (or two, or three...!), by donating money or materials, or by helping with the construction and quilting, please contact Sue Thomas, 773-2185.

Killington Section, GMC Members as of February 2008

- Timothy J. Abraham, Rutland
 Bob Amelang, Rutland
 Lulu Anderson, Rutland
 William P. Anderson, Sr., Rutland
 Robert L. Badger, Potsdam, NY
 Greg M. Badgley, Ludlow
 Diane Bargiel, Whitehall, NY
 Jeff Bayden, Morristown, NJ
 Lynda Bayden, Morristown, NJ
 Vivian Bebee, Rutland
 Richard Biziak, Cuttingsville
 Joel Blumenthal, Proctor
 Abigail Boone, Hebron, CT
 Robert B. Boutwell, Rutland
 Karen Bowles, Killington
 Michael J. Brayton, Monkton, MD
 Lyle K. Bretkopf, Teaneck, NJ
 Jeffrey Breslow, Chicago, IL
 Linda Brown, Orwell
 Richard Brown, Orwell
 Anne C. Brown, Plymouth
 Bruno Brzoza, Ludlow
 Dewey A. Burleson, Hackensack, NJ
 Steve Carbine, Rutland
 Andrew Carter, Brandon
 Jenny Carter, Brandon
 Raymond Catozzi, Rutland
 Rachael W. Charland, Franklin, NH
 Ronna G. Charlton, Rutland
 David Charnock, Rutland
 Dale Christie, Proctor
 Bill Cobleigh, Wallingford
 Stephen M. Cohen Belmont
 Norman Cohen, Rutland
 George Conlon, Rutland
 Clare Coppock, Rutland
 Dave Coppock, Rutland
 Tom Copps, Rutland
 Bill Craib, Woodstock
 Elizabeth Craib, Woodstock
 Leo A. Crawford, Plymouth
 Nathan Dansereau, Pittsford
 Mrs. Robert P. Darrow, Mendon
 Robert P. Darrow, Mendon
 Kit Davidson, Castleton
 Joan Davidson, Orwell
 Theresa L. Davis, Pittsford
 Bernard G. Donahue, Rutland
 Joan Ebberson, Rutland
 Bill Edgerton, Gaysville
 Marilyn Edgerton, Gaysville
 Russell Edwards, Rutland
 Michael H. Foster, Silverthorne, CO
 Ginna Frantz, Chicago, IL
 Monica M. Freson, Pittsford
 Ruth Gibbud, Rutland
 Frances Ginsberg, Rye, NY
 Ronald Grande, Rutland
 Molly Griffith, Boulder, CO
 Barbara Griffith, Shrewsbury
 Barry Griffith, Shrewsbury
 Thomas Grillo, Proctor
- Gerald L. Guppy, Killington
 Karen Gwozdz, Pawlet
 William Gwozdz, Pawlet
 John M. Hale, Castleton
 Til Hale, Castleton
 Patricia K. Hannegan, Rutland
 Ruth Hare, Montpelier
 Lorraine Hawley, Rutland
 Chuck Helfer, Poultney
 Gail Helfer, Poultney
 Jean A. Hinsin, Rutland
 Rick Hollenbaugh, Pittsford
 Bill Holt, Orwell
 Lynda M. Hutchins, Orwell
 Michael Ilyichenko, Yaphank, NY
 Betty P. Johnson, West Rutland
 Wayne Jones, West Rutland
 Robert Kancir, Fairfield, CT
 Sue Kancir, Fairfield, CT
 Shawn Kershaw, Chalfont, PA
 Peter Kirk, Rutland
 Paul Kraby, Killington
 Joseph M. Kraus, Rutland
 Kathy Krevetski, Rutland
 Wayne Krevetski, Rutland
 Joyce M. Krevetski, Toms River, NJ
 Ruth Lamb, Queensbury, NY
 Sandy Lamb, Queensbury, NY
 Jill Lauren, New York, NY
 Susan Lipkin, Rutland
 Betty Little, Rutland
 John Little, Rutland
 Tammy Loomis, Wells
 Shelley Lutz, Center Rutland
 Sam Malkus, West Rutland
 David S. Martin, McLean, VA
 Janet Martin, Rutland
 John Martin, Rutland
 Jon Mathewson, Middletown Springs
 Kimberly Mathewson, Middletown Springs
 Dave Mathis, Rutland
 M. Cecilia McCallen, Ludlow
 Sandra McCall, Rutland
 Patti M. McGowan, Belmont
 Amy C. McLaughlin, Rutland
 Dennis S. McLaughlin, Rutland
 Andrea McQuade, Rutland
 Mary T. Mellow, Rutland
 Mic Metz, West Rutland
 Mathew S. Mitchell, Newton, MA
 Tarra Mitchell, Newton, MA
 Richard C. Mitchell, Oswego, NY
 Bruce Moreton, Cuttingsville
 Kelly Moreton, Cuttingsville
 Nancy L. Murphy, Rutland
 Brett B. Myhre, Clarendon
 Gene C. Nelson, Orwell
 Martin Nitka, Ludlow
 Allison Norton, Rutland
 Cindy Oas-Kirk, Rutland
 Okie O'Bries, Killington
 Herbert G. Ogden, Mt. Tabor
 MJ O'Hara, Ludlow
- William L. Oppenheimer, Manalapan, NJ
 Gerald Parker, Shrewsbury
 Ralph Perkins, Rutland
 Robert Perkins, Rutland
 Thelma Perkins, Rutland
 Mark J. Pettrone, Averill Park, NY
 Kern Phillips, Ringoes, NJ
 Svetlana Phillips, Ringoes, NJ
 Paul Pilcher, Proctor
 Chuck Piotrowski, Rutland
 Frances Powers, Killington
 Ronald Pulcer, Rutland Town
 Sarah Pulcer, Rutland Town
 Roma Pulling, Rutland
 Anna Rayner, Mendon
 Jeremy Rayner, Mendon
 Steven Roberts, Bristol, PA
 Wally Rogers, Castleton
 F. John Romeo, Homosassa, FL
 Moira Romeo, Homosassa, FL
 Lora Salladin, Cockeysville, MD
 Christel Schiffer, Mendon
 Ed Schiffer, Mendon
 Ellen Schlagel, Rutland
 Jim Schlagel, Rutland
 Robert Schulhafer, Mahopac, NY
 Charlotte S. Schwartz, Goffstown, NH
 Marilyn Sheldon, Rutland
 Joan Sibley, Cuttingsville
 Joan F. Smith, Killington
 Carlene P. Smith, Proctor
 Karen Stannard, Rutland
 J. Ross Stevenson, Poultney
 Nancy L. Stevenson, Poultney
 Larry Stewart, Ludlow
 John Suddarth, Mendon
 Lindsey Suddarth, Mendon
 Kebin Sweeney, Rutland
 Joseph F. Taylor, Long Beach, NY
 Cynthia Taylor-Miller, Wallingford
 Catherine L. Thomas, Mt. Tabor
 Sue Thomas, Rutland
 Craig H. Tomkinson, Belmont
 Dot Tomkinson, Belmont
 Jeffrey Trubisz, Salem, MA
 Leslie Tucker, Rutland
 Albert L. Tufano, Cuttingsville
 Deborah L. Waggett, Fair Haven
 Larry Walter, Rutland
 Mary Lou Webster, Brandon
 Jack Whitney, Queensbury, NY
 Stephen M. Williams, West Pawlet
 Joyce K. Wilson, Shrewsbury
 R. Lee Wilson, Shrewsbury
 David P. Wright, Middletown Springs
 Carol J. Wright, Rutland
 Connie Youngstrom, Shrewsbury
 Mark Youngstrom, Shrewsbury
 Joan Zardus, Amesbury, MA
 Marilyn Zimmerman, Pittsford
 Randal B. Zimmerman, Pittsford
 Arlene Zivitz, Rutland

Your Invitation to Join
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual \$35
Family \$45
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$20

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Bob Perkins, Editor
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 61, Number 2

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

May 2008

Allison Norton Elected New Killington Section Director

At the recent annual meeting of the Killington Section newcomer Allison Norton (trail name Landshark) was elected to the Board of Directors. Also elected to the nine-member board were former director Sue Thomas and continuing director Barry Griffith.

Allison graduated as a psychology major from Alfred University and has an advanced degree from SUNY Albany. She works as a school psychologist for grades K-6 in Whitehall, NY.

Growing up in the Buffalo area, Allison's outdoor experience was pretty much limited to occasional visits to her Dad's hunting camp and to family camping in state parks. When a friend, seven or eight years ago, invited her to climb Sleeping Beauty Mountain near Lake George she was hooked on the woods and hiking.

Allison settled in Rutland in 2005 and soon found the Green Mountain Club. She became an active participant and before long was leading Killington Section hikes, especially in the southern Adirondacks. With a small group from the club, Allison has been hiking the Long Trail in bits and pieces. Her favorite spot on the Trail so far is – surprise – Little Rock Pond. She expects to become an End-to-End by this October.

At Emerald Lake State Park in July Allison Norton will become Mrs. Allison Henry. Phil Henry, her husband-to-be, a

teacher in West Rutland, is not much of a hiker, but somehow arranged for them to be on top of Mount Mansfield when he proposed.



Killington Section Kayak Raffle

By: Wayne Krevetski

Do to the generosity of Eastern Mountain Sports of the Diamond Run Mall; the Killington Section was able to raffle a Kayak during Mother's Day weekend, in conjunction with Eastern Mountain Sports 20% Gear-Up Sale. EMS donated the Kayak, a Perception Prodigy 10, and allowed us space at the entrance to the store to sell tickets. Thanks go to Allison Norton, Sue Thomas, Cindi Taylor-Miller and her son Kyle, Bob Perkins, Chryl Martin, and Barry Griffith for spending part of a beautiful weekend in doors at the Mall to sell tickets as well as to others who helped with ticket sales. The Kayak was won by GMC member, Paul Dahm of Poultney. All of the proceeds, \$267.00 will go to the Killington Section. Lastly thanks to Sarah, Craig, Scott, and the rest of the gang at EMS for their help in making this event possible.

AT Thru Hikers Companion

By Kathy Krevetski

I am working with the Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association as a field editor for their AT Hiker's Guide the "Thru-Hiker's Companion". The "Companion" lists the resources available to hikers along the length of the Appalachian Trail, and is up-dated every year. I will be helping to up-date the section dealing with the trail running through Vermont, and ask that any members who find any new hiker resources or resources no longer available to contact me so that the information can be included in the next printing of the "Companion". I can be contacted at kkrevetski@hotmail.com or by phone 779-1485. People who are not familiar the "Thru-Hiker's Companion" can view and/or download the latest edition for free at the Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association website at www.aldfa.org. Your help will be appreciated, thank you.

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2009 Wayne Krevetski
" *Andrea McQuade
" *Roma Pulling
2010 *John Hale
" *Lynda Hutchins
" *Cindy Taylor-Miller
2011 *Barry Griffith
" Allison Norton
" Sue Thomas

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President Wayne Krevetski
Secretary/Treasurer John Hale

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate Steve Williams

Smoke & Blazes

Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

Killington Section Treasure Hunt

By Herb Ogden

I will give a Long Trail Guide from the 1960s to the first person who sends me the correct answer to this paper treasure hunt -- and I will give the Kirk Trails & Shelters Fund \$100 in that person's name, too.

- Start at the site of the southernmost shelter, camp, or lodge that ever existed in the Killington Section.
- Go north on what was the LT until the 1997 relocation, to the top of the first hill.
- Go west until you hit the present LT.
- Note the first letter in the first word of the name of the place where you now are.
- Go to the former camp complex developed by a man whose last name began with the same letter as the first word in the name of the place where you just hit the present LT. It is on a blue blazed trail maintained by the Killington Section.
- Go as far north as you can on this blue blazed trail.
- Note the first letter in the second word of the name of the place where you now are.
- Go to the shelter whose name used to begin with the next letter in the alphabet.
- Hike 13.8 miles on the LT while remaining in the Killington Section.

Where are you now?

Send your answer to:

Herb Ogden	802-293-2510
214 South End Road	
Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756	hogden@vermontel.net

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@lighters.com
Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com
Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@adelphia.net
Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net
Allison Norton 47 West St., #1, Rutland, VT 05701 775-1627, allisonnorton@lycos.com
Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net
Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
Roma Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com
Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: June – August 2008

Visit our web site: <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

- 1 June, Sunday, 9:00 AM** **Gilmore Pond, Bristol** **Jerry Parker, 775-6208**
Hike to a remote pond in the Bristol Cliffs Wilderness.
Easy to moderate, 3 miles
- 7 June, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **National Trails Day Maintenance, Killington** **Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
Volunteers all over the country will be out today clearing brush and waterbars, cutting blowdowns, and painting blazes, readying the trails for the summer hiking season. Join us to work on our local treasure, the Long/Appalachian Trail. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and lunch; tools will be provided.
(Rain date: 6/8.)
- 8 June, Sunday, 10:00 AM** **Senior Shuffle (or Black Fly Ramble), Tinmouth** **Roma Pulling, 773-6997**
Stroll by Chapman Lake and visit the grave of early Vermont Statesman Nathaniel Chipman. Bring bug juice!
Easy, 3 miles.
- 14 June, Saturday** **Bike Trek** **Bill Holt, 537-4227**
Pedal along old roads and a discontinued railroad bed. Call leader for details and meeting time and place.
Moderate, 15 to 20 miles. (Rain date: 6/15. Schedule continued on next page.)
- 22 June, Sunday, 9:00 AM** **Otter Creek Paddle – Proctor to Florence** **Jerry Parker, 775-6208**
Paddle your canoe or kayak past farms and covered bridges. PFDs required.
All day, 5 miles.
- 28 June, Saturday,** **18th Annual Taconic Mountain Ramble, Hubbardton** **Kit Davidson, 273-2982**
Featured in Vermont Life Magazine! Massive cliffs, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views, and a Japanese garden full of waterfalls. Wine and cheese afterward; bring no lunch. Walkers can leave the group at several points and relax on the lawn.
Easy half mile or moderate 3 miles.
Rain date 6/29. Call leader if in doubt.
- 6 July, Sunday, 9:00 AM** **Lye Brook Falls, Manchester** **Tom Copps, 770-9394**
Climb to one of Vermont's highest waterfalls, in the Lye Brook Wilderness.
Moderate, 5 miles.
- 13 July, Sunday, 9:00 AM** **Moscow Pond & Glen Lake, Bomoseen** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Visit a remote beaver pond and end with a swim at Glen Lake if it's hot.
Moderate, 5.5 miles
- 19 July, Saturday, 10:00 AM** **Mt. Ascutney, Windsor** **Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
We'll ascend via the Brownsville Trail to the rocky, 3150-foot summit where a fire tower provides spectacular views of the Connecticut River, the Green and White Mountain ranges, and the Windsor-Cornish covered bridge. Back down the Weathersfield Trail.
Difficult, 6.1 miles, 2400-foot elevation gain.
- 26 July, Saturday** **Paddle Down the Poultney River, Poultney** **Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
Join us for a leisurely paddle down the Poultney River near the New York border. Bring your canoe or kayak, lunch, sun screen, and PFD.
Call leaders for meeting time and place.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: June – August 2008

Schedule continued from previous page

- 3 August, Sunday** **Lost Pond Bog, Danby** **Dick Andrews, 885-3201**
 Joint hike with the Ottauquechee Section to a remote natural area. Some bushwhacking.
 Moderate, 7.5 miles, 900-foot elevation gain.
 Call leader for meeting time and place, or call Sue Thomas, 773-2185 for car pool from Rutland
- 9 August, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **Hadley Mountain, Hadley, NY** **Allison Norton, 775-1627**
 Great views from the summit tower of Great Sacandaga Lake, the Adirondacks, and the Greens. Some very steep parts.
 Moderate, 4 miles.
- 16/17 August, Saturday & Sunday** **2nd Annual Long Trail Festival, Rutland** **Wayne Krevetski, 282-2237**
- 24 August, Sunday, 9:00 AM** **Around Chittenden Reservoir, Chittenden** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
 Pass thru the abandoned town of New Boston where only cellar holes and a small cemetery remain, and follow old roads to Lefferts Pond.
 Moderate, 4 miles.
- 6 September, Saturday, 10:00 AM** **Deer Leap Overlook, Killington** **Steve Williams, 645-9529**
 Climb to a rocky overlook with beautiful views. A few steep pitches on this loop hike via the Long/Appalachian Trail.
 Moderate, 4 miles, 800-foot elevation gain.

Turtle Walks Schedule

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of "Turtle" hikes for seniors and others who wish to enjoy their outings at a somewhat slow and easy pace. The outings typically cover two to four miles, involve limited elevation gain, and try to avoid treacherous footing. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Meet on **Thursdays at 9 AM** at the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street off Woodstock Avenue. We return in early to mid-afternoon. Call leaders listed at the right below if you have questions. All are welcome.

12 June	Pine Hill, Rutland Hike to Rocky Pond via several of the new trails in our city park.	Bob Perkins 773-0184
26 June	Quechee Gorge, Hartford Hike to the bottom of Vermont's Grand Canyon and more.	Edith Kellogg 775-1246
10 July	Exploring Trees, Pittsford A nature walk focusing on identification and appreciation of trees.	Jean Davies 483-6623
24 July *	Cookout, Camp Plymouth State Park Bring something to cook. We'll supply the fire. Hike and/or swim optional, or just relax in the park.	Al Tufano 492-3608
7 August	Lefferts Pond to Chittenden Dam, Chittenden Follow a section of the Catamount Trail to the dam.	Bob Perkins 773-0184
21 August *	Lowell Lake, Londonderry Hike around the lake in this little-known state park.	Edith Kellogg 775-1246

* Bring Green Mountain Passport if you have one. Seniors can get a Green Mountain Passport for a small fee from your city/town clerk. Passport is good for lifetime free admission to State Parks.

Outing Reports

Emily Proctor Shelter to Lincoln Gap

21 July 2007, E2E Leg 12

By Steve Williams, leader

Participants; Tom Copps, Allison Norton, Cindy Oas-Kirk, Steve Williams, and special guests Nicola Culmo, Sara Jones and Brian Culmo ((Steve's daughters and grandson respectively)).

The first key feature of the day was rising early enough to coordinate an early enough start for all participants to be at the Emily Proctor trailhead by 8.00 AM., with a car already spotted at the Lincoln Gap end point.

The next feature was 3.5 miles on the Emily Proctor trail before the Long Trail was even reached. Fortunately the weather was kinder than on the descent down the trail two weeks earlier when rain had made the steeper top section a tad hazardous. In addition, the trail starts off at a very gradual incline, so the hiker is lulled into a comfortable feeling that "there's nothing to this".

Once on the LT this belief in the ease of LT hiking was rapidly dispelled by the ascent and partial descent of Mounts Wilson, Roosevelt, Cleveland, and Grant and Little Hans Peak. Together with the ascent on the Emily Proctor Trail, this results in a day's total climbing of over 4200 feet: not a bad workout by most standards. A summary of this leg is readily given: trees, rocks, ups and downs, and occasional splendid views over great swaths of the Green Mountains.

Of note was the party's search for Sunset Ledge, 1.1 miles short of Lincoln Gap. In mid afternoon, with a fair degree of exhaustion setting in, with the party's GPS and topographical identification skills being at a low ebb, and with one participant feeling that it was just around the next corner, some two hours were spent eagerly awaiting our arrival at Sunset Ledge. So, when the Ledge was finally reached, with the knowledge of its proximity to the concluding trailhead, it was welcome indeed.

Two memories remain of the descent to Lincoln Gap, 1) the non-appearance of Lincoln Gap Road until it was only twenty five yards away, and 2) that it was reached about half an hour after sunset, which is about as close to losing light that one wants to be. Nevertheless, the party learned from the experience, and on the following hike all were equipped with hiking headlamps.

The journey home was notable for two events, the first being the ride back to Bristol from the Emily Proctor trailhead. The Williams party parted from the others and, following the suggestion of one of the other participants, took off on a dirt road toward Vermont Route 125. This turned out to be much longer than expected, with the result that the travelers arrived at a crossroads in the middle of nowhere, with no indication of which way to travel to get to "somewhere". At that point an angel of mercy, in the form of a woman in a Volvo, unafraid of coming across a large SUV with out-of-state plates, rolled down her window and said "Can I help you?" which she then did most effectively.

By this stage the youngest member of the party, athlete Brian, having acquitted himself very creditably all day long, including the consumption of a not insignificant number of energy bars, decided that food was an absolute and immediate must. Bristol having nothing to offer, the travelers set off for Middlebury.

Oh what joy, a drive-in restaurant with lights ablaze appeared! With great expectations the travelers drove in, full of anticipation of burgers, Philly steak subs and all the trimmings. Given the state of the travelers' hunger, the waitress appeared to have the attributes of Marilyn Monroe and Mother Theresa combined. And then the anti-climax: "We closed ten minutes ago".

But now the good news; said waitress directed the party to a bar and restaurant in Middlebury, which was reached in some ten minutes. Some members of the party, including the writer, having covered their attire with

mud during the day, there was nervousness as to whether such a group would be admitted. Nicola was delegated to use her charms and gain entrance. As a college town, with hikers frequently in the area, the staff showed great sympathy, readily admitted the group and rapidly responded to the pleas for something to eat *immediately* (fresh bread and oil) and then made available pasta and other good things. Crocodile tears were shed when the next would-be entrant was denied admission as the restaurant was closing.

End of story, apart from an uneventful drive to return home shortly before midnight.

Appalachian Gap to Forest City Trail

25 August 2007, E2E Leg 15

By Allison Norton, leader

Allison Norton, Tom Copps, Steve Williams, Rich Brown, and Lindy Brown were present for this leg. Cindy Kirk could not join us but she'd already hiked this leg the week before. Not only did she hike it, she backpacked it out-and-back, spending the night near Camel's Hump.

Much of this leg was characterized by short, steep "puds" ("pointless ups and downs") through small notches and up and down rock faces, and through much of the hike I marveled at the thought of Cindy traveling the section alone, with a full backpack, in both directions!

From our particular experiences on this particular hike, several lessons can be learned. As a public service to the fine readers of *Smoke & Blazes*, the lessons will be pointed out in due course. First, we started out in several cars so that we'd be able to spot a car at the northern end, as usual. The first rendezvous point was the trailhead on Camel's Hump Road. The pair of us in my car had some difficulty locating the group in the other car, until we found them at the *other* trailhead on Camel's Hump Road. There are two. We found the others, consulted our maps as a group, and decided that the trailhead at

the end of Camel's Hump Road would be the best choice, resulting in the shortest side-trail hike at the end of the day if we hiked down the Forest City Trail but took the Connector to the Burrows Trail to end up at the spotted vehicle.

We are thrilled to be hiking the whole Long Trail, but we do whatever we can to shorten those side-trail hikes. So, Lesson 1: Take the time to figure out *exactly* which trailhead you'll be meeting at before you set out, especially if you're the one driving. But, when you get there, perusing the maps once more and checking the distances is still a good idea.

We drove around to Appalachian Gap (VT 17) and set out north on the Long Trail as planned. As we climbed over Baby Stark and Molly Stark Mountains, we met Pooh Bear and her dog Happy Tails who were hiking the LT southbound. Sound familiar? If you recall from Steve's write-up of the Glastenbury overnight, we ran into Pooh Bear and Happy Tails at Story Spring Shelter, and realized that we'd met them before. Well, this was our original meeting with them, a month earlier.

After the Starks, we passed Birch Glen and Cowles Cove shelter. Cowles Cove has an interesting feature – an outhouse that isn't an outhouse at all. It's an "out" with no house around it! Next was Burnt Rock Mountain, which has a huge outcropping of rock with the blazes going right up the rock face. If you like Deer Leap, this is more like Deer Leap's grandpa. We proceeded through Ladder ravine, which consists of an aluminum ladder bolted to the rock, and Paris Skidway, which has nothing to do with Paris Hilton.

The "puds" continued, with much scrambling and sliding to get up and down each rockface, and our pace was slowed considerably each time. We passed few hikers on this trip, but we did pass one or two backpackers and they mentioned that they were concerned about finding water, as it had been an extremely dry August. We scratched our heads and thought that maybe the last significant water we'd seen was near Cowles Cove, quite a few miles behind us. Lesson 2: Be prepared!

Around the time we reached Mounts. Ira and Ethan Allen, we heard thunder in the distance. As it was late afternoon and we still had several miles to go, we were concerned. Rushing to lower ground seemed to be the best option at the time, but most of us were simply too tired to go very fast. The sky darkened and it showered as we descended, but the brunt of the storm passed far to the south of us. We reached Montclair Glen and the turnoff to the Forest City Trail without anyone falling off a cliff or getting struck by lightning. The sky had cleared by this point and it was quite nice again. This leads us to Lesson 3: Don't panic if a thunderstorm is looming!

As we set down the Forest City Trail, we heard someone clapping. Nope, not a welcoming committee, it was a couple of people and their dog headed toward us. The man said that they were clapping to scare off bears. Looking around at the gathering dusk and dense shrubbery, I decided it wasn't the most foolish thing I'd heard all day. We asked why they were hiking UP Camel's Hump so late. They sheepishly reported that they'd gone up Camel's Hump as a day hike from the eastern side, had descended the wrong trail by mistake, and didn't realize it until they'd reached the trailhead and the parking lot was totally different. We offered our condolences but could offer little assistance as our car would be overstuffed as it was, but they seemed in good spirits and were prepared with headlamps, snacks, and jackets. This leads us to Lesson 4, a repeat of Lessons 1 and 2: Look at the map and be prepared!

We made it down the Forest City Trail and to our car as it was getting dark. On the drive home, as we got closer to Rutland we noticed downed trees, dark houses, and power company trucks out in force. It appeared that the storm had been much worse in Rutland than it had been in the area we'd hiked. I turned on my phone and found several frantic messages from home, saying, "Where are you? The weather is horrible!" Lesson 5: If you're returning after dark and the weather has been bad, call home to reassure your loved ones!

Fox in Locks, Hudson Falls, NY

18 November 2007

By Allison Norton, leader

This trip started as an impromptu hunting season outing, and ended up as an adventure we'll be talking about for years. A small group of us met up at the Five Combines locks in the Hudson Falls/Fort Edward, NY area. We had planned on walking several miles of the trails and then adding on a road walk through the village to make a loop.

There are a total of five locks, each dropping around 10 feet. The walls of the channel are made of large bricks and it is roughly a 15 to 20 foot drop to the water's surface. When we arrived at the park, we went over to look down into the locks. Much to our surprise, a fox was looking up at us! He must have fallen into the water. With no way up or down the channel as he was hemmed in by a ten-foot lock on each end, he had made his way onto a little shelf in the wall.

He looked wet, tired, and scared, but otherwise in good health. It appeared that his little hiding space was due to a missing brick in the wall. Tom used his cell phone to call the police, stating that while it was not a medical emergency, assistance was definitely required to get the fox out and on his way. The individual on the other end of the phone stated that someone would be sent out. Our group chose to eat lunch and wait for the fox's rescue, rather than beginning our walk as planned.

Once we'd finished eating help still hadn't arrived. Tom and Larry decided to walk into the neighborhood and to try to borrow someone's phone book to make a more specific call for help, possibly to Fish and Wildlife or the SPCA. The rest of us started our hike.

Tom and Larry caught up to us after a while, stating that they'd had some trouble finding someone who'd let them use a phone book and a phone. If Tom and Larry came running up your front lawn going on about a trapped fox, would you let them in? They had contacted the DEC who had stated they'd try to send someone, but it might take awhile because most of their staff was dealing with deer hunters coming in to log their kills.

We completed our walk on the trails and then through the neighborhood, and on part of our road walk we happened upon a car accident that had happened moments before. What a day! When we got back to the lock area, a local man was at the scene, and was on his own phone trying for help. This gentleman seems to have been affiliated with the village somehow. He told us that in the past, a puppy and a fawn have been rescued from the same area.

Finally, about two hours after our initial call for help, an officer from the Hudson Falls Police Department arrived. About 20 minutes after that, two fire trucks arrived on the scene, along with an ambulance and a truck containing a Wildlife Rehabilitator. The arrival of this last vehicle resulted in a collective sigh of relief, as it was exactly what we wanted to see—it had a logo on the door indicating it was from the Wildlife Department, and the back was full of cages. Perfect!

The gate was unlocked and one of the fire trucks was backed down the road to the canal area. The firefighters opened a little door in the back of the truck and pulled out a long extension ladder. The Wildlife Rehabilitator was ready with his catchpole, a long pole with a loop of cable attached (just like you see on TV!). The ladder was lowered to the top of the lock just downstream from where the fox was sitting. The fox didn't like the ladder coming down at him for some reason. He jumped into the water and began swimming back and forth between the locks. When the ladder was pulled up again, the fox got back onto the shelf.

The ladder was lowered again, and when the fox jumped into the water again to swim upstream, one of the firemen went upstream of the fox and tapped the water with a pole. The fox swam back toward the ladder. The Wildlife Rehabilitator was ready on the ladder, and caught the fox around his middle with the catchpole. The fox was hoisted out of the water with his legs kicking, was quickly released, and had run halfway to the nearby woods before half the spectators even realized that he'd been rescued!

Cook Mountain, NY

8 December 2007

By Allison Norton, leader

The Cook Mountain Preserve in Ticonderoga, NY is part of the Lake George Land Conservancy. We had 10 participants for this hike, and we were very enthusiastic as this was the first snowy hike of the season for most of us. Several inches of snow covered the ground in the woods.

The trail starts as an old woods road, with "Nature Conservancy" and "No Hunting" signs along the way. We followed the Red Trail. After climbing a small hill, the trail makes a sharp turn off the road and heads straight up the mountain. Just beyond the turnoff we could see signs intended for travelers on the woods road coming from the other direction. The signs indicated that it was a protected area, and hunting was not allowed. There were deer tracks everywhere, and I chuckled at the thought of deer running just over the boundary and going "Nyah, nyah" to hunters in pursuit.

We climbed for just over a mile, getting decent views along the way, until we reached the summit of Cook Mountain. At the top was a "Summit" sign, but it was hanging loosely in a tree as it had been detached from its signpost. I walked around with the sign for a bit, thinking that a "portable summit" could be useful in motivating weary hikers!

After reaching the summit, we went on for a few tenths of a mile to a great overlook, looking south over Lake George. The view was just beautiful with partial sun and a bluish glow over the mountains. We tried to pick out familiar mountains to the south, such as Black Mountain and Buck Mountain, but we had a hard time reaching a consensus because they all look less familiar when you are looking from a different direction than usual!

On the way down, we slipped and slid down the trail, and once we reached the woods road we chose to loop back via the Yellow Trail for variety. This trail goes through a wetland past remnants of a beaver lodge. We also passed remnants of local festivities, and everyone pitched in to help pack out the

cans and bottles that had been thoughtfully arranged in little piles around the area.

When we returned to the cars, several people crossed the road to check out a historical marker. The marker documented "Abercrombie's Landing." It states that in July 1758, 15,000 men landed in the area to attack Ticonderoga during the French and Indian War. They were defeated by Montcalm, luckily for us.

Lake George, NY, Wild Forest

19 January 2008

By Allison Norton, leader

This hike began at the Pike Brook Road trailhead, which is also one of the trailheads typically used for Black Mountain. We'd received plenty of snow in the previous week or two, but we arrived to a freshly plowed trailhead lot courtesy of the Dresden Highway Department.

I had originally considered a hike all the way to Black Mountain Point for this trip, but it would have been almost twelve miles round trip, and that is just too far for a snowshoe outing. Out of our group, about half chose to use snowshoes and half chose to use stabilicers or something similar. Everyone seemed happy with his or her choice.

We headed south on the much-used Pike Brook Road trail toward Lapland Pond. We passed several junctions with trails leading to the Black Mountain summit, but because a) it hadn't been listed in the hike description and not everyone wanted to go up there and b) it might not have been safe due to possibly icy conditions, we decided to head to the ponds.

We stopped at the Lapland Pond lean-to for a snack, and then took the Lapland Pond trail to Millman Pond. This trail was much less traveled and had no tracks in the snow. We played "find the marker" to figure out our way. I must say that the bright yellow disks nailed to the trees were easy to follow in the snow—no offense to certain other trails that use white paint. Even though we had to search to follow the trail, this section was pretty easy, with little climbing or descending and some nice

wetland areas. We observed that this trail is probably very wet in warmer weather.

We reached the Millman Pond lean-to for lunch. The lean-to and privy are a sight to behold, maintained by an obviously dedicated caretaker. The lean-to was very clean and had lots of shelves, hooks, and cubbies for storage. The privy was even more impressive. It had poems and cartoons about outhouses tacked to the walls, a generous supply of toilet paper, and, most importantly, a bright red toilet seat! Lifting the lid, one finds a message scripted carefully in permanent marker: "Millman Pond Hot Seat."

After a long, sunny lunch break, we retraced our steps on the Lapland Pond and Pike Brook trails. Once again, we passed several turn-offs to the Black Mountain summit, but in addition to reasons a and b above, we now had c) we'd be descending in the dark. We stuck to the plan and arrived at the cars with plenty of time until dark. All in all, we'd done a little over 8 miles, and the hike was declared a success. I was one of the folks who chose to wear snowshoes, and I slept over eleven hours that night!

Pharaoh Lake Wilderness, NY

29 March 2008

By Allison Norton, leader

For this hike, we began at the Putnam Pond Campground in Chilson, NY (just west of Ticonderoga). On the day of our hike, the road leading from NY 74 to the campground was plowed only to the last house. Beyond that, we followed deep ruts through slushy, wet snow downhill into the campground.

I was concerned about difficulties getting out, but figured I'd deal with that at the end of the hike! Rather than drive to the trailhead, we chose to park at the entry booth of the campground and walk the extra two tenths of a mile because of the snowy road. Larry was attired in several shades of yellow and green, causing several to comment on his ensemble.

The hike started just beyond the boat launch on Putnam Pond, and took us along the Grizzle Ocean Trail. There were several feet of snow in the woods,

and most of us wore snowshoes. As I'd warned in the hike description, we had several stream crossings. Some had actual bridges and some had snow bridges, but a few required leaps of faith. It was only about two miles to the Grizzle Ocean lean-to where we had our lunch.

After lunch, we walked out on the pond, roughly following the shoreline and making a nice loop. We returned on the trail back toward the campground. About halfway along, we encountered a side trail to the south shore of Putnam Pond. The views were absolutely beautiful, with clear blue sky and the pond (which is actually the size of a lake) covered in ice and snow.

A few brave souls ventured out onto the ice, and before we knew it, the entire group was on the ice. I had my reservations about this, as did several others, but groups often follow each other, and a "shortcut" (still about a mile) across the flat pond in the sun was just too tempting. So, most of us, including me, began to trek across the ice. Several group members held back and politely voiced their concerns about safety, and chose to head back through the woods.

It was a long trip across the middle of the pond, and as we walked I noticed that much of the ice along the shoreline was gone. As we got closer to the boat launch, I wondered what we'd do if the ice was thinner there or if it was gone altogether. We made it onto the pier without incident, and the hikers who'd chosen the woods route met up with us only a few minutes later.

Our drive out of the campground was also without incident, and we once again made it home in one piece. After the hike, I learned from the Longstreet Highroad Guide to the Adirondacks that the name Grizzle Ocean comes from a logger named Grizzle who "boasted so much about the fish he caught in this pond that his friends joked it must be an ocean."

First AT Thru Hiker Spotted

Swan Song reports the first AT thru hiker of the season passing Gov. Clement Shelter on 13 May. The hiker said he left Springer Mountain in January. Mad Hatter says he must like hiking in snow.

Deer Leap? – Plan B

3 May 2008

By Steve Williams, leader

This hike was a reschedule of that of 27 October, which was rained out.

On Monday, in preparation for the Saturday hike, Tom Copps and Steve Williams hiked the route to check for any missing signs, none were found; but they did have three hours of rain, some gusts of wind up to thirty-five miles an hour and a few slabs of residual hard packed snow come ice to contend with. The view from the overlook to Sherburne Pass was intermittent, and it was hardly the spot for a relaxed lunch.).

Now to Saturday, when the 6:00 AM weather forecast indicated "showers" for the morning. From that time on there was continuous rain until Steve arrived at the Rutland meeting point to find Sue Thomas and Tom Copps. Sue's take on the day was "Not for me", and Steve and Tom's reaction was "Been there, done that", so they decided to sit in Steve's car and await further arrivals, if any. Surprise, surprise, there was one; Allison Norton, who had a strong disinclination to return home.

After some discussion an acceptable alternative to Deer Leap was agreed upon and the three enthusiasts were on their way, at which time the rain stopped, though the temperature remained on the low side. During their three-hour hike the group visited two ponds, could see where Pico and Killington would be seen if they were not hidden in clouds, descended into a fifty foot gorge, which hardly challenged Quechee, but which was picturesque nevertheless, observed some vicious orange reptiles, passed some recently charred stumps and timbers, found a piece of aged transportation equipment and an antique liquor holder, lunched overlooking one of the ponds, and ascended a peak known by its elevation.

Steve offers a Toblerone bar to the first correct identification (by telephone or e-mail) of the location of the hike. The opening date for this challenging competition is when the judge, aka Steve, receives his copy of this edition of *Smoke & Blazes*.

Killington Section Annual Membership and Directors Meetings

By John Hale, Secretary

The Killington Section annual general membership meeting and a meeting of the board of directors were held on 5 April 2008 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Rutland. About 26 people attended including the following board members:

Barbara Griffith, VP	Wayne Krevetski
Barry Griffith, Pres.	Andrea McQuade
John Hale, Sec. & Treas.	Roma Pulling
Lynda Hutchins	Steve Williams

Our pot luck supper began about 5:30 PM and was enjoyed by all.

President Barry Griffith brought the business meeting to order with the observation that this was probably the 97th annual meeting of the Killington Section, the presentation of the agenda for the evening, and the announcement that two new member of the Board of Directors would be elected this evening.

The meeting minutes of the 2007 annual meeting, as printed in *Smoke & Blazes* were approved as printed.

Treasurer John Hale presented the Treasurer's Annual Reports for the year ending 31 December 2007.

ASSETS

Checking accounts	\$2,070.50
Certificates of deposit	<u>20,115.48</u>
Total Assets - 2007	\$22,185.98

NO LIABILITIES

Total Assets - 2006*	<u>\$19,791.82</u>
Net Increase in Assets (2006 to 2007)	

\$2,394.16

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$1,152.50
Interest Income	331.57
Donations	2,253.72
Other	<u>40.00</u>
Total Income	\$3,777.79

EXPENSE

Postage & Printing	\$ 548.93
Trails and Shelters	587.75
Hall Rental (Two Annual Meetings.....)	150.00
Other	<u>96.95</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$1,383.63</u>

Net Increase in Assets (2006 to 2007*)	\$2,394.16
---	------------

*Treasurer's Note: The 12/31/06 Financial Statements as originally presented, showed Total Assets of \$20,499.60. This figure was reduced by \$707.78 to reflect a more accurate balance as of that date: \$19,791.82. A full reconciliation of this revised statement is available on request of the Treasurer.

John pointed out that the Section is basically running at break-even with dues and interest covering expenses. This year's extraordinary donation from the estate of a former member caused the increase in assets.

The Treasurer's annual reports were accepted as presented.

Trails and Shelters Chairperson Herb Ogden spoke about Section accomplishments in 2007 and challenges for 2008.

- Minerva Hinchey is finished except for some more staining to be done.
- Governor Clement Shelter may yet be saved. The town has "thrown up" the road but has yet to pass the ordinance necessary to install the gate.
- Cooper Lodge is still scheduled for demolition but will not be torn down until a new tent platform is built to replace it. New signage is especially needed at this location and a volunteer with a router and skills is sought.
- A sign board is needed at the Bucklin trailhead because the existing one cannot be read from the road.
- Trail blazes are in need of refreshment and volunteers are sought.
- Thanks were offered to Dave Coppock and Larry Walter for extraordinary volunteer service.
- One project seeking a volunteer is that of reading, condensing and compiling the data in the trail registers: traffic volume, comments, etc.
- We have tools to loan to those who want to work outside the regular work parties.

Main Club Director of Field Programs Dave Hardy spoke about projects elsewhere in Vermont.

- The State of Vermont is proposing to allow mountain biking and horseback riding on some of the single path trails in specific sections of the state parks. The Main Club plans to object to this use. (The Long Trail is protected from these uses because it falls under national jurisdiction.)
- The Thundering Falls Bridge is scheduled to be dedicated on Saturday, 13 September this year.
- A developer has purchased the defunct ski resort, Snow Valley near Bromley. The plan is to build expensive homes and re-establish the ski resort for homeowners only. While it seems unlikely that the snowmobile trail (VAST 7) currently running through the property would be re-routed to share the Long Trail, still the Main Club will intercede to assure that the VAST 7 is not re-routed at all closer to the LT.
- Big Jay Mountain adjoins the Jay Peak ski area. Both mountains are on State property but the Green Mountain Club holds a conservation easement on Big Jay and the bowl in between the two mountains. The bowl has been traditionally and illegally used by back country skiers. Last year two men allegedly clear cut 800 trees in the bowl to facilitate their winter sport. The men have been identified and charged with the crime; they face up to five years in prison. The Main Club has closed the damaged area to allow re-generation and the back country skiing community is up in arms.
- The Main Club has agreed to further exploration of a connection with the North Country National Scenic Trail which now runs from North Dakota to Crown Point in New York. Any connection would likely run through Addison County to connect to the Long Trail in the Middlebury Gap area. These are

preliminary negotiations.

GMC Board Representative Lynda Hutchens presented her report of the 22 March 2008 Main Club board meeting.

- Financially, the Main Club has a current account deficit caused primarily by the Capital Campaign pulling donations away from the three appeals processed during a year. Next year's budget will be prepared without increase.
- The Vermont State allocations included \$25,000 for the Club.
- The Second Century Campaign is within \$50,000 of our goal to raise \$5.25 million, has been a big success, and will be completed shortly.
- Construction for the new headquarters building will begin shortly as all necessary permits have been obtained and the funds are at hand.

Lynda's full report is available from the Secretary.

Smoke & Blazes editor Bob Perkins was thanked for his tireless work. S&B appears to be 61 years old this season.

Sue Thomas announced a quilting bee project the product of which will be raffled off to the benefit of the GMC. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Steve Williams reported that the Long Trail in Bits and Pieces group is still hiking having completed 19 of 29 defined sections. There are four section members hiking and Tom Copps has completed all of the 19 sections.

President Barry Griffith set out some upcoming events:

- GMC Annual Meeting, Waterbury Center, 31 May 2008
- Second Annual Long Trail Festival, Rutland, 15-17 August 2008
- ATC Biennial Conference, Castleton, 17-20 July 2009
- Green Mountain Club Centennial Celebration, 2010
- Killington Section Centennial Celebration, 2011

Board member Wayne Krevetski reported on plans for this year's Long Trail Festival, the second annual, to be held on 15-17 August this year. "The Long Trail is not just a brewery."

The general membership nominated and elected Allison Norton, Barry Griffith, and Sue Thomas to the Killington Section board of Directors. The new board met and elected the following officers for the coming year:

- President, Barry Griffith
- Vice President, Wayne Krevetski
- Secretary and Treasurer, John Hale
- GMC Board Representative, Lynda Hutchins
- Alternate GMC Board Representative, Steve Williams

The next board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 3 June at 6:00 PM at the Back Home Again Café.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 PM

Feeling Lucky? – Win a Quilt!

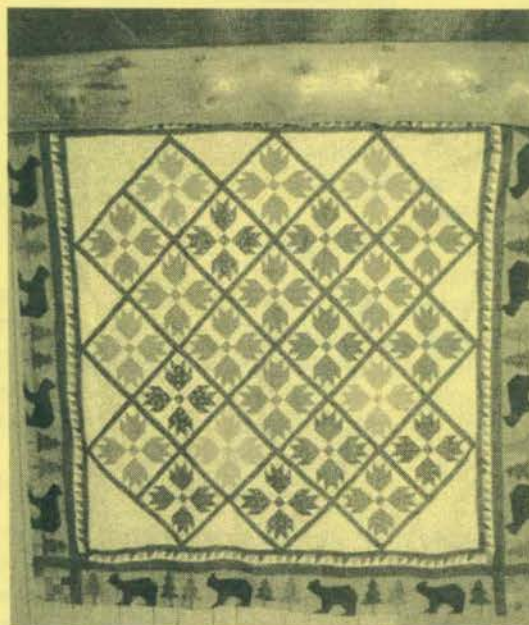
By Sue Thomas

The Killington Section is selling raffle tickets for this beautiful queen-size quilt. The top squares in the "bear paw" pattern were made by Karen Bowles, Joan Davidson, Ruth Gibbud, Barb Griffith, Carol Hare, Cindy Oas-Kirk, Cindy Taylor-Miller, and Sue Thomas. The whole thing was put together by Barb, Cindy, and Sue in a marathon week of sewing (and ripping out and re-sewing!). It was a fun co-operative project, and we're all proud of what we accomplished together.

Proceeds will go to the Green Mountain Club, earmarked for trails and shelters. Tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00 and will be available on Killington Section hikes throughout the summer and at the Long Trail Festival in August. The drawing will be held on 27 September at the Green Mountain Club Volunteer Appreciation Picnic in Londonderry.

If you're interested in buying (or selling) tickets, call Sue Thomas, 773-2185.

[Smoke & Blazes regrets that our monochrome printing cannot do justice to the beautiful and bright quilt of many colors. Ed.]



Killington Section Low Elevation Trail Ready for Summer Hikers

By Herb Ogden, Trails & Shelters Chair

Thanks to work done by Sector Checkers Bob Shanahan, Cindy Taylor-Miller, Barb and Barry Griffith, Connie Youngstrom, and Steve Williams, nine of us were pretty much able to do the work necessary to put the Long Trail from Wallingford Gulf to Gov. Clement Shelter in good to excellent shape.

Four of us cleaned out the long ditches on the Long Trail north of Patch Hollow, made a start at repairing a bridge, and clipped back what was growing into the trail. Three more worked between Route 103 and the Lottery Road. Two of us pruned from the Gov. Clement Road to Gov. Clement Shelter and spent most of our time building up a walkway through a wet place on the side hill north of the former Haley farm.

Some work is left. We did not cure the perennial nuisance of wet trail in the cow pastures on both sides of the Lottery Road. That would take either a lot of volunteers with

pick axes and shovels, or a small backhoe, to dig a ditch just uphill from the trail. This may be the only remaining place on the LT where the presence of cows complicates the drainage.

Minerva Hinchey Shelter needs stain on the extended rafters, needs its privy moved to a new hole by fall, and could stand a little other work.

Another remaining task is to finish repainting the blazes from Bear Mountain to Minerva Hinchey Shelter and from Clarendon Lookout to the Lower Cold River Road. I've found blazing to be a pleasant one mile per hour task, not bad even for a hot day. The chief requirements are that you need to paint a neat, square cornered two-inch by six-inch blaze, exercise good sense about what to blaze (for example, don't repaint a blaze on a dead tree that may soon fall), and either be at least five and a half feet tall or be able to levitate to reach the higher blazes.



Kyle Halligan, Wayne Krevetski & Kayak



Steve Williams & Friends at Cooley Glen

Volunteers Needed for ATC Conference Next Year in Castleton

The GMC will host the 2009 Appalachian Trail Conservancy Biennial Conference at Castleton State College. We need hundreds of volunteers to plan and run the conference, which will host 800-1000 outdoor enthusiasts. *(The last time the GMC hosted the ATC Biennial Conference was in 1985 at Green Mountain College.)*

July 17-24, 2009 will be a week of celebrating and learning about the 2,170-mile Appalachian Trail. Hikers will come to Vermont from all over the U.S. Many will be AT thru-hikers or section hikers still working to complete the trail. Anyone coming to the conference can enjoy the following activities:

Indoors

ATC General Membership Meeting
Trail and Shelter Discussion Panels
Hiking and Backpacking Workshops
Exhibits, Vendors, Food & Friends
Evening Entertainment
Time to Talk and Meet Other Outdoor People

Outdoors

Appalachian Trail Hikes in Vermont
Long Trail Adventures
Family Programs
Bicycle Tours
Paddling Expeditions
Vermont History & Cultural Excursions
A Chance to Breathe Fresh Vermont Air

We need volunteers to lead hikes and excursions; register and greet guests; sell T-shirts; staff workshop information centers; manage logistics including signs, parking and camping; and much, much more. We need you NOW and for the event itself.

It is not too early to add your name to the growing list of potential volunteers. If you have a particular interest, let us know and we will be happy to accommodate you. Our greatest need for volunteers will be Friday, July 17 – Monday, July 20. To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Jean Anderson at: jeanoutdoors@aol.com

Your Invitation to Join
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual.....\$35
Family.....\$45
Senior/Student/Volunteer.....\$20

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

____trail work, ____shelter work, ____sign making, ____publications, ____leading outings, ____publicity, ____education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Bob Perkins, Editor
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 61, Number 3

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

August 2008

Killington Section Member Summits Kilimanjaro

By Cindy Oas-Kirk

I had put my name on a waiting list and made a deposit two years ago. Passport – check, inoculations – check, forms in at Pack Paddle Ski – check, airline reservation confirmed – check. The day of my vacation was drawing near. Finally gear – the most thought-requiring item in spite of a basic list that had been sent. I think I'm ready!

On 8 February I headed to Rochester, NY, caught a plane the next day, and the day after that arrived in Moshi, Tanzania, Africa via Detroit, Amsterdam, and Kilimanjaro. There were eleven of us, three from Vermont and eight from New York, plus Rick and Yusaf, our guide/leaders. Our base was the Springland Hotel in Moshi.

Early next morning we were up and headed out on a three-day safari to Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Crater where we saw all the Big Five except the jaguar. On our fourth day we began our climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro via the Machame Route, which is a five-day ascent allowing for acclimatization. The route was via Machame Hut, Shira Hut, Barranco Valley, Karangua Barafu Hut, to Uhuru Peak at 19,340 feet.

We started the summit climb at 11:30 PM, arriving at Uhuru Peak at 6:30 AM to watch the daylight arrive. Most of the group made the hike with a couple people getting altitude sickness and unable to make the summit. On summit night (and throughout our trek) we were well tended with one porter to about every two hikers in case someone needed help. The porters would burst into song now and again along the trail. Heading up the mountain our headlights were on, and soft, beautiful, melodic music began, here and then there, from the porters along our rank and file. To me the overall effect was that of a pilgrimage. Ahead and behind us were other similar groupings of light.

We descended via the Mwiki Trail, which is more direct and took two days.



Mount Kilimanjaro

In our travels we carried a day pack with water, snacks, and gear for any weather condition. The porters pampered us by carrying everything else up the mountain as well as by cooking our meals. The effects of altitude were the most unpredictable factors. The weather was changeable with the clouds, and the temperatures dropped as the elevation increased. Once we were back at the hotel, *Thank Yous* and gifts were given to the porters. We were a changed group. Our strides were proud. We had climbed Kilimanjaro!

P.S. A surprising coincidence occurred on the trip. One of the couples and their 16 year old daughter mentioned being on the Long Trail last summer. In a river in the Shrewsbury area they came upon a stash of soda that was cold and heaven-sent. I quickly mentioned that I knew of the stash and the gentleman who kept it supplied for hikers. A big *Thank you* to Jerry Parker from Debbie, Joe, and Liz!

How about that! I travel halfway around the world to hear about the trail magic from Jerry Parker. (I actually met a couple of men on the Long Trail on Camel's Hump last summer who also spoke highly of finding Jerry's stash.) It's a small world. Your deeds do not go unnoticed.

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2009	Wayne Krevetski
"	*Andrea McQuade
"	*Roma Pulling
2010	*John Hale
"	*Lynda Hutchins
"	*Cindy Taylor-Miller
2011	*Barry Griffith
"	Allison Henry
"	Sue Thomas

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President	Barry Griffith
Vice President	Wayne Krevetski
Secretary/Treasurer	John Hale

Committee Chairs

History	Bob Perkins
Outings	Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters	Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director	Lynda Hutchins
Alternate	Steve Williams

Smoke & Blazes

Editor	Bob Perkins
--------------	-------------

Web Site

Web master	Deborah Waggett
------------------	-----------------

Killington Section Treasure Hunt

In our May issue Herb Ogden posed a Killington Section virtual treasurer hunt. Here it is with the clues and solution revealed.

- Start at the site of the southernmost shelter, camp, or lodge that ever existed in the Killington Section. **Buffum Lodge**
- Go north on what was the LT until the 1997 relocation, to the top of the first hill. **Button Hill**
- Go west until you hit the present LT.
- Note the first letter in the first word of the name of the place where you now are. **"P" Patch Hollow**
- Go to the former camp complex developed by a man whose last name began with the same letter as the first word in the name of the place where you just hit the present LT. It is on a blue blazed trail maintained by the Killington Section. **Perkins (Craigue) Tall Timber Camp**
- Go as far north as you can on this blue blazed trail.
- Note the first letter in the second word of the name of the place where you now are. **"R" Blue Ridge Mountain**
- Go to the shelter whose name used to begin with the next letter in the alphabet. **"S" Sunnyside Camp**
- Hike 13.8 miles on the LT while remaining in the Killington Section.

Where are you now? **Cooper Lodge**

Sue Thomas was first to locate the virtual treasurer and, as promised, Herb presented her with a 1960s Long Trail Guide and has donated \$100 to the Kirk Fund in Sue's name.

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
 John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@lighters.com
 Allison Henry 47 West St., #1, Rutland, VT 05701 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com
 Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
 Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com
 Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@comcast.net
 Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net
 Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net
 Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
 Roma Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com
 Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
 Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
 Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Sept. – Nov. 2008

Visit our web site: <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

6 September, Saturday, 10:00 AM **Deer Leap Overlook, Killington** **Steve Williams, 645-9529**
Climb to a rocky overlook with beautiful views. A few steep pitches on this loop hike via the Long/Appalachian Trail.
Moderate, 4 miles, 800-foot elevation gain.

13 September, Saturday, 8:30 AM **Pico Loop, Killington** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Hike south on the LT/AT to Churchill Scott Shelter, then to the summit of Pico for lunch with a view. Descend via the Sherburne Pass Trail past Pico Camp and the Sink Hole.
Moderate, 7 miles, with some steep climbing.

21 September, Sunday, 6:00 AM **Mt. Greylock, Adams, MA** **Dorothy Sullivan, 436-2019**
The highest peak in Massachusetts at 3491 feet. Call leader for alternative meeting place.
Difficult, 10.5 miles, 2000-foot elevation gain. A steady pace will be required.

27 September, Saturday, 10:00 AM **Greendale Trail, Weston** **Barry & Barb Griffith, 492-3573**
Walk on old roads bordered by stone walls and abandoned orchards. We'll go on to the GMC Volunteer Appreciation Picnic in Londonderry in the afternoon, where the Killington Section quilt will be raffled off, food will be served, and volunteer awards will be presented. Come join the fun!
Easy, 4-mile road walk.

4 October, Saturday, 9:00 AM **Old Baldy, Bridgewater** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
A gradual ascent with a few steep spots leads to the 2409-foot summit, with sweeping views of the Connecticut River Valley and the White Mountains.
Moderate, 4 miles.

11 October, Saturday **Equinox Trails, Manchester** **Diane Bargiel, 413-687-1109**
Explore the preserve featuring views and a pond.
Call leader for meeting time and place.
Easy to moderate.

18 October, Saturday, 9:00 AM **Goshen Mountain, Goshen** **Tom Copps, 770-9394**
Bushwhack to the 3293-foot summit for views of the cliffs of Mount Horrid.
Difficult, 4 miles.

25 October, Saturday, 9:00 AM **Skylight Pond, Ripton** **Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855**
Climb to a remote beaver pond via the Skylight Pond Trail for lunch at the Long Trail's Skyline Lodge shelter.
Moderate, 5 miles.

30 October, Thursday, Midnight **Deadline for Winter Hike Schedule** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**



!!! Attention All Hike Leaders !!!

The next schedule will include outings for December, January, and February.

Claim your dates for ski, snowshoe, skate, slip, or slide trips.

Call Sue before Halloween.

Schedule continued on next page.



Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: ~~June~~ August 2008

Schedule continued from previous page

- 1 November, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **Smith Peak, Shrewsbury** **Barry & Barb Griffith, 492-3573**
We'll start up the Black Swamp Trail, then bushwhack to the 3200-foot summit to sign our names in the log book. Difficult, 6 miles.
- 8 November, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **Trail Work Party** **Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
Our major project will be work on the puncheon north of Governor Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury. Possibly other projects, depending on participation. Bring work gloves, lunch, and sturdy shoes; tools provided
Rain date: 11/9.
- 16 November, Sunday** **Great Hawk Colony, Rochester** **Gordon & Helen Cawood, 352-4310**
A safe walk for hunting season, partly paved and partly smooth dirt. A joint trip with the Breadloaf Section.
Call leaders for meeting time and place.
Easy road walk, 4.4 miles.
- 22 November, Saturday, 6:00 PM** **Annual Fall Potluck Supper** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Join us for our annual fall potluck and a slide presentation by Cindy Taylor-Miller on her recent cross-country bike trek. Bring plates, utensils, and a dish to share. Meet at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Hillside Avenue in Rutland. Nonmembers welcome.
- 6 December, Saturday, 9:30 AM** **Prospect Mountain, Lake George, NY** **Steve Williams, 645-9529**
A steep climb near the route of an old funicular railway, once the world's longest cable railway, to the site of the former summit hotel. Some steep climbing.
Meet at the Fair Haven Welcome Center on Route 4.
Moderate, 3 miles.
- 13 December, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **Cook Mountain, Lake George, NY** **Allison Henry, 775-1627**
Our second annual Cook Mountain expedition. Views of Lake George and the Champlain Valley from the top of the Tongue Mountain Range. Some steep spots. Snowshoes may be needed depending on conditions.
Moderate, 4 miles.

Turtle Walks Schedule

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of "Turtle" hikes for seniors and others who wish to enjoy their outings at a somewhat slow and easy pace. The outings typically cover two to four miles, involve limited elevation gain, and try to avoid treacherous footing. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Meet on **Thursdays at 9 AM** at the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street off Woodstock Avenue. We return in early to mid-afternoon. Call leaders listed at the right below if you have questions. All are welcome.

4 September	Tinmouth Pond, Tinmouth An easy road walk by the pond in Rutland's original county seat	Roma Pulling 773-6997
18 September	Trail Around Middlebury Not all the way around. Leader will select an interesting section	Edith Kellogg 775-1246
2 October	Hawk Mountain, Brandon Hike past the original, now abandoned, Brandon town center	Roma Pulling 773-6997
16 October	Fall Foliage Hike Leader will try to find the best color in our area	Jean Davies 483-6623
30 October	Back of Blue Ridge, Mendon/Chittenden Walk up Old Turnpike Road and down Wildcat Road	Bob Perkins 773-0184

Outing Reports

County Road to Vt. Route 9

20 May 2007, E2E Leg 10

By Cindy Oas-Kirk

I was asked to recapture this hike, whose write-up had been overlooked. Let me see – the hikers were Rich and Lindy Brown, Tom Copps, Allison Norton, Cindy Oas-Kirk and Tom Shanahan. I recall meeting on Route 9 east of Bennington. We left a car there and drove to the trailhead on County Road. This route affords a view of the power generating windmills at Searsburg to the south although very few windmills were in motion that morning.

This was the hike on which I learned what a puncheon was. There seemed to be miles of puncheons, both above and below the water line. A number of us thought we would see how waterproof our boots were. Others – smarter than us – took their boots off and went barefoot. Several aerial acts demonstrated how slippery puncheons can be.

There was an outstanding phenomenon at a point where the trail bordered a pond. As we came around a bend we encountered a five-to-six-foot wall of branches, a beaver dam, which sealed off a river to create the pond whose surface was eye-level above us. This was a little disconcerting, but there were no leaks. What an engineering marvel!

After seven miles of up and down Harmon Hill offers an expansive view of Bennington. The thought of Lindy's cookies and lemonade at the car was a perfect carrot for us over the 1.8-mile steep, descending, rocky staircase to Route 9.

Great hike!

Merck Forest Overnight, Rupert

19/20 April 2008

By Larry Walter, leader

We had a near-record turnout for the day hike portion of this trip with 18 heads counted at the trail head. After a brief visit with the Merck kitty cat we headed up the hill towards the barn and sugar house. The first real grade is a bit steep in places so we re-grouped at the first trail intersection and watered up. Tom, Peter, and crew took out some small windfalls along the way with the arborist saw.

A quick sidestep onto the Lourie Trail put us at Ned's Cabin where we had lunch and conducted a brief inspection. There are several places in need of attention, including some rotting deck boards on the front porch, a sticking rear door and deteriorating insulation material on the floor. We decided the dead mouse hanging from the rafters was an acceptable ornament, especially since we couldn't reach it. All in all though, the cabin is still a very nice place to stay. The whole group had lunch at and around the picnic table. The black flies were out and biting, but we managed to bat them away.

Part B of the hike involved a steep pitch up the Beebe Trail (next time we'll take the Buechner-Lookout route) where the group got stretched out a bit. Some of us ran out of water (it was HOT!) but some sharing of bottles helped. Included in this section was a detailed recitation of a past Merck hike near-catastrophe when a 12-inch beech snag nearly clobbered Steve, Connie, her doggie (Phoebe?) and Tom. Said log is still laying there along some stone steps.

After we hit the saddle, another ten minutes up the ridge landed us at Mt. Antone for some nice, although

somewhat hazy views. Some patches of snow afforded some relief from the heat. On the way back down Antone Road, the group split up at the Wade Lot Road intersection where six of us returned to Ned's for the overnight stay. There were several windfalls along this section as well, some too big for our little saw to handle.

Upon arrival at the cabin, Tom and I hiked up to the small culvert to the southwest of Ned's to filter some water for dinner. I discovered my little MSR was missing a small check ball, but Tom came to the rescue with his filter and we soon had enough to get us through two meals. I stuffed a quart of milk up the culvert for cold storage purposes. Dinner was simple, but satisfying. We rigged up a nylon suspended, twin candle-lantern over the top of the table. Tom and I attempted to read amid flying debris while Sue, Viv, Allison and Peter waged an increasingly aggressive card game. I can't remember the name – Pummel? Annihilate? Crush? Something like that.

Next morning we were up at 0600 to pick up several spindled and/or burnt playing cards, cheap cigar butts and a couple pink-handled throwing knives (!) embedded in the rafters above the table. A brief hike found the milk still safely hidden away in the culvert. We had breakfast and strolled back down Antone Road with a detour down Clark's Clearing Trail to Birch Pond. Some of us paused to visit the barn animals and the crosscut saw collection before we rendezvoused at the visitor center. The house cat was feeling better, even getting lured into a brief game of swat the paper. Seems they said she was 18 years old.

Vermont Route 15 to Coddington Hollow Road & on to Davis Neighborhood Trail Jct.

25/26 May 2008, E2E Legs 19 & 20
By Cindy Oas-Kirk

Participants: Tom Copps, Cindy Oas-Kirk, and Steve Williams.

This two-day excursion was our first of the 2008 End-to-End in Bits and Pieces season. We will complete the Long Trail this year if all goes as scheduled.

We switched our hikes for this weekend because reports from headquarters state there is snow on Bolton Mountain. We will begin at a lower elevation. The travel time and mileage are adding up as we head north and I feel like a tourist on the holiday weekend as we traveled the beautiful Vermont countryside. We left Rutland at 8:45 AM, stopped at GMC Headquarters and dropped off some gear, spotted cars, and set out from the Route 15 West Settlement Road trailhead at noon.

We went a short distance and gee – it was lunch time. We found a large rock beside the impressive, new, Lamoille River suspension bridge and had lunch and then continued our Long Trail journey on this beautiful day. Prospect Rock Lookout overlooking the Lamoille River valley was definitely the highlight of this section. We emerged at Coddington Hollow Road at 5:00 PM.

Back at GMC Headquarters we settled into one of the enclosed shelters and then headed for the Back 40 building with kitchen and showers. Sleep came easily after Steve's lasagna and Cindy's dessert. The next morning started off correctly with Tom's bagels and cream cheese. (Note the accent on food.) We packed, spotted cars, and returned to the Long Trail at Coddington Hollow Road at 8:00 AM.

Mt. Laraway and the Laraway Lookout offered fabulous views of

Mt. Mansfield and of the area of our previous day's ramblings. Atop the mountains, alas, we came into snow – just a small stretch beneath the puncheons.

The prediction of rain came true when we were a mile from Corliss Camp. We lunched at the shelter and proceeded to Davis Neighborhood Road, exiting at 12:45 PM.

Two days of moderate hikes was a gentle introduction to our third year on the Long Trail. We are in good hands with Tom tracking our routes and mileage with his GPS and Steve, with his new altimeter, offering an encouraging expletive every 1,000 feet of elevation gain!

Bolton Notch Road to Lake Mansfield Trail Junction

8 June 2008, E2E Leg 21

By Lindy Brown

Cindy Oas-Kirk, Allison Norton, Tom Copps, Steve Williams, Dorothy Sullivan, and Rich and Lindy Brown started this hike at 7:45 AM with the temperatures in the 90s! We had our first lunch at Harrington's View, which was beautiful with a great view. This was my favorite view as the others along the way were grown in or hazy.

Along the way we visited Buchanan and Puffer Shelters and Taylor Lodge. Taylor Lodge was named for James P. Taylor, founder of the GMC. It was really picturesque sitting on the porch. We climbed three mountains: Bolton, Mayo, and Clark.

The black flies were relentless. They seemed to thrive on bug spray! We were covered in bites by the end of the hike. When a porcupine crossed our trail we gave him the right of way. We hiked near beaver ponds, climbed down a ladder, and followed the trail of a constipated moose!

Allison won the time out contest so we each had to give her a quarter. She surprised us with brownies at the end of the day.

Chipman Lake, Tinmouth

8 June 2008

By Roma Pulling, leader

In three cars our seven hikers made their way onto Tinmouth Pond Road and parked our vehicles, with permission from the owner, at what is known as The Pavilion. Returning westward on foot, we made our way north on West Shore Road, crossing the pond outlet on a makeshift footbridge and onto West Birch Road. We followed this eastward along the north shore until we came to East Shore Road and took that south to Tinmouth Pond Road and the start of our hike.

I wanted to tie this part of our trip in with a visit to the grave of Nathaniel Chipman so drove to the cemetery next. It being lunchtime by then, we stopped in the shade of a line of shrubbery and ate before continuing with our exploration. Nathaniel was a very important individual in the Tinmouth community, which is why some people call the lake by his name; others call it Tinmouth Pond. By this time our group had dwindled to three. One person was more or less captive as she was riding in our car! Knowing Chipman's status in the town, we looked for the tallest monument on the highest point in the cemetery and found what we were looking for. Nathaniel arrived in Tinmouth from Salisbury, CN, having been born there 15 November 1752. He graduated from Yale, served in the Revolutionary War, was Chief Justice of Vermont, U. S. District Judge, U. S. Senator, and was one of the commissioners who negotiated the admission of Vermont into the Union in 1791.

Later Rutland replaced Tinmouth as the county seat, and

Nathaniel along with other VIPs moved here to live.

Lake Mansfield Trail Junction to Smugglers Notch

28 June 2008, E2E Leg 22

By Steve Williams, leader

This was the fifth leg north of I-89, with the group comprising Tom Copps, Allison Norton, Cindy Oas-Kirk and Steve Williams. The group again camped at Golden Brook Campground at the south end of Stowe; a good site by a brook.

There was an early departure to spot a car in Smugglers' Notch and drive the 45 minutes back to Lake Mansfield for a 7.00 AM. start; an easy 1.5-mile stretch up the Lake Mansfield Trail to Taylor Lodge and shortly thereafter to join the LT at an elevation of 1850 feet. Subsequently there is a 3.5-mile climb to 3080 feet at the "Eye of The Needle" (where the trail passes through a cleft between two boulders), but with a lot of ups and downs on the way. (The "ups and downs" add about a 1000 feet of elevation gain in excess of a straightforward ascent to the Mount Mansfield peak).

The group lunched at Butler Lodge, where, it was speculated, there would be a good view to the west if not surrounded by mist. Of three different routes to the so-called "Forehead", the group chose what seemed to be the original, and most difficult. The most fascinating spot was where the only way forward is to lie on your stomach on a sloping rock with 20 ft drop behind you, hold on with both hands as you inch across to the far side, where a firm foothold is available and where you can return to the vertical position. Once above this challenge it was a fine scramble over ledges to the so called "Forehead" at 3940 feet, followed by a "walk in the park" to the top of the Mansfield Toll Road, and then on the actual summit, the "Chin", 1.4 miles away.

And now we come to the Trail Magic in the form of Phil Henry, Allison's then fiancée, now husband, with a backpack of goodies; very encouraging, highly appreciated, and a good excuse to sit for half an hour. There were a few good views to the west, before the mist settled in once and for all as the group headed for the Chin. This was not the place to hang around with the weather giving every appearance of deteriorating rapidly, with rain commencing shortly, and then continuing until the end of the hike.

The descent was steep for the first half-mile; no massive exposure, but considerable care was called for to avoid moving in the wrong direction too fast. The group stopped at Taft Lodge; where some drowned looking, but remarkably equable, scouts had just arrived for the night.

Then came the long, long steep slog down to Smugglers Notch. There was a debate about when a vehicle from Smugglers Notch could first be heard; some claimed an hour before reaching it (aural mirage?), some, including the writer, not until they were within twenty-five yards of the road.

The sweepstake on the end time, 5.50 PM. was again won by Allison. For the record, our average speed was, again, about a mile an hour.

Mount Ascutney, Windsor

19 July 2008

By Herb Ogden, leader

Trail work has taken so much of my scarce spare time since I became Trails & Shelters Chair that I have been on few hikes, so perhaps the low attendance was because not many people know me any more. Or perhaps some were daunted by the notice that this was a "difficult" hike. Or maybe some actually believed the forecast for a hot day with a chance of thundershowers. For whatever reason, nobody showed up at the

meeting point in Rutland. One person from South Burlington had, however, arranged to meet me at the bottom of the Brownsville Trail, so I had to go. We had fun anyway. We decided to save time by not spotting cars and to hike up and down the Weathersfield Trail. I think this is the most scenic of the four trails up Ascutney, though the Windsor Trail has a special place in my heart because it was the first one my late father and I reopened in 1966 after the 1938 hurricane had closed it. Dad and I then founded the Ascutney Trails Association, which maintains all four trails and publishes an excellent guidebook.

When we arrived, the Weathersfield Trail parking lot was nearly full. People on the trail ranged from the very young to the pretty old. Despite this wet summer, the small cascade and the flume were nearly dry, and the 70-foot Crystal Cascade was pretty feeble. Water flow on this granite monadnock is strange. Apparently it takes so long for water to percolate through the rock that the water table lags a year or two behind the rainfall. Luckily, we had brought plenty of water and kept sipping as we chugged up the trail and enjoyed the sights. My guest especially liked the level stretch south of the Crystal Cascade with views to the south, and the east views from Gus's Lookout. By the time we reached the top, thunder and dark clouds lay to the north, whence the wind was blowing, so we did not tarry long on the observation tower. We did, however, succeed in getting most of the way down before it rained, and we arrived back at our cars with our clothes only slightly dampened and our enthusiasm not dampened at all.

Davis Neighborhood Trail to Vermont Route 118

2 August 2008, E2E Leg 24

By Allison Henry

The participants for this hike were Allison Henry, Tom Copps,

Steve Williams, Cindy Oas-Kirk, and Dorothy Sullivan. A few of us camped at the Lakeview Campground in Eden the night before. The proprietor warned us of the difficulty of the trail ahead, and we wondered whether to feel worried or amused.

After a very uneventful night we got an early start on the Davis Neighborhood trail. The walking was easy and we got to Corliss Camp very quickly. As usual, I must comment on the shelters. Corliss Camp is a very cozy looking enclosed cabin with bunks, a porch, and an open loft above the main cabin.

On the official Long Trail map, the next section of our hike is marked off as a 6.7-mile hike with no viewpoints, major peaks, side trails, or any other landmarks indicated on the map other than a few smallish peaks noted by black triangles. I was very concerned about this, thinking we'd be walking through a monotonous green tunnel for hours, choosing our breaks arbitrarily and wondering when, if ever, we'd reach ANYTHING of note. However, there were in fact several viewpoints with decent lookouts. Even better, the Laraway Section of the GMC did not disappoint—each smallish peak and even each stream was marked with a sign indicating exactly where we were.

The "6.7 miles of nothing" flew by with a few snack breaks and we were at Spruce Ledge Camp in time for a lovely lunch. Spruce Ledge is another well-maintained enclosed cabin with bunks and a porch, and even a sliding front door. At Spruce Ledge Camp there is a lookout (LOOKOUT!) toward Belvidere Mountain, which will be on our next leg. On the side of Belvidere there is a grayish thing sticking out. The consensus was that it is remnants of some sort of asbestos mine, if I got that right. To me, it looked like a UFO. Believe what you want!

Our next adventure was Devil's Gulch. Devil's Gulch is a notch that one must navigate by going over, between, and around boulders of various sizes, mostly big. The Long Trail Guide describes Devil's Gulch as a "challenging route." The shelter logs made it sound even worse, with the southbound authors insinuating that they'd thought they'd never get out alive. One comment in a shelter log called it "Tolkien-esque," and another called it a "mini-Mahoosic Notch."

With a little bit of trepidation we headed north and before we knew it, rocks were beginning to appear around us. Just when we were asking, "Are we in the Gulch yet?" there was another fine Laraway section sign stating that we were there! After all that buildup, Devil's

Gulch was great and not at all difficult compared to say, The Forehead. There was one boulder shelf that I sat down on and said, "Hmm, now what," wondering whether I wanted to jump, fall, or slide onto a very pointy rock down in a crevasse, but Cindy looked ahead and saw there was terra firma just to my left for a landing point.

After we got through the Gulch, wiping our brows and saying, "Whew, that was nothin'!" we found ourselves headed down toward distant Ritterbush pond. We were so far ahead of our usual schedule that I thought "oh boy, time for a swim!" Unfortunately, the trail went up again and not toward the pond, so there was no swimming for Landshark today! We went up some more (of course) to Ritterbush lookout, and then had a nice, rolling walk down toward the car on Route 118.

We were out of there by three o'clock or so, setting a new land-speed record. I believe Steve won the "time out" contest. Two more excellent things happened after that. First, it started raining about ten minutes after we got in the car (translation: a victory, we beat the rain!). Second, we FINALLY made it to Ben and Jerry's in Waterbury before they closed!

Killington Section Directors Meeting

By John Hale, Secretary

A regular meeting of the Killington Section Board of Directors was held on 10 June 2008 at the Back Home Again Café in Rutland. Attending Board Members:

- Barry Griffith, President
- Wayne Krevetski, Vice President
- Sue Thomas
- Cynthia Taylor-Miller

- Roma Pulling
- Allison Norton
- Lynda Hutchins
- John Hale, Secretary & Treasurer.
- Absent:
- Andrea McQuade
- Guests:
- Bob and Thelma Perkins

President Barry G. called the meeting to order at about 6:00 PM

The minutes for the Annual Meeting of 31 March 2008 and the Board Meeting of 5 April 2008 were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report (\$23,300.73 assets, no liabilities, net income \$1,114.75) for the period 1 January 2008 to 6 June 2008 was approved as presented. Treasurer John H. committed to having Section

membership numbers at the next Board meeting.

Lynda H. reported on the Main Club's Board meeting of 31 May 2008. (A full report is available on request of the Secretary.)

The Governor Clement Road gate is now installed. The State of Vermont provided the gate itself; signage is expected to be erected by the Town of Shrewsbury; and the vehicle turn-around area is to be expanded. No supporting funds will be requested of us.

Keys to the gate will be provided: the snowmobile club president will have one, and the Killington Section President will have one.

President Barry G. recommended that log-in stations be installed both at Governor Clement and Clarendon shelters. These devices provide valuable information about traffic volume and hiker feedback. Barry G. offered to take charge of implementation after consultation with Killington Section Trails and Shelters Chairperson, Herb Ogden and Main Club contact, Dave Hardy. Barry G. also recommended that signs be installed one mile before and after each shelter, which plan he will also coordinate.

Barry G. spoke about signs the Killington Section will post on the Trail welcoming hikers to the section of the Long Trail under our protection. After a discussion, it was decided not to include Section Board members' names and contact information on the signs, but rather one single contact name, that of President Barry G., should be provided.

Hikers may use the contact to request emergency assistance or to

request transportation. The signs are to be printed on especially durable and waterproof paper by the Main Club.

Sue T. led a discussion about advertisements posted along the Long Trail. The first reaction was that all advertisements should be taken down when discovered. A discussion revealed that some advertisements (public bus schedules for example) might be appropriate and the line became less clear. Lynda H. offered to query the Main Club to see if there may be an official policy on this issue.

Sue T. reported that this year's Trails Day was successful. There were two groups on the Killington section clipping, clearing, and digging. One group transported puncheon lumber for later placement. Three blow-downs were cleared and there was a picnic afterwards.

Herb Ogden's request for funding of \$405.20 for puncheon lumber was approved; the funds will be expended from the Kirk Fund balances. The Board also authorized Herb to spend up to \$500 for new roof shingles for the Governor Clement Shelter.

Cindy T-M. presented a bill for \$32.84 for stain for the Minerva Hinchey Shelter and asked whether the Killington Section or the Main Club should make the reimbursement. She reasoned that since the Main Club has received a \$15,000 endowment for the maintenance of the MH Shelter, they should pay. It was agreed that Cindy will contact Dave Hardy at the Main Club to determine any policy or procedure in regards this type of expenditure.

The EMS kayak raffle might have generated more for the Section

if we had had slightly more notice, but everyone agreed it to have been a generous gift from EMS that earned the Section \$274.

Sue T. and other kind souls have sewn a quilt on the theme of four bears and will raffle the quilt for the benefit of the Main Club as a contribution of the Killington Section. Tickets are priced at \$2 each or three tickets for \$5 and the winning ticket will be drawn on 27 September this year at the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic in Londonderry.

Sue T. mentioned that, often enough, she has problems getting hike leaders to commit to specific dates in a timely manner. This delays her input to the *Smoke and Blazes* newsletter and delays the newsletter's publication. A general discussion of this issue ensued. Two things became clear: 1) Sue does a great job that cannot be improved upon; and 2) a special notice to hike leaders should be placed in the next newsletter, asking for compliance with deadlines and calling a Hike Leaders Meeting where the issue can be explored.

The Long Trail in Bits and Pieces is still going strong. The participants are now camping overnight through the more distant and longer sections.

The Second Annual Long Trail Festival will be held this year on 15 to 17 August at the Fair Grounds in Rutland. A wonderful event is expected again this year.

After setting the next Board meeting for Tuesday, 7 October at 6:00 PM at a Rutland restaurant to be announced; the meeting was adjourned at about 8:20 PM.

Bob Perkins, Editor
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual.....\$40
Family.....\$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer.....\$22

Contact us for information on life memberships
and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___trail work, ___shelter work, ___sign making, ___publications, ___leading outings, ___publicity, ___education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677



Volume 61, Number 4

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

November 2008

The Top Ten Things I've Learned On Our Bits and Pieces Hikes

By Allison Henry

10. At the first lunch break, the food is delicious. At the second break, you are grateful to have some food left. By the third break, you figure you should be grateful that at least you have half an old granola bar and some pulverized chips.

9. You can amuse yourself for long periods of time by talking about your favorite recipes, favorite restaurants, and what type of take-out you're going to order when you get home.

8. There are many possible ways to get past a blowdown. Bushwhacking around it, walking carefully over it, climbing over it, and taking a flying leap and yelling, "Geronimo!" are all acceptable alternatives.

7. There are many possible ways to get down a big slab of bedrock. Bushwhacking around it, walking carefully down it, climbing down it, and taking a flying leap and yelling, "Geronimo!" are all acceptable alternatives.

6. No matter what time you get going in the morning, you always start walking around 7:20 AM and always finish just before dark, with only a few exceptions.

5. We are never truly sure exactly where we are on the trail, even after consulting ourselves, different maps, the Long Trail Guide, the GPS, and hikers coming from the other way.

4. You fall down so often, get swarmed by so many clouds of bugs, and push through so much thick brush that you never recall each individual incident, but you spend the next day wondering where that odd-shaped bruise, humongous bug bite, and suspicious rash came from.

3. No matter how religiously you wash and air out your gear, you will find that your house, your car, your pack, and your self will smell like a foot for days afterward.

2. Long day-hikes on a Saturday take the whole weekend—you spend Friday packing and driving, Saturday hiking and driving, and Sunday resting, inspecting wounds (refer to number 4), and dealing with all your gear (refer to number 3).

1. On hike day, by eleven in the morning you are counting down the miles and hours until the hike will be over, but 24 hours later, when you are sitting around at home, you will be counting down the days or weeks until the next hike!

Killington Section Alert

The Killington Section has inaugurated an email service called **KS Alert** to augment our quarterly newsletter, *Smoke & Blazes*. Subscribers to the free service, occasionally and irregularly, will receive emails with items of timely interest between *Smoke & Blazes* publication dates.

To subscribe just send an email to **KS Alert@aol.com** with **Join** in the subject line.

You can cancel your subscription at any time by sending an email to **KS Alert@aol.com** with **Cancel** in the subject line.

The email address that you provide to KS Alert will not be used for any other purpose nor will we share it with anyone.

Please don't use the KS Alert email address for any other communications. See page 2 for contact information for other section business.

LT End-to-End in Bits and Pieces

LT Miles Hiked: 272.7 LT Miles to Go: 0.0

Starting at the Massachusetts State Line on 19 August 2006, an eager group from the Killington Section resolved to earn their Long Trail End-to-End awards by hiking the trail in bits and pieces. Twenty-eight day-hikes later, on 12 October 2008, most of the group arrived at mile post 592 on the Canadian border. Congratulations to you all.

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2009 Wayne Krevetski
" *Andrea McQuade
" *Roma Pulling
2010 *John Hale
" *Lynda Hutchins
" *Cindy Taylor-Miller
2011 *Barry Griffith
" Allison Henry
" Sue Thomas

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President..... Wayne Krevetski
Secretary/Treasurer John Hale

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters.....Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director.....Lynda Hutchins
AlternateSteve Williams

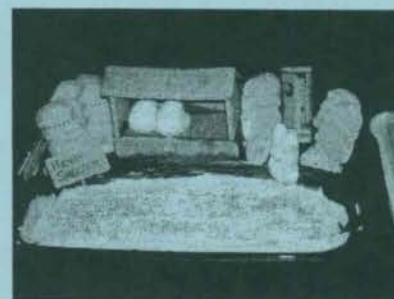
Smoke & Blazes

Editor..... Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

Our Second Favorite Activity Scenes from Our Annual Fall Potluck



Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@lighters.com
Allison Henry 47 West St., #1, Rutland, VT 05701 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com
Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com
Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@comcast.net
Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net
Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net
Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
Roma Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com
Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

Outing Reports

Hadley Mountain, Hadley, NY

9 August 2008

By Allison Henry, leader

For most of the week before the hike, the forecast called for rain (big surprise!) but by Thursday night, *weatherchannel.com* indicated that the town of Hadley would have sunny weather on Saturday with only a 20 percent chance of rain! The weather held and we had a gorgeous clear day.

With rendezvous points at the park in Rutland and at the welcome center in Fair Haven, a group of seven set out for the long drive to Hadley. Even though it is far, it is a neat area for a road trip if you like tourist traps. We passed a lot of mini golf courses, ice cream stands, and rafting outfitters along the way. The lot was full when we got there; it's a popular place.

Hadley Mountain is "only" about 2675 feet high but the hike involves a 1500 foot elevation gain in less than two miles. Most of the trail is worn down to bare bedrock. According to the *Longstreet Highroad Guide to the Adirondacks*, the area had several forest fires, accounting for not only the thin soil but also lots of paper birch. I think of this trail's difficulty as being the opposite of most other mountain trails. Rather than winding up the mountain gradually and ending in a steep scramble to the summit, the trail goes straight up the side of the mountain for the first two thirds or so, then levels off and winds around to the summit.

We made it to the top without too much difficulty and joined the hordes of other tourists already there. Hadley Mountain has an open, rocky summit with 360-degree views. We had a leisurely lunch in the sun and

debated with the caretaker and each other about the geological features in the distance. Here's the rundown: we could see Great Sacandaga Lake, various Adirondack peaks (but probably not Marcy), the Catskills (faintly), and various Green Mountain peaks, even including, you guessed it, our own Killington.

By the way, Hadley Mountain has a fire tower, too. Most of our group ascended the tower, although I personally made it only to the highest landing and couldn't bring myself to go up the rickety ladder into the box.

On the way back down to the trailhead, Sue found a hat that Steve's friend Barbara had lost on the way up. Not quite understanding who had lost the hat, Sue triumphantly placed it on the head of Barb Griffith, resulting in lots of laughter from the rest of us as we said, "Wrong Barb!"

At the trailhead there is a sign noting the difficulty of the hike, and it says that "expert" hikers can make the trip up in an hour, "moderate" hikers should take an hour and a half, and "novices" (or something like that) would need several hours. Steve reported that it had taken us about an hour and fifteen minutes to get to the summit, placing us between average and "expert." Not bad at all!

We had a great time and we don't need a sign to tell us that we're awesome hikers. Despite the very long drive and short-ish hike, I strongly recommend this trip especially if the weather is clear!

Deer Leap. Plan A

6 September 2008

Leader: Steve Williams

This hike was the successor hike to the rained-out 27 October 2007

hike and the equally rained-out 3 May 2008, hike. Again, the forecast was less than favorable with rain falling early morning and forecast as being intermittent during the day. In spite of expressions of interest from locales as far removed as Killington and Hanover, N.H., only one participant, Tom Copps, turned out to join the leader and his friend Barbara, daughter Nicola and grandson Brian. Sue Thomas was kind enough to arrive at the starting point to advise that she was not coming, but also to advise that the hike had been advertised as being at 10.00 AM rather than 9.00 AM as both Steve and Tom had thought. Sue then left for the Route 4 trailhead, just in case the Killington and Hanover potentials arrived, which they did not, and those waiting looked for useful occupation until 10.00 AM just in case anyone else showed up, which they did not. The leader, having slipped up on the timing, felt that the least he could do was offer breakfast all round, which was duly obtained at the Midway Diner. The good news was that by 10.00 AM the rain had stopped, and in fact held off during the entire hike.

The route was up the AT/LT from Route 4 to Maine Junction, the AT for a few hundred yards, and then the Deer Leap Mountain trail over Deer Leap Mountain to its junction with the Deer Leap overlook trail and thence to the overlook which, surprise, surprise, was dry enough to be sat on for lunch. The return trip was the shorter return to the AT and thence to Maine Junction again and back down to Route 4.

The leader thanks all those willing to join him on such a dubious day.

Hazen's Notch to VT Route 118 and Jay Pass to Hazen's Notch

13/14 Sept. 2008, E2E Legs 26 & 27

By Rich & Lindy Brown

The hiking family is reunited after a few weeks of hiking separately! These two legs were done by Steve Williams, Tom Copps, Cindy Oas-Kirk, Allison (Norton) Henry, and Richard and Lindy Brown. On Friday night we camped at Lakeview Campground on Eden Lake. The next morning we hit the trail at Haven's Notch (VT Route 58) at 7:30 AM. We made it to the Tillotson Camp at 11:40 AM for lunch but circled the place trying to find a way in! Aha- finally found the door and enjoyed our break.

Now on to Belvidere Saddle. We took the Foresters Trail up to the tower. Some of the group braved the tower but not all of us. Some of us were just resting and eating chocolate when we discovered we had company – a snake. So much for relaxing. We ended our very hot day at VT Route 118 at 5:15 PM. We enjoyed a family dinner in Morrisville, then back to the campground.

Sunday morning we were packed, even the tents, by 6:00 AM. After picking up egg breakfast sandwiches and coffee-to-go at the general store we started on the trail at VT Route 242 in the pouring rain at 7:15 AM. We had a good climb at first and then it was minor ups and downs all day. We had a snack at Chet's Lookout, which is a huge rounded boulder with a ladder leading to it. Only the males climbed onto the boulder as it was raining and slippery. Most of the day was a nice walk in the woods. It stopped raining before we got to lunch at Hazen's Notch Camp at noon. We ended the hike at the road under the cliffs at Hazen's Notch at 1:40 PM.

Jay Pass to Vermont Route 105

11 October 2008, E2E Leg 28

By Allison Henry

This leg included Allison Henry, Tom Copps, Steve Williams, Cindy Oas-Kirk, Sue Thomas, Linda Hutchinson, and Gene Nelson. Our levels of alertness varied due to our different accommodations the night before; some had had restful nights at home or in a lovely B&B; the rest of us spent the night at the impressively clean, impressively inexpensive, and impressively noisy Snow Shoe Lodge in Montgomery Center. But, the price was right and the location perfect for our travels. No car spotting was needed for this hike because Steve had made arrangements with his friend Barbara O'Connor to pick us up at 3:30 PM at the northern end of the leg. Was that Steve's bet for our time out contest?

We set out just before 7:30 AM from Jay Pass, and at the start of the hike I couldn't resist starting a discussion about whether or not certain side trails are acceptable alternatives when doing the whole Trail. There really was no conflict—we all agreed (or at least, I think we did) that the blue-blazed "Jay Loop" which circumvents a section of the LT is perfectly allowable. We checked out Jay Camp, which is an enclosed camp being renovated. It was a steep climb from the shelter and up, up, UP Jay Peak. We had been warned (we're always being warned!) that Jay Peak would be very difficult, but I would say it is easier than the Bucklin Trail. We finally came out on a ski run, walked up the rocky slabs on the summit, and walked past the ski area buildings.

We were headed down a ski run in search of the LT north when someone said, "Wait, aren't we going to stop here for a snack and enjoy the view?" In our haste to keep walking we forgot the whole point. We

allowed ourselves some time taking pictures and huddling with snacks, and then it was a scavenger hunt north down the mountain to find the next blaze. After some ups and downs we had another lunch at Laura Woodward Shelter, including some delicious raspberry bars (you're welcome!). Sue was excited about the privy decor. Instead of a moon-shaped window, the outhouse door was carved with a horse. Shelter description: lean-to!

After some more ups and downs, including an up over Doll Peak and lots of downs from there, we were at Shooting Star Shelter. Another lean-to! Lindy and Rich had a very interesting moose incident there on their hike a few weeks earlier (you'll have to ask them), but all the wildlife we saw were a backpacker and his unfriendly, barking Labrador. The pooch was well-controlled on a leash, however, unlike Lindy's moose. The privy was one of the highlights of the whole, entire Trail for me. This one had a rabbit-shaped window in the door. We then had one minor bump in our way, Burnt Mountain, and Steve led the way out onto VT 105 at exactly 3:30 to meet Barbara!

After the hike, we returned to our respective accommodations to get cleaned up, and Steve and Barbara hosted us at their B&B for a little champagne in anticipatory celebration. We had dinner in Montgomery Center and retired early. Those of us at the Snow Shoe worried about getting a good night's sleep, as a band, the Funky Crustaceans, would be performing in the bar right below our rooms. A few members of our party did spend some of the night reluctantly listening to the music. "Yours truly" conked out within ten minutes of hitting the pillow and woke up when the alarm went off on Sunday morning.

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule Dec. 2008 – Feb. 2009

Schedule continued from previous page

31 January, Sunday

Deadline For Spring Hike Schedule

Sue Thomas, 773-2185



!!! Attention All Hike Leaders !!!

The next schedule will include outings for March, April, and May.

Claim your dates for spring – call Sue by 31 January.

[A note from Sue: Thanks to everyone who called ahead for the last schedule. It helped to streamline the process and eliminated a lot of follow-up calling.]

7 February, Saturday

Ski the Northam Trails, Shrewsbury

Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502

A moderate cross-country ski outing on the Northam Trails in the Plymbury Recreation Area.

Call leader for starting time and place.

[Rain date: 8 February.]

14 February, Saturday, 10:00 AM

Hot Dog Roast, Shrewsbury

Roma Pulling, 773-6997

Join us for what has become a popular annual tradition, this year at Minerva Hinchey Shelter on the Long Trail. Bring your own hot dogs (or whatever you want to roast over our campfire). Hot drinks will be provided. Snowshoes may be required for the short walk in, and we'll work up an appetite with a pre-roast jaunt to Patch Hollow.

Easy, 0.25 miles, plus optional 1 mile.

22 February, Sunday, 10:00 AM

High Pond, Sudbury

Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573

Washington may not have slept here but we'll snowshoe in to celebrate his birthday by exploring the winter wildlife habitat at this pretty Nature Conservancy preserve.

Moderate, 4 to 5 miles.

28 February, Saturday, 9:00 AM

Mystery Snowshoe

Larry Walter & Viv Beebe, 775-3855

Leaders will choose location to suit weather conditions.

Moderate 5 to 6 miles.

7 March, Saturday, 9:00 AM

Pharaoh Lake Wilderness, Chilson, NY

Allison Henry, 775-1627

Explore backwoods trails and ponds. Snowshoes may be necessary and it could be very wet.

Difficult, 7 to 8 miles.

14 March, Saturday, 10:00 AM

Woodland Trek, Shrewsbury

Jerry Parker, 775-6208

Look for animal tracks and maybe a few signs of spring. Snowshoes may be needed.

Moderate, 2 to 3 miles.

To be determined

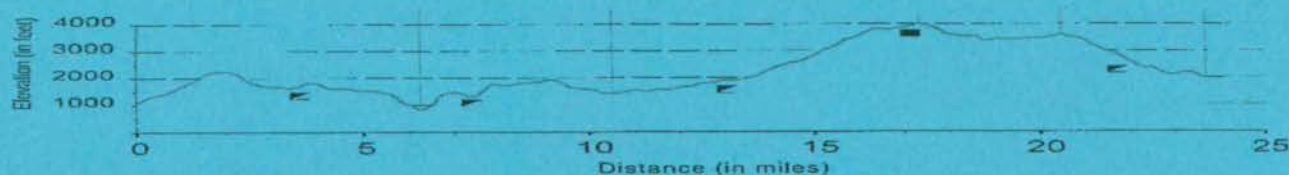
Valcour Island Lighthouse, Plattsburgh, NY

Sue Thomas, 773-2185

It's time again for the fourth annual cancellation of the Valcour Island Lighthouse hike! Maybe, because 2009 is the 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's exploration of the lake, the gods will smile on us this year and freeze the channel. If it's safe enough for the Historical Society to open the lighthouse we'll go spur-of-the-moment, probable on a Sunday early in March.

Call the leader if you'd like to be placed on her to-be-called list.

Easy, 1.5 miles; more optional.



Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule Dec. 2008 – Feb. 2009

Visit our web site: <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

6 December, Saturday, 9:30 AM Prospect Mountain, Lake George, NY Steve Williams, 645-9529

A steep climb near the route of an old funicular railway, once the world's longest cable railway, to the site of the former summit hotel. Some steep climbing.

Meet at the Fair Haven Welcome Center on Route 4.

Moderate, 3 miles.

13 December, Saturday, 9:00 AM Cook Mountain, Lake George, NY Allison Henry, 775-1627

Our second annual Cook Mountain expedition. Views of Lake George and the Champlain Valley from the top of the Tongue Mountain Range. Some steep spots. Snowshoes may be needed depending on conditions.

Moderate, 4 miles.

20 December, Saturday, 9:00 AM Old County Road, Mendon Ton Copps, 770-9394

Follow an old road from Tamarack Notch to the Brown Covered Bridge in Shrewsbury. Snowshoes may be needed.

Moderate, 4 miles...

21 December, Sunday Winter Solstice on the Long Trail, Shrewsbury Dorothy Sullivan, 436-2019

Joint hike with Ottauquechee Section. Snowshoe or hike on the Long Trail from Route 103 to Lower Cold River Road. Initial steep climb through boulder filled ravine.

Difficult, 3.9 miles, 1200-foot elevation gain.

Call leader for starting time and place.

3 January, Saturday 9:00 AM Herrick Mountain, Ira Larry Walter, 775-3855

A strenuous climb to enjoy the view. Snowshoes may be needed.

Difficult, 8 miles.

10 January, Saturday, 9:00 AM Emerald Lake, Dorset Allison Henry, 775-1627

Celebrate Allison and Phil's 6-month anniversary with a snowshoe around Emerald Lake.

Moderate, 3.4 miles.

17 January, Saturday, 10:00 AM Shrewsbury Ramble Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573

Leaders will select the route.

Moderate, 4 to 5 miles.

24 January, Saturday, 10:00 AM Long Trail, Shrewsbury Herb Ogden, 293-2510

Snowshoe or hike south from the Lower Cold River Road to Clarendon Shelter and back, with stops at the Bullard Cemetery.

Moderate, 5.8 miles, 1000-foot elevation gain.

31 January, Saturday, Appalachian Trail, Killington Dorothy Sullivan, 436-2019

Joint hike with Ottauquechee Section. Snowshoe with some steep spots.

Moderate, 3.4 miles, 1500-foot elevation gain.

Call leader for starting time and place.

Schedule continued on next page.

VT Route 105 to Canadian Line

12 October 2008, E2E Leg 28

By Steve Williams

This final hike brought the "Steady Six" (Rich and Lindy Brown, Tom Copps, Allison Henry, Cindy Oas-Kirk and Steve Williams) together for the final thrust. They were accompanied by Sue Thomas, completing her Long Trail quest started in 1982, Linda Hutchins, also working on the Long Trail in bits and pieces, and Steve's friend Barbara O'Connor, who has been supporting Steve this year in doing "make-ups".

First of all, some car shuffling was required to place two cars at each end of the hike and to accommodate Linda traveling that morning from Essex, the Browns from Orwell, and the remaining six coming from Montgomery Center. This done, the party set off on a bright sunny fall morning at 8:30 AM. In 1.2 miles and 500 feet up we reached Carlton Mountain, a truly modest final peak, and with no objections from those who had traversed Jay Peak the day before, we continued the 1.4 miles to the northern terminus of the Long Trail at the US-Canadian Border Line Post 592.

Journey's End provides a rocky outcrop straddling the international border and, at 2100 feet, a fine view into Quebec, including Owl's Head and some adjacent peaks. Rather to the writer's surprise no Homeland Security personnel were in evidence at the border to check out identities, particularly of those bold enough to stand with one foot in each country, or even with two feet in Canada, though there are stories which indicate that they were not far away. Indeed an excellent place to sit around and contemplate the 272 miles traversed over the previous two and a half years, with a great stretch of Canada and the boundary swath before our eyes to prove it. A

sparkling beverage, cookies and chocolate bars were on hand for celebration.

Then a half mile to Jay Camp, a snug starting or ending overnight possibility, where Rich and Lindy Brown suddenly took off on the final eight-tenths of a mile to the trailhead. All became clear when the rest of the party arrived at the trailhead; where they had a portable table set up, with table cloth no less, champagne and glasses, and an extraordinary "Death by Chocolate" dessert, sufficient to satisfy any raging chocoholic and which undoubtedly replaced the calories burnt off on the two days' efforts. Thank you Rich and Lindy; a truly fitting finish!

Skylight Pond, Ripton

25 October 2008

By: Viv Bebee & Larry Walter

The weather reports spawned a couple phone calls the night before. A big rain storm with high winds was swooping in, and every time we checked NOAA, the start-time had been moved up. I stuck with my usual "we're going no matter what" blather in the background while Viv tried to calm nerves over the phone. We were surprised when we ended up with a good turnout (11) at the trail head including a couple of 18-year-old college freshmen (Peter and Sara).

Out guide text was *50 Hikes in Vermont, Fifth Edition*, by Bob Lindemann and Mary Deaett. It's a good resource. We did notice a small mistake in the directions from Route 125. After turning north on Forest Road 59, you travel the reported mileage of 3.6 miles to a fork (instead of to the trail head) and continue on said right fork another mile to the parking area.

The trail follows a brook for a good mile along old logging roads. There are very few trail-blazes in this section, but the path is well

maintained. There's one stream crossing that wouldn't be too much fun after a hard rain or in the spring. Eventually you ascend more steeply on single track with some switchbacks thrown in to the upper sections. There are some nice views off to the northeast in this section. Peter packed the Griffith's trusty 3-foot Disston (a vintage crosscut saw) all the way up with the anticipation of showing off our sawing prowess, only to find our well scouted obstruction had been sawed off by some glory hog (who did a fine, non-motorized job, by the way).

After cresting over the ridge and crossing the Long Trail, Skyline Lodge is only another five minutes down the east side. A little pumpkin witnessed our passage down the hill. The lodge is in great shape, with well chinked cracks, real windows with screens and a solid door. It must have been really nice to stay there in the colder months when there was still a stove, drying your socks and reading a good novel. The covered front porch overlooks a pleasant pond, just down the hill. Word has it, there's a trail that runs around the shore. We had lunch and tried not to talk politics too much. An interesting feature is what appears to be the mummified remains of a weasel that managed to get his (I'm assuming this was a guy-weasel-inspired, unplanned event) head stuck in the framework along the lower left edge of the north wall. He'll be waiting for you. Don't forget to say hi.

We beat the odds and made it all the way back to the cars before the rain hit, and hit it did. Viv's splinter-party continued over to Dead Creek to watch a couple soggy geese hanging out in the sanctuary. Evidently it was still a little early for the main party of honkers. Peter chauffeured us old folks safely back to Rutland.

Killington Section Directors Meeting

By John Hale, Secretary

A regular meeting of the Killington Section Board of Directors was held on 7 October 2008 at the Midway Diner in Rutland.

Board Members Attending:

Barry Griffith, Pres.
Wayne Krevetski, VP
Sue Thomas
Cynthia Taylor-Miller
Allison Henry
Lynda Hutchins
Andrea McQuade
John Hale, Sec. & Treas.

Absent: Roma Pulling

Guest: Bob Perkins

President Barry G. called the meeting to order at about 6:00 PM.

The **Minutes** for the 10 June 2008 Board Meeting were approved as presented.

The **Treasurer's Report** (\$23,930.88 assets, no liabilities, net income \$1,744.90) for the period 1/1/2008 to 10/7/2008 was approved as presented.

Lynda H. reported on the **Main Club's Board meeting** of 27 September 2008. (A full report is available on request of the Secretary.)

Sue T. reported on the very successful **Four Bears quilt raffle**: \$750 was raised and donated to the Main Club as a contribution of the Killington Section. Killington Section member Tom Copps held the winning ticket at the drawing on 27 September at the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic in Londonderry.

There was a discussion about whether the \$750 donation should be absolutely restricted to the Little Killington Shelter project as originally specified, or whether the funds could be unrestricted and

offered to the Main Club for current operating expenses. Ben Rose asked the Section to consider unrestricting the funds since the Little Killington Shelter project will be delayed. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to unrestrict the donation allowing the Main Club to use the funds for general expenses.

Winner Tom C. has offered to donate the quilt back to the Club and Sue T. will speak with him to discover the specifics of his intention. Various ideas were briefly discussed as to how the quilt could be best utilized after a re-donation.

All the quilters who worked on this project and especially Sue T. were thanked for their initiative, dedication, administration, and nimble fingers. It was a huge effort with a wonderful result.

Wayne K. reported that this year's **Long Trail Festival** (15 to 17 August) enjoyed another successful year with about twenty percent increased attendance, more campers and more vendors. Next year's Festival is already being planned.

The **Governor Clement Shelter road gate** strategy seems to be successful. While ATV riders cannot be completely deterred, monitoring of attempts to defeat the gate has generated immediate counter-measures and the gate itself has not been vandalized. Miscreants in street vehicles have been kept out.

The gate has been opened for the fall and winter seasons as agreed with the Town of Shrewsbury. The Section is monitoring post-opening activity.

Allison H. spoke about the **trail sign at Jungle Junction's** being significantly deteriorated and wondered whether it should be removed entirely as the purpose for

which it was originally placed is no longer germane. After discussion, Allison agreed to seek Dave Hardy of the Main Club's opinion about whether to refurbish or remove the sign.

The Section will attend the **Rutland Regional Medical Center's Wellness Fair** on Wednesday 22 October from noon to 4:00 PM. with the Section's sign board, publications, newsletters and membership registration cards. Wayne K. will represent the Club.

Eastern Mountain Sports in Rutland has offered **another kayak** for the Section to **raffle** during EMS' Fall Club Days event, subject this time to the Section's taking an advertisement in the Rutland Herald announcing the raffle at the store which will generate more store traffic in addition to larger raffle sales. Wayne K. said that a two inch by two column advertisement run in the Herald for three days would cost \$213.

A general discussion ensued about whether the Section should, even in this indirect way, advertise for a private business. The consensus was that since the advertisement would only be an announcement for the Section, incidentally thanking EMS for their donation; and since the advertisement would serve the additional purpose of general public exposure for the Section and the Club, that the advertisement should be placed. The motion to spend \$213 for the advertisement was moved, seconded and passed unanimously. Wayne K. will manage raffle ticket sales on Friday night and Saturday, 17 and 18 October and run the drawing on Saturday night.

A suggestion was made to establish an E-List for the

dissemination of notices, alerts and other communications on a more immediate basis than the quarterly Newsletter. It is envisioned that a special email address will be set up to which interested parties can direct their request to be enrolled on the **Killington Section E-List**. The Board thought the suggestion a good one and Bob P. offered to set up and manage this list.

Bob P. also agreed to provide copies of the Newsletters in .pdf file format to Deb Waggett, the Section's webmaster, going forward so that interested persons can retrieve past copies of the Newsletter.

Allison N. reported that the **Long Trail End to End in Bits and Pieces** campaign will hike its last stage shortly. Seven people have finished the Trail in this way and one person is lacking only one section. All participants were congratulated on their accomplishment.

The Section's **Fall Pot Luck Dinner** meeting will be held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Rutland on 22 November from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. The evening's program will be a presentation by Board member Cindy Taylor-Miller of her cross-country bicycle trip.

Barry G. suggested that the Board consider hosting a third pot luck dinner meeting some time during the winter to compliment the spring and fall dinners. He will broach the subject and determine interest at the November dinner.

Sue T. asked the Board to think about how to properly recognize **Ray Catozzi** for his lifelong involvement with the Club and the Section.

The next Board meeting was set for Tuesday 10 February 2009 at the Midway Diner.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:20 PM.

Thoughts on a Long Trail End – to – End Hike

By Mad Hatter (Wayne Krevetski)

Where does one start in writing about an End-to-End Hike? Maybe with some basic statistics: Started on 30 August 2008, finished 26 days later (including one zero day) on 24 September. The weather was good; the first week had no rain at all and then only three separate days of rain afterward. Of course one of those days was when I was hiking between Mt. Abraham and Stark's Nest, and another was going over Camel's Hump, but you can't have everything.

Before I started I had heard that "if you can hike the Long Trail you can thru-hike the Appalachian Trail", but I was surprised at how true that statement proved to be. The Long Trail was not only the inspiration for the AT but in the end seems to have served as a model as well. The parallels between the two are amazing. Whether it's boulder filled gulches, rocky ascents, high ridgelines, or soft forest paths, the Long Trail has them all, a real gem of a trail.

As I am at a loss for words to describe my trip, I would like to

share with you two entries from my Journal.

*September 17, 2008; Wednesday
Butler Lodge
Miles Today 10.9 Total 202.5*

Over two hundred miles and I am going to sleep under the shadow of Mount Mansfield. Hopefully with good weather, I will be crossing the summits of Mansfield and moving on to Spruce Peak tomorrow.

I caught up with "The Duke" at the lodge and he has his "Duchess" with him, they got engaged to be married today on top of Mansfield (He told me of his plans a week ago. Said that he could later call it the high point of their relationship). The Caretaker here is named Jeff; yes a real caretaker, first of the trip. This is his second day assigned to this site.

The hiking is much more difficult up at this end. Lots of steep ascents and descents, and lots of mud. Reminds me of the Whites in NH. Without so much exposure.

Well, I'm hoping for good weather tomorrow, as there were lots

of clouds coming in at sunset. It would be nice to be on a summit and have a view for a change.

*September 18, 2008; Thursday
Sterling Pond Shelter
Miles Today 9 Total 211.5*

60.7 miles left, almost over, Good Thing! Climbing over Mansfield today was the most frightening hiking I have ever done. Between the "Steep and rough climb over rocks and ledges, using ladders in some places" to get up the Forehead, to the "Drop steeply from the Chin on precipitous ledges" to get back down, they fail to mention the Class 4 and 5 rock climbing that you have to do and the nice flight into open air that you would have if you slipped off one of those ledges, and this wearing a backpack

WHAT A RUSH!!!!!!!!!!!!

Tired, time for sleep.

Mad Hatter

In closing it was a wonderful trip and we are lucky to have such a wonderful Trail in our backyards to play on.

Bob Perkins, Editor
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$40
Family \$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$22

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

☐ trail work, ☐ shelter work,
☐ sign making, ☐ publications,
☐ leading outings, ☐ publicity,
☐ education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:
Green Mountain Club, 4711
Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury
Center, VT 05677

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 62, Number 1

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

February 2009

Some Coming Events

Killington Section Potluck

Everyone's welcome to join Killington Section members for our short annual business meeting and spring pot luck supper. Bring a dish to share and your own place setting. No reservations needed. Just show up at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Hillside Avenue in Rutland at 6:00 PM on Saturday, 28 March.

GMC Main Club Meeting

Plan to attend the annual meeting of the statewide Green Mountain Club at our new Visitor Center in Waterbury Center. You can attend the main events, business meeting and over a dozen outings to choose from, on Saturday, 30 May, or make it a weekend by including Friday evening and/or Sunday. It's a great opportunity to meet club leaders and other like-minded folks from around the state. See your *Long Trail News* for more details.

Appalachian Trail Conference

The Green Mountain Club is hosting the Biennial Conference of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy from 17-24 July this year at Castleton State College. Hikers and enthusiasts from Maine to Georgia are expected. Volunteers familiar with the Rutland area are needed to greet visitors and staff an information desk. (You don't need to be an active hiker.) If you would like to help call Jean Anderson at 802-657-3540, or email at jeanoutdoors@aol.com.

Killington Section Snowshoers on Deer Leap



Long Trail Festival

The third annual (and growing every year) Long Trail Festival returns to the Vermont State Fairgrounds in Rutland on Saturday, 8 August. The Festival is:

"A Celebratory Gathering to Inspire Individuals to Participate in the Outdoors"

"An Annual Festival of Outdoor Activities and Educational Presentations & Exhibits and Lots of Fun in Beautiful Vermont."

"Featuring Music by the Best of Vermont Musicians!"

GMC Centennial

Coming next year – the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Green Mountain Club in 1910 with the goal "to make the Vermont mountains play a larger part in the lives of the people" and a vision of a Long Trail from Massachusetts to Canada. Plans are under way for the celebration. Stay tuned.

Killington Section Centennial

We think the Killington Section was born in 1911. More research is required. Send us your ideas as to how we should recognize this milestone.

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2009 Wayne Krevetski
"..... *Andrea McQuade
"..... *Roma Pulling
2010 *John Hale
"..... *Lynda Hutchins
"..... *Cindy Taylor-Miller
2011 *Barry Griffith
"..... Allison Henry
"..... Sue Thomas

*Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President Wayne Krevetski
Secretary/Treasurer John Hale

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Susan Thomas
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate Steve Williams

Smoke & Blazes

Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

Killington Section Treasurer Hunt II

By Herb Ogden

I will give a Long Trail Guide from the 1960s to the first person who sends me the correct answer to this paper treasure hunt – and I will give the Kirk Trails & Shelters Fund \$100 in that person's name, too.

1. Start at the top of southern Vermont's highest mountain.
2. Go downhill on the only blue blazed trail until you reach a structure named after a former GMC president.
3. Go south on the Long Trail as it existed when that person was GMC president until you strike a presently blue blazed trail.
4. Turn right on the presently blue blazed trail.
5. Continue on the blue blazed trail until you are at or near a former landmark with a two word name.
6. Hike on the most direct route of the present or former Long Trail to the site of a structure whose name began with the last letter of the second word in the former landmark's name.
7. From that site, go north on a former blue blazed loop trail, now nearly or totally obscure, until you reach a former white blazed trail.
8. Turn left on the former white blazed trail until you reach a presently white blazed trail.
9. Turn left on the white blazed trail.
10. Follow the white blazed trail until you reach a blue blazed trail to the right.
11. Follow the blue blazed trail until you come to a shelter.
12. Not counting the shelter you have just arrived at, name the **present** lodges, camps and shelters **built by the GMC** (including our Section) that you have passed.

Hint: At some point, you will pass by or very near the site of a former structure named for a deciduous conifer.

Send your answer to:

Herb Ogden, 214 South End Road, Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756

802-293-2510

hogden@vermontel.net

[I rate this one as "difficult". Ed.]

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@sudokuvt.com
Allison Henry 47 West St., #1, Rutland, VT 05701 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com
Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com
Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@comcast.net
Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net
Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net
Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
Roma Pulling, 883 US Route 4 East, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-6997, pullingra137@aol.com
Susan Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Stephen Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

Old Baldy, Bridgewater

4 October 2008

By Sue Thomas, leader

When we saw the bird hunters with their 4-wheel-drive pickup truck parked at the bottom of the hill we should have taken the hint. But intrepid Bob-the-Car soldiered on and, after a few nerve-wracking scraping noises from his nethermost regions, arrived triumphant at the trailhead. (Apparently none of the miscellaneous parts left behind were essential. We made it safely home to Rutland as well.) In fact, old Bob looked a bit smug as the jeep carrying the rest of our party limped in, wheezing and spewing smoke.

Fortunately, the hike to the summit was a good deal less exciting. But it was a nice fall day and a pretty trail, which winds gradually up the mountain on old woodroad, only becoming steep near the top causing some of us to wheeze a bit too. We had our lunch on the summit and, on noticing that the view improved considerably when we stood up, we decided that to rename Old Baldy "Old Rogaine" seemed appropriate. In spite of encroaching bushes, mountains could be seen in all directions – the Greens, the Whites, the Taconics, and close by Mount Ascutney. I hope a full head of hair will not someday obscure the view completely. Sometimes "bald is beautiful".

Smith Peak, Shrewsbury

1 November 2008

By Barry & Barb Griffith, leaders

While we have ascended Shrewsbury Peak countless times, we had never climbed Smith Peak, its 3200-foot neighbor to the east – until this year. It was about time! Smith Peak is in the northeastern corner of the Town of Shrewsbury. When New Hampshire Governor Benning

Outing Reports

Wentworth chartered Shrewsbury in 1761, this corner lot was set aside for the Church of England. In theory, the acreage in such a "glebe lot" would be leased to settlers, with the rents going to the Church. In practice, we doubt this remote mountain lot was ever so settled or used. We don't know who Smith was – more research needed!

The fall outing schedule is assembled in the summer, and we gambled that the CCC Road would still be open and passable on November 1. A late October snowfall had us wondering. Undaunted, ten of us assembled and consolidated into 4-wheel-drive vehicles in Northam. There was snow and ice on the CCC Road, but we made it safely to our trailhead. We packed up and proceeded up the Black Swamp Trail, on the east side of Shrewsbury Peak. Happily, the temperature was (slightly) above freezing. So, while there was snow on the mountain, the footing was good. There were abundant fresh deer and moose tracks to be found.

Just below the Black Swamp trail shelter, we took the side trail to the east. It eventually descends to the Farm & Wilderness Camps. With snow on the ground the trail was not always easy to pick up, but the intermittent blazes kept us on course until we reached the south side of Smith Peak. Here, with a reminder that the hike description included the words "difficult" and "bushwhack", we struck out for the summit. We located the canister and signed in. Over lunch there was discussion of the background noise – was it wind, or a stream? One of our group correctly identified the source – the snow guns on Killington Peak, a few miles to the north. 'Tis the season!

After lunch, we retraced our steps to the Black Swamp Trail.

While two returned to their vehicle, the rest voted for a bonus ascent of Shrewsbury Peak – two summits for the price of one! While Smith Peak affords only obstructed views, on Shrewsbury Peak we were able to enjoy its unobstructed panorama. We then descended, tired but pleased with our day. A good time was had by all.

Fall Work Party

8 November 2008

By Herb Ogden, Trails/Shelters Ch.

Considering that there was no announcement in the *Rutland Herald* and the weather forecast was for morning showers and afternoon rain, I was pleased that eight of us showed up for this work party.

One group of five went up to Gov. Clement Shelter. First they rearranged the bog-bridging lumber that had been trucked in during the spring so that it can be hauled the rest of the way to where it is needed once the ground freezes. Had it been left as it was, some of it would have frozen into the ground. Then they dug a new hole for the privy, moved the privy onto it, decommissioned the old hole with appropriate ceremony, and were done by early afternoon.

The other group spent the whole day clearing the over fifty waterbars and side ditches on the Sherburne Pass Trail between Sherburne Pass and Pico Camp and building a half dozen or more new waterbars. Lacking an adequate supply of supple young backs, we didn't build them to ideal GMC standards, which call for using rocks so large that it takes two people to move them into place and burying them deeply in the trail. Like many of our other waterbars, these will require a little more maintenance than the Stonehenge variety. But we need to

clear debris out of them at least once a year anyway, so it doesn't make a big difference.

The second group had what is a unique experience, at least in my fifty years of hiking the Long Trail. Descending above the Sinkhole, we heard a strange noise down the trail. It sounded like music, but not like a radio. As we got closer, it appeared to be a choir singing gospel music. Larry Walter said he thought he'd gone to heaven. We thought, "A choir in the woods on a rainy afternoon? No way!" But it turned out to be ten Tufts University students, apparently members of an *a capella* group, singing happily in the drizzly forest. They turned around soon after we passed them, and we could hear them singing behind us all the way back down even though they were also hiking along at a decent pace. Sometimes trail work has unexpected rewards. Join us next time, and who knows what you'll hear or see.

Hot Dog Roast, Cuttingsville

14 February 2009

By Roma Pulling, leader

Over the years, when my husband and I were leading hikes to remote areas for wintertime barbecues, we tried various locations, among them Half Moon and Bomoseen State Parks, Gifford Woods and Minerva Hinchey Shelter on the Long Trail. Gifford and Minerva Hinchey were our favorites. For two years my son Steve has been my helper assisted by our friend, Jerry Parker, and this year our Valentine's Day event was at Minerva Hinchey.

The weather was favorable this time--sunshine and comfortable temperatures. While Steve started the fire and I laid out the food and supplies on the table in the shelter, Jerry led the group of eight hikers south of the shelter on the Long Trail through an area called Patch's Hollow. Barry regaled the group with tales of scandalous happenings in

years past. (If you want the details, call Barry.)



President Barry Recounts the Tragedy at Patch Hollow

When the hungry returned, we were ready for them. Each one brought their item for grilling while condiments, chips, cookies and hot drinks awaited them. Two of our good cooks furnished homemade cookies and muffins.

What fun! It made winter seem just a little shorter.

Thank You, Trail Volunteers, For An Hour Each Day Of The Year!

By Herb Ogden,

Trails & Shelters Chair

About twenty Killington Section members and friends spent enough time on trail work in 2008 so that, for each day of the year, there was one hour of volunteer work. Scheduled work parties accounted for 217 hours. Individual work or work parties assembled on short notice accounted for another 149, for a total of 366 hours spent either on trail work or getting to the work site. Actually, that total is low, because I know of others who have put in many hours clearing or repairing trails but did not bother to report them.

Most of the work was done on the Long Trail between Wallingford Gulf and Clarendon Gorge, on the Sherburne Pass Trail south of

Sherburne Pass, and at Minerva Hinchey Shelter, but almost all of the over 34 miles of Killington Section trail saw at least minimal maintenance. In the last two years, all blazes have been renewed on the Long Trail from Wallingford Gulf to about a mile north of Gov. Clement Shelter and on the Sherburne Pass Trail south of US 4.

There is plenty left to do. Unfortunately, some of the Long Trail that was moved west of Pico Peak ten years ago is seriously eroding. It needs rock steps and ditches. Elsewhere, some waterbars have not been cleared for a couple years. Brush is growing up in front of our newest shelter, Churchill Scott Shelter. The Killington Spur from Cooper Lodge to Killington summit and the Pico Link from Pico Camp to Pico summit need rock steps. The

Long Trail on both sides of the Lottery Road and the Keiffer Road needs bog bridging and ditching to reduce the mud. Rotten bog bridging on the south slope of Killington Peak needs replacing. Pico Camp needs an entry porch. The northern half of our section of the Long Trail needs reblazing. This is a sampling of what needs doing. For a full list, contact me at hogden@vermontel.net.

To keep up our Section's good work, please join us in the two work parties on the schedule in this issue of *Smoke & Blazes*. Especially if your schedule does not allow that, please tell me if you are available for occasional last-minute work parties or would like to take on a special project.

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule

March – May 2009

Visit our web site: <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

7 March, Saturday, 9:00 AM Pharaoh Lake Wilderness, Chilson, NY Allison Henry, 775-1627
Explore backwoods trails and ponds. Snowshoes may be necessary and it could be very wet.
Difficult, 7 to 8 miles.

14 March, Saturday, 10:00 AM Woodland Trek, Shrewsbury Jerry Parker, 775-6208
Look for animal tracks and maybe a few signs of spring. Snowshoes may be needed.
Moderate, 2 to 3 miles.

21 March, Saturday, 9:00 AM Hunt for Spring Sue Thomas, 773-2185
The calendar says spring has arrive, so we'll go wherever we need to go to hunt it down. (Have passports ready!)
Moderate, 3 to 5 miles.

28 March, Saturday, 6:00 PM Killington Section Annual Meeting, Rutland Sue Thomas, 773-2185
Bring a dish to share and you own place setting for a pot luck supper followed by a short business meeting and election of officers. All are welcome!
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Hillside Avenue in Rutland.

5 April, Sunday, 10:00 AM Grandpa's Knob, Castleton Tom Copps, 770-9394
Climb to the site of the first municipal wind turbine (1940s). Views in all directions of the Greens, the Adirondacks, and the Taconics, and some very silly rocks.
Moderate, 3 miles, 1000-foot elevation gain.

18 April, Saturday, 10:00 AM Mt. Zion, Hubbardton Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573
Visit a Japanese garden and see waterfalls, rolling meadows, and mountain views at this unique site, home to Moot Point.
Moderate, 3 miles, with some steep spots.
Rain date: 19 April.

25 April, Saturday, 9:00 AM Cook Mountain, Ticonderoga, NY Allison Henry, 775-1627
View Lake George and the Champlain Valley from the top of the Tongue Mountain Range.
Moderate, 4 miles, 900-foot elevation gain.

2 May, Saturday, 9:00 AM Bald Top Mountain, Fairlee Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855
Sweeping views of the White and Green Mountains from the 1776-foot summit alongside Lake Morey.
Moderate, 6.5 miles, 1375-foot elevation gain.

9 May, Saturday, 9:00 AM Wild Flower Hike Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502
A slow-paced hike to identify early spring wildflowers and birds. Location to be determined.

16 May, Saturday, 9:00 AM Long Trail Spring Cleaning Herb Ogden, 293-2510
All are welcome to help prepare the trail for the summer hiking season. We'll clear water bars, trim brush, and cut blowdowns on the lower elevation stretches. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and lunch. Tools will be provided. Have fun while doing a good deed.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule

March – May 2009

Schedule continued from previous page.

- 23 May, Saturday, 9:00 AM Bird Mountain (aka Birdseye), Castleton Tom Copps, 770-9394**
Climb to a sweeping view atop a spectacular cliff.
Moderate, 3 to 4 miles with some steep pitches and a little bush-whacking.
- 29-31 May, Fri. – Sun. Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting, Waterbury Center GMC, 244-7037**
Choose from over a dozen outings (hike, bike, or paddle) on Saturday and a work party on Sunday. See your *Long Trail News* for details or visit the club web site at www.greenmountainclub.org.
- 6 June, Saturday, 9:00 AM Upper Elevation Trail Maintenance, Killington Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
On National Trails Day volunteers from all over the country will be out readying the trails for the summer hiking season by clearing brush and waterbars, cutting blowdowns, and painting blazes. Join us to work on our local treasurer, the Long/Appalachian Trail. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, bug repellent and lunch. Tools will be provided.
- 13 June, Saturday, 1:00 PM Mystery Hike, Shrewsbury Jerry Parker, 775-6208**
Easy 2-mile hike with great views.

What It's All About – A Winter Day atop Mount Herrick



Killington Section Directors Meeting

By Cynthia Taylor-Miller,
Acting Secretary

A regular meeting of the Killington Section Board of Directors was held on 10 February 2009 at the Midway Diner in Rutland.

Board Members Attending:

Barry Griffith, President
Wayne Krevetski, VP
Allison Henry
Susan Thomas
Roma Pulling
Andrea McQuade
Lynda Hutchins
Cynthia Taylor-Miller

Absent: Guests:

John Hale Bob Perkins
 Herb Ogden

President Barry Griffith called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Due to the absence of John Hale, President Griffith asked for a volunteer to record the minutes of this evening's meeting. Cynthia Taylor-Miller volunteered.

The minutes for the 7 October 2008 KS Directors meeting were approved as presented in Volume 61, Number 4 of *Smoke and Blazes*.

Due to the absence of John Hale, a current Treasurer's Report was not submitted.

Lynda Hutchins reported on the Main Club's Directors meeting of 24 January 2009 held at Vermont Law School. (A full report is available on request of the Secretary). The GMC Annual Meeting will be on 30 May 2009, hosted by the Montpelier section at the new building in Waterbury Center. The GMC has a new Membership and Volunteer Coordinator, Mari Zagarins.

The Killington Section Annual Meeting will be on 28 March 2009 at

the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Hillside Road in Rutland.

Trails and Shelters Chairperson, Herb Ogden, lead a discussion on recruiting boy scouts, high school and college students, GE volunteers, Rutland Recreation Department, and EMS staff members as KS volunteer trail maintainers. A goal for this year is to double the number of volunteers to assist with the spring and fall trail maintenance work trips.

Herb will obtain a repair quote from a stone mason for the exterior walls and fireplace at Governor Clement Shelter. Shelter adopter Roy Arthur will replace the roof this spring.

The bog bridging delivered to Clement Shelter Road is still there and needs to be moved to the trail work site.

The GMC Trail Management Committee has taken the new Killington Shelter "off the radar" for two reasons: the current financial situation of the club, and the hope that Governor Clement Shelter may be holding its own now that the access road is seasonally gated. However, the new Killington Shelter is in the ATC 5-year plan for 2011.

Dismantling of Cooper Lodge may begin this summer leaving the tent platforms and privy in tact.

Recently, a list of KS property was given to both the current Treasurer and President.

Volunteer hours spent on trail maintenance as well as trail related matters, i.e. Newsletter, recruitment of trip leaders, and section meeting hours should be collected and reported.

Volunteers are needed to build and install the Gould Brook Bridge. Coordination of this project will

begin this summer and may become one of the Long Trail Festival Hardcore work trips.

Sometime this spring, the Sherburne Pass Trail will be relocated west of the new sink hole.

President Griffith expressed the club's appreciation to Herb Ogden for his commitment over two decades of dedicated service.

Bob Perkins reported that approximately 190 *Smoke and Blazes* are mailed each quarter.

Four people have signed up to receive the Killington Section E-mail alert notices. In order to make this work as planned more members need to sign up. Continued sign-up notices will appear in future issues of *Smoke and Blazes*.

Outing Chair Sue Thomas expressed her concerns regarding a Greenwich, New York newspaper [Greenwich Journal & Salem Press] where a recent outing to Emerald Lake was listed with omissions of critical contact and meeting time/place information. Many unanswered questions remain as to how this paper received the KS outing information. Allison Henry will research this further.

The ATC Biennial Conference, "Vermont Forever Green", 17-24 July 2009 at Castleton State College and hosted by the GMC continues to solicit hike leaders, local residents familiar with the area and services to assist with the hospitality booth, silent auction donations and an Exhibits Chairperson. Contact information will be provided in the next issue of *Smoke and Blazes*.

Wayne Krevetski made a motion to provide Eastern Mountain Sports of Rutland, upon request, with Killington Section member mailing labels for the semi-annual spring

Club Day Sale/Kayak Raffle in April. Motion seconded by Lynda Hutchins. Motion passed.

The new dates for the Long Trail Festival are 7, 8, and 9 August 2009. The focus of activities will on Saturday the eighth with vendors, music, and presentations. Work trips

and hikes will take place on Sunday the ninth. There will be more children's entertainment at this year's festival. Camping will be available on the Fairgrounds from Friday evening to Monday morning.

Sue Thomas reported that the Four Bears Quilt received an

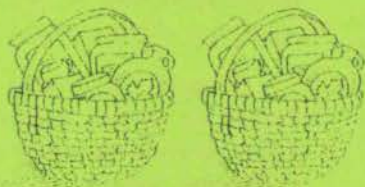
additional \$250 bringing the total donations to the main club of \$1,000.

The next KS Directors meeting will be held after the section Annual Meeting on 28 March 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Members Continued from Page 7

Paul J. Renfro, Cuttingsville
 Wally Rogers, Castleton
 F. John & Moira Romeo, Homosassa, FL
 Rebecca Roy, Rochester
 Jim & Ellen Schlagel, Rutland
 Debbie Schoch, Shrewsbury
 Robert Schulhafer, Mahopac, NY
 Charlotte S. Schwartz, Manchester, NH
 Sarah Shanahan, Wallingford
 Heather Shay, Cuttingsville
 Joan Sibley, Cuttingsville
 Mark Skakel, Center Rutland
 Joan F. Smith, Killington
 Carlene P. Smith, Proctor
 J. Ross & Nancy Stevenson, Poultney
 John Suddarth, Mendon
 Joseph F. Taylor, Long Beach, NY
 Cynthia Taylor-Miller, Wallingford
 Catherine L. Thomas, Mt. Tabor
 Sue Thomas, Rutland
 Craig H. & Dot Tomkinson, Belmont
 Leslie Tucker, Rutland
 Albert L. Tufano, Cuttingsville
 Deborah L. Waggett, Fair Haven
 Seve Walsh, Shrewsbury
 Larry Walter, Rutland
 Alan H. Wayler, Ludlow
 Mary Lou Webster, Brandon
 George R. Wilbanks, Westport, CT
 Stephen Williams, West Pawlet
 Terri Wilson, Rutland
 Joyce K. & R. Lee Wilson, Shrewsbury
 David P. Wright, Middletown Springs
 Carol J. Wright, Rutland
 Connie & Mark Youngstrom, Shrewsbury
 Joan Zardus, Amesbury MA
 Randal B. & Marilyn Zimmerman, Rutland
 Arlene Zivitz, Rutland



Bluff Point Lighthouse on Valcour Island in Lake Champlain

Elevation Gain: Zero

In each of the last several years outing coordinator Sue Thomas has optimistically scheduled a walk across the ice of Lake Champlain to the historic Bluff Point Lighthouse. Each time, on the appointed day, the ice was dangerously thin (Global warming?) and the outing was cancelled. This year the date was left floating (there's a joke here somewhere) and as we go to press it's reported that on 1 March a persistent group of Killington Section members, joined by Clinton County, NY Historical Society guides successfully made the crossing.

Going Once; -- Going Twice; . . .

The Killington Section, as our contribution to the Green Mountain Club, plans to auction off two baskets at the Appalachian Trail Conservancy gathering at Castleton in June. We will assemble two baskets: one containing Vermont products such as maple syrup, Green Mountain Coffee, pancake mix, and Champlain Chocolates; the other hike-related items such as socks, guidebooks, compasses, flashlights, and trail snacks. Anyone wishing to contribute an item for the baskets should contact Sue Thomas at 773-2185 by the end of June.

Killington Section Members as of February 2009

Timothy J. Abraham, Rutland	Lorraine Hawley, Rutland
Bob Amelang, Rutland	Chuck & Gail Helfer, Poultney
William P. Anderson, Rutland	Jean A. Hinson, Rutland
Robert L. Badger, Potsdam, NY	Rick Hollenbaugh, Pittsford
Diane Bargiel, Whitehall, NY	Robert Horton, Sudbury
Karen Barnouw, Rutland	Lynda M. Hutchins, Orwell
Thomas Bartholomew, Benson	Michael Ilyichenko, Yaphank, NY
Vivian Bebee, Rutland	Tom & Kathy Johnson, Ludlow
Richard Biziak, Cuttingsville	Lindsey Johnson, Mendon
Joel Blumenthal, Proctor	Betty P. Johnson, West Rutland
Abigail Boone, Hebron, CT	Wayne Jones, West Rutland
Karen Bourque, Sudbury	Robert & Sue Kancir, Fiarfield, CT
Rev. Robert B. Boutwell, Rutland	Joseph M. Karus, Rutland
Karen Bowles, Killington	Shawn Kershaw, Chalfont, PA
Melbourne & Lynn Boynton, Rutland	Paul Kraby, Pittsford
Michael J. Brayton, Monkton, MD	Wayne & Kathy Krevetski, Rutland
Lyle J. Breitkopf, Teaneck, NJ	Joyce M. Krevetski, Toms River, NJ
Linda & Richard Brown, Orwell	Ruth & Sandy Lamb, Queensbury, NY
Anne C. Brown, Plymouth	Jill Lauren, New York, NY
Bruno Brzoza, Ludlow	John & Betty Little, Rutland
Ralph & Nancy Cameron, Castleton	Tammy Loomis, Wells
Steve Carbine, Rutland	Shelley Lutz, Center Rutland
Andrew & Jenny Carter, Brandon	Joseph F. Lyons, Cos Cob, CT
Raymond Catozzi, Rutland	Sam Malkus, Stowe
Rachel W. Charland, Franklin, NH	David S. Martin, McLean, VA
Ronna G. Charlton, Rutland	John & Janet Martin, Rutland
David Charnock, Rutland	Gerry D. & Chryl Y. Martin, Shrewsbury
Dale Christie, Proctor	Jon & Kimberly Mathewson, Middletown Springs
Dave & Clare Coppock, Rutland	Sandra McCall, Rutland
Tom Cops, Rutland	Dennis S. & Amy C. McLaughlin, Rutland
Michelle Cordeiro-Breault, Proctor	Andrea McQuade, Rutland
Susan Corrigan, Rehoboth, MA	Mic Metz, West Rutland
Lee A. Crawford, Plymouth	Jasmine Metzger, Brooklyn, NY
Pamela M. Cromptley, Bolton, CT	Matthew S. & Tarra Mitchell, Newton, MA
Jack Crowther, Rutland	Richard C. Mitchell, Oswego, NY
Nathan Dansereau, Pittsford	Kelly & Brice Moreton, Cuttingsville
Dr. & Mrs. Robert P. Darrow, Mendon	Gene Munger, Roslyn, NY
Kit Davidson, Castleton	Nancy L. Murphy, Rutland
Bill Holt & Joan Davidson, Orwell	Gene C. Nelson, Orwell
Theresa L. Davis, Pittsford	Martin Nitka, Ludlow
Bernard G. Donahue, Rutland	Allison Norton, Rutland
Bill & Marilyn Edgerton, Gaysville	Cindy Oas-Kirk, Rutland
Kathy Ehlers, Ludlow	Okie O'Brien, Killington
Ann E. Flocken, Westport, CT	Barbara O'Connor, Pawlet
Lin Garrepy, Syracuse, NY	Herbert G. Ogden, Mt. Tabor
Ruth Gibbud, Rutland	MJ O'Hara, Ludlow
Frances Ginsberg, Rye, NY	William L. Oppenheimer, Manalapan, NJ
Ronald Grande, Rutland	Gerald Parker, Shrewsbury
Molly Griffith, Longmont, CO	Robert & Thelma Perkins, Rutland
Barry & Barbara Griffith, Shrewsbury	Mark J. Pettrone, Averill Park, NY
Thomas Grillo, Proctor	Kem & Svetlana Phillips, Ringoes, NJ
William & Karen Gwozdz, Pawlet	Paul Pilcher, Proctor
John M. & Til Hale, Castleton	Chuck Piotroski, Rutland
Anne M. Hamilton, West Hartford, CT	Stephen Prentiss, Killington
Patricia K. Hannegan, Rutland	Ronald & Sarah Pulcer, Rutland Town
Ruth Hare, Montpelier	Roma Pulling, Rutland
Jim Harrison, Killington	Jeremy & Anna Rayner, Mendon

Bob Perkins, Editor
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual \$40
Family \$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$22

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 62, Number 2

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

May 2009

Annual Meeting of Section Members and Directors

By Chryl Martin, Recorder

The Killington Section annual general membership meeting and directors meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM on 28 March following a pot luck dinner at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Approximately 25 people were in attendance including board members Andrea McQuade, Barry Griffith, Wayne Krevetski, Lynda Hutchens, Allison Henry, and Sue Thomas.

President Barry Griffith called the meeting to order and minutes from the last annual meeting were approved.

In John Hale's absence copies of his Treasurer's report were distributed. After a brief clarification of items related to the Kirk Funds the report was approved as presented. Barry is to confer with John regarding the General Fund CD which comes up for renewal on 5 April 2009.

ASSETS

Bank Accounts 5,320.42
Certificates of Deposit..... 19,358.10
2008 Total Assets:..... \$24,678.52

NO LIABILITIES

[Asset increase over 2007: \$2,492.54]

INCOME:

Membership Dues 2,286.00
Interest Income 661.88
Donations 1,125.00
Other..... 293.00
2008 Total Income: \$4,632.88

EXPENSES:

Postage & Printing 857.47
Trails and Shelters..... 377.54
Hall Rental 150.00
Quilt Donation..... 750.00
Other..... 5.33
2008 Total Expenses: \$2,140.34

Garry Martin Elected New Killington Section Director Wayne Krevetski Reelected; Herb Ogden Returned to Board



Herb Ogden, Wayne Krevetski, and Garry Martin

GMC: Lynda Hutchins reported that the GMC is in good shape financially and that there is much excitement about the Grand Opening of the new facility to occur at the annual meeting on 29-31 May. She reported that publication of books and maps has become a money-making venture; that the Herrick Building disposition will be addressed in the future; that GMC Executive Director Ben Rose has agreed to a pay cut, and all other staff have agreed to a pay freeze; that they look forward to receiving stimulus funds to hire people to work in the field; and that the phonathon is coming up if anyone wants to assist.

Field Program: In the absence of Dave Hardy, Herb Ogden related that Cooper Lodge will be torn down. Sue Thomas suggested that some sort of recognition of the Coopers and Lambs be considered. A new shelter may be built to replace Cooper.

Governor Clement shelter is to receive a new roof by the adopter who is affiliated with the Snowmobile Club, and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy may grant \$3,000 for a stone mason to work on the shelter per town ordinance. Herb doubts if it will be that expensive. The

See **Meeting** page 3

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2010 *John Hale
" *Lynda Hutchins
" *Cindy Taylor-Miller
2011 *Barry Griffith
" Allison Henry
" Sue Thomas
2012 *Wayne Krevetski
" Gerry Martin
" Herb Ogden
* Second consecutive 3-year term.
Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President Wayne Krevetski
Secretary/Treasurer John Hale

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Sue Thomas
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate Steve Williams

Smoke & Blazes

Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

Killington Section Treasurer Hunt II

By Herb Ogden

Because no one reported "finding the treasure" from the February issue, I'm repeating the challenge with **Hints** added for legs 3 and 4. I will give a Long Trail Guide from the 1960s to the first person who sends me the correct answer to this paper treasure hunt – and I will give the Kirk Trails & Shelters Fund \$100 in that person's name, too

1. Start at the top of southern Vermont's highest mountain.
2. Go downhill on the only blue blazed trail until you reach a structure named after a former GMC president.
3. Go south on the Long Trail as it existed when that person was GMC president until you strike a presently blue blazed trail.
Hint: This version of the LT was in use till the very late 20th century.
4. Turn right on the presently blue blazed trail.
Hint: The blue blazed trail is the only one in the Coolidge Range connecting with the Long Trail that is NOT maintained by our Section.
5. Continue on the blue blazed trail until you are at or near a former landmark with a two word name.
6. Hike on the most direct route of the present or former Long Trail to the site of a structure whose name began with the last letter of the second word in the former landmark's name.
7. From that site, go north on a former blue blazed loop trail, now nearly or totally obscure, until you reach a former white blazed trail.
8. Turn left on the former white blazed trail until you reach a presently white blazed trail.
9. Turn left on the white blazed trail.
10. Follow the white blazed trail until you reach a blue blazed trail to the right.
11. Follow the blue blazed trail until you come to a shelter.
12. Not counting the shelter you have just arrived at, name the **present** lodges, camps and shelters **built by the GMC** (including our Section) that you have passed.

Hint: At some point, you will pass by or very near the site of a former structure named for a deciduous conifer.

Send your answer to:

Herb Ogden, 214 South End Road, Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756
802-293-2510 hogden@vermontel.net

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@sudokuvt.com
Allison Henry 47 West St., #1, Rutland, VT 05701 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com
Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com
Gerry Martin 998 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-2244, gdmartin2020@yahooo.com
Andrea McQuade, 2 Jan Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5104, andreamcquade@comcast.net
Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net
Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net
Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
Sus Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Steve Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

Meeting *continued from page 1*

gate will be locked on 15 April for the summer. Herb enumerated the upcoming meetings and conferences.

Trails & Shelters: Herb Ogden reported on the areas where assistance will be needed to maintain the 34 miles of trails that we oversee. He said he should be researching other groups who might be able to assist also but lacks the time and hopes Wayne Krevetski can transition into leadership and help with this. Barry thanked Herb for all his work on the Trails.

Smoke & Blazes: Bob Perkins requested that leaders call Sue earlier with dates for their outings and that they send in hike reports at anytime. He also requested that reports or editorials on other trips of interest be sent as well. Barry thanked Bob for his good work.

Barry noted the websites listed on the agenda for those who are interested.

ATC Biennial Conference: Trina Perkins reported on the conference to be held at Castleton State College in July. She passed a sign up sheet for hike leaders and encouraged members particularly to assist with hospitality at the conference. Donations were requested for our silent auction whose proceeds will go to GMC. Sue requested items to fill a basket of Vermont made products as our contribution. Trina noted that the recent Killington Section endeavor inspired her Ottauquechee Section to also hike the Long Trail in "bits and pieces."

Long Trail Festival: This year the festival will have expanded children's activities and entertainment. In addition, it will

showcase other forms of outdoor recreation. They are hoping to include caving, climbing, cycling, and kayak/canoeing as well as hiking. They will continue to have camping at the fairgrounds from Friday evening through Sunday with the major fairgrounds program on Saturday. Hikes and a work trip will be on Sunday.

Volunteer Coordination: Forms were passed out for people to record hours worked on trails.

Joan Smith noted a concern regarding the garbage accumulating at the Clarendon Gorge parking area, and it was agreed that the Board would try to determine who has the responsibility for this area before becoming involved.

Election of Board Members: Board members Andrea McQuade and Roma Pulling who have completed two terms of service and Wayne Krevetski whose first term has ended were recognized for their good service. After nominations from the floor, three directors were elected to terms to run from 2009 to 2012: Wayne Krevetski for a second 3-year term, Herb Ogden and Gerry Martin each for a 3-year term.

The Directors adjourned to elect officers and after a brief business meeting reported that officers elected were:

President Barry Griffith;
Vice President..... Wayne Krevetski
Secretary-Treasurer..... John Hale;
GMC Board Rep..... Lynda Hutchins

The Directors also approved an amount up to \$2,000 to be used toward repairs on Governor Clement Shelter at the discretion of Herb Ogden. The next Board meeting date was set for June 9, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Name That Hill

By Bob Perkins

Among the Outings reported on in this issue of *Smoke & Blazes* are trips to Bald Mountain in Mendon and to Bald Top in Fairlee. A coincidence? What are the chances?

This led me to one of my favorite references: Ester Munroe Swift's *Vermont Place Names*. A winter evening browsing this book is almost as good as one perusing my map collection.

Lumping together 8 Bald Hills, 8 Bald Mountains, and 1 Bald Top we have Bald (17). It appears that "Bald" is Vermont's favorite mountain name. (Swift counts our Mendon prominence as a "Hill").

The runners-up include West (14), Round (13) East (11), and Burnt (11). In the next tier we have Prospect (9), Cobble (9), Hogback (8), Pinnacle (8), Cow (7), Haystack (6), Hedgehog (6), and Hurricane (5).

For the record, our 17 Balds are in Bridgewater, Fairlee, Fletcher, Hinesburg, Huntington, Jericho, Leicester, Maidstone, Mendon, Pawlet, Townshend, Waitsfield, West Haven, Westminster, Westmore, and Woodford.

None of the "Balds" are on or near the Long Trail and none are listed in the recent GMC book *Place Names on Vermont's Long Trail*, but 3 of the "Burnts" are listed there.

I wonder if many of our "Balds" were named in the days of Vermont's sheep craze when perhaps they were indeed as bald as their southern cousins are today.

Outing Reports

Cook Mt., Lake George, NY

13 December 2008

By Allison Henry, leader

Hike canceled due to an ice storm the previous day. Tom and I went to Pine Hill Park and took pictures of ice-coated trees with my new camera.

Emerald Lake, Dorset

10 January 2009

By Allison Henry, leader

My husband Phil and I were married at Emerald Lake State Park in July 2008 and, in the schedule, I promoted this hike by calling it a celebration of our 6-month anniversary. The groom did not appear on this hike, however – he owns no winter gear!

We still had plenty of people for our hike including some new folks from New York State. When the NYers called to plan a rendezvous with me for the trip, a potential problem was revealed—their local paper had picked up the schedule, but it only said the date, the leader's name and number, and "Emerald Lake, 9:00 AM." The schedule did not specify that we were meeting in Rutland at 9.

Luckily this little detail came up in our phone conversation so our guests were able to arrange to meet us a little later than 9. Additionally, my area code was not included. We talked about these issues at a board meeting soon after, and I believe I was assigned the task of contacting the newspaper directly to ask them to include more information. I guess I'd better get on top of that.

All went well with the rendezvous and we had 17 people, which made a nice long line of hikers marching on the trail! There was only a little snow so snowshoes were

not really needed, but I advised ice grippers or even snowshoes for traction due to a few steep spots including a slippery sidehill right over a culvert full of water.

The trail around Emerald Lake has some interesting features...those of us who like to be in total wilderness were not impressed, but I like to see things other than trees once in a while! We first went up over the culvert (no one fell in!), then UNDER route 7, and then over a train track. We went up the embankment on the east side of Route 7 to a few overlooks only partially obscured by trees. We then climbed and slid back down to Route 7 on the south end of this part of the trail. Some of us purposely slid right down the trail, which must have been quite a sight to oncoming traffic!

After crossing the highway, the trail goes over the guardrail and along the south shore of Emerald Lake, past a swampy area. This area is also the headwaters of our Otter Creek! We had a nice, rambling hike up to the campground and found ourselves a lunch spot at one of the campground's lean-tos.

We saw lots of animal tracks including foxes, bobcats, deer, and bunnies. We then followed a side trail back down to Emerald Lake, and followed the west shore around the lake to the beach area. I saw a fox with very bright orange fur. No one believed me at first, but we were at least able to confirm that I'd seen a fox, if not the actual color, by checking out his tracks.

At the beach, we fine, cultured, mature hikers spent some time on the swings and slides at the kiddies' playground. It was then a short walk back to the cars where we had a fine

post-hike snack of delicious Jones donuts.

Shrewsbury Ramble

17 January 2009

By Barb Griffith, co-leader

One thing we had plenty of last winter was snow! Barry and I had planned on hiking from the "Tin Shanty" in Shrewsbury over to the Governor Clement Shelter. This is a favorite hike for us as it follows the Catamount Trail and a snowmobile trail. The distance is about 4 miles with a slow, uphill climb. We were willing to go but we cancelled due to snow. People didn't want to drive up to Shrewsbury. Perhaps next year.

Long Trail in Shrewsbury

24 January 2009

By Barry Griffith, co-leader

We inherited this hike from Herb Ogden. Since our two scheduled outings this winter had to be cancelled, we were glad we could step in. We convened with old friends and new at the AT/LT parking lot on Route 103. The group climbed up the steep ravine to the north, managing to slip and slide to the top, where snowshoes were adorned. We continued along the trail to the top of the ridge, where all enjoyed the view from the lookout to the south and west. Continuing our journey we kept climbing and stopped at the Clarendon Shelter for lunch. It was cold, so we didn't linger long after we fueled our bodies.

From there we diverged from the Long Trail, and proceeded north up the Gaynor Road. We crossed the Great Roaring Brook at the old bridge site that washed out in 1927 and later was abandoned as a town

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule June – August 2009

Visit our web site: <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

6 June, Saturday, 9:00 AM Upper Elevation Trail Maintenance, Killington Herb Ogden, 293-2510

On National Trails Day volunteers from all over the country will be out readying the trails for the summer hiking season by clearing brush and waterbars, cutting blowdowns, and painting blazes. Join us to work on our local treasure, the Long/Appalachian Trail. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, bug repellent and lunch. Tools will be provided.

13 June, Saturday, 1:00 PM Mystery Hike, Shrewsbury Jerry Parker, 775-6208

Easy 2-mile hike with great views.

20 June, Saturday, 9:00 AM Boiling Springs, Chittenden Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573

After several years of searching this elusive site has been rediscovered!
Moderate, 4 to 6 miles; with some bushwhacking.

27 June, Saturday, 9:00 AM Paddle Otter Creek, Pittsford Jerry Parker, 775-6208

Canoe or kayak past farms and covered bridges from Proctor to Florence.
Easy, 5 miles.

5 July, Sunday, 8:30 AM Stratton Pond, Stratton Sue Thomas, 773-2185

Follow the Stratton Pond Trail. Bring swimsuits.
Easy to moderate, 8 miles.

11 July, Saturday, 9:00 AM Griffith Lake, Mount Tabor Tom Copps, 770-9394

A gentle climb on the Old Job Trail, meeting the AT/Long Trail at Griffith Lake.
Moderate, 7 miles.

18 July, Saturday, 9:00 AM Mad Tom Notch Bushwhack, Peru Larry Walter, 775-3855

Follow the brook and old forest roads as well as some bushwhacking.
Difficult, 8 to 10 miles. May involve a brook crossing.

25 July, Saturday, 9:00 AM Paddle the Poultney, Poultney Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573

A peaceful cruise (canoes or kayaks) along the Vermont/New York border on the Poultney River.
Note: Meet at Sears parking lot in the Diamond Run Mall.

31 July, Friday, Midnight Deadline for Fall Hike Schedule Sue Thomas, 773-2185



!!! Attention All Outing Leaders !!!

The next schedule, to be published in August, will include outings for
September, October, and November.

It's time to contact our Outing Coordinator to claim your dates.

Please call Sue Thomas, 773-2185 now.



Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule

March – May 2009

Schedule continued from previous page.

- 2 August, Sunday, 10:00 AM** **Thundering Brook Falls, Killington** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
We'll head east on the Appalachian Trail, through Gifford Woods State Park, around Kent Pond, and end at spectacular Thundering Brook Falls.
Easy to moderate, 4 miles.
- 9 August, Sunday, 9:00 AM** **Little Rock Pond, Mt. Tabor** **Allison Henry, 775-1627**
Hike the Green Mountain Trail to ledges overlooking the pond, then lunch at the water's edge and return via the Long/Appalachian Trail.
Moderate, 7 miles.
- 15 August, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **Prospect Mountain, Lake George, NY** **Steve Williams, 645-9529**
A steep climb near the route of an old funicular railway to the site of the former summit hotel.
Outstanding views.
Difficult, 3 miles.
Note: Meet at the Fair Haven Welcome Center on Route 4.
- 23 August, Sunday, 9:00 AM** **Winona Lake Paddle, Bristol** **Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855**
A leisurely paddle in an area rich with bird life. Bring binoculars.
- 30 August, Sunday, 9:00 AM** **Otter Creek Paddle, Clarendon** **Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
Easy paddle from the Creek Road in Wallingford to Alfrecha Road in Clarendon on the Otter.
Note: Meet at Sears parking lot in the Diamond Run Mall.

Turtle Walks Schedule

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of "Turtle" hikes for seniors and others who wish to enjoy their outings at a somewhat slow and easy pace. The outings typically cover two to four miles, involve limited elevation gain, and try to avoid treacherous footing. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Meet on **Thursdays at 9:00 AM** at the **Godnick Adult Center** on Deer Street off Woodstock Avenue. We return in early to mid-afternoon. Call leaders listed at the right below if you have questions. All are welcome.

- 11 June** **Hawk Hill, Brandon** **Roma Pulling, 773-6997**
Hike past the original, now abandoned, Brandon town center.
- 25 June** **Pine Hill Park, Rutland** **Ann Perry, 236-1780**
Hike some of the new trails in our new park.
- 9 July** **Mount Independence, Orwell** **George Butts, 483-2891**
A Revolutionary War historic site. Views of Fort Ticonderoga and Lake Champlain.
- 23 July** **Grandpa's Knob, Castleton** **Tom Cops, 770-9394**
Climb to the site of the first municipal wind turbine (1940).
- 6 August** **Lake St. Catherine State Park, Poultney** **Bob Perkins, 773-0184**
Bring something to cook; we'll supply the fire. Hike, swim, or just relax.
Nominal park admission fee. Fee waived with Green Mountain Passport available from town/city clerks.
- 20 August** **Glen Lake Overlook, Castleton** **Edith Kellogg, 775-1246**
Walk along the shore of Glen Lake, then climb to a great view of the lake below.

highway. The foundations of the Bullard family home and barn were observed. Barbara then led us up the rise to the Bullard Cemetery, where we paid our respects to Lucy and John Bullard, who had settled here in 1789.

Continuing our ascent through the overgrown fields, we eventually came out on the Lottery Road, where we inspected the old Town Poor Farm cellar hole. Turning back down hill, we snagged a snowmobile trail, which eventually led us back to the Gaynor Road. We then followed the old town highway down to Route 103 and our vehicles. This was a day to keep moving as it was chilly! However, a good time was had by all.

High Pond, Sudbury

22 February 2009

By Barry Griffith, co-leader

Alas, this hike to a pond in Sudbury was cancelled due to one of those weekend snowstorms. We had been cautioned not to park in the "parking area" when it was snowing because this was also the snow plow turn around area. For those who wish to do this some time you will find the location and description in the *Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont*.

Bald Mountain, Mendon

28 February 2009

By Viv & Larry Walter, leaders

We broke a long tradition of experiencing perfect weather for the practice hike in trade for something off the set for Scorsese's *Cape Fear*. We chose to run our loop counterclockwise up the icy skid path from some recent logging. The weather was crisp and clear. That coupled with a pretty stiff wind on the north vista chased us off the top and down to Red Rocks overlook. It was much nicer down there so we broke out lunch and enjoyed a nice view over the airport and south along Route 7.

Pharaoh Lake, Chilson, NY

7 March 2009

By Allison Henry, leader

For this hike in the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness I chose the Tubmill Marsh Trail, which starts on Route 74 about 10 miles west of Ticonderoga, NY. This trailhead is directly on the highway, which was a good choice because last year the road into the Putnam Pond Campground was not plowed and the driving was hairy.

We debated at length about whether or not snowshoes were needed—there was at least two feet of snow but the trail was extremely well packed. We discussed and hemmed and hawed, and then we made the official decision to go without snowshoes with the understanding that we might return to the car for them. One person did carry snowshoes—I am not naming names. Sure enough, after we'd walked for less than ten minutes and at least two people had fallen off the trail into snow up to their thighs, back to the cars we went. The person who was carrying snowshoes said "I told you so"—I am still not naming names but here's a hint, he has a dog who looks like Toto.

Once in snowshoes, we were able to proceed as planned. The trail goes across a nice dam on Eagle Lake, up an old road, and along a valley floor. We stopped at some interesting icicles that made an excellent backdrop for photos. Barb Griffith posed first, and was the first to fall off a log into the snow, to the delight of those of us with cameras ready. I went next, and sure enough, I fell too. One of the photos that was taken looks like Cindy Kirk pushed me!

After the photo fiasco, we did some climbing around what the map calls Ragged Mountain. On the far side as we descended, we encountered a strange weather

phenomenon. The snow was melted down to bare earth, a warm breeze was blowing, and the weather felt about 10 degrees warmer. An ADK El Nino? Bear breath? A localized area of global warming?

We took a side trail to the Tubmill Marsh lean-to for a leisurely lunch. After lunch it was still relatively early, and we discussed whether to hike further or return to the cars. We ended up splitting up. A few people chose to proceed at a slow pace back to the cars, and the rest of us went on to Honey Pond. After looking at the pond and saying, "Well, there's Honey Pond," we turned around and went back the way we came, and eventually caught up with our other group members who had been enjoying their stroll. They spent the time investigating interesting things like icicles and ferns. We made it back to the cars safely, of course. The drive home felt very long but I think everyone had a nice day.

I've probably walked or jogged this trail a hundred times, but never seem to tire of it. The remaining section included nice views to the west, though an old grove of plantation red pines. The trail eventually circles around for a nice view of Pico, Killington, Shrewsbury, etc. I'm reasonably sure that all 10 humans and Burdock (Jerry's Cairn terrier) enjoyed the day. I'd highly recommend this path to those who haven't walked it. It's only 10 minutes from Rutland to the trail head. Call us if you want directions, or better yet, a guide.

"Hunt for Spring" on Snake Mt.

29 March 2009

By Sue Thomas, leader

Our hardy band of explorers set out for Snake Mountain in Addison, determined to track down some encouraging early signs of spring. Our findings were as follows:

- 1) frozen mud.
- 2) mud.

But what a view!

Mt Zion, Hubbardton

18 April 2009

By Barbara & Barry Griffith,
Leaders

April is early to hike the Greens, so the Taconics beckoned. Kit and Mickey Davidson's trails are a delight in any season. Our group included many old friends, but also some new folks who had not been to Kit's before. We were happy to introduce them to this wonderful place. The house was closed and driveway gated when we pre-hiked, so we parked at the Battlefield and walked to the trailheads. We found the drive open, and Kit at his house to welcome us! This gave us a chance to personally thank Kit for welcoming hikers to his well-marked trail system.

To get our blood pumping, we elected to ascend Mt. Zion Major via Mickey's Trail. From the summit we enjoyed the view of the Battlefield and beyond to the north, although to the west Adirondacks stayed concealed by distant clouds. We then descended to the Japanese Gardens, for a repast and a moment of Zen.

After lunch we re-ascended Mt. Zion Minor, where we viewed Kit's gardens below and the Taconic Range to our east and south. No hike here would be complete without a trip to Moot Point, so we proceeded to the trail's southern terminus, where we enjoyed the landscape and took a group picture. After returning to Kit's house we strolled through his fields to the north, for one last view south down the Brittain Brook valley.

While this was the first visit to this spot by some in the group, we are assured they will return and share Kit's special place with friends.

Bald Top Hill, Fairlee

02 May 2009

By Viv & Larry Walter, leaders

We had a good turn out for this trip, despite the drive. Ten people joined us for a trip up the gorge, by some nice waterfalls. It was a bit steep in places, but everyone managed to get through OK. Tom and Larry walked right by a cool, outdoor chime built by a third-grade school class.

The bugs weren't out in force yet, so we could enjoy the steady climb to the summit. You have to walk around some to catch most of the view, mainly to the north, east and west. About the final half-mile is along the ridge which is frequented by ATV's, but none went by on our outing.

Someone had cut out some windfalls on the final climb, so I didn't get to drag Barb and Barry's nice little crosscut over anything. There will be other storms. There's a decent view of Lake Morey off the top of the ridge that Viv and I had not noticed before.

Low Elevation Trail Work

16 May 2009

By Allison Henry, worker

I was in leader Herb's group. Here's a quick run down. First we fixed the sign at the Route 140 parking lot. (Well, Herb fixed it; I provided verbal consultation and moral support). Does anyone know why the railroad spikes at the bottom of the sign post are called "deadmen"? We had some theories but no true conclusions. {Note from

Wayne Krevetski: Allison, they're called deadmen because they're buried in the ground.}

Barb and Dave dug waterbars for the trail going up from the lot while I created a wireless internet for the Village of Wallingford. Don't ask.

Then we drove around to Spring Lake Ranch and dug out the ditches and culverts on the trail between Minerva Hinchey and Patch Hollow. I did some very important investigations on the apple tree in Patch Hollow. Then we returned to the Ranch and Barb sweet-talked a vicious wildebeest so he came over for a photo shoot.

Finally, we drove around to the swinging bridge, and dug out the cables so they won't rust as fast. At least, I think that is why we were doing it. Good news – almost no trash in the Clarendon Gorge area! Someone must've cleaned it up on green up day.

Bird Mountain, Castleton

23 May 2009

By Tom Copps, leader

In spite of threatening skies five of us made the trip up Birdseye on Saturday. Although it was drizzling as we started up and I blindly led us into a patch of virtual rainforest bush, we soon broke out onto a recently proscribed burn area. Jeff, Larry's hiking buddy from the Forest Service in Rochester, said that he had read about it in the Rutland Herald a couple of weeks ago. This is the Bird Mountain Wildlife Management Area and they are trying to improve wildlife habitat. The rest of the trip was top-rate under cloudy but dry skies.

Photos from some Recent Outings



Bird Mountain from the Trail Head



Hoeing Out a Water Bar



Enjoying the View from Snake Mountain



View of Lake George from Cook Mountain



Lunch Stop at Clarendon Shelter



Clarendon Gorge Suspension Bridge

Bob Perkins, Editor
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$40
Family \$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$22

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 62, Number 3

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

August 2009

A New Lease on Life for Governor Clement Shelter

Historic Governor Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury, believed to be the oldest shelter still in use on the Long Trail, came perilously close to decommissioning and destruction. Located on a public town road, the shelter had become an attraction for too many drive-up groups who chose to party, often with alcohol and sometimes with firearms. It had become unpleasant, if not actually unsafe, for hikers. The *Long Trail Guide* advised hikers to avoid staying there.



Governor Clement Shelter, built in 1929

For over a decade the club, working with our partners including the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, the Town of Shrewsbury, the Rutland County Sheriff, and Vermont Department of Forests and Parks, tried various strategies to curtail the undesirable use. Last year the Town Select Board agreed to permit a gate on the road to the shelter. The gate is to be locked during the hiking season but unlocked in winter to allow snowmobile access.



Clement Shelter Road gate. Note boulders on right.

So far, the gate has been successful. We have, therefore, tabled plans to abandon and to demolish the shelter and have resumed major maintenance projects, which had been postponed while the future of the shelter was in serious doubt.

The bunks have been removed temporarily and the unique stone walls of the shelter have been repointed. Planning is underway for new interior furnishings and replacement of rotting rafters.



Unique stonework of Governor Clement Shelter

Eastern Mountain Sports Trail Clean-up Day

Tuesday 15 September 2009

EMS personnel will be working to clean up the area at the Clarendon Gorge Suspension Bridge off 103.

Anyone willing to help should meet at the EMS store in Diamond Run Mall at 9:00 AM

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2010 *John Hale
" *Lynda Hutchins
" *Cindy Taylor-Miller
2011 *Barry Griffith
" Allison Henry
" Sue Thomas
2012 *Wayne Krevetski
" Gerry Martin
" Herb Ogden

* Second consecutive 3-year term.
Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President Wayne Krevetski
Secretary/Treasurer John Hale

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Sue Thomas
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate Steve Williams

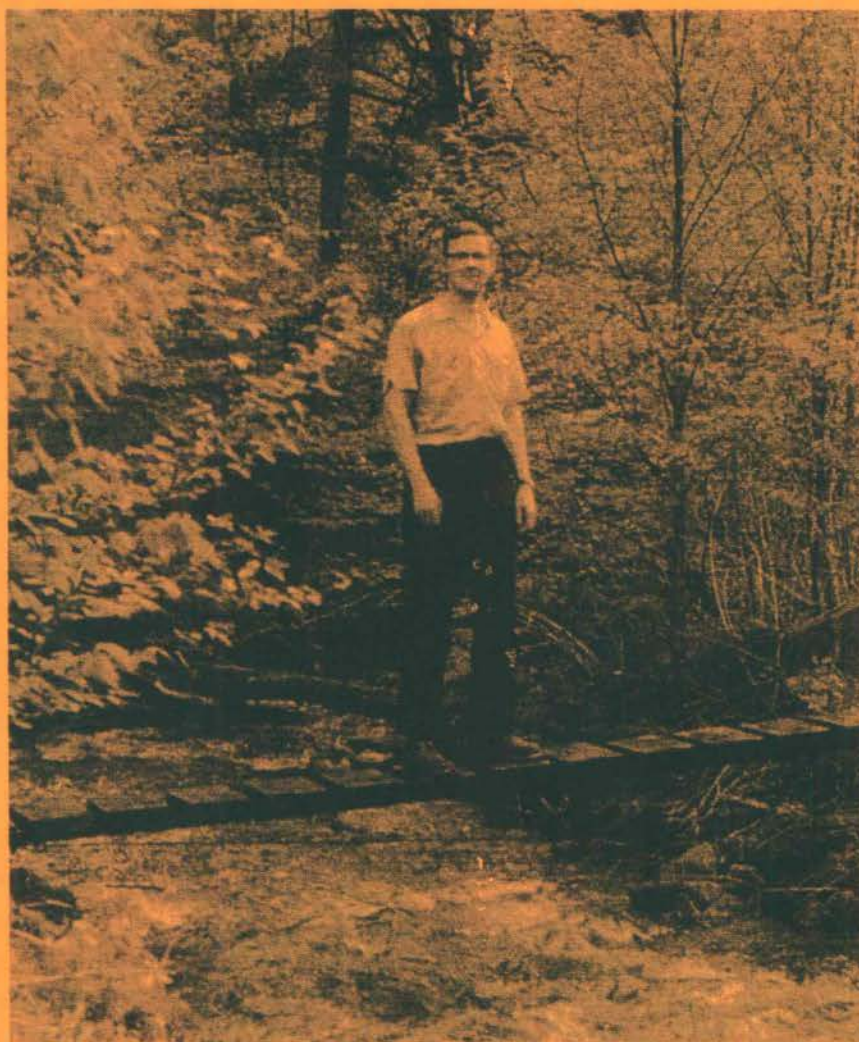
Smoke & Blazes

Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

A Photo from the Past



Do you recognize this young fellow who's testing a new stream-crossing structure on the Bucklin Trail in the late 1960s?

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@sudokuvt.com
Allison Henry 47 West St., #1, Rutland, VT 05701 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com
Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com
Gerry Martin 998 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-2244, gdmartin2020@yahooo.com
Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net
Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net
Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
Sus Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Steve Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

Outing Reports

Cook Mt., Ticonderoga, NY

24 April 2009

By Allison Henry, leader

This hike was a reschedule from December. Cook Mountain is a small peak in Ticonderoga – part of the Lake George Land Conservancy. The first time I was there, five or six years ago, it was summer time and the peak was grown in. It is best to go when the trees are still bare. This particular day was very hot, the hottest it has been so far this year. I was pleased to have a good-sized group and, as a good leader, I warned everyone about staying hydrated and wearing sunscreen.

The hike starts off on an old road but then turns off the road and becomes a steep climb. Climb we did, with no switchbacks. A few of us had forgotten, but then were reminded, how hot it can be in the woods when there are no leaves on the trees for shade! We agreed that these were better conditions than we would have encountered following the ice storm in December.

After the steep climb, we reached a saddle, and then a less strenuous climb to the peak. The trail winds around most of the rocky summit area, with nice views in all directions, before reaching an overlook, from which we were able to see Lake George and part of Lake Champlain, as well as many of our favorite peaks but from a different angle. We took lots of photos at the summit, including some of People Sitting on Big Rocks, People in

Trees, and Man Who Fell from Tree.



The man who fell from tree --



posing for a photo op.

On the way down, we enjoyed the views of the Lakes and of the town of Ticonderoga even more – we hadn't noticed the views behind us on the way up.

The best part of the hike was our side trip to the Wind Chill Factory on Route 9N in Ticonderoga, which was only a little out of the way on our drive home. Very generous serving sizes. I had a small cone and the soft serve was about 10 inches high, I swear! We also admired some motorcycles parked in the lot. As we were leaving, we saw an interesting teal-colored beetle (the insect, not the car). A little kid then walked by with a giant cone covered in rainbow sprinkles. A member of our party quietly commented that the

sprinkles are made of beetle eggs. Luckily the kid did not hear him.

Stratton Pond

5 July 2009

By Sue Thomas, leader

Looking back on the summer of '09 it may seem that the sun never shown and hip-waders were more the footgear of choice than hiking boots . . . gallons of water-proofing were purchased, mold grew on our socks while we were still wearing them, and we all wished EMS would have a sale on zip-off pants in a nice mud-brown color.

So eyebrows were raised when I, the hike scheduler, was blessed with a rare sunny day for my trek to Stratton Pond. Hmm . . . most suspicious! However, it happened, (and I'm not talking) we all benefited and enjoyed our lunch on the sunny shore where one intrepid member even took a dip. A mighty quick one, accompanied by squeals and shrieks, but we who remained on shore are unfit to judge.



Intrepid member in Stratton Pond

After lunch we inspected the work of the resident beavers, who have made the north side of the shore trail their own, cutting off access to their housing complex

with a very effective moat to discourage undesirables like ourselves. It worked.

All in all a great hike. If anyone is interested in learning my secret for ensuring a sunny day, I accept cash, checks, and most major credit cards.

Mad Tom Notch, Peru

18 July 2009

By Larry Walter, leader

This version of the usual Walter hike up Mad Tom included a more faithful retracement of the old carriage route, including three fords of the brook near the ruins of the old bridges. As usual, Tom Cops (with his trusty GPS unit) and I recon'd this hike the weekend before, with the aim of getting on top of the main ridge to the south of the brook for a return loop back to the trail head.

The day of the hike brought a good turnout including Burdock, our official trail dog. We parked at the town office and hoofed it up to the trail head from there. The route was a retracement of where we had hiked in January of '08, except we now had the welcome option of crossing at the first bridge site, about one-half mile from the trail head.

Tom and I had previously busied ourselves with cutting out some of the more obstructive stems of trail debris in this next section, while completely missing the ruins of an old boiler off the north side of the trail. The boiler site has a pretty impressive complex of old diversion channels and such, all within easy view of

the trail. When you hit the boggy nettle patch, just look left.

After wading though crossing number two, to the north side of the brook, we walked along the remains of several impressive stone retaining walls, complete with hand-forged iron support cradles. These improvements and the road were purportedly established by the Equinox Hotel for a tourist buggy route up the creek. Our final crossing to the middle branch brought us to the remnants of an old picnic area where we broke for lunch. There's a decomposing Forest Service sign here with mileage (2 miles?) to Mad Tom Notch.

The trail improves at this point, although it hasn't had any vehicular traffic for quite some time – a good thing. We continued northeasterly up the road about another 2000 feet and then bushwhacked southeasterly to Mad Tom Notch Road, the later a well maintained way. From there we walked the road southerly about a mile, crossing the southerly branch of Mad Tom Brook to where we could bushwhack due west to pick up the top of a said ridge that runs west-southwesterly, paralleling the brook. There are some places where old logging roads provided a pretty good path. Again, no sign of vehicles of any kind.

Jerry managed to find a pretty good overlook from the final high spot before we cut northwesterly down an increasingly sharp spur, working our way past some impressive cliffs. There are some very nice stands of hemlock in this area. Thanks to Tom's GPS, it was

easy to retrace our steps until I led us astray at the bottom of the hill, blundering into someone's back yard. Some stealthy side steps brought us back to the bridge over the brook and a quick hike back to the car.

Aside from a minor abrasion up on the ridge, everyone came out pretty much unscathed. Mission accomplished. It was nice to have an RN along (Terri) to bandage up our temporarily hobbled GMC'er.

Tom and I have already schemed on extending our hike further south along Mad Tom Notch road, eventually tying in with a "4wd" road/trail that runs parallel with and southerly of Little Mad Tom Brook. The big problem will be how to get across the Brook to the railroad bed. Stay tuned for more madness (and fun).

Thundering Brook Falls, Killington

2 August 2009

By Sue Thomas, leader

We actually considered an alternative hike, seeing as days of rain had turned this steep, mostly downhill section of the Appalachian Trail north from Sherburne Pass to slime. We decided that we were up to the challenge, though I had a few flashbacks along the way – who remembers the "year of the monsoon" Annual Meeting in Bridgewater several years ago?

I led this same hike in the deluge, with the added anxiety of having a very pregnant woman along. We decided that day that if you have a baby on the trail you

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule Sept. – November 2009

Visit our web site: <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

7 September, Monday, 9:30 AM Black Mountain, Dresden, NY Gerry & Chryl Martin, 492-2244

Gorgeous views of Lake George, the Adirondacks, and the Green Mountains from the summit. Return via several scenic ponds.

Moderate, 5.6 miles. Some steep climbing.

12 September, Saturday, 9:00 AM Shrewsbury Peak, Shrewsbury Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573

A long loop up Shrewsbury Peak via the Black Swamp Trail to the Long/Appalachian Trail, then down to the Governor Clement Shelter.

Difficult, 8.2 miles.

19/20 September, Saturday/Sunday Silver Lake Overnight, Leicester

Allison Henry, 775-1627

Hike up to the lakeside campground, or join us just for the day.

Call leader for details.

26 September, Saturday, 3:00 PM GMC Headquarters, Waterbury

GMC Volunteer Appreciation Picnic.

See your Long Trail News for details.

27 September, Sunday, 9:00 AM Winona Lake Paddle, Bristol

Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855

Rained out in August. We'll try again

3 October, Saturday, 9:00 AM Lost Pond Shelter, Mt. Tabor

Allison Henry, 775-1627

Hike south from Big Branch on the Long/Appalachian Trail to see the newly reconstructed shelter.

Moderate, 6 miles.

10 October, Saturday, 8:30 AM Saratoga Battlefield, Stillwater, NY

Sue Thomas, 773-2185

We'll stop for a tour of the home of General Schuyler, which was burned by Burgoyne and rebuilt in 1777, then go to the battlefield to hike the Wilkinson National Recreation Trail and view exhibits at the visitors center of this important Revolutionary War site.

Easy to moderate, 5 miles. Shorter options available.

17 October, Saturday, 8:30 AM Cardigan Mountain, Canaan, NH

Sue Thomas, 773-2185

Beautiful views from this bald, 3121-foot summit and fire tower. Possible longer hike on to a second summit at Firescrew.

Moderate, 3 to 4.5 miles, 1220-foot elevation gain.

25 October, Sunday, 9:00 AM Mystery Climb

Tom Copps, 770-9394

Leader will choose a summit in the Rutland area.

Call leader for details.

31 October, Saturday, 9:00 AM Fall Trail Maintenance Day

Herb Ogden, 293-2510

Help us get the Long/Appalachian Trail "put to bed" for the winter by clearing out waterbars, removing downed trees, and repairing shelters. Bring sturdy shoes, work gloves, and lunch. Tools provided.

Hallowe'en costumes optional!

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule Sept. – November 2009

Schedule continued from previous page.

31 October, Saturday, Midnight Deadline for winter hike schedule

Sue Thomas, 773-2185



!!! Attention All Outing Leaders !!!

The next schedule, to be published in November, will include outings for

December, January, and February.

It's time to contact our Outing Coordinator to claim your dates.

Please call Sue Thomas, 773-2185 now



1 November, Sunday, 8:30 AM Haystack Mountain, Wilmington Viv & Larry Walter, 775-3855

View from the 3445-foot summit includes Monadnock (NH), Greylock (MA), and Glastonbury (VT).
Moderate, 4 miles, 1025-foot elevation gain.

7 November, Saturday, 9:00 AM Fall Trail Maintenance Day, II Herb Ogden, 293-2510

Another fall work day. We'll finish up our trail maintenance for the year. It's a fun way to contribute to a great local resource. Tools provided.

14 November, Saturday, 8:30 MA Path of Life, Windsor Sue Thomas, 773-2185

Our annual hunting season ""safe"" hike this year will be a visit to this unique and interesting trail on the shores of the Connecticut River built by Buddhist monks and now maintained as a public garden. We'll also get to explore one of the canoe trail campsites, a challenging hedge maze, and some teepees. Bring lunch for a picnic at river's edge, or buy it at the Harpoon Brewery.

21 November, Saturday, 6:00 PM Annual Fall Potluck Supper Sue Thomas, 773-2185

Bring a dish to share and your own plate and utensils and join us for our annual event. Slide program on the Himalayas. All welcome.

Turtle Walks Schedule

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of "Turtle" hikes for seniors and others who wish to enjoy their outings at a somewhat slow and easy pace. The outings typically cover two to four miles, involve limited elevation gain, and try to avoid treacherous footing. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Meet on **Thursdays at 9:00 AM** at the **Godnick Adult Center** on Deer Street off Woodstock Avenue. We return in early to mid-afternoon. Call leaders listed at the right below if you have questions. All are welcome.

3 September Lye Brook Falls, Manchester Bob Perkins, 773-0184
One of Vermont's higher waterfalls, on the edge of the wilderness. Moderate

17 September Governor Clement Shelter, Shrewsbury Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Hike to what is reputed to be the oldest shelter on the Long Trail. Easy

1 October Mount Tom Trails, Woodstock Edith Kellogg, 775-1246
Hike to the Pogue and enjoy some of Mount Tom's carriage roads. Easy.

15 October Greendale Trail, Weston Bob Perkins, 773-0184
Travel along Greendale and Jenny Coolidge Brooks on gravel roads and wooded trails. Easy

29 October Lefferts Pond, Chittenden Tom Capps, 770-9394
A pleasant, leisurely walk around the pond. Moderate

are obligated to name it after the nearest shelter. Therefore the areas around Caughnawaga and Melville Nauheim are particularly to be avoided.

This year's discussion was equally interesting. Over lunch at Gifford Woods we compared notes on the many colorful terms we'd heard over the years for . . . "a call to nature", "a separation", "see a man about a dog", "communing with nature", "find a pink (or blue, depending on the gender) tree". I wouldn't be surprised to find whole websites devoted to the subject. My favorite came from a friend who went on an organized trip where they each took their turn with "Mr. Trowel".

Raising the tone a bit, we continued on past the beautiful series of waterfalls and Kent Pond, and ended on the new boardwalk at Thundering Brook Falls, reaching the car just in time to escape the inevitable rain.

Lincoln Gap - Appalachian Gap

A Bitts and Pieces Make-up

6 August 2009

By Steve Williams Leader

As readers of these columns may recall, on 12 October 2008 the Gang of Six (Rich and Lindy Brown, Tom Copps, Alison Henry, Cindy Oas-Kirk and Steve Williams) completed the final 2.6 miles of the Long Trail from North Jay Pass to "Journey's End" at the Canadian Border, having started their quest for the Long Trail two years previously. However, the writer had missed one leg, the 11.3 miles from Lincoln Gap to Appalachian Gap

and it was not until 6 August that he managed to accomplish this. In company with his friend and fellow Killington Section member Barbara O'Connor, daughters Nicola Culmo and Sara Jones, grandsons Brian Culmo and William Jones and son-in-law Pete Culmo, Steve left the Lincoln Gap trailhead at 7:50 AM, the group having left home in Pawlet at 5.30 that morning.

The 11.3 mile stretch is typical Long Trail, sometimes smooth, sometimes rocky, periodically steep, sometimes muddy, sometimes dry, and frequently "rooty". The section is notable for having seven peaks, Mount Abraham, Little Abe, Lincoln Peak, Nancy Hanks Peak, Cutts Peak, Mount Ellen and General Stark Mountain (a minimal peak which was passed over without recognition). The section is also notable for having five chairlifts come up to the ridge, two ladders on the descent to simplify tricky pitches, great views over Lake Champlain, across to the White Mountains and north and south over much of the Long Trail territory. Even if not generally agreed to be the best of the 29 legs, it certainly has a claim to be so. The weather was great, some clearing fog in the morning, then periodic sunshine all day long with temperatures in the mid sixties. While everyone else enjoyed the views provided by the clearings at the lift sites the two grandsons enjoyed sitting in ski-lift chairs on every possible occasion. They also introduced some new elements to hiking; Brian by tree climbing and later, after descending the two ladders, ascending the pitches via rocks,

roots and trees as a challenge. William by transporting a toad for four miles in his pocket and then claiming its new environment to be superior to its starting point.

The \$1 per head sweepstake on the completion time was won by Nicola with an estimated arrival time of 6:29 PM. versus our actual arrival at 6:46 PM.

The completion was celebrated at Appalachian Gap with champagne, followed by dinner at the Bobcat Restaurant in Bristol. The dinner was just fine, though conversation did lag somewhat as a result of the day's efforts.

Steve extends his heartfelt thanks to the other five of the Gang of Six and to all those who joined him on this his final leg.

Prospect Mountain (NY)

Deer Leap (NY)

15 August 2009

By Steve Williams, leader.

This proposed attempt at Prospect Mountain (adjacent to Lake George Village) was a replacement for a scheduled hike last December, which was postponed because the planned date was found to be still within the New York hunting season. Accordingly, Barbara O'Connor and Steve Williams arrived at the advertised meeting place (the Fair Haven Welcome Center) at 8:55 AM expecting one or more cars of cheery Killington Section hikers to join us. Not a one; a situation which still prevailed at 9:35 AM. So, what to do? Repeat our trial run by ourselves? (A bit tedious). Go to Aviation Mall for a retail experience? (Hardly in a true

hiking spirit). Visit Starbucks? (Hardly sustainable all day long). Eat an ice cream? (Yes). Hike somewhere else? (Yes).

The ice cream was selected as the first order of business, at Bolton Landing on the way to the selected hike: Deer Leap, an overlook towards the northern end of the lake. However, surprise, surprise. Acquiring an ice cream in Bolton Landing at 10:45 on a sunny Saturday morning in August was by no means easy. The first potential source was

only serving breakfast, Ben & Jerry's next door was still closed, and the restaurant next to that only opened at noon. But trusty Stewarts came through, even if short on the style one would have hoped for in Bolton Landing.

The Deer Leap trail is a one-mile spur off the Tongue Mountain Range Trail, starting about half a mile in from the trailhead on route 9N. An easy enough trail through open woodlands with an elevation gain of a few hundred feet. The end

point was some slabs at about 400 feet above the lake, opposite Hulett's Landing on the Lake George eastern shore, and within sight of some of the lake's northern islands. In other words, an easy Saturday afternoon ramble with some worthwhile views.

The day concluded with a search for kayak launching spots at the northern end of the lake; four were found, two on the east, two on the west.

Killington Section Directors Meeting

By John Hale, Secretary

The Board of Directors of the Killington Section met on at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, 16 June 2009 at the Midway Diner in Rutland, President Barry Griffith presiding.

Board members present were President Barry Griffith, Vice President Wayne Krevetski, Secretary/Treasurer John Hale, Lynda Hutchins, Gerry Martin, Allison Henry, Herb Ogden, Cynthia Taylor-Miller, and Sue Thomas. Also present was guest Bob Perkins.

The **Minutes for the 28 March 2009 Annual Meeting** as presented in the May 2009 *Smoke & Blazes* newsletter, were considered. Bob P. and John H. corrected the Treasurer's Report as presented in the newsletter: 2008 Total Income is correctly stated as \$4,632.88 but one income item was left out of the presentation, namely \$267.00 received from the EMS Kayak Raffle. In all other respects, the

Minutes for the 28 March Annual Meeting were correct and it was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the amended Minutes.

John H. presented the **Financial Statements** for the period 31 December 2008 to 15 June 2009. Total assets were \$25,071.97 including \$19,292.36 in certificates of deposit and \$5,679.61 in checking accounts. Total income for the period was \$1,061.01 consisting primarily of membership dues of \$935.75; and total expenditure for the period was \$666.56 consisting primarily of newsletter printing and postage. The Financial Statements were approved as presented.

Lynda H. presented reports of the **Main Club's Annual Meeting** and the most recent Club Director's Meeting. The Annual Meeting was held on 30 May at the new headquarters building, one of the "greenest" buildings in Vermont.

Lynda indicated that departing GMC President Richard Windish reported on the new HQ building completion and the fact that the Club ended the year with a \$150,000 profit, the first in five years. Senator Leahy was instrumental in our receiving a \$270,000 HUD grant.

Lynda's full reports are available from the Secretary by request.

Herb O. presented the **Trails and Shelters Report**:

- This summer, the Governor Clement Shelter will have a new roof; and the stonework will be re-pointed/repared (see below). In preparation for the re-pointing, the KS will remove the existing old bunks. There was a general discussion of the configuration of any new bunks.

- Herb requested anyone with KS tools to report them to his inventory efforts.

- Herb reported that the trails in our Section are in the best shape we have seen in five or even ten years, owing primarily to the large number of volunteers in action.

- Herb floated the idea that since Wayne K. is also on the Main Club's Trail Management Committee, he (Herb) be allowed to step down. There was a general murmur of discomfort and the idea was dropped.

- Herb suggested that KS research archives and generate a local trail/club history to be placed on the Club web-site and/or to serve as a part of the KS centenary in 2011 (the Killington Section was formed in 1911.)

Bob P. and Sue T. reported solid, good, and unchanged situations from the **Smoke & Blazes Editor and the Outings Director** positions respectively.

A proposal for **stonework repair at Governor Clement Shelter** was discussed. Wayne K. has personally used Steve Morris of Sudbury in a number of stone projects and recommends him. Steve's proposal is for \$6,760 for 13 day's work (\$520 per day) less four donated days for \$2,080, for total labor of \$4,680 plus estimated material costs of \$353. The overall total cost to us could be as much as \$5,033, or less if the job takes less than 13 days.

Considering that the Appalachian Trail Conservancy grant of \$3,000 for use on the Clement Shelter has been confirmed, the out-of-pocket cost of this project could approach \$2,033. Practically, the

stonemason's bill would be presented to the Main Club along with KS's check for any balance over \$3,000 and Waterbury would pay the mason, sending also an acknowledgment of the donation.

A general discussion ensued: whether to get a second quote, who should sign the proposal document, the terms of any dollar advance, etc.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,033 at Wayne K.'s decision about which contractor to use of those bidding, to repoint and repair the existing stone wall at the Governor Clement Shelter; the choice of contractor to be made within two weeks.

Gerry M. offered Charles Austin of West Rutland as possible contractor and Herb O. offered the name of George Smith. Gerry and Herb will make the original contacts and direct any interest to Wayne K. who will interview and follow through on the estimate process. It was recognized that the "best" contractor might not be the lowest dollar bidder. In any contract, the only money's advanced will be for the invoiced cost of materials.

In order to save the Section money, Wayne K. offered to cut out the existing bunks with a chain saw and he will also be responsible to posting notices on the trail at significant distances from the shelter to alert hikers to its closing for repairs.

Wayne K. also accepted responsibility for contacting Roy Arthur about replacing the

Governor Clement Shelter roof, the expected cost for which is \$460. The authorization for this expenditure was approved by the Board at the 10 June 2008 meeting.

It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that Herb O. should have Section member Larry Walter reset the Section's **crosscut saw** for a cost of up to \$100.

Wayne K. reported on this year's **Long Trail Festival** to be held at the Vermont State Fairgrounds on 7, 8, and 9 August. Plans are progressing well: this year children's programs will be expanded. Wayne seeks hike leaders for the Sunday and both Allison H. and Herb O. offered their services.

Sue T. reminded everyone that she needs donations for the **KS raffle basket** for the ATC Conference this summer.

Sue also brought the **Cooper Lodge's demolition** to mind. She would like to arrange a get-together at the Lodge before it is to be demolished, for Section and Club members, Cooper relatives, etc. with donated food and little cost to the Section. She suggested that the Section might contribute funds in support of those who would find the cost of the \$15 round-trip gondola ride onerous. We will discuss this further when a demolition date has been set by the Main Club.

Barry G. set **Tuesday 29 September as the next Board meeting** date and adjourned the meeting at about 8:30 PM.

Bob Perkins, Editor
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual.....\$40
Family.....\$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer.....\$22

Contact us for information on life memberships
and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

____trail work, ____shelter work, ____sign making, ____publications, ____leading outings, ____publicity, ____education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury - Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 62, Number 4

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

November 2009

Section Workers Put Trail to Bed for Winter and Address the "Foot Bath in the Wilderness" Syndrome

by Herb Ogden, Trails & Shelters Chair

On 31 October and 7 November, ten and eleven people respectively turned out to get our trails ready for winter. Waterbars and side ditches were cleared between Patch Hollow and Minerva Hinchey Shelter and between Jungle Junction and Tucker-Johnson Shelter on the Long Trail, between Jungle Junction and the Sinkholes on the Sherburne Pass Trail, and on the entire Bucklin Trail.

With another dozen people or so, we could have completed the job by clearing the waterbars and side ditches between Governor Clement Shelter and Cooper Lodge on the Long Trail, on the lower mile of the Sherburne Pass Trail, and on the Cauty Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain. Even so, this is a better cleanup job than we usually manage.

The crew of Larry Walter, Dave Coppock, and Wayne Flewellig cleared some 70 waterbars and ditches on the Long Trail and the upper Sherburne Pass Trail, besides crosscut sawing out several blowdowns. We also crosscut sawed blowdowns on the Long Trail north of Jungle Junction and on the Bucklin Trail, and we brushed the Bucklin Trail and the Long Trail from Keiffer Rd. to Gould Brook and from US Route 4 to Tucker-Johnson Shelter.

Many bog bridges (sometimes called puncheon) were added. Cindy Miller, Steve Williams, Dave Coppock, and Tom Coppock installed 28 feet of puncheon south of Minerva Hinchey Shelter; Sue Thomas, Tom Copps, Ruth Hare, and Barb Griffith installed 40 feet north of Keiffer Road; and Larry Walter, Ted Molnar and Herb Ogden installed 24 feet north of Cold River Road. That represents twenty green hemlock planks each two and a half inches thick by eight inches wide and between eight and ten

feet long and twenty sills to hold them up, each six inches square and three feet long. Thanks to Barb Griffith and Dave Coppock for transporting the lumber and to Spring Lake Ranch for letting us use their road! Except for one plank south of Jungle Junction and two bog bridges not far north of US Route 4, this completes our plan for bog bridging.



Killington Section members installing puncheon

As recently as 2003, there was no bog bridging that was installed by the Section except a few rotten puncheons in the Coolidge Range. Since then, the Section's work parties have installed about 140 feet on the Long Trail, 60 feet on the Cauty Trail, 30 feet on the Sherburne Pass Trail, and 20 feet on the Bucklin Trail. Add to that a substantial length added by the Long Trail Patrol during relocations on Bear Mountain and in the Coolidge Range in 1998, plus later work, and the result is a lot less mud and happier feet.

Thanks to all who made this possible.

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2010 *John Hale
" *Lynda Hutchins
" *Cindy Taylor-Miller
2011 *Barry Griffith
" Allison Henry
" Sue Thomas
2012 *Wayne Krevetski
" Gerry Martin
" Herb Ogden

* Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President Wayne Krevetski
Secretary/Treasurer John Hale

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Sue Thomas
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate Steve Williams

Smoke & Blazes

Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

A Photo from the Past



Killington Section members Bob and Thelma Perkins, 1949

Herb's Treasurer Hunt III

OK, folks, you couldn't solve the last one, so I'll make this one easier by referring only to present trails and shelters. Begin at the structure named for a long-time secretary of the Club. Hike in the direction of the only aircraft beacon that is right on our section of the Long Trail. After passing the first old foundation that lies just right of the trail, turn left on the next highway. Take your next left, on an abandoned highway. Cross the Appalachian Trail and continue on the abandoned highway until you reach a paved road. Where the Long Trail crosses the paved road, go south to the next shelter. What river have you crossed?

A prize for first correct answer sent to Herb Ogden (contact info below),

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@sudokuvt.com
Allison Henry 47 West St., #1, Rutland, VT 05701 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com
Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com
Gerry Martin 998 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-2244, gdmartin2020@yahooo.com
Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, ctmiller@vermontel.net
Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net
Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
Sus Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Steve Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

Outing Reports

Green Mountain Trail to Little Rock Pond

9 August 2009

by Allison Henry, leader

A week before the hike, two hiking buddies and I scoped out this trail and had a lovely time. Gorgeous weather, only a little mud, and a nice swim. For some reason I thought this would also lead to a lovely time on the actual date. Not so much. The weather was grey and threatening rain, but a small group still showed up, raring to go. A rendezvous with a newcomer/nonmember in the Mt. Tabor area went as planned, so our little group was rounded out to five.

The Green Mountain Trail going up from Forest Service Road 10 is muddy and overgrown, but still a pleasant climb with a few views here and there. A few miles into the hike, one member of our party, our newcomer, twisted an ankle. He indicated little pain and wanted to go on, so on we went.

The sky was getting darker so we opted to lunch on top of Green Mountain in the trees for some cover, rather than at an overlook. Right as we sat down for a chilly lunch, down came the cold drizzle. To add insult to injury, your leader brought no baked goods due to a very busy week. So we snacked on some Starbursts for dessert. Not even chocolate!

On we went to check out a few of the overlooks above the pond. As we descended the trail down to the pond, over ledges of increasing steepness, our guest's ankle pain worsened. The good news is that despite the drizzle, the trail was still pretty dry and thus not too slippery. We went around the north end of the pond and along the eastern shore, passing few hikers other than a group of arguing, screaming children

jumping off the rocks. Even though it was raining I envied them—this Landshark always loves a swim!

Our guest's ankle continued to get worse. He borrowed some hiking poles for support and we also took several rest stops. It was still a long, difficult walk for our injured guy. He kept a good attitude and kept apologizing for holding up our hike, even though we told him apologies were unnecessary. That evening I talked to our guest who was feeling better thanks to some painkillers and help from family in the area.

Silver Lake, Leicester

19 September 2009

by Allison Henry, leader

This hike was originally planned as an overnight with the instruction "contact the leader for details." A few days before the hike, several folks signed on for a day trip only. As for the overnight part, I got a few vague expressions of interest and a few definite responses of "NO" but no serious commitments. So, the pile of backpacking gear in our spare room remained untouched. Finally, the evening before the hike, I learned that several people were in fact interested in spending the night. I looked at the tangle of backpacking gear and said, "Argh." So the hike was renamed a day hike due to the leader's lack of interest in last-minute packing. Lesson learned: if planning a hike requiring an RSVP, give a contact deadline! All went well with the rendezvous and drive to the trailhead, and we had absolutely gorgeous weather. On the way up the trail, we checked out the Falls of Lana, and also took some time to straighten out some rumors regarding several of our members' personal lives (you had to be there). We had a happy, sunny lunch on the beach of Silver Lake. Following lunch, we

played an important and much-anticipated game, "Wheeee!" No, that is not a misspelling of a video game console. If you have been to Silver Lake, you have probably seen the channel from Sucker Brook that feeds into the lake—it has concrete walls and fast moving water, with a bridge over it. I take great delight in throwing things over the bridge (sticks, branches, fellow hikers) and saying, "Wheel!" as they shoot the rapids. After this mature and dignified pastime, we followed the trail around the lake. Our forester was able to cut a few small blow downs with his saw collection. Near the end of the lake loop, we stopped for a long break on one of the rock slabs on the lakeshore. While sitting there, we spotted a crayfish sitting on the lake bottom. A very brave hiker picked it up, and found that it was actually two crayfish embracing, one much more lively than the other. What was the explanation for this scenario? Death match? Resuscitation? Or the most obvious, a mating ritual? The crayfish weren't talking. For a finale to our hike, we descended behind the dam and climbed to a view looking west toward Lake Dunmore and the Adirondacks. A few years ago the caretaker at Silver Lake had told us this is one of the best views of Vermont, and I don't think any of us were disappointed on this trip.

Lost Pond Shelter, Mt. Tabor

3 October 2009

by Allison Henry, leader

I chose this hike not only to see the newly rebuilt Lost Pond Shelter, but also to visit Big Branch, which is a great brook. The weather for this trip was a little grey, but the cloudy skies made the oranges and reds in our vibrant foliage even brighter! Our large, friendly group also made the day seem bright. This hike began

with an easy climb to Big Branch Shelter, where a few of us had pictures taken in front of a carving on the shelter wall reading, "I Am Here Now." Very confusing, since even though I have a picture of me in front of "I Am Here," now I am here, and not there.

We proceeded one at a time across the Big Branch suspension bridge, carefully heading the sign that says, "Bridge Weight Limit: One person." We reached Lost Pond Shelter and found it still standing. As we ate lunch, it began to pour, and we noted that the shelter would probably last at least a few days because it was so "moist." The shelter is very well built with a high platform and plenty of hooks for hanging gear, as well as a large overhang. Thank you to the Manchester section for their hard work!

As we finished our lunch a southbound section hiker appeared. He happily accepted an offer of fruit, but seemed just as happy to see us go so he could have a little piece and quiet. After lunch, Barb led us on a side trip to find the start of the trail to Lost Pond Bog. We ultimately opted to stick to our original itinerary, but, now we know how to get there! Our return trip to the trailhead was much like our trip in: silly conversations, photos of foliage, and tiptoeing across Big Branch Bridge. Another successful trip!

Saratoga Battlefield, NY

10 October 2009

by Sue Thomas, leader

The Killington Section has always enjoyed combing a good hike with a little history, so we headed down to the Saratoga Battlefield for a little of both. On the way we made a stop at the site where settler Jane McCrea was murdered by Indians and was relieved of her long black/red hair (contemporary accounts differ as to the color, but 4

out of 5 settlers surveyed agreed that she was exceptionally beautiful)

Our next stop was the Phillip Schuyler house in Stillwater where a park ranger gave us an excellent tour. General Burgoyne commandeered Schuyler's country estate and used it as his headquarters during his less than happy battle vacation. They say that fish and houseguests start to stink after 5 days, and he proved to be the worst kind—on leaving, rather than write a nice thank-you note he burned the place to the ground. Kind of puts obnoxious Uncle Ralph who merely spits and hogs the remote into perspective. General Schuyler sent workers up from Albany to salvage the hardware from the rubble and had the house rebuilt in no time. Anyone who has experienced endless delays while renovating the bathroom can't help but be impressed.

We also checked out a small roped-off area on the lawn where a snapping turtle had laid her eggs several months before, and no action had been seen. The rangers had decided they wouldn't hatch at all, but I have since learned from that scholarly source, the Mark Trail comic strip in the Sunday paper, that if laid late in the year they will sometimes go dormant and resume development in the spring. Hopeful news, a blessed event may still occur.

On to the battlefield, where we ate our lunch on the deck enjoying a sweeping view of the valley. The Wilkinson National Recreation Trail took us through the fields and woods where in September of 1777 this pivotal battle of the Revolution took place, with significant sites marked along its four and a half mile length. A highlight is the monument honoring Benedict Arnold's leg, surely one of the world's most bizarre tributes. Arnold was the big hero of the battle, but by the time the monument was erected had landed in the doghouse so his name does not appear anywhere on it—just a

depiction of his leg, which was injured in the fighting.

We ourselves unexpectedly came under fire when we emerged from the woods to find an encampment of Redcoats! They fired their muskets and as they charged at us with bayonets drawn, I foolishly expected our brave menfolks to throw themselves in front of us ladies...but alas, chivalry is indeed dead

We got a tour of the camp though and a whiff of some delicious-looking stew cooking over the fire. We were able to make our escape when a troop of boy scouts distracted the soldiers' attention so that we could scurry back to the neutral territory of the parking lot.

On the way home we made one more stop at the graves of Jane McCrea and of Duncan Campbell, a member of the Black Watch killed at Ticonderoga during the French and Indian War and whose ghost is said to walk the ramparts on dark and misty nights.

Cardigan Mountain, NH

17 October 2009

by Sue Thomas, leader

The morning was gloomy and it had snowed in the higher elevations, so enthusiasm for the long drive to New Hampshire to climb Cardigan lagged a bit. Its rocky summit can be treacherous when icy and the cloud cover promised no views as a reward.

Exhibiting more optimism than sense, we decided to go anyway – we had to, I'd made treats. Lo and behold, we passed thru a magic portal at the top of Sherburne Pass; it was a completely different day on the other side. Blue sky and sunshine made the snow-covered mountains beautiful and the climb more appealing.

We took the longer route to the summit (we'd also taken the longer

route to New Hampshire, but enough said about that!). This route takes you along the ridge top with gorgeous views and makes the summit, a massive dome of rock topped by a fire tower, look very dramatic and a bit daunting. We hiked thru our first snow of the season, but fortunately the rocks were clear, as it's straight up from the ranger's cabin. Very straight up! But what a view from the summit – we could see the Presidentials, snowy white, and to the west our "home" mountains.

I was glad I'd packed hot chocolate. Even in the sun we got a reminder that winter would be along soon, so haul out your wooly underwear.

Path of Life Garden, Windsor

15 November 2009

by Sue Thomas, leader

Hurricane Ida was not in a very "zen" mood on Saturday, and exuded almost two inches of bad Karma throughout the state. Regarding it as merely another speed bump in the path of life, we rescheduled our annual hunting season trip to Sunday instead.

Nine of us made the trek to Windsor to explore the Path of Life Sculpture Garden on the shores of

the Connecticut River. Originally built by a Buddhist colony now gone from the area, it is now being maintained as a public trail.

We picked up a map and explanatory guide and entered the garden by passing thru a tunnel beneath the railroad tracks. From there the trail led us thru many stations, each symbolic of an aspect of life creatively represented by sculpture and constructions made of natural materials.

The path of life of course is never without challenges— our first being a complicated maze constructed of bushes which proved to be surprisingly difficult. We took many wrong turns leading to dead ends, dispatched scouting parties and retraced steps only to find we'd forgotten which routes we'd already tried— it gave us a new appreciation for blazes and made us wish we hadn't left our lunches in the cars! This way and that, we went, completely fuddling Tom's poor GPS unit— I'm sure I heard it whimper.

Finally one of our advance party reached the center and rang the bell! Success! But how fleeting, now we had to find our way back out. Reread previous paragraph.

We continued on to the Tree of Wisdom, spun prayer wheels, and a few took a side trip to explore one of the Connecticut River Canoe Trail campsites.

Huge Easter Island-like faces carved out of charred wood were especially intriguing and I was excited to find Elegant Stinkhorn mushrooms growing around another station. There were bee hives nearby and a sign praising the bees for working for the good of the community without complaint. Hmm I'm not sure all that buzzing doesn't include a grumble or two.

By now we were reaching our later years in the path of life and a much-deserved "respite", consisting of a hammock set in the woods by a burbling brook and a small waterfall. Yes! That's my idea of a reward!

A winding spiral path led us to enlightenment, followed by death and rebirth, then back out thru the tunnel for lunch at the Harpoon Brewery – from the spiritual to the spirits.

After lunch we took a quick hike around Lake Runnemede, and admired the beautiful old houses of Windsor.

Killington Section Directors Meeting

by: John Hale, Secretary

The Killington Section directors met at 6:00 PM on 29 September 2009 at the Midway Diner in Rutland with President Barry Griffith presiding.

Board Members present were: President Barry Griffith, Vice President Wayne Krevetski, Secretary/Treasurer John Hale, Lynda Hutchins, Gerry Martin, Herb Ogden, and Sue Thomas.

Also present were guests Bob and Thelma Perkins

The Minutes for the 16 June 2009, Board Meeting were reviewed. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Minutes as presented.

John H. presented the Financial Statements for the period 12/31/2008 to 9/29/2009: Total Assets \$25,346.81 including \$19,539.70 in certificates of deposit and \$5,807.11 in checking accounts. Total income for the period was \$1,628.85 consisting primarily of membership dues of \$1,357.25; and total

expenditure for the period was \$960.56 consisting primarily of newsletter printing and postage. The Financial Statements were approved as presented.

Lynda H. presented reports of the Main Club's recent Director's Meeting:

- Current income for the Main Club is down from last year and the endowment value has been reduced by about \$1,000,000. It's the economy.
- Ben Rose announced that the

Federal stimulus funds have been received; the amount, \$65,000, was processed through the National Forrest Service and is considered sufficient to pay for about two years of Club construction projects.

- The Club Centennial Book is now available for purchase.
- Centennial celebrations are being planned. The actual date on which the Club was formed was March 11, 1910. Separate celebrations are being planned by the Main Club and some of the Sections.
- Six shelters were rebuilt during this 2009 year.
- The Appalachian Trail Conference sponsored by the Club was a success with 910 attendees (and more than 300 volunteers), generating a \$17,000 profit for the Club.
- The Club long range financial plan has been completed; the range is from 2011 to 2015.
- The Jay Peak legal action against two felons, who cut trees on Club property, is headed back to court: one perpetrator is contrite and paying his fine; the other is neither and will likely be taken back to court and faces actual time in the penitentiary.

Lynda's full report is available by request of the Secretary.

Herb O. presented the Trails and Shelters Report:

- The Governor Clement Shelter masonry repairs have been completed to everyone's full satisfaction. When the Main Club presents an invoice, Killington Section will pay in the \$2,033 previously approved as our share. The locking gate mechanism has proved effective; there has been no vandalism. As to the new roof, it

appears that roofing material may be provided by the State of Vermont (according to adopter Roy Arthur) and the snowmobile club is still set to do the roof work yet this fall. The installation of additional bunks in the shelter is under discussion, and, once the design is agreed upon, President Barry G. will poll the Board for approval to buy any extra materials.

- Cooper Lodge is still scheduled for demolition but will not in fact be demolished without significant prior notice.
- The Churchill Scott Shelter. In an arrangement with the City of Rutland, the Killington Section agreed to provide signage about the use of the privy. Herb O. proposed sign wording two years ago to comply with our agreement but the City has yet to respond. Herb will write again to the City to get approval so we can post the appropriate signs.

Herb's full report is available by request of the Secretary.

Sue T. spoke as Outings Director, about the continuing need for hike leaders coming forward earlier in the scheduling process.

Allison H. brought up the question of injuries on Club hikes (by proxy). The subject was discussed at some length. The Main Club carries insurance which extends to each of the Sections. Lynda H. will seek clarification of the insurance policy, its effects, coverage, reporting responsibilities, etc., and also inquire about any "injury policy."

Sue T. and Barry G. mentioned that there is a Leaders Handbook available from the Main Club. Bob P. will write and publish an announcement about the availability of the Leaders Handbook in the next

newsletter. Lynda H. will question the Main Club about on-line availability of the Handbook. N.B. Ben Rose, on being contacted about this question, agreed to add this query to the agenda for the next meeting of the Legal, Insurance and Risk Management Committee of the Main Club, which is chaired by Rick Windish; we will be informed of the outcome. This year's Long Trail Festival was a success with about 1,000 people attending. Especially rewarding was the fact that more families and families with children attended this year. Next year's Festival will be held on August 7, 2010.

The EMS Kayak Raffle is to be held this coming weekend, October 2nd, 3rd and 4th. We still need volunteers to host the raffle table. It was suggested and agreed that before next year's raffle, a special "KS Alert!" will be placed in the newsletter, requesting volunteers.

The fall potluck dinner will be held on November 21st this year.

Wayne K. proposed that the Killington Section centennial celebration might be a fund-raiser dinner at the New Long Trail Inn, say on 5 or 6 June, possibly with a silent auction. There was general support from the Board and Wayne agreed to pursue the details to be presented to the Board for final approval. N.B. Ben Rose, in conversation with Kathy Krevetski, gave a positive response to our proposal.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2 February 2010 at the Midway Diner.

President Barry G. closed the meeting at about 8:00 PM.

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule Dec. 2009 – Feb. 2010

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

5 December, Saturday, 10:00 AM Mount Tabor Area Herb Ogden, 293-2510

Mount Tabor south End to Mount Tabor village via the old Emporium Lumber Company logging railroad., the UH & DS (Up Hill and Damn Steep) and logging roads with a side trip to Baker Cemetery and an optional ascent of Money Cobble
Easy, 2.5 miles, 400-foot elevation gain..

12 December, Saturday, 10:00 AM Cadwell Loop, Pittsford Tom Copps, 774-5144

Hike, snowshoe, or ski depending on conditions on one or more of the Pittsford Trails.
Easy, 2.5 to 5 miles.

20 December, Sunday, 12:00 Noon Spring Lake, Cuttingsville Bard & Barry Griffith, 492-3573

Walk or snowshoe, depending on conditions, around Spring Lake and environs.
Moderate, approximately 3 miles.

9 January, Saturday, 9:00 AM Merck Forest, Rupert Steve Williams, 645-9529

A woodland ramble. Snowshoes may be needed.
Moderate, 3 to 4 miles.

16 January, Saturday, 9:00 AM Chittenden Brook, Rochester Viv Bebee & Larry Walter, 775-3855

Ski or snowshoe on a wood road.
Moderate, 4 to 5 miles.

23 January, Saturday, 10:00 AM Bomoseen, Castleton Sue Thomas, 773-2185

Ski or snowshoe past abandoned quarries to a beaver pond and look for animal tracks.
Moderate, 4 miles.

30 January, Saturday, 9:30 AM Grandpa's Knob, West Rutland Tom Copps, 774-5144

Snowshoe to the site of Vermont's first wind tower (from the 1940s) for great views.
Moderate, 3 miles, 1000-foot elevation gain.

7 February, Sunday, 10:00 AM Hot Dog Roast Steve & Roma Pulling, 773-6997

Join us for a visit to Gifford Woods State Park for our annual winter cookout. Bring your own hot dogs or whatever you want to roast over the campfire. Hot drinks will be provided. Snowshoes may be needed and we'll have a short hike to work up an appetite.
Easy,

14 February, Sunday, 9:00 AM Pond Woods State Forest, Orwell Bill Holt & Joan Davidson, 537-4227

Hike or snowshoe across frozen ponds and up and down rolling hills and dales hoping to see animal signs along the way.
Moderate, 5 to 6 miles.

20 February, Saturday, 9:00 AM Little Mad Tom, Peru Larry Walter, 775-3855

Part three of Larry's quest. Snowshoes will be needed.
Difficult, 8 miles.

28 February, Sunday Long Trail & AT to Gifford Woods Dorothy Sullivan, 436-2019

A Joint outing with the Ottauquechee Section. Snowshoes will be needed.
Moderate, 3.5 miles. Call leader for time and details.

Bob Perkins, Editor
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$40
Family \$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$22

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury - Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677



Volume 63, Number 1

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

February 2010

Happy Birthday **Green Mountain Club** **March 11, 1910 – March 11, 2010**

Centennial Year Events

11 March, Thursday
GMC Birthday Party, South Burlington
See Long Trail News

27 March, Saturday
Killington Section Annual Meeting and Potluck
See Outing Schedule insert

7 May, Friday
Dinner at Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe
See Long Trail News

15 May, Saturday
Lower elevation Long Trail maintenance
See Outing Schedule insert

22 May, Saturday
GMC Annual Meeting, Waterbury Center
See Long trail News

5 June, Saturday
National Trails Day
Higher elevation Long Trail maintenance
See Outing Schedule insert

5 June, Saturday
Dinner at Inn at Long Trail
See page 7

16 July, Friday
Barn Dance, South Londonderry
See Long Trail News

26 July, Monday
Long Trail Relay Hikers arrive at Route 140
See Long Trail News

7 August, Saturday
4th Annual Long Trail Festival, Rutland Fair Grounds
See May Smoke & Blazes

The Green Mountain Club: founder, sponsor, defender, and protector of the Long Trail

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2010 *John Hale
"..... *Lynda Hutchins
"..... *Cindy Taylor-Miller
2011 *Barry Griffith
"..... Allison Henry
"..... Sue Thomas
2012 *Wayne Krevetski
"..... Gerry Martin
"..... Herb Ogden

* Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President..... Barry Griffith
Vice President..... Wayne Krevetski
Secretary/Treasurer John Hale

Committee Chairs

History..... Bob Perkins
Outings..... Sue Thomas
Trails & Shelters..... Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director..... Lynda Hutchins
Alternate..... Steve Williams

Smoke & Blazes

Editor..... Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

A Photo from the Past



Dedication of the new suspension bridge at Clarendon Gorge, 1957

Herb's Treasure Hunts (cont.)

Remember Herb's poser (rated difficult) from the May S&B wherein he asked for the number of shelters a hiker would pass on his convoluted route? Well, Sue Thomas finally saw through Herb's deviousness and came up with the answer: "None". Was that fair, Herb?

Dale Christie was the first to solve the treasure hunt from the November S&B. The river to be crossed was "Mill River", (also being crossed in the photo above).

Sue and Dale received antique Guide Books and the Kirk Fund received donations in their names.

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@sudokuvt.com
Allison Henry 47 West St., #1, Rutland, VT 05701 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com
Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com
Gerry Martin 998 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-2244, gdmartin2020@yahooo.com
Cindy Taylor-Miller, 337 East St., Wallingford, VT 05773, 446-2288, mrsrgorp@gmail.com
Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net
Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alummi UVM.edu
Sue Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Steve Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

Outing Reports

The U.H. & D.S.R.R., Mt. Tabor

5 December 2009

by Herb Ogden, Leader

This was probably the only Killington Section hike that followed most of an abandoned railroad. To be sure, we've hiked parts of the Delaware & Hudson Rail Trail in Poultnery, Pawlet and Rupert, and we've followed a little of the lumber railroad on the way to Lye Brook Falls, but those were only small parts of the entire Rutland & Washington Railroad or the Lye Brook lumber railroad respectively. In contrast, this hike took in about 80 per cent of the Emporium Forestry Company's railroad that ran for about 2.5 miles north from a mill in the South End part of Mt. Tabor. It operated from about 1906 to 1916. Locals called it the U.H. & D.S., short for Up Hill and Damned Steep. It used four switchbacks to climb from Otter Creek to the fairly level shelf that skirts the base of the Green Mountains south of Mt. Tabor Village. According to William Gove's chapter in *Rails in the North Woods* (North Country Books 2nd ed. 1999), it had only one locomotive, a homemade geared machine called the Clyde, and several logging cars. He says only two were used at a time on account of the grade.

We began at South End Road about a tenth of a mile north of where the logging railroad used to cross it, heading due east on a road to a deer camp. We had permission from its owner, William Gaiotti. After several hundred feet, we struck the former railroad at a clearing and headed pretty much north on it. It went through a cut and curved around the edge of the Otter Creek marshes. It was pretty soggy in places until it climbed away from the marsh. Crossing two small brooks, it switched back and headed

south, recrossing the same brooks.

At the second switchback, down over the edge of the railbed, I pointed out the frog of an old switch. We pondered why it was left when no ordinary rails remained. We then headed back north, crossing the same two brooks again. We looked for hardware at the third switchback, which ended at another brook, but found none. There was considerable rockwork at the fourth switchback and in a little causeway north of it. We also began to pass stone walls, probably part of what the 1869 *Beers Atlas of Rutland County* shows as the Foley farm.

A couple hundred feet north of a log landing, we turned west from the old railroad to visit the Baker-Foley Cemetery, where the last burials were from the 1850s. It lies about a hundred feet south of a road that continues on to the public Norse Lodge Road off US 7. We also visited a big cellarhole a couple hundred feet east of the cemetery before returning to the railroad.

The railroad soon diverged from the woodroad that we had followed since the log landing, heading north across a slightly swampy area on a little causeway with side ditches. It crossed yet another brook, followed the woodroad for a little, then headed northeast and apparently ended at a stone loading platform at the base of the mountain. We backtracked the woodroad and followed it north along the east edge of a big swamp and beaver pond. Possibly a logging railroad could have run here, but the railroad aficionados among us opined that it just didn't feel like a former railroad. After crossing another brook, we emerged onto a drivable road that led us down to the village of Mt. Tabor (Brooklyn to us locals). On the way, we passed a small square structure with thick cement walls, a thick cement roof, and an

iron door with a lock. I joked that it was an unusually sturdy outhouse.

Actually, according to folks who know Mt. Tabor history, it was built to store blasting powder the CCC used to build Forest Road 10 east to Landgrove. A little farther along was a "two-holer" made of similarly sturdy construction, and soon after that we reached the U. S. Forest Service work camp. By then, what had begun as a snow flurry at the cemetery had turned into a real snowstorm that began to cover the bare ground. Consequently, we decided to use the car I had spotted rather than hike back along a different route.

Merck Forest, Rupert

9 January 2010

by Steve Williams, leader

A recent snowfall, sunshine, and a moderate temperature, (15 to 20 degrees) made the day ideal for a snowshoe ramble. In spite of this, participation was limited. Sue Thomas and Tom Copps from Rutland and Barbara O'Connor and the leader from Pawlet. The route followed Old Town Road and Lodge Road to the track up to the Spruce Peak viewpoint, and then Lodge Road and Gallup Road back to the barns. Snow scenery was great, many snow clusters on shrubs and trees and, for much of the route, virgin snow on the track.

Criteria for a lunch spot were defined as a place with a view, but also out of the wind, not necessarily compatible objectives. The matter was resolved by selecting an open equipment barn on the side of one of the area's large meadows. However, the barn's rafters were home to a large number of doves, most of whom vacated as the group arrived; the remainder then periodically disturbed the peace as they decided that the time had come to move out. For aesthetic reasons the barn floor

being covered with snow was definitely a plus.

Bomoseen before the Thaw

23 January 2010

by Sue Thomas, leader

We just squeaked in a last low-elevation snowshoe trip before the January thaw took away all of our beautiful snow. No doubt a different adjective will come to mind after our annual April blizzard, but in January the snow is still welcome, and it provided a canvas for a variety of tracks that day. My, but the little woodland creatures had been busy! Foxes, squirrels, rabbits, deer, fishers, turkeys, grouse, and a variety of little scurrying things kept us busy trying to figure out what they'd been up to.

In some places there were regular varmint highways; in others the tracks ominously stopped a short distance from their hidey-holes. Imagine: you start down the driveway, cup of coffee in paw, to get your morning paper, and ZAP!! Mr. Owl has breakfast. It seems that the paper boy tossing your *Rutland Herald* in a puddle is not actually the worst way to start your day.

The best find of the day was a number of otter slides, including what was easily the longest one I've ever seen. I think we stumbled on the training track for the Olympic luge.

After lunch al fresco at the "Park Avenue Café" we continued on to pretty Lily Pond and boldly ventured across the ice to inspect some over-ambitious beaver chews. We returned to the cars along the shore of Lake Bomoseen, passing several historic buildings made of native slate, and remnants of quarries and mill operations on the site.

Note: As of this writing the Vancouver Olympics are still in progress. No word yet on the results of the otter luge, but we're rooting for our local athletes.

Gifford Woods, Killington Annual Hot Dog Roast

7 February 2010

by Roma Pulling, leader

On a mostly cloudy and cold [I mean GLACIAL] winter morning we met at the park bundled like Eskimos. After some good-natured banter about the level of intelligence required to start on a morning like that, we headed for Gifford Woods State Park on the mountain, only to encounter another problem. From about Wheelerville Road to Noel's Restaurant, the road was icy and Steve's truck tried to take matters into its own hands and travel from side to side instead of forward. Steve was able to persuade it to stay on the traveled portion of the road, but we saw instances where vehicles had ended up in the ditch.

In order to give the other drivers some input in deciding whether to continue up the mountain or return to Rutland, Steve stopped beside the road. Both other drivers expressed their willingness to continue, and after a short distance road conditions improved. Eight people had left Rutland and five others joined our group for a total 13 at the state park.

Steve loaded all the supplies on his toboggan, secured them with his bungee cords, and with Jerry's help to keep it upright, pulled it to a lean-to named "Cherry." First, the snow had to be shoveled from the outdoor fireplace in order for Steve to start a fire while I set food stuff on the table and Jerry Parker led a group on a short hike on the Appalachian Trail.

The hikers returned about noon for the cookout. Each person had brought hot dogs or sausages and cooked them over the open fire on twigs which Sue had provided for that purpose. Steve boiled water in the club pot so that all those who so desired could have a hot drink courtesy of the Killington Section. The menu was fleshed out with cookies and potato chips donated by the hikers.

When everyone had eaten all they could, it was time to pack up for our return trip. Hooray! The road conditions had improved during our time on the mountain, and we arrived home without further incident.

Killington Section Directors Meeting

by John Hale, Secretary

The Killington section Directors met at 6:00 PM on 23 February 2010 at the Back Home Again Café in Rutland with President Barry Griffith presiding.

Board members present were: Barry Griffith, President; Wayne Krevetski,

Vice President; John Hale, Secretary/Treasurer; Lynda Hutchins; Gerry Martin; Herb Ogden; Sue Thomas; Allison Henry; and Cynthia Taylor-Miller. Also present were guests Cathy Thomas and Bob Perkins

The **Minutes for the September 29, 2009, Board Meeting** were reviewed. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Minutes as presented.

Treasurer John H. presented the **Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2009.**

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule March – May 2010

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

- 7 March, Sunday, 9:00 AM Catamount Trail, Mendon Larry Walter, 775-3855**
Trek from Brewers Corner north on the Catamount ski trail to Route 4
A 6-mile moderate snowshoe or a difficult ski.
- 13 March, Saturday Burnt Mountain, Shrewsbury Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502**
A combination cross-country ski and snowshoe; ski to the base of the mountain and then snowshoe up and around.
Five miles, with some challenging terrain.
Call leader for meeting time and place.
- 21 March, Sunday, 9:00 AM Fayville, Glastenbury Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
Walk, ski, or snowshoe to an abandoned logging town in the mysterious "Glastenbury Triangle".
Moderate, 4 miles.
- 27 March, Saturday, 5:30 PM Killington Section Annual Meeting, Rutland Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Bring a dish to share and you own place setting for a potluck supper followed by a short business meeting and election of officers. All are welcome!
Meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hillside Avenue, Rutland.
- 28 March, Sunday, 10:00 AM Bald Mountain, Mendon Allison Henry, 775-1627**
Work off the potluck supper with a hike on the Bald Mountain loop. Great views.
Moderate 3.5 miles with some steep climbing. Grippers may be needed depending on conditions.
- 3 April, Saturday, 9:00 AM Silver Lake, Leicester Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
We'll be joined by Bill Powers, author of "Silver Lake, Beyond the Mists" for a hike to the site of an old hotel on the lake shore. Bill will share historic photos and stories about the area.
Moderate, 3 miles.
- 10 April, Saturday, 9:00 AM Battenkill State Forest, Cambridge, NY Allison Henry, 775-1627**
Cross the border.
Moderate; 5 miles.
- 18 April Sunday, 9:00 AM Crown Point Road, Weathersfield Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
Hike along a section of the original military road and visit historic Grout cemetery.
Moderate 3 or 4 miles with a possible stream crossing.
- 24 April, Saturday, 9:00 AM Natural Bridge, Dorset Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Climb on old roads to this geologic oddity and descend via bushwhacking along the course of a beautiful marble streambed with sculpted gorges and waterfalls.
Moderate, 3.5 to 4 miles with 900 feet elevation gain. Some very steep grades
- 2 May Sunday, 9:00 AM Birds and Wild Flowers Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502**
A slow-paced hike to a locale of the leader's choosing to identify spring wild flowers and returning migrant birds.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMCOuting Schedule

March – May 2010

Schedule continued from previous page.

- 8 May, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **Winona Lake, Bristol** **Larry Walter & Viv Bebee, 775-3855**
Canoe or kayak on a beautiful pond.
- 15 May, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **Long Trail Spring Cleaning** **Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
All are welcome to help prepare the trail for the summer hiking season. We'll clear water bars, trim brush, and cut blowdowns on the lower-elevation stretches. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and lunch; tools will be provided. Have fun while doing a good deed.
- 22 May, Saturday** **GMC Annual Meeting, Waterbury Center** **GMC, 244-7037**
This year's annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club will recognize the club's 100th birthday with activities on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at club headquarters on Route 100 in Waterbury Center. There will be a variety of hikes to choose from on Saturday. See your *Long Trail News* for details.
- 23 May, Sunday, 9:00 AM** **Lake Ninevah Area, Plymouth** **Tom Copps, 774-5144**
Explore old roads and trails and visit the gravesite of a Revolutionary War-era soldier.
Moderate.
- 29 May, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **Ethan Allen Cave, Salisbury** **Tom Copps, 774-5144**
Purported to be the site where the Green Mountain Boys hid out. See it and decide for yourself. Optional extra short climb to a view point.
Moderate, 4 miles.
- 5 June, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **National Trails Day Maintenance, Killington** **Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
Volunteers all over the country will be out today clearing brush and waterbars, cutting blowdowns, and painting blazes, readying trails for the summer hiking season. Join us to work on our local treasure, the Long/Appalachian Trail. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and lunch; tools will be provided.



Senior Shuffle

The Killington Section would like to thank Roma Pulling for her many years of leading the "Senior Shuffle" hikes, along with husband Al. Roma has now retired from the job, but we'd love to keep the tradition going. If anyone is interested in taking over leadership of the "senior Shuffle" (one easy, non-threatening, or slow-paced hike per schedule) please contact hike co-coordinator Sue Thomas at 773-2185. Thanks, again Roma!

Left: Roma recording attendance at Minerva Hinchey Shelter on the Valentines Day Senior Shuffle Hot Dog Roast, 14 February 2009.

- Total Assets were \$23,721.57 including \$19,553.81 in certificates of deposit and \$4,167.76 in checking accounts.
- Total income for the year was \$2,367.46 consisting primarily of membership dues of \$1,707.75.
- Total expenditure for the year was \$3,324.41 consisting primarily of \$1,163.56 in newsletter printing and postage and \$1,943 for the Section's share of expenses associated with the new stonework at the Governor Clement Shelter.
- The only financial transactions since the year end have been a \$100 contribution received and membership dues received of \$502.50.

It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Financial Statements as presented.

Herb O and Wayne K. presented the **Trails and Shelters Report and Planning**. Herb requested Board members to review the Projects listed to assure that the information is currently valid. Some highlights:

- In early May, a site visit with Dave Hardy is planned to scout a Trail relocation to avoid the Hermit Spring bog.
- The General Electric people are again interested in volunteering.
- A bridge is envisioned for the Trail crossing at Gould Brook which will probably be a two year project given abutment challenges on one side (GE engineer volunteers could be of use here.)
- The bunks at Gov. Clement Shelter will start with one lower level with allowances and provisions for an upper level should it be desired later. This project is scheduled for 1 May this spring starting at 10:00 AM at the Shelter. About four workers will be required.
- The Gov. Clement Shelter roof repair has been offered to be done by Shelter Adopter, Roy G. Arthur utilizing shingles provided by the State of VT.
- Options were discussed for a section of the Trail north of Lower Cold River Road which does not drain.
- A very steep and eroded section of the Bucklin Trail was discussed with an eye to possibly creating a switch-back.

The full Report and Planning document is available from the Secretary on request.

Barry G. presented some **upcoming events** and their dates:

- The Main Club is hosting a **Centennial Anniversary Gala** at the Doubletree Hotel in Burlington on 11 March. A \$10 donation is sought and reservations are requested.
- The Killington Section will hold its **Annual Meeting** and pot luck on 27 March at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
- Wayne K. will firm up the **EMS Club Day and Raffle** date, expected in the middle of April.
- The Main Club will host a **fund raiser dinner at the Trapp Family Lodge** on 7 May. The cost is \$100 per person and Governor Howard Dean will speak.
- Section Low Elevation and Upper Elevation **Work Parties** will be held on 15 May and 5 June respectively.
- The Main Club's **100th Annual Meeting** will be held at the Waterbury Center Headquarters on 22 May.
- The **Killington Section Centennial Celebration** will be held at the Inn at the Long Trail on 5 June starting at 6:00 PM. Club Executive Director Ben Rose will be the speaker at this \$25 per person dinner buffet.

There will also be a raffle and raffle items are to be given to Kathy Krevetski for this event.

- The Main Club is sponsoring a **Long Trail End-to-End Relay Hike** starting on 17 July. Participation will be quite limited to reduce the ecological impact.
- The Fourth Annual **Long Trail Festival** will begin this year on 7 August.

Lynda H. presented a report on the **Main Club Board Meeting** of 23 January held in the Forest Center at the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, Woodstock, VT.:

- The Club's financial position has improved; we may end the fiscal year in the black. The line of credit has been repaid, publication income is strong and investments have rebounded.
- Business memberships are to be offered at various donation levels. The Club's goal is to exceed 10,000 members. NB: current Club membership is 8,914.

A copy of Lynda's full report is available on request of the Secretary.

Bob P. is looking for new authors and more articles for the *Smoke and Blazes* publication.

The **Board of Directors** terms of John H., Lynda H. and Cynthia T-M all expire at the Annual Meeting on 27 March this year. Lynda offered to continue as GMC Board representative as a regular member and is authorized to that function in our Bylaws. Allison H. would accept the position of Secretary if offered. John offered to continue the work of the treasury function under the direction of a to-be-elected new Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Another Source for Long Trail News and Networking

by Allison Henry

There are several options for those who prefer to get their Long Trail information online. The Green Mountain Club's website is the obvious start. You can also become a "Fan" of the GMC on Facebook or join several other LT-related groups on Facebook. *Whiteblaze.net*, an internet forum geared primarily toward Appalachian Trail thru-hikers, also has lots of user-provided information about the Long Trail and other trails.

Last spring, a new website, *www.longtrailhiking.info* was started by a friend of the LT, Joe Figura (trail name Rolling Stone), a self-described "displaced New Englander" who currently resides in Montana). Rolling Stone graciously agreed to an "e-interview" last November. He explained that he started the website to provide a "one stop resource for basic information about thru-hiking the LT and to offer a user-generated online thru hiking companion. In addition we wanted to bring awareness to younger folks about the GMC's mission." The site manager's focus on encouraging us to support the GMC is clear throughout the website. There are links to the official GMC website as well as strategically placed gentle reminders to donate directly to the GMC. Other sections of the website include links to GMC and LT-related events, community members' trail stories, and a whole section describing camping opportunities in Vermont.

When you visit the website, you are greeted by a banner linking to the latest Green Mountain Club news. There is also a description of the Long Trail, its basic history, and the mission of the GMC. The opening page of the site also explains the site's goals as such: "...in conjunction with the Green Mountain Club, we

present to you Long Trail Hiking and we hope that this special place on the web will be a stopping point for you as you plan your journey on the Long Trail. And when you're done with your journey, come back, log into the hiker network and post a blog and photos of your trip to share with others."

Longtrailhiking.info is a mix of general trail information as well as interactive forum sections where the reader can access current information and add additional news and updates to help others. First, the "Trail Info" section starts with links to an online version of the GMC's End-to-End Guide. The page linked to the guide once again reminds us that if we find the information helpful, we should donate directly to the GMC or consider buying a copy of the End to End Guide or the waterproof LT map. An individual reading the site, whether a hiker, a local business owner, a trail angel, or simply an interested member of the community, can add comments about changes or updates to Trail-related services and Trail conditions. A subsection of the E2E page is the "Shelter Guide" where recent comments have been posted about shelter repairs, animal activity, and so on. Another feature of the website is the "Web Boards" portion which is a traditional discussion forum, with topics such as "Gear", "End to End Planning", and "Flora and Fauna." Still another section of *Longtrailhiking.info* is the LT Hiker network. This is a social networking site where the user can create a profile, make "friends" with other users, post pictures, etc. Rolling Stone has indicated that hikers can also create their own trail journals on the site, and trail-related businesses can create a group on the Hiker Network much like has been done on Facebook.

Rolling Stone has not yet completed the whole Long Trail, but has "ambled up and down the Trail," mostly in the southern sections. Both of his two attempts at an End to End of the LT with his teenage daughter were cut short. He has hopes of finishing an End to End trip this summer. He has been doing parts of the AT since 1986 and is planning an AT thru-hike in the near future. Rolling Stone has had some interesting, yet rather familiar experiences while hiking on the LT. On he and his daughter's first day on their first attempt at thru-hiking the Long Trail, right at the Pine Cobble Trailhead, two women staggered out of the woods in front of them and demanded directions to the nearest Dunkin Donuts. They have also been denied a good night's sleep by a woodpecker and a raccoon (on separate nights).

The *Longtrailhiking.info* site is indeed a "one stop resource" for members of the LT community. Visitors to the site can access current information about LT conditions, link up with other LT hikers, and find details about services in nearby towns, while still being reminded of the importance of supporting the Long Trail ourselves.

Visit

Longtrailhiking.info

Quilting, Anyone?

Members of the Killington Section are once again working on a quilt to be raffled off at the fall volunteer luncheon to benefit the Green Mountain Club. We had a lot of fun last time, but the more hands the better! If you'd like to help out with sewing, attend a "quilting bee", or sell tickets, contact Sue Thomas at 773-2185.

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club
&
The Inn at Long Trail
Present

The Green Mountain Club's Celebration of a Century

The Inn at Long Trail
Route 4, Sherburne Pass
Killington, Vermont

Saturday, June 5, 2010

at
6 o'clock pm

Guest Speaker
Ben Rose, Executive Director

"Looking Ahead to the Long Trail's Second Century"

\$25 per person

Fabulous all inclusive buffet dinner served

Cash bar and entertainment
Raffle with lots of great prizes

Reservations for dinner can be made on line at www.innatlongtrail.com
or call the Inn at 802-775-7181

Discounted Lodging at Inn for weekend with full breakfast also available

All proceeds to benefit the Green Mountain Club
For more information or to volunteer to help
contact Kathleen & Wayne Krevetski at 802-779-1485

The Killington Section will also host a volunteer work day on the trail on
Saturday, June 5 and also will sponsor a local hike on Sunday, June 6.

Bob Perkins, Editor
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$40
Family \$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$22

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury - Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 63, Number 2

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

May 2010

Long Trail Festival at Rutland Fair Grounds

By Wayne Krevetski

The Rutland Long Trail Festival, a celebratory gathering to inspire individuals to participate in the outdoors will take place on Saturday, 7 August 2010 at the Vermont State Fair Grounds in Rutland. Admission is free and camping on site is available for \$5 per person for the weekend.

The summer 2009 issue of *AT Journeys* highlighting Rutland City as a trail town and referring to our festival as "an awesome day of festivities, education activities and relaxation geared toward the whole family". Last year *Backpacking* magazine also cited Rutland as "the best place to raise children as thru-hikers."

Another "Hard Core" volunteer workday is scheduled for Sunday 8 August. In previous years the "Hard Core" crew worked on the Appalachian Trail (AT) Thundering Brook Falls relocation, helped to repair the suspension bridge over Clarendon Gorge, and replaced the roof on Tucker-Johnson Shelter...

Headed up by local musician Phil Henry, the superb talent of Vermont musicians is putting this festival on the map and making it a must stop for hikers and their families as they come through Vermont this summer.

GMC Club Days at the Mall

By Wayne Krevetski



"Mad Hatter" Krevetski at Diamond Run

Again this spring the Killington Section was represented at the EMS Club Days Event at the Diamond Run Mall. Thanks to Tom Copps, Allison Henry, Wayne Krevetski, and Cindy Taylor-Miller, the section was able to get the word out about the Long Trail and the Green Mountain Club. Though traffic at the Mall was low do to the great spring weather outside, a good number of people stopped at our table to look at the display and get information on the club and membership.

As a side issue the section also received \$84.00 in donations from people shopping at EMS during the event. Thanks again to those that could help out and keep an eye out for future information about the Fall Club Day event.

Gov. Clement Shelter Restoration

By Herb Ogden

Early in May, Wayne "Mad Hatter" Krevetski, his sons Sean and Devin, and Cindy Taylor-Miller (Ms. Gorp) built a beautiful new sleeping platform at Gov. Clement Shelter. It is level, its height is just right for sitting on the edge, and it lightens up the space greatly.

The old double deck bunks had been removed so the mason could restore the stonework last fall. The bottom bunks, at least, dated back to around 1965. They were hardware cloth, installed by my father. When the hardware cloth developed holes, they were boarded over. The upper bunk was at an uncomfortable slant and had little headroom. Good riddance! We will add upper bunks only if the demand is present. The restoration of this historic shelter will be finished once Shelter Adopter Roy Arthur and his snowmobile club crew replace the roof shingles.

Thanks again to the Town of Shrewsbury for turning the road into a legal trail so a locked gate could prevent the rowdy parties and vandalism that had made staying at Gov. Clement a chancy business and had put the shelter on the path to demolition. Now it's a real gem.

See *Trails & Shelters* page 4

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2011 *Barry Griffith
" Allison Henry
" Sue Thomas
2012 *Wayne Krevetski
" Gerry Martin
" Herb Ogden
2013 Viv Bebee
" Tom Copps
" Steve Williams

* Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President Wayne Krevetski
Secretary Allison Henry
Treasurer Gerry Martin

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Sue Thomas
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate Steve Williams

Smoke & Blazes

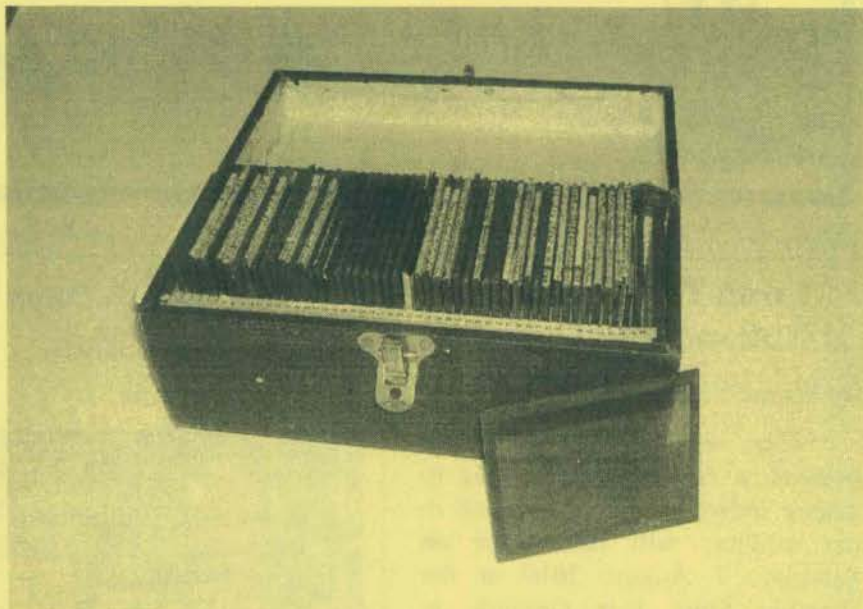
Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

Photos from the Past

One day in 1972 the late Robert West, prominent Rutland lawyer and legislator, was cleaning out his basement at 65 Center Street in Rutland preparatory to selling the building. He ran across two wooden boxes, which he donated to the Rutland Historical Society.



The boxes contained nearly one hundred 3-by-4-inch glass slides with photographs from the early days of the Green Mountain Club and the Long Trail. We don't know who originally collected these pictures, but it can be no coincidence that prior to 1977 the office of the Green Mountain Club was in Rutland and, for a time, next door at 63 Center Street. The slides remained at the Rutland Historical Society, unknown to many, until recently when they were converted into a half-hour program on a modern digital medium for more convenient viewing.

The premier showing is scheduled for the Killington Section Centennial Celebration at the Inn at Long Trail on 5 June with future showings on *Historically Speaking*, the Historical Society's program on PEG Channel 15, on Wednesdays at 4:00 PM, Thursdays at 1:30 PM, and Fridays at 7:30 PM through most of June..

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Viv Bebee 14 Belmont Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-3855, vib@sover.net
Tom Copps 78 North Main Street, #3, Rutland, VT 05701, 774-5144, tcopps@sover.net
Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@sudokuvt.com
Allison Henry 47 West St., #1, Rutland, VT 05701 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com
Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com
Gerry Martin 998 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-2244, gdmartin2020@yahoo.com
Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net
Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
Sue Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Steve Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

Killington Section Directors Meet

By Allison Henry, Secretary

The Killington Section Annual Meeting was held on 27 March 2010 at the First Lutheran Church following our potluck dinner, led by President Barry Griffith. Board members in attendance were: Barry Griffith, President; Lynda Hutchins, Delegate to Main Club; and directors Gerry Martin, Cindy Taylor-Miller, Sue Thomas, and Allison Henry; also about 20 members of the Section. Absent Board members were: John Hale, Wayne Krevetski, and Herb Ogden.

Barry reminded us that the Green Mountain Club was formed in 1910 and the Killington Section was likely formed in 1911. Barry also reviewed the section by-laws, noting that later in the meeting we'd be electing three new directors, as three current board members would not be eligible for re-election having served two consecutive 3-year terms.

On behalf of Secretary/Treasurer John Hale, Barry referred to minutes from the 2009 Annual meeting, and it was passed to accept the minutes as presented. Reference was made to the Treasurer's report for 2009, as published in the most recent *Smoke & Blazes*. Upon motion, these were also accepted as presented.

Lynda Hutchins reviewed her Main Club report from the last General Meeting taking place on 21 March 2010, with the following highlights. See Lynda for more details.

- The Main Club is in the "black." Merchandise sales are under budget, but ahead of last year. The 2009 Appalachian Trail Conservancy annual meeting at Castleton brought in some income. The cost for salaries has gone up six to seven percent due to an "active field season," but much of this comes from federal stimulus

money. -At GMC's 100th birthday party celebration in Burlington on 11 March, a skit was presented showing the history of the club. Steve Williams was in the skit as Ambassador Bryce, having been recruited for his fine British accent! You can visit YouTube to view the performance.

- The club is continuously working on improving its online presence to connect with members and potential members who prefer the Internet to paper communications. A new software program is in progress.

- Congratulations to us—resolutions were passed at both the State and Federal level praising GMC's stewardship of the Trail. Dick Krompegal and Tom Simmons were recognized by the Main Club for service.

- The Main Club's new budget is 1.5 million dollars, up from the past two years. Stimulus money is still available, and they are anticipating another "active field season."

- Publications updates: A new waterproof map of the Camel's Hump area is now available. This is smaller than the official Waterproof Long Trail Map but similar in design. The *Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont* is being revamped. They are taking out the "Rambles" section, as short walks will now be addressed in an upcoming Walker's Guide. The new edition of the *Day Hiker's Guide* will also include more loop hikes that connect with part of the Long Trail. The *Section Leader's Handbook* is also being revised.

- The club now has a new insurance policy which has better coverage.

- A relay hike of the Long Trail is being planned for July and

August as part of the Centennial. Lynda emphasizes that we must contact Ben Rose directly if we wish to participate. More information is available on the Club's website.

Minutes from the 23 February 2010 Directors' Meeting were presented briefly by President Griffith on behalf of Secretary/Treasurer John Hale.

Highlights from Trails and Shelters, also presented by Barry Griffith.

- There will be a Trail relocation in the Shrewsbury area to avoid a bog. This was even in the "Legal Notices" section of the Rutland Herald.

- We still need a bridge for the Gould Brook crossing between the Cold River Roads. There is still a possibility of this project getting taken on by volunteers from General Electric.

- The stonework at Governor Clement Shelter is completed. Bunks will be added on 1 May. The shelter adopter is doing roof repairs; shingles provided by the state.

- We are considering possible improvements near the Cold River Road and on the Bucklin Trail to reduce erosion.

- Barb Griffith gave compliments to Tom Shanahan for putting big rocks in Gould Brook, making the crossing much easier.

Smoke & Blazes update from Bob Perkins: Always looking for contributions, hike write-ups, and articles.

Outings report from Sue Thomas: Will be working on next

schedule in May. Leaders are always welcome. Please call me!

Volunteer opportunities this spring: EMS Club Days 23/24 April (sit at a table at the mall and try to convince people to become a member in order to receive the Club Days discount); Booth at the Sunshine Daydream Festival at Killington on 17 April.

A question was raised about getting our outing schedule onto the online calendar at the Main Club's website. While our schedule printings do not coincide with the printings of the Long Trail News, the online calendar might be updated more frequently. Barry or Bob will investigate.

Upcoming Centennial celebration events were reviewed by President Griffith; refer to the front page of the February 2010 S&B or to the main club's website for details. The Killington Section will be hosting a party at the Inn at Long

Trail on June 5th, National Trails Day. Ben Rose will be the guest speaker, and Killington Section Friend and Spouse Phil Henry will be the musical guest. It will be a buffet-style dinner, and the tagline for the event is "closer, cheaper, better entertainment." Other upcoming events were noted: the Main Club Annual Meeting on 22 May and the Long Trail Festival on 7 August.

Election of New Directors

Barry expressed the Section's thanks to the three outgoing directors: to John Hale for his service as Secretary/Treasurer, (as well as another thank you to Al and Roma Pulling for their past service), to Cindy Taylor-Miller for contributing experience and wisdom, and to Lynda Hutchens, our liaison to the Main Club. Lynda is not eligible for re-election as a director but the bylaws do not state the liaison must be a director.

Four members were nominated for the three directorships to be filled: Viv Bebee by Sue Thomas; Steve Williams by Chryl Martin; Tom Copps by Steve Williams; Chryl Martin by Allison Henry. Chryl respectfully declined the nomination, and moved that the nominations cease and that we elect the slate of three candidates. Barb Griffith seconded Chryl's motions, making Viv, Tom, and Steve our new Directors to join continuing directors Barry, Wayne, Sue, Allison, Herb, and Gerry.

A brief Director's meeting was held to appoint officers. Barry Griffith and Wayne Krevetski will remain as President and Vice President, Allison Henry was appointed Secretary; Gerry Martin was appointed Treasurer, and Lynda Hutchins will continue as our Delegate to the Main Club with Allison Henry as alternate.

The-meeting adjourned at about 7:40 PM.

Trails & Shelters from page 1

Also early in May, Sector Checkers Cindy Taylor-Miller, Steve Williams and Barbara O'Connell, Connie Youngstrom, Barbara and Barry Griffith, and Viv Beebe were out checking their sectors of the Long Trail and reporting what work was needed where. As a result, the 14 May Lowland Work Parties were successful. On a beautiful spring day, a dozen people cleared brush, dug out waterbars and side ditches, and sawed branches and blowdowns from Wallingford Gulf to about a mile north of Gov. Clement Shelter. Except for a few wet spots, this entire trail is now in good to excellent condition.

Some of the wet spots north and south of the Lottery Road in Shrewsbury probably will be avoided by relocations soon. GMC Director of Field Programs and a small Killington Section contingent walked my proposed relocations early in May. Depending on U. S. Forest Service approval, the trail south of Lottery Rd. will head north along the road, cross a small brook, and cross a small wet area on bog bridging before heading south through pleasant, dry woods to join the present route before it heads up Beacon Hill. This will avoid the perennial mud wallow along the edge of the cow pasture. To the north of

the Lottery Road, roughly between Hermit Spring and the height of land, the trail would run slightly west of the present route and use a switchback to moderate the grade. This would avoid the wet area south of and along the brook that flows into the swamp.

Trails & Shelters Co-Chair Wayne Krevetski and I have heard of considerable winter damage to the trail in the Coolidge Range, so we hope for a good number of volunteers on National Trails Day, 5 June, to put that piece of the trail back in good condition.

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule June -- August 2010

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

- 5 June, Saturday, 9:00 AM National Trails Day Maintenance, Killington Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
Volunteers all over the country will be out today clearing brush and waterbars, cutting blowdowns, and painting blazes, readying trails for the summer hiking season. Join us to work on our local treasure, the Long/Appalachian Trail. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and lunch; tools will be provided.
- 13 June, Sunday, 10 AM Bike Tour – Castleton Area Ted & Martha Molnar, 468-5125**
Meet at Castleton State College South Street parking lot (last lot on the left, past all buildings). We will offer two rides, one leisurely and one more ambitious. Ride 1: Castleton to Poultney and back, 12 miles on flat, unpaved bike trail. Ride 2: Two lakes tour, 17 miles on quiet back roads with rolling terrain and little or no traffic.
- 19 June, Saturday, 9:00 AM Crown Point Road, Weathersfield Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
Hike along a section of the original military road and visit historic Grout cemetery.
Moderate 3 or 4 miles with possible stream crossing.
Rain date: 6/20.
- 26 June, Saturday, 10:00 AM Tinmouth Gulf Road, Tinmouth Herb Ogden, 293-2510**
Follow the Tinmouth Gulf Road south through woods and former farm land to the Purchase and Old Otis Road.
Moderate, 6 miles, 1200-foot elevation gain.
- 4 July, Sunday, 9:00 AM Mascoma Lake, Enfield, NH Terri Wilson, (334) 787-2426**
Celebrate the Fourth with canoeing, kayaking, and swimming, followed by a potluck cookout. Bring salads and side dishes to share.
Easy.
- 10 July, Saturday, 9:00 AM Lake St. Catherine, Wells Viv Bebee & Larry Walter, 775-3855**
Explore the ridge above the lake with great views and interesting terrain.
Easy.
- 11 July, Sunday, 10:00 AM Bike Tour – Castleton Area Ted & Martha Molnar, 468-5125**
Meet at Castleton State College South Street parking lot (last lot on the left, past all buildings). We will offer two rides, both on quiet back roads with little or no traffic.
Ride 1: Castleton – Fair Haven – Poultney loop. Flat, 15 miles.
Ride 2: Castleton – Hubbardton loop. Rolling to hilly, 21 miles.
- 17 July, Saturday, 9:00 AM Bromley Mountain, Peru Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Great views from the summit.
Moderate, 6 miles.
Rain date: 7/18.
- 24 July, Saturday, 9:00 AM Paddle the Poultney, Fair Haven Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573**
A relaxing paddle for kayaks or canoes along the scenic Vermont – New York border.
Meet at the Diamond Run Mall parking lot near Sears.
Easy, 5 miles.
Rain date: 7/25.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule

June -- August 2010

Schedule continued from previous page.

- 1 August, Sunday, 9:00 AM** **Clarendon Lookout, Shrewsbury** **Tom Copps, 774-5144**
Follow the Long/Appalachian Trail up a dramatic, boulder-strewn gulf to the lookout and on to Clarendon Shelter with an option to visit an old cemetery in the woods.
Moderate, 2 1/2 to 3 miles with some steep climbing.
- 7 August, Saturday, All day** **Long Trail Festival, Rutland** **Wayne Krevetski, 282-22-37**
Meet at the Rutland State Fair Grounds any time on Saturday for free fun, education, and entertainment for the whole family at the fourth annual Rutland Long Trail Festival.
Easy. No elevation gain.
- 8 August, Sunday, 8:00 AM** **Little Rock Pond, Wallingford** **Wayne Krevetski, 282-22-37**
Meet in the parking area inside the Dana Avenue entrance on the Rutland State Fair grounds. Join Festival attendees in a work party to help build new tent platforms at Little Rock Pond on the Long Trail.
- 14 August, Saturday, 9:00 AM** **Snake Mountain, Addison** **Tom Copps, 774-5144**
Gorgeous views of Lake Champlain and the Adirondack High Peaks.
Moderate climate, 4 miles.
- 21 August, Saturday, 8:00 AM** **Grafton Pond Paddle, Grafton, NH** **Viv Bebee & Larry Walter, 775-3855**
Flat water paddle for canoes or kayaks. Swimming, too!
Easy.
Rain date: 8/22.
- 28 August, Saturday, 8:00 AM** **Appalachian Trail, Pomfret** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
Follow the AT to the lookout for a view of Lakota Lake, and then on to Route 12.
Moderate, 7 miles.

TURTLE HIKE SCHEDULE

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of "Turtle" hikes for seniors and others who wish to enjoy their outings at a somewhat slower and easier pace. The hikes typically cover two to four miles, involve limited elevation gain, and try to avoid treacherous footing. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Meet on **Thursdays at 9 AM** at the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street off Woodstock Avenue. We return in early to mid-afternoon. Call leaders listed at the right below if you have questions. All are welcome

June 3	Eshqua Bog Nature Area, Hartland; Woodstock Trails Discover this wildflower and bog plant sanctuary via path and boardwalk.	Renée Warren 747-4466
June 17	Merck Forest Trails, Rupert Get acquainted with Merck Forest and Farmland Center. Optional donation.	Edith Kellogg 775-1246
July 1	Pittsford Trails, Pittsford Hike along an interesting trail near Pittsford.	Ann Perry 236-1780
July 15	Snake Mountain, Addison Logging roads lead to abandoned hotel site at summit. Excellent views.	Bob Perkins 773-0184
July 29	Cookout - Hapgood Pond, Peru For this outing only, bring something to cook over our campfire. Hike around the pond, swim, eat, and relax.	George Butts 483-2891
August 12	White Rocks, Wallingford Enjoy the cool breeze from the Ice Beds at the base of the White Rocks Cliffs.	Jerry/Lyn Ash 775-3481
August 26	Susie Peak, Clarendon Climb to the proposed site for a controversial wind turbine.	Bob Perkins 773-0184

Outing Reports

Boiling Springs, Chittenden

20 June 2009

By Barb Griffith

For years Barry and I have been looking for Boiling Springs in Chittenden. People would casually say, "Oh, So and So used to know how to find the springs." We made several forays in with topo maps, compass, and GPS unit. We wandered hither and yonder (more yonder than I wanted to do). We could see it on the map, but it remained elusive trip after trip after trip in. Then one day we were chatting with friend Jim Moore, who said he had just hiked up Carmel and had stopped in at Boiling Springs to refresh himself. So once again, Barry and I went in search – this time with "perfect" directions from one who had just been there. But, alas, it was not to be. Upon our return home that day, we called Jim. He promised to help us out on hike day, to help us finally find what was lost to us.

It was a perfect day to be out hiking, not too buggy, not too warm. Parking cars at the Mountain Top Inn lot, we began our adventure. One walks in on old roads, past cellar holes of an old village. We paused at the cemetery in "Old Boston". There is not much climbing at all on this route, and the road is easy to walk. There are a series of intersecting roads, but we managed to head along with maps. (After all Barry and I had *almost* been here lots of times!)

As we neared our destination, a series of "Burma Shave" signs started to show up, encouraging the group. The last sign said, "Give a hoot after the bridge". We passed a tree with "BS" carved into it – the same tree that Barry and I had passed several times before. I thought it was someone's initials, but what do you know? It was a marker for Boiling Springs!! Well, we all gave a "hoot,"

and a "hoot" was returned from down in the woods. Climbing down we arrived at our destination, with the springs indeed boiling and roiling. Barb decided she had to feel the effects of the swirling water and bubbling sand, so she carefully (?) waded in. It felt like quicksand. Soon after, as we settled down to lunch, Jim told stories of his decades of trips in to the site. According to Jim, the springs are the headwaters of the Proctor water supply. (Now he tells the wader!)



Barb Griffith Testing the Waters

After our spring-side feast, the return trip was uneventful. Tom and Allison did discover a mouse nest in a Mountain Top Inn XC Trail sign-in register and were enraptured with all the wee little ones. They were so cute – the mice, that is.

Poultney River, West Haven

25 July 2009

Barb & Barry Griffith, leaders

As summer 2010 fast approaches and we contemplate putting this paddle on the schedule again, I want to remember to let everyone know about the POISON IVY! In 2009 it was thick and everywhere at the parking area where we put the kayaks in. I ended up with poison ivy on my legs and fingers, and am sure that others must have as well. Therefore, if we do the paddle again, everyone should wear tall socks and gloves until we are

waterborne! If someone has another idea, let me know, as I am up for more input!

This is a nice gentle paddle. Even with all the rain and the water being high, this river is still navigable. The put-in is a bit of a steep pitch down a muddy bank (after dragging through poison ivy!) When we did this paddle in 2008, it took us forever to paddle down the river. The water was low, and thunderstorms threatened later in the day. We learned from the Nature Conservancy (they own the land along most of this paddle) that when the water is low there is back flow from Lake Champlain and indeed the current becomes more stagnant as one approaches the mouth of the river. So one's waterway downstream becomes another's upstream. (Does this make sense?)

On this day, the trip was fast. We managed to drag out for a muddy lunch spot. A cemetery was pointed out on a knoll. This being rattlesnake country, no one wanted to venture into the overgrown field. There were numerous water birds along the way. The riverbanks were lined with cottonwood and silver maples. As one paddles along downstream New York is on your left and Vermont on your right. You put in on the New York State side and take out in Vermont, near the Galick Farm. This section of the Poultney River is a pleasant paddle, and we recommend it.

Otter Creek Paddle, Wallingford

30 August 2009

By Barbara Griffith, leader

High waters of the summer 2009 made this a quick trip (or quicker than in past years). The "stringers" that one usually has to portage around or climb over in Otter Creek were virtually nonexistent – or

at least underwater or washed away. For this trip we convened in the Diamond Run Mall parking lot, and proceeded to the "put in" site on the Creek Road in Wallingford. The site I like to start at is about 2 miles south of the intersection of Walker Mountain Road and Creek Road. The kayaks were unloaded, and most of the vehicles were spotted at our journey's end by the bridge that spans Otter Creek on the Alfrecha Road in Clarendon.

This peaceful trip meanders through farm country. At one point, the river almost bends back on itself. One mostly had only to steer, as the current carried us steadily along. There came a time when we kept looking for favorite "sand banks" to lunch upon. However, none showed up. We then realized that they were all under water! Hunger finally drove us to find a respite area to dine. It was buggy, and the stinging nettles kept us locked in to a small area.

Reloading, we continued on. We enjoyed watching the cows, the herons, and the various other water fowl, until the bridge loomed into site. To be truthful, my arms were tired and I was ready to disembark. Every time I have done this trip, it has been different. 2010? We will see.

End Note: I was concerned when a Mom showed up with her 4-year-old child for this trip. I tried to discourage them from coming, as the water was high and swift. Nevertheless, they persevered, came, and appeared to enjoy the long trip. Always remember, however, that as an outing leader you have the right – and the obligation – to question anyone about having the proper gear and ability for an excursion.

Shrewsbury Peak Loop

12 September 2009

By Barb Griffith, co-leader

This group of seven started out early in the morning, spotting cars on

the Gilman Road, which is off the Upper Cold River Road, and then driving to the Black Swamp trailhead on the CCC Road in Plymouth. We enjoyed a nice stroll up the gated old logging road (gated due to the black bear habitat) to the base of Shrewsbury Peak, where we started our climb. The weather was wet, as it had been all summer. However, this crew was prepared with appropriate rain gear and plenty of enthusiasm. The rain may have dampened the trail, but our spirits were high and dry! This is an easy trail to access the 3737-foot Peak of Shrewsbury. At the junction of the Black Swamp and Shrewsbury Peak Trails there was some debate about whether to climb the last few hundred feet to the top, as there would be no view in all the cloud cover. However, since it was there and we were there, to the top we climbed. The clouds were thick and cold (at 2 miles from the trail head).

We returned to the junction, and headed north toward Little Killington. This part of the trail was like walking through the forest primeval with thick undergrowth, slippery underfooting, and evergreens stunted by the altitude. One follows the trail down into a saddle between Shrewsbury and Little Killington. Part way down we decided to pause and have lunch (one thing this group does well) amongst the dense vegetation. Fortified with food, we forged ahead. It was great to have a blazed trail, as visibility was not the best. In fact, it was difficult to keep the entire group in sight. Reaching the saddle (at 3.2 miles) we began the climb up to the junction with the Long Trail on Little Killington.

We reached the junction a bit wet and tiring (at about 4.2 miles). Now it was all downhill to Governor Clement Shelter. We had the pleasure of walking across the new bog-bridging that had been put in last spring, and marveled at the

construction. We could see how necessary it had been – especially with such a wet summer. Arriving at the Gov, we appreciated all the new masonry work that had been done to the shelter (at 6.8 miles). Finally arriving at the spotted vehicles, we acknowledged a great day outside with friends.

Spring Lake Loop, Shrewsbury

20 December 2009

By Barb & Barry Griffith, leaders

The snow did not deter folks for this snowshoe, ski, and walk. Several enthusiastic souls met at "The Olde Barn" in Cuttingsville. We drove from there to the Spring Lake Road, ascending past Spring Lake Ranch to the nicely maintained parking area. On the way we passed a motorist deeply mired in a ditch by the Sugar House – and discovered it was one of our crew! We all stopped to assist, but despite our efforts, we were unable to push or pull the vehicle out of the ditch. We decided to leave the vehicle, and tackle its extraction after the hike. Loading passengers back in, everyone proceeded to the trailhead.

This trail is well maintained, and circles around Spring Lake. New snowshoes had to be readjusted along the way. Some decided to snowshoe, others skied, and some walked a bit (although for the walkers, post holing occurred further along when the snow became deeper and the trail less packed). It was COLD.

When we arrived at the outlet of Spring Lake, it was so pretty to look out across the frozen pond. Onwards around to the west side and heading south we came upon a "kill site," where Jerry tried to determine and inform us what had eaten what. There was much speculation as to what had taken place. It was an interesting lesson in survival of the fittest. Continuing on, we snagged the Long Trail in a bit. We followed it to Minerva Hinchey Shelter, and then took the farm road back to our

vehicles. We agreed that being in the protection of the woods had prevented us from exposure to extreme cold of the day. All returned home to warm up.

Addendum: The vehicle was successfully extricated from the ditch before the end of the day.

The Ball, Arlington

20 February 2010

By Larry Walter, leader

I'm at fault for originally advertising this little jaunt as a difficult 8 miler up the side of the Little Mad Tom drainage. Operating on an assumption that blazed trails actually go somewhere, Jeff Harvey and I recon'd the hike in November and found that the blazes disappeared about 15 minutes out of the drainage and that the terrain was a little scary on the return trip (we took a short cut – bad idea.). That's when I thought "Hey! I'll drag, (or lead) everyone up onto a really cool section of the Taconic Range, just south of Arlington". This 800-acre parcel (currently owned by Mettawee Timber and Plastics) is under consideration for purchase by the USFS and basically encompasses the eastern flank of Spruce Peak and most of the drainage of Dry Brook.

Tom Copps, Jeff Harvey and I scouted the trail a week early, which was a good thing, because we missed a turn and ended up hiking straight up the south side of Grass Mountain (3100 feet). The view was OK, but not spectacular. On the return trip, we thought, Gee, that ridge over to The Ball (aka, Ball Mountain) looks like an easy hike from a saddle we were going through anyway. I had heard from some folks at the Arlington Town Office that the views were great from The Ball, as well as from the ridge leading up. So it was settled.

A handful of hard-core GMC'ers showed up (Linda H., Gene, Peter G. and Tom C.), expecting a grueling trek up the eastern flank of the Greens. In contrast, the trip up to The Ball is entirely on old logging roads and ATV trails, most of moderate grade. I expected to see some snowmobiles up there, but we were breaking trail the whole way. This would be a great ski run, but you'd have to get permission from the abutting owners. I can help with contacts, if you're interested.

After reaching a main saddle between Grass Mountain and The Ball, the remainder of the hike is along a nice ridge line to the east that gets increasingly sharp, eventually yielding nice views to the north past Equinox and northwesterly down onto Route 30. A short distance from the summit, there's a very nice lunch spot with a 180-degree view to the south. We decided to bushwhack southeasterly back down to Dry Brook Road, but would not recommend the same for future trips. It's steep and rocky. A return trip on the ridge and logging roads would probably yield about a 6-mile hike with roughly 1700 feet of elevation gain. Sans the bushwhack, I'd rate it as a moderate to difficult, depending on how much snow's on the ground. I will definitely lead another hike or snowshoe to this peak, perhaps with a car spot to the northeast of the summit.

Silver Lake, Leicester

3 April 2010

By Sue Thomas, leader

Mother Nature turned the heat up on 3 April and gave us a preview of the summer to come. We gazed longingly at the patch of ice still visible in the middle of the lake as we sat perched on the rock retaining

wall, all that was left of the old Silver Lake Hotel. At least that was what I'd always thought. Fortunately on this trip we were in the hands of historian Bill Powers, author of *Silver Lake, Beyond the Myths*, who showed us many things I'd never noticed on countless visits to the area.

For instance, the stone footprint of the hotel can still be found, if you know where to look, as well as the spring that supplied drinking water. Perhaps the most curious relic is a large mound on the property where, we were delighted to learn, the faithful who had taken "the pledge" buried all alcohol and tobacco products and marked the spot with a stone obelisk. As we enjoyed our lunch on the lake shore, Bill shared several scrapbooks of wonderful old photos and postcards he has collected of the hotel in its heyday.

After lunch he led us along the penstock to an open view of Lake Dunmore, then surprised us all with an added walk out to the surge tank, a tall, thin tower that none of us had noticed before.

On the way back down we stopped to read the names and wedding dates of early settlers in the area carved into a rock beneath the penstock where they were easily overlooked. But Bill was saving the best for last. On a boulder near the parking lot, unnoticed many times before, is a long inscription dedicated to "Aunt Jenny", who ran a tea room at the site. "Everything I am I owe to my mother" her son had carved unto the stone.

Many thanks to Bill for spending the day with us and sharing his wealth of information about beautiful Silver Lake.

Bob Perkins, Editor
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$40
Family..... \$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer..... \$22

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

____trail work, ____shelter work, ____sign making, ____publications, ____leading outings, ____publicity, ____education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury - Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 63, Number 3

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

August 2010

Centennial Relay Visits Killington Section

Perhaps the most appropriate of the several events commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1910 founding of the Green Mountain Club was the Centennial Relay. In relay style, groups of enthusiasts day-hiked the Long Trail from end to end. Starting at the Massachusetts line, each group spent a day hiking its assigned section of the Trail. Then, in lieu of a baton, Prickles the porcupine

was passed on to the next group to the north for its day hike. All the way to Canada.

Prickles was joined by several of our members as she passed through the Killington Section on 26 July on the way to earning her End-to-End patch. (See story, page 4.)

Killington Section Annual Potluck Supper

Are you one of our Killington Section members who seldom, (or never), for whatever reason, join us for a hike, boat trip, or bike ride? Are you a supporter of Vermont's Long Trail and Green Mountain Club but have not joined the Killington Section? Are you new to the area (or a long time resident) who has read about our outings in the paper and wondered what it would be like to participate?

Here's your chance to enjoy a meal and slide show and to socialize with like-minded folks at no charge to you. Our annual fall potluck supper will be at 6 PM on Saturday 20 November at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Hillside Road in Rutland. Bring a dish to share and your own plate and utensils. All are welcome!

Get Your Red-Hot Raffle Tickets Here!

There's still time to purchase tickets for the 100th anniversary quilt raffle. The "Vermont Woodlands" quilt is queen-sized, in fall colors featuring a tree-of-life medallion surrounded by maple leaves, acorns, pine trees, and beavers. The drawing will be held at the Volunteer Appreciation picnic on 25 September so get your tickets now. They can be purchased on any Killington Section outing or by contacting Sue Thomas 773-2185, Cindy Oas-Kirk 775-7646, Ruth Gibbud 747-0732, or Karen Bowles 775-0239.



Bob Whitney of Manchester (right) passes Prickles to Killington Section President Barry Griffith



Miss Prickles Porcupine, Long Trail End-to-Ender

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2011	*Barry Griffith
"	Allison Henry
"	Sue Thomas
2012	*Wayne Krevetski
"	Gerry Martin
"	Herb Ogden
2013	Viv Bebee
"	Tom Cops
"	Steve Williams

* Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President.....	Barry Griffith
Vice President.....	Wayne Krevetski
Secretary.....	Allison Henry
Treasurer.....	Gerry Martin

Committee Chairs

History	Bob Perkins
Outings	Sue Thomas
Trails & Shelters.....	Herb Ogden

Delegates to GMC Board

Director.....	Lynda Hutchins
Alternate.....	Steve Williams

Smoke & Blazes

Editor.....	Bob Perkins
-------------	-------------

Web Site

Web master	Deborah Waggett
------------------	-----------------

The Pitch at Pitch Pine Point

[A few Vermont places were named for significant or interesting events. Mt. Independence and Runaway Pond come to mind – and maybe Ticklenaked Pond. Today we report on the reverse situation. The place name triggered the event.]

The people in our party plodded up the primitive path to the peak where we paused to enjoy the pristine panorama and to partake of the provisions from our packs. The pinnacle's name, Pitch Pine Point, prompted playful President Barry to propose and promote a postprandial pastime in which he would play the part of pitcher. Perkins was pleased to proffer his prized possession, a primitive pedestrian pole. Larry presumed to participate and promptly positioned himself at the plate.



Prexy picked up a pine cone and prepared for his primary pitch. A perfectly placed pitch. A powerful swing. And POW! The projectile, in its parabolic path, passed over the precipice. But Perk's pole parted and was now in a pair of pieces.

P.S. Presently Larry, as penance for his performance, professionally produced, and presented to Perk, a proprietary, personalized, pedestrian pole. Please peruse picture to port.

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Viv Bebee 14 Belmont Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-3855, vib@sover.net
 Tom Cops 78 North Main Street, #3, Rutland, VT 05701, 774-5144, tcops@sover.net
 Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
 John Hale, 170 Spooner Point or PO Box 506, Castleton, VT 05735, 273-2293, john@sudokuvt.com
 Allison Henry 47 West St., #1, Rutland, VT 05701 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com
 Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
 Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com
 Gerry Martin 998 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-2244, gdmartin2020@yahooo.com
 Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net
 Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
 Sue Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
 Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
 Steve Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

Outing Reports

Brooklyn Bridge, New York, NY

21 March, 2010

By Barbara O'Connor &

Steve Williams, co-leaders

The Killington Section spring expedition to the Big Apple elected to include at least an easy hike amongst its activities and selected the Brooklyn Bridge as being ideal for the occasion. Once the rabbit warren beneath Grand Central had been mastered, the trip to the trailhead adjacent to the City Hall MTA stop, via the Lexington Avenue Train 6, was uneventful. After crossing just one street, there stretched the bridge walkway/cycle path, centrally located between and above the two roadways, some 1.13 miles long.

A few other statistics on the bridge:

- Original designer, appointed 1867, John Roebling, died 1869 from a bridge related injury.
- Successor, son Washington Roebling, incapacitated by "bends", communicated via wife Emily.
- Construction 1870-1883.
- Height above high water: towers 276 feet, roadway 135 feet.
- At time of construction: 50 percent longer than any previous suspension bridge.

(For more details than you ever wished to know, Google "Brooklyn Bridge Facts and Information").

While on land the pathway is blacktop, once over water it becomes easily walked planking. Views of both uptown and downtown immediately appear, the latter being particularly spectacular because of the proximity of the Financial District. The Statue of Liberty and the Verrazano Narrows Bridge then come into view. There is a pedestrian traffic circle at each tower, one of

which contains raised copper sketches of the means of construction and other historic data. Just two events stand out from the very refreshing one hour walk and its aftermath: having our picture taken with some Korean tourists who seemed to want to demonstrate their contacts in the USA, and, at the end of the bridge, finding the highly commended Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory, located almost directly beneath the bridge.

In conclusion, a word of warning for those attempting to return from the Borough Hall MTA Station on a Sunday, as we did. Read the fine print on notices scattered around the Station, otherwise you may just find, after walking for some ten minutes amongst the seven lines that intersect there, that "Trains 4 & 5 will today be replaced by a J Train to be found on the platforms normally used by X & Y trains at the far end of the green concourse etc." And good luck!

[Smoke & Blazes is always glad to receive and publish "Outing Reports" that go beyond trips listed in the official schedule. Obviously Barbara and Steve have grasped the essence of our customary report formats. Ed.]

Natural Bridge, Dorset

24 April 2010

By Sue Thomas, leader

I'd warned everyone that this was a trail that wasted no time in the ascent. Nearly vertical is a rude awakening to the hiking season, but hey, with such a wonder as a natural bridge for a reward it would be worth it, right?

As we paused at the top of the ridge to catch our breath and place our hearts back in our chests, I felt it was time for the disclaimer. As natural bridges go, our humble Vermont version would not take the breath away – in any case the climb had already accomplished that. In fact, anyone who has visited the

Southwest would likely find this one a bit of a yawn, so I cautioned everyone to keep disparaging comments to themselves so as not to hurt its feelings, and we proceeded on for lunch beside the natural wonder. Brownies were administered to help make up for the lack of grandeur.

If the bridge itself does not inspire awe, the bushwhack back along the streambed absolutely does. The stream follows a vein of marble all the way down to where we were treated to spectacular waterfalls, mini-gorges and places marble in white, pink, and green was smoothed and swirled by the water.

We enjoyed a second round of brownies by the shore of Emerald Lake, a great end to the day. And the less said about the Great Peep Race of 2010, the better.

Crown Point Road, Wethersfield

19 June 2010

By Barb & Barry Griffith, leaders

The Crown Point Road was originally marked and cut in 1759, to get people and provisions from the Connecticut River to Lake Champlain. In the years that followed, the Road served untold travelers and settlers. When we learned that folks from Weathersfield had blazed a hiking trail on the old Road in these parts, we decided to bring the Killington Section to check it out. We had originally scheduled this lower elevation hike for April, to keep us off the wet higher trails. We had to postpone that outing due to inclement weather, and rescheduled it for June.

Vehicle spotting was the first order of business. We placed Jerry's vehicle in the middle to rescue Burdock, if the day proved too hot for him. He was glad we did. Then we all gathered on the Greenbush

Road in Cavendish, near the old Paine Tavern. We crossed the remains of an old stone bridge, and headed south into the woods. Yellow blazes guided our way as we crossed a stone wall marking the Weathersfield town line, finding the remains of an old cellar hole on our left. After stopping for lunch, we descended the trail to another CPR marker on Route 131.

The next part of our walk was along present day highways through Amsden. Of historical interest along the way was an original (?) stone Road marker engraved "CP 1760 MILE XI" to indicate that it was 11 miles from Fort No. 4 in Charlestown, N.H. More interesting to some was a yard sale we walked past on Route 106. This is the first time we can recall hiking past one of these on a Killington Section outing. A number of items were purchased. Perhaps we should look for potential yard sale locations when scheduling future outings!

We continued south on Branch Brook Road – now a dead end road. About fifty years ago, a flood control dam was built on Branch Brook south of here. That dam created Stoughton Pond, and altered the terrain above it. We again entered the woods, following the yellow blazes. We passed another old stone road marker, this one crudely lettered "1759 10 M CAMP." The blazes soon brought us to the bank of Branch Brook. We located the yellow marks on the other side, took off our boots, and waded in. This would have been a challenge in April, when the stream was swollen and the water frigid. Today, it was a pleasant way to cool our feet.

A steep but short scramble up the slope on the east side of the Brook brought us to an abandoned roadway. After walking on this road for a time, we followed the blazes across a small rivulet and up a slope.

Here we found the abutting Plain and Grout Cemeteries, and our awaiting vehicles. We inspected old stones marking patriot graves, and returned home.

Tinmouth Gulf

26 June 2010

By Herb Ogden, leader

A rising chance of showers was forecast for the afternoon, but the morning dawned sunny, and nine of us decided to explore the wilds of southwest Tinmouth. We began at the south junction of the Upper and Lower Gulf Roads. South of that point, the Gulf Road becomes Class 4 and is chancy for normal vehicles. Making a less than obvious turn to the southeast, we hiked through the corner of a hayfield and entered the woods. After passing through a mossy stone wall, we climbed over a blowdown with really interesting funguses that had a sort of leg attaching them to the trunk. This fairly level stretch of old woodroad ended at a turn to the east, where a short bushwhack to the west led to a view over Tinmouth Gulf.

At this point we discussed the difference between Gulfs, Notches, Passes, Gaps, Tunnels, and Dungeons. Without consulting Webster's, I think we concluded that a gulf in northern New England is a narrow valley leading from one more open area to another, usually if not always with considerably different elevations. In contrast, a pass or gap is a low place on a ridge that allows traffic to pass from one side of the mountains to the other. A notch is like a pass or gap except deeper. A tunnel is a narrow valley with steep sides that gives the feeling of being enclosed when the leaves are out. A dungeon seems to be more or less the same thing, but perhaps the feeling of being enclosed comes more from the denseness of the forest and less from the steepness of the valley's sides. Now, please write in and

disagree! And tell us if you know of other mountain terms used in Vermont.

Hiking up a side valley from the gulf, we crossed its brook at a pretty waterfall. Farther up, the road became a mudhole and then a pond for several hundred feet. It's hard to believe local folks say normal cars could drive this far in the 1920s or 30s. Respite came when we struck a continuation of Tinmouth Town Highway 16, a north-south road that some say used to be a highway all the way down to Danby. This is now both a snowmobile trail and a Tinmouth Town Recreation Trail through an area owned by the town and subject to conservation easements. Following this road south, we passed some sort of man-made stone structure just east of the road. Aside from the road itself, this was the last manmade thing we saw till we passed a modern cabin on the slope down toward Purchase Brook. Meanwhile, before the final climb over an unnamed mountain between The Purchase and Tinmouth Peak, we had lunch at a log landing where the Tinmouth trail went east at a less than obvious turn. Rain began then and continued for most of the rest of the hike. So much for "chance of showers"! Navigating several more less than obvious turns with the help of my GPS, we eventually crossed Purchase Brook at another less than obvious turn and, by a couple more less than obvious turns, descended through a sugarbush and wound up where the abandoned Little Village Road crossed the ridge, coming up from Danby. We followed it most of the way down to the abandoned part Ricketts Road, avoiding the badly eroded and overgrown lower quarter mile or so by taking a less than obvious turn into a recently logged area. (By now, are you getting the idea that less than obvious turns were a hallmark of this outing? Steve Williams said it was a wonder we

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule

Sept. – Nov. 2010

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

6 Sept., Monday, 9:00 AM **Bear Mt. – Clarendon Gorge** **Gerry & Chryl Martin, 492-2244**
Follow the Appalachian/Long Trail from Route 140 in Wallingford to the swinging bridge over Clarendon Gorge with stops at Minerva Hinchey Shelter and the Airport Lookout.
Moderate, 6.3 miles.

11 Sept., Saturday, 9:00 AM **White Rocks Lookout, Wallingford** **Tom Copps, 774-5144**
Climb the Keewaydin Trail and the Appalachian/Long Trail to the "rock garden" and a scenic overlook
Steep, 3.2 miles. Rain date: 9/12.

18 Sept., Saturday, 9:00 AM **Mother Myrick Mountain, Dorset** **Sue Thomas, 773-2185**
We'll be joined by Dave McDevitt, Southern Vermont Steward of the Nature Conservancy, to explore the 3361-foot summit, with optional post-hike trip to Mother Myrick's Ice Cream Parlor. Some steep climbs. Five to six miles.
Rain Date: 9/19.

25 Sept., Saturday, 3 PM **Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, Waterbury** **RSVP. See below**
A gathering and free picnic at GMC headquarters to honor all volunteers for the hours of work that go into maintaining the club and the Long Trail. Please RSVP by Friday, 17 September, to Mari Zagarins, 802-244-7037 or mzagarins@greenmountainclub.org.

26 Sept., Sunday, 9:00 AM **Rattlesnake Cliffs, Salisbury** **Larry Walter, 775-3855**
Starting at Moosalamoo campground, we'll skirt the mountain and climb to a scenic lookout.
Moderate, 5 miles.

2 Oct., Saturday, 8:00 AM **Cardigan Mountain, Canaan, NH** **Terri Wilson, 334-787-2426**
Beautiful views from this bald, 3132-foot summit.
Moderate, 3 miles with some steep climbing. Elevation gain 1220 feet.
Rain date: 10/3.

9 Oct., Saturday, 10 AM **Shrewsbury Peak** **Barry & Barb Griffith, 492-3573**
Up the Black Swamp Trail and down the other side, with optional side trip to "picnic rock".
Moderate, 5 miles with some steep climbing.
Rain date: 10/10.

16 Oct., Saturday, 9:00 AM **Thundering Falls, Killington** **Viv Bebee, 775-3855**
Follow the new accessible trail to the foot of the falls, and then continue on the Appalachian Trail.
Moderate, 5 miles.

23 Oct., Saturday, 9:00 AM **Big Branch Bridge, Mount Tabor** **Tom Copps, 774-5144**
We'll hike south on the Long/Appalachian Trail to check out the newly constructed bridge and the ruins of an old mill. Option to continue on to Lost Pond Shelter.
Moderate 2.6 (or optionally 6) miles.

Schedule continued on next page.

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule

Sept. – Nov. 2010

Schedule continued from previous page.

30 Oct., Saturday, 9:00 AM Halloween at Devils Den, Whitehall, NY Sue Thomas, 773-2185

Spend Halloween eve exploring Devils Den and Death Rock, if you dare! Local residents and Nature Conservancy volunteers Tim and Mary Ward will guide us safely through. Nice views of South Bay.

Mileage variable.

6 Nov., Saturday, 9:00 AM Fall Trail Maintenance Day Herb Ogden, 293-2510

Help us get the Long/Appalachian Trail put to bed for the winter by clearing out water bars, removing downed trees and repairing shelters. Bring sturdy boots, work gloves, and lunch.

Tools provided.

13 Nov., Saturday, 9:00 AM Fall Mystery Hike Mark & Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502

Leaders will select an appropriate venue for our "deer season" outing. Call if you need more details.

20 Nov., Saturday, 6:00 PM Annual Fall Potluck Supper Sue Thomas, 773-2185

Bring a generous-sized dish to share and your own plate and utensils and join us for our annual event. Non-members welcome. Following the meal we'll enjoy a slide program "Walking through Time – Archaeology & History on the Long Trail" by Dave Lacy, archaeologist with the US Forest Service.

Meet at 6:00 PM at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hillside Road in Rutland.

TURTLE HIKES SCHEDULE

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of "Turtle" hikes for seniors and others who wish to enjoy their outings at a somewhat slower and easier pace. The hikes typically cover two to four miles, involve limited elevation gain, and try to avoid treacherous footing. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Meet on **Thursdays at 9 AM** at the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street off Woodstock Avenue. We return in mid-afternoon. Call leaders listed at the right below if you have questions. All are welcome.

- | | | |
|-----------------|--|----------------------------|
| 9 Sept. | Rattlesnake Cliffs Trail, Leicester | Bob Perkins |
| | Moderate hike offers spectacular views of Lake Dunmore, Adirondacks. No snakes. | 773-0184 |
| 23 Sept. | Mt. Tom, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park, Woodstock | Tom Copps |
| | Enjoy autumn foliage while hiking old carriage roads past The Pogue to Mt. Tom. | 774-5144 |
| 7 Oct. | Taconic Mountains Trails, Hubbardton | Jerry & Lyn Ash |
| | Follow a network of trails to the Japanese Garden and to Moot Point on Mount Zion. | 775-3481 |
| 21 Oct. | Helen W. Buckner Memorial Preserve, West Haven | Bob Perkins |
| | Hike Tim's Trail through fields and forests where Vermont is west of New York. | 773-0184 |
| 4 Nov. | Long Trail, Spring Lake, and Patch Hollow, Clarendon | Tom Copps |
| | Hike from Spring Lake, past the Minerva Hinchey Shelter, to Patch Hollow. | 774-5144 |

actually came out where we meant to.) We ended with a pleasant three quarter mile walk south along the old Ricketts Road, passing a former marble quarry and a large house foundation lying just west of the road.

According to Tom's GPS, total distance was 7.7 mi., total time: 5 hr 9 min, total climb was 1890 feet, and total descent was 24 feet more than that. Some of the climb and mileage wasn't originally planned. I added it in hopes of finally getting a view from the south end of Tinmouth Mountain. We were rewarded – sort of. It was easy to see the next ridge in the rain, but the Green Mountains were barely visible.

Bromley Mountain, Peru

17 July, 2010

By Sue Thomas, leader

The breezes were cool and refreshing on the summit of Bromley, a welcome change from the blast furnace down below.

Six of us had gathered at the trailhead, including a very patient college student, who diplomatically hid his dismay at finding himself hiking with the geriatric set. Being six feet five inches tall he had eyed little Bob-the-car with even more dismay, and offered to drive us down to Manchester in his roomier vehicle.

This should have made us nervous – he carried no pack, wore running shoes, and looked as if he could jog to the summit and back in the time it took the rest of us to zip up our packs and adjust our canes ... er ... hiking poles. Fortunately he had no pockets so I confiscated his keys, thereby ensuring that he couldn't drive off without us.

On the way up we took a break at Bromley Shelter, where we encountered the first of several sawed-off sign posts. It seems some aren't satisfied with the usual

souvenirs – why buy key chains if you can lug a 30-pound sign out of the woods for free?

From the summit tower we could see a storm blowing in across the Taconics, so we enjoyed lunch and the view and headed back down for ice cream.

Long Trail Relay, Shrewsbury

26 July 2010

By Barry Griffith, leader

We had perfect weather for Leg 10 of the GMC Centennial Relay. Sunshine, temperatures starting in the 50s, ending in the 70s. A nice breeze on the ridges to keep the bugs away. Thank you, hiking gods!

We assembled at 8 AM at the Town Office in downtown North Shrewsbury. Prickles was the first to arrive, looking forward to a great day. After dropping off participant vehicles at the Cold River Road crossing where we would end the day, Killington Section volunteers Bob Perkins, Gerry Martin and Barbara Griffith shuttled hikers to the Route 140 parking lot in Wallingford via back roads. There we were joined by two Wallingford residents, completing our contingent. In addition to Prickles, eleven hikers participated: Molly Griffith (Colorado), Bill Johns and George Jackson (Connecticut Section), Mary Keenan (Burlington Section), Marge Fish and Bob Whitney (Manchester Section), Adrian Eisler and Julia Huessy (Wallingford), Barbara Griffith, Barry Griffith and Allison Henry (Killington Section).

After Prickles was welcomed to the Killington Section of the Long Trail and obligatory group photos were taken, the group set off northward at about 9 AM. One mile in we were able to look south to the White Rocks, over which yesterday's leg had passed. We ascended, then descended, Bear Mountain to Patch

Hollow. Thousands pass this spot annually not knowing of the bloody tragedy which occurred here in 1831. Leader Barry Griffith related the story to Prickles and the other hikers. Rumor has it that Allison Henry may post the narration on YouTube.

From there it was on to Minerva Hinchey Shelter, where adopters Gerry & Chryl Martin had left a fresh roll of toilet paper for Prickles and her entourage. Rather than eat lunch there, the group voted to press on to the airport lookout with its open view to the west. We then descended to Clarendon Gorge, where Prickles admired the suspension bridge. Suggestions of bungee jumping were suppressed. At the Route 103 parking lot circa 2 PM three hikers left for other obligations, but another joined in. Then began the steep ascent to the Clarendon lookout, where the hikers could again look back south to survey their progress. Next stop: Clarendon Shelter, again in wonderful shape. Alison and Barry shared jokes to get us up the incline to the summit of Beacon Hill. We then traversed an area where the Youth Conservation Corps has been working this year to keep hikers' boots dry in a naturally wet area. A highlight of Prickles' day was meeting a new YCC group just beginning a three week stint. The future is in good hands!

After a final climb, Prickles and her companions descended to Lottery Road and finally to their waiting vehicles on the Cold River Road. The day's outing was projected to end at 5 PM, and we were pretty much on schedule. Great weather, no untoward incidents or injuries, lots of smiles and great memories. A good time was had by all.

Killington Section Directors Meet

By Allison Henry, Secretary

The Killington Section directors met at 6:10 PM on 15 June 2010 at Seward's Restaurant in Rutland, led by Section President Barry Griffith. Other directors present were Vice President Wayne Krevetski, Treasurer Gerry Martin, Secretary Allison Henry, Sue Thomas, Vivian Bebee, Steve Williams, Herb Ogden, and Tom Copps. Also present were Lynda Hutchins, liaison to the Main Club, and friends Bob and Thelma Perkins.

A motion to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting on March 27, 2010, as already published in the May 2010 issue of *Smoke & Blazes*, was made by Lynda, seconded by Gerry, and passed. Allison posed a question about the format of minutes via email. We determined that sending documents both in the body of the email as well as an Open Office document attachment would be acceptable to all.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Gerry. A motion to accept the report was made by Wayne, seconded by Allison, and passed. Garry explained that \$2010.85 for the Governor Clement renovations was taken from our general fund rather than from the Kirk Fund, which is in a CD, in order to avoid a \$6.00 early CD withdrawal penalty. Barry moved, Herb seconded, and the board agreed, that we leave the accounts as they are for now and that, when the Kirk Fund CD rolls over, we move \$2010.85 from the Kirk Fund to the general fund as an internal reconciliation. We also discussed whether our funds should be moved into longer term CDs with better interest rates. Steve suggested that

our treasurer look into options for us to address at our next meeting.

A Trails and Shelters report was given by Herb and Wayne, co-chairs of Trails and Shelters.

- Herb reported that when the Churchill Scott shelter was built, an agreement had been made between the GMC and the City of Rutland/Public Works regarding the public water supply. A sign was supposed to have been posted stating that the area around the shelter is the watershed for the City of Rutland, therefore no camping allowed other than at the shelter, and no human waste is to be deposited other than at the privy at the shelter. When the original agreement was reached, it said that the Club and City should "work together to post appropriate signs." Herb passed around a sample sign for us to review. We discussed how many signs are expected to be posted, and where, such as at the north and south line of the watershed area along the Trail or only at the shelter? Herb will contact the City and/or Public Works for more information before we make a final determination regarding the sign language and placement.

- The Forest Service wants us to log our volunteer hours. There is a spot to log your time on the top of the Sector Checker form.

- Wayne reported that the bunks at Governor Clement are complete! It is a lower-level sleeping platform and the shelter is really "brightened up." According to Barry there have been no reports of vandalism or mischief at the shelter this summer. Barry also noted that even snowmobilers were commenting in the shelter's logbook over the winter.

- Adoptions: Minerva Hinchey needs an Adopter. Former adopter Cindy Taylor-Miller has given up her post as she is once again on a long-distance expedition and is not available to take care of the shelter. Cooper has not been maintained by the GMC for some time. Herb reviewed the list of the shelter adoptions for the rest of our section of Trail.

- Shelter and structure damage by porcupines was also discussed. Suggestions were posed such as metal sheathing on sleeping platforms, which works until it starts to pull up and then it has sharp edges. We also discussed building "porky salt licks" away from shelters and leashing fishers to the sleeping platforms. Attaching an extra, easily replaceable board to the front of each chewed area also is being considered as a viable option.

- Clarendon Shelter will eventually be moved as it is not on federal land. In the very long term, a replacement for Clarendon will be built near Hermit Spring.

- Relocations/Adjustments: Dave Hardy has approved a relocation of the Trail south of Lottery Road. This still needs approval by the Forest Service. The relo is flagged with pink flags if you want to check it out. Dave Hardy has also approved a relocation north of Lottery Road, also still to be approved by the Forest Service. This is flagged yellow. There is an "old" suggestion (from 1995!) in the list of projects to move a section of Trail near the Kieffer Road; it was decided to remove this from the list.

- Other Projects: There will be a visit to Gould Brook in July with GE volunteers, as they will possibly be building a bridge across the

brook. Also, a stretch of the trail south of Upper Cold River road will be moved as there is a new muddy stretch. Eventually we will build up a section near Little Killington that is steep, rocky, and disintegrating. This project will need to be done by people with rock work experience. There is a major blowdown on the Cauty Trail which has been there for some time. It might not be removed, as this is a good excuse for a switchback through that section.

- Tom, Gerry, Herb, and Sue completed an "adjustment" around the expanding Sinkhole on the Sherburne Pass Trail. The trail now passes west of the hole.

- Some of our tools are missing – please check your garage, shed, and station wagon!

- Herb emailed out a list of small projects since the major work parties were rained out. If you complete a job, let Herb know so he can cross it off the list. And don't forget to log your hours!

Highlights from the Main Club report were presented by liaison Lynda noting that most meeting attendees had already heard the information at the Main Club Annual Meeting in May. Copies will be provided by Lynda on request. Some points to note:

- The Main Club is still in the black!

- There is a wind project pending for Lowell Mountain. This is not on "our" land but near it, and the Main Club is monitoring the situation.

- A new *Section Leader's Handbook* is available on the Montpelier Section's website.

- There was a good turnout from the Killington Section at the Main Club's annual meeting!

President Barry once again offered thanks to Bob for the *Smoke & Blazes*. Bob reminded us to keep the trip reports coming, and get them in sooner please! Outings coordinator Sue mentioned that there are several bike trips on this summer's schedule.

Wayne reported that the 5 June dinner at the Inn at Long Trail to raise money for the GMC was a success! Sixty-two people were in attendance. The proceeds were \$600 which will be donated to the Main Club. Thanks to Bob Perkins and Jim Davidson of the Rutland Historical Society for the design and presentation of the slide show. David Wright also gave a presentation on 6 June about the original Long Trail Lodge. *Thank yous* were issued to Patty and Murray McGrath of the Inn for the delicious dinner, and to folks who donated items for the raffle: McGraths, Eastern Mountain Sports, John Hale, Cindy Taylor Miller, and Gerry Martin. \$213 was raised from the raffle, also to be sent to the Main Club. It is possible this could become an annual event.

David Wright will be working with Killington Resort to place a historic marker at the site of the old clubhouse. Herb moved, Sue seconded, and the board concurred in asking Barry to send an appropriate letter of support to the State Historic Commission.

Wayne reported that the fourth annual Rutland Long Trail Festival is coming up on Saturday 7 August. There will be music, new movies from the Department of the Interior, and a Leave No Trace presentation. The "hardcore project" for following day will be carrying materials and building tent platforms at the Little Rock Pond area. Speak to Wayne if you are interested in leading an easy-to-moderate, local hike as part of the Festival.

Barry reminded us that the Long Trail relay hike starts on 17 July and will be coming through our section in late July. Barry will be leading a section of the relay on 26 July. All of the information about the relay hikes is in the Long Trail News. Be sure to sign up in advance if interested.

Barry reminded us that next year will be the 100th anniversary of the Killington Section! What should we do for our anniversary? There is nothing in the archives regarding what was done for our Section's 50th. Herb is looking for old information about what was known as the "Board of Trustees" at the start of the Killington Section. Some information could be at the Vermont Historical Society in Barre or at UVM. Marcellus Wheeler of Rutland made the original donation to the GMC, and he was a manure salesman! We are hoping to track the changes to the Trail and changes to the Killington Section borders. When written up we can publish a history of the Section.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, 5 October 2010. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Bob Perkins, Editor
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join **Killington Section, Green Mountain Club**

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$40
Family \$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$22

Contact us for information on life memberships
and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___trail work, ___shelter work, ___sign making, ___publications, ___leading outings, ___publicity, ___education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury - Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Smoke & Blazes

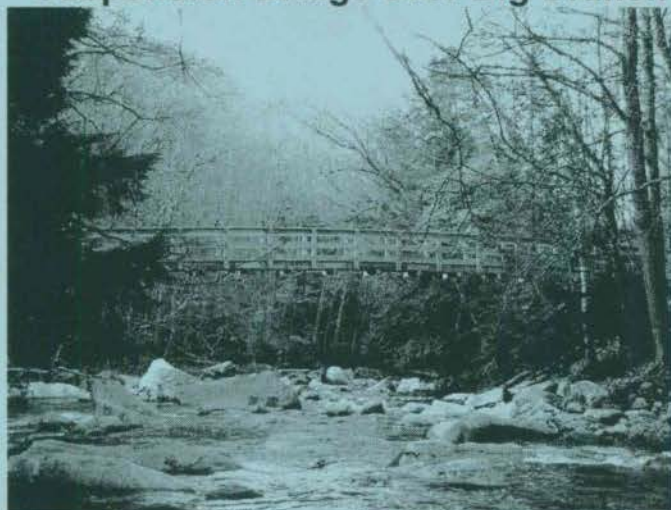
Volume 63, Number 4

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

November 2010

New Structures and Routine Maintenance

Suspension Bridge over Big Branch



New Shelter at Little Rock Pond



Trail Ready for Winter

By Herb Ogden, Trails & Shelters Co-Chair

I was going to call this article "Trail Tucked in for Winter," but then I reflected that actually the last thing we want is a tucked-in trail. That would mean all the waterbars and side ditches were tucked in under a mat of leaves and silt and weren't doing their job of keeping the water from running down the trails. Between the nine folks who showed up for the 6 November work party and several more who couldn't come then but agreed to do full fall maintenance on various stretches of trail, we have worked on most everything under about the 3,000 foot level except for the Cauty Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain, which is reported in good shape except for a few blowdowns. It would have been nice to clear the waterbars and side ditches for about a mile either side of Cooper Lodge, but there was already too much snow. We'll have to give that top priority in the spring work parties, along with replacing rotten bog bridging south of the Keiffer Road, north of Gov. Clement Shelter, and north of US 4.

It's time to highlight the contributions by our trail volunteers rather than leave them anonymous like most of those who go on our strictly pleasure outings. So here is the fall work party: Dick Carey, Dave Coppock, Tom Copps, Jim Dorman, Wayne Flewellig, Allison Henry, Joe Minard, and Sue Thomas. (I was recovering from pneumonia and couldn't work, and co-chair Wayne Krevetski had to attend a Killington Ski Area meeting.) In addition, Larry Walter and Dave and Clare Coppock spent a day readying the Bucklin Trail for winter, and the following others have worked on the trails this fall: Barb and Barry Griffith, Chryl and Gerry Martin, Cindy Taylor-Miller, Viv Beebe, and Connie Youngstrom. If you did, too, and I failed to list you, I apologize. Please do tell me or Wayne Krevetski when you work on the trails and how long you were at it. Not only does it keep us from sending others out to do what you already did, but it also gives us the volunteer hour statistics that the Green Mt. Club has to report to the Forest Service and others.

Smoke & Blazes
Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2011 *Barry Griffith
" Allison Henry
" Sue Thomas
2012 *Wayne Krevetski
" Gerry Martin
" Herb Ogden
2013 Viv Bebee
" Tom Copps
" Steve Williams
* Second consecutive 3-year term.
Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President Wayne Krevetski
Secretary Allison Henry
Treasurer Gerry Martin

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Sue Thomas
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden
and Wayne Krevetski

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Lynda Hutchins
Alternate Allison Henry

Smoke & Blazes

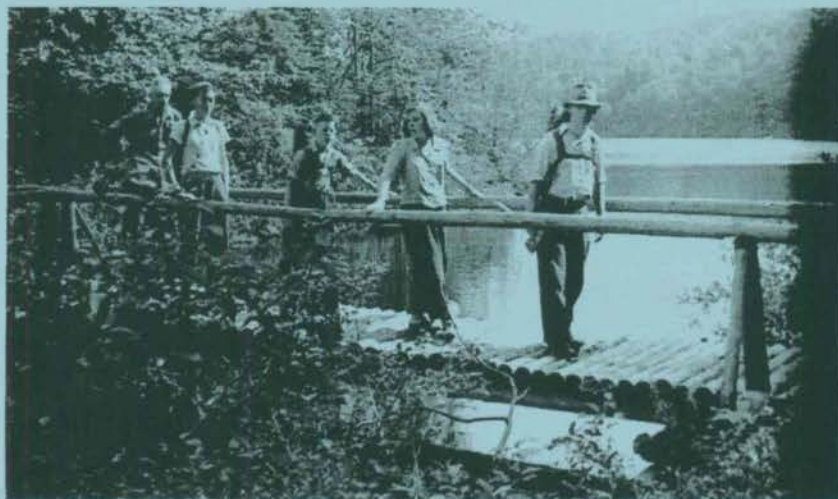
Editor Bob Perkins

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

A Photo from the Past

The new shelter at Little Rock Pond has quite a genealogy. According to *Long Trail System Shelter History* by Paul Woodward there was a private camp in a fine spot on the west shore in 1928. The shelter that I remember was built on the island in 1935 and was reached by a bridge from the mainland (see photo).



Killington Section Hikers Crossing to the Island, 1941. (l to r)
Jim Hayward, Fernand Bartlett, and Bob, Dorothy, and Crague Perkins

The 1935 shelter was replaced in 1962 but the 1962 shelter was moved, in 1972, to its present location north of the pond. Also in 1962 the East Shore Shelter was built but it too was relocated, in 1972, to the south and renamed for Lulu Tye.

A Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I am prompted to pick up my pen in praise of your prose pertaining to the premature perishing of your pal, the pedestrian pole. Your portrayal was perfection, and I speak for all in proclaiming our pride in the premium periodical you produce quarterly, despite the preponderance of perennially procrastinating hike report providers.

A peruser of said periodical

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Viv Bebee 14 Belmont Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-3855, lwalter@sover.net
Tom Copps 78 North Main Street, #3, Rutland, VT 05701, 774-5144, tcopps@sover.net
Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
Allison Henry 47 West St., #1, Rutland, VT 05701 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com
Lynda Hutchins, 10 Hibbard Hill Rd., Orwell, VT 05760, 948-2770, lmhutch@shoreham.net
Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com
Gerry Martin 998 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-2244, gdmartin2020@yahoo.com
Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net
Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
Sue Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Steve Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

Outing Reports

Bald Mountain, Mendon

28 March 2010

By Allison Henry, leader

A ten o'clock start on this fine, crisp day let us sleep in a little after the big feast at the potluck the night before. Being unsure of the conditions, I had advised participants to bring ice grippers or even snowshoes in case of leftover snow. It turns out that the ground was mostly bare, with only a little crusty old snow in a few sheltered spots. A pleasant trip was had by all, with a long but chilly lunch break on one of the overlooks and several peeps-themed photos.

About the only remarkable thing that happened was after lunch, when the gang of saw-wielding gentlemen went ahead to neaten up the trail for the rest of us. Toward the end of the loop, we caught up to them and found them standing around and scratching their heads. A large saw was immobilized in a blowdown. Fortunately someone was carrying the equipment needed to free said saw from the tree trunk; otherwise the saw, and probably Larry, would still be there.

Folded Rock, Cambridge, NY

10 April 2010

By Allison Henry, leader

This trail is located on Route 313 in the Battenkill State Forest between Arlington, VT and Cambridge, NY, a few miles west of the state line. There is a public trailhead on the south side of the road, but the trail is also accessible from the property of Battenkill Valley Outdoors (BVO), a private shop offering canoe and bike rentals, guided trips, maps, et cetera. Their shop has a very distinguished looking sign with a kayak stuck through it. When my spouse and I went for a recon hike the week before, the folks at the store told us they would be out of town for the weekend but that we were welcome to park on their property. They warned us that a bicycle race was to take place the same weekend as our hike, but it turns out the traffic stop was west of our turnoff for the trail, so our plans were safe.

This trail has two different names, either Folded Rock or Peaked Rock. The trailhead and a trip write-up on the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) website say "Peaked Rock," and signs along the trail and in the vicinity mostly refer to "Folded Rock." We also saw a sign on which "Peaked Rock" was crossed out and corrected to read "Folded Rock." It is unclear who is responsible for the trail, but according to the above-

mentioned ADK trip report from last year, the trail was "created" and "improved" by ADK members in the past. The trail is an out-and-back, about two and a half miles each way.

After a rendezvous at Main Street Park and another at Stewarts in Arlington, with our numbers swelled to ten persons, we made our way to the Battenkill Valley Outdoors center. The drive itself was quite nice, following the Battenkill River.

At the BVO property the trail starts near a carved creature – either a monster or a very rough-cut black bear. It was another gorgeous day for a hike, warmish with no leaves to block our views. After a walk through a field, the trail goes up, up, and straight up for almost two miles, mostly along an old gravel road. There was a lot of huffing and puffing and I took a lot of breaks. Once we reached the ridgeline, we had occasional views of the valley below. We also found some vernal pools complete with frog spawn. Luckily, no one tried to hand me some this year. We even found a really big newt. After a ridge walk, the trail headed downward (resulting in some grumbling that we'd have to go back up again on our return before we could go down).

The trail ended with a great lookout (lookout!) north over the valley. Sure enough, right at the end of the trail there was an outcropping of rock that looked like it had been folded. It didn't exactly look peaked though. We took some photos of the views along with a few close-ups of the Folded and/or Peaked Rock formation. We had a leisurely lunch sheltered behind the ridge, grumbled our way back up the ridge, and stumbled our way down the steep gravel road to our cars. With the sun and wind I ended up with a very pink face that evening!

Appalachian Trail, Pomfret

28 August 2010

By Sue Thomas, leader

There was a bit of a mix-up about the meeting time for this hike, so I administered molasses cookies in the parking lot and all was forgiven.

The day turned out to be an oasis in the middle of an unusually hot summer – one of those perfectly blue-sky days without the humid haze that had clouded the views for so long. This made the short but steep climb to The Lookout more than worthwhile, and the ascent of the alarmingly rickety-looking ladder to the rooftop viewing platform a must. We did the smart thing though and sent up a scout. Naturally I was judged to be the most

expendable. When I did not fall thru the roof the others joined me for spectacular views in all directions.



The Lookout at The Lookout on the AT, Pomfret

Back on terra firma we celebrated with caramels and then backtracked to the trail. This achievement called for chocolate cookies. A pleasant walk thru the woods led us at lunchtime to Wintturi Shelter, named for a Killington Section member who, though gone by the time I joined the Club in 1982, was still legendary for his habit of carrying a warm beer on all hikes. We toasted him with more molasses cookies, and awarded several to a grateful young backpacker.

After lunch there was a bit of up and down, but we had more chocolate cookies to keep up our strength, and the trail is just so darn pretty that a few more caramels were in order as we passed scenic stone walls and open clearings overlooking Mt. Ascutney.

Crossing lovely fields and stiles, our thoughts began to turn to ice cream, which so enflamed us that we kidnapped two thru-hikers at the trailhead and took them to a country store up the road, before depositing them at Gifford Woods on our way home. A delicious day!

Mother Myrick Mt., Dorset

18 September 2010

By Sue Thomas, leader

Not long ago a resident of Dorset was mowing the field adjacent to his home when the tractor hit a hard object below the surface. Investigating, he discovered a large marble slab with the name "Newton Myrick" beautifully inscribed in flowing script. This prompted some research by the local historical society, and helped to satisfy my longtime curiosity about the unusually named peak.

It turned out that Isaac Newton Myrick was a stone carver whose home and shop had stood at the site where

the inscribed marble, now on display at the historical society, was found. "Mother" Myrick is thought to have been Isaac's mother, who was a local midwife.

At the base of the peak we visited the marker where the Kent Tavern had stood – one of several sites around the state where constitutional conventions were held.

Knowing that The Nature Conservancy has been acquiring land on the mountain, I invited Dave McDevitt, the conservancy's Southern Vermont Steward, to come along on our hike. At the trailhead he gave each of us a copy of the conservancy's new book *Places to Walk, Paddle, and Explore* and then guided us up the correct and most direct route to the ridge top, rather than the longer and more convoluted route I had mistakenly taken when I scouted out the hike. Thank you Dave! Along the way Dave stopped to post new signs and gave us an overview of the conservancy's projects and goals in the area.

At the summit a view of the surrounding valley and mountains made a nice backdrop for lunch, and we all signed in at the summit canister. A large number of hawks passed by on their way south for the winter – a thrilling sight.

On the way back down Dave discovered what a bunch of trouble makers we really are when we gleefully helped him pull blowdowns and brush into the trail to at least slow down ATV access – a "reverse work party" that somehow seemed much more fun than clearing the trail. We all agreed that it was the best time we'd ever had doing trail work.

Rattlesnake Ridge, Salisbury

26 September 2010

By Larry Walter, leader

This hike in the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area east of Lake Dunmore is one of our personal favorites for its hike-to-view ratio. Viv and I had reconnoitered the loop in a counterclockwise direction a couple of weekends before and figured the best direction would be the opposite.

Most of the traffic in this region comes from the west side at the Keewaydin Camp or from the south via the Falls of Lana trail (if the brook is fordable). Striving to avoid some of the hubbub, we parked at the Voter Brook Overlook, under escort of a local constable (not sure what that was about). This is a nice little spot with picnic tables and a good view to the southwest. It's accessed by way of Forest Road 32 (Blueberry Hill route), off of Vermont Route 73 (Brandon Gap). You can just make out a small portion of Rattlesnake Cliff if you slide off to the southerly end of the clearing.

A recently reopened trail drops off the hill southeasterly from the overlook for a 5-minute hike to the North Branch Trail. I counted twelve people at the start – not a bad turnout. The members were getting restless after we'd descended southwesterly for about 45 minutes along the brook to where the Rattlesnake Cliff trail takes off to the right and ascends steeply to the northeast.

Tom, Barry, and Diane helped me remove some windfalls with the Griffith's antique 3-foot crosscut saw and some good teamwork. Meanwhile the rest of the group clattered on up the trail. I was sure they'd pause at the first junction to wait for one of their hike leaders. Righttttt!

We banked a left at the first, brand-spanking new sign and worked our way down to another fork (still no souls present), the left of which took us to the most southerly overview where about half of the group was hanging out. The rest of the delinquent hikers had migrated (or as they'd say out west, "quailed") to parts unknown.

Taking Viv's concerns in mind and with a strong commitment to group cohesiveness, I followed leader protocol by sitting down for lunch. There's a fantastic view of the Greens, the most impressive height of land being Gillespie Peak. You can see most of the surface of Silver Lake, the southern end of Lake Dunmore, and way down the Route 53 drainage to the south. If you slide just a little further to the west along the cliff, there's another spot where you can see more of Lake Dunmore. That's where the missing hikers showed up.



View of Lake Dunmore from Rattlesnake Cliffs

After finishing lunch, we worked our way back up to the first "Cliffs" sign (badly in need of repair) and checked out the western overlook. This one gives you a nice view of the Adirondacks and most of Lake Dunmore

and Fern Lake. Gordon's house is somewhere along the later. I think this view point is more heavily visited, but I prefer the more southerly of the three. At least some of these cliff overviews are closed by the Forest Service in the peregrine falcons' spring nesting season. Fall is a great time to go.

We headed north up the Oak Ridge Trail towards Mt. Moosalamoo. This is a nifty hike unto itself, with partial views through the trees to the west. A lot of the surface is along a sharp ledge which could be pretty slippery if wet – another good reason for hiking clockwise. We noticed that a bunch of trash that previously had been thrown off the ledge by hikers unknown had subsequently been picked up by hikers unknown. Well done to the later.

About a quarter-mile short of the top of Moosalamoo the Keewaydin Trail takes off to the southeast. Taking direction from those more influential and, frankly, intimidating than I, the decision was made to skip the peak and head down hill. The National Forest crews have been busy on this section, with lots of new water bar work and impressive stone paving and culverts.

After taking out a couple more windfalls, Barry wisely confiscated all implements of destruction from me so as to catch up with the others who had heartlessly waltzed on down the hill. After dumping out on Forest Road 24B, it's a quick, 5-minute jaunt down the hill to the overlook. All were accounted for and we squeezed into our automobiles for the carpool back home. I'd estimate this trip to be about 4 or 5 miles, round trip and moderate in difficulty. We'll do this one again.

Note from Viv regarding Larry's "left behind" grumbling above, "This was not a work party!"

Mount Cardigan, NH

2 October 2010

By Terri Wilson, leader

Not only was the weather great, but the company was exceptional. There were ten of us hiking up "Old Baldy." I can't think of a better way to spend a day than with my "Green Mountain" family. After a moderate climb up the mountain we were rewarded with a view I never tire of. The colors were bursting with yellows and oranges that accented all the surrounding hills. There was more agreement than debate on what we were looking at in the distance. That doesn't happen all the time!

We enjoyed our lunch and company. Then it was off to hike "Firescrew". There was no debate. Everyone seemed in agreement. Our family was united in decision. That doesn't happen all the time! We scrambled down the rock and over to the ridge of Firescrew. Looking back at "Old Baldy" gave one a new appreciation for the climb.

After some time taking in the views, taking pictures and fellowship we headed back. On the way down we passed a young couple with a small child. She was heard saying "Look at the world mommy" while pointing down at the landscape. You couldn't help but catch the child's

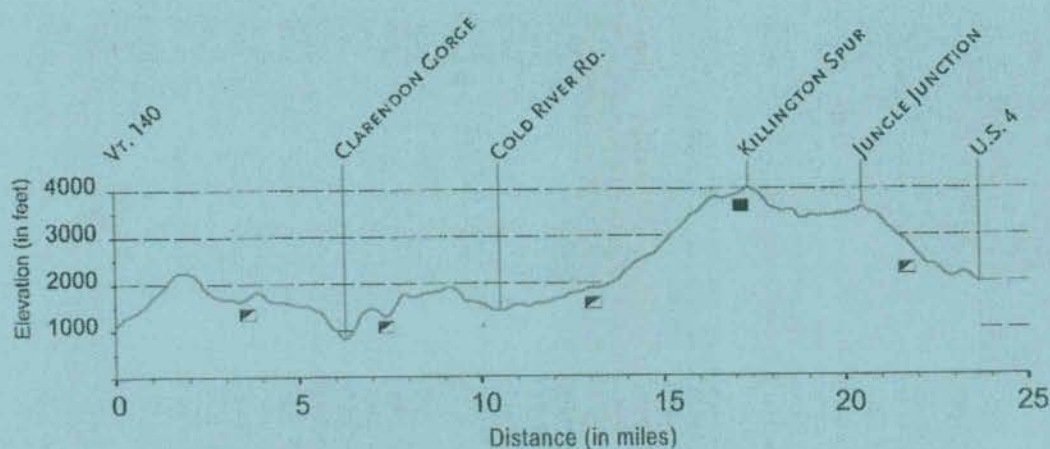
appreciation for the beauty outstretched before us.

Everyone agreed that it was a good day for a hike and we needed to stop for ice cream on the way back. Now that is my kind of kin!



On Mt. Cardigan. "We enjoyed our lunch and company....I can't think of a better way to spend the day"

The Killington Section of the Long Trail



Killington Section Directors Meet

By Allison Henry, Secretary

The Killington Section Board of Directors met at Swards Family Restaurant at 6:00 P.M. on 5 October 2010. Present were President Barry Griffith, Vice President Wayne Krevetski, Treasurer Gerry Martin, Secretary Allison Henry; and directors Sue Thomas, Tom Copps, and Herb Ogden. Also present were friends Bob and Thelma Perkins, Barb Griffith, and Lynda Hutchins.

Minutes from the 15 June meeting were approved on a motion by Herb, seconded by Gerry.

Treasurer's report by treasurer Gerry:

- Finances remain excellent; there has been limited activity since the last report.
- Our CDs mature in late October. CD interest rates are extremely low but there are few other options with higher interest rates, and nothing as secure as a CD. Even if we extended the CDs to 5 years we would not earn much interest.
- Internal reconciliation between the Kirk Fund and the General Fund still is needed in the amount of about two thousand dollars. We discussed whether or not this reconciliation should be made now. We believe that we can only use the interest from the Kirk fund, not the principal, but there is limited information available as to the original amount of the Kirk principal. Allison moved, and Lynda seconded, that we do the internal reconciliation so everything is in order. Further discussion indicated that if we transfer the amount now, the Kirk checking account will be very low. Allison amended her motion to defer the transfer of money until we find out the actual amount of the Kirk Fund principal. We then discussed ways to research this information. Gerry has gone through old treasurer's logs but cannot find the actual number. We can possibly consult other members of the Killington Section. Allison has a briefcase full of meeting minutes to turn over to Gerry for more research.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Allison, seconded by Herb.

Special Shrewsbury Trip Report by guest Barb Griffith: Dave Hardy, GMC Director of Field Programs, and representatives from the US Forest Service went out in the Shrewsbury Peak area, including the Black Swamp Trail and around to the chimney. Dave will be reporting to the Trails and Shelters Committee of the Main Club. One of the Forest Service representatives has requested help with maintenance of trails in this area. It could eventually fall under our Section. Upon discussion, we feel that we could

come up with a sector checker but not be responsible for the actual maintenance, as we already have a lot of miles of trail to maintain.

Report from Wayne:

- Thank you to Tom for helping to represent the Killington Section at the Diamond Run Mall for the Eastern Mountain Sports (EMS) "Club Days" sale. EMS gave customers the twenty percent Club Days discount as long as they purchased at least \$50 worth of merchandise and gave \$10 to the Club. During the two-day sale Tom and Wayne together raised \$155 in donations for the Killington Section.
- We received a letter from Ruth Cooper Lamb who wants a copy of Bob Perkins' slide show. The slide show will also be shown at the ALDHA gathering. Copies of the DVD show can be purchased from PEG TV Channel 15.
- The 2011 Long Trail Festival will be held on Saturday, 6 August with a trail work day Sunday, 7 August.

Trails and Shelters report by co-chairs Herb and Wayne:

- Governor Clement Shelter is completely renovated with a new roof and new shingles. The site crew made a new bench out of saplings as well.
- The Governor's Gate is open for the hunting and snowmobile seasons.
- Herb will send a thank-you note to shelter adopter Roy Arthur.
- Bill Gwozdz, representing the GE Volunteers; Dave Hardy, GMC Director of Field Programs; and Doug Reeves of the U. S. Forest Service visited the Gould Brook crossing site between the Lower and Upper Cold River Roads in Shrewsbury. The cost for a bridge for this sometimes dangerous ford is astonishingly high for a Forest Service-designed bridge. Dave Hardy and the Forest Service representatives are skeptical of the suggested design to build a bridge just to the island; however a full span will be very long. We will keep in touch with the Main Club about this issue as a bridge is definitely needed. We discussed whether the ford should be mentioned in the guidebook or if a sign should be posted. A detour via a roadwalk is possible but it adds mileage.
- Wayne suggested that we add signage for the Governor Clement road – it is not in the ATC guidebook nor on their map, and AT hikers, especially South-Bounders, get confused because they think it is Upper Cold River road. Should we post a sign or map?
- Pico Camp needs substantial carpentry including a new door, steps, and maybe new bunks, as well as some

work underneath such as chicken wire to keep out the porkies. Do we have enough people for such a project on an upcoming Trail Work Day? Can we recruit a volunteer group, such as EMS or the carpentry students at Stafford?

- We do not know the time frame but Clarendon Shelter will eventually be removed or relocated because it is not on GMC or government property. We pointed out that it is still in good shape and it would be a shame to lose it.

Main Club Directors 25 September Meeting report by Allison, our alternate representative. [See Allison for more specific details.]

- Highlights: The GMC had a great Centennial year with many celebrations and projects by the Main Club and by the individual Sections. We got lots of publicity including the End-to-End Relay and Prickles the Porcupine on Facebook! It was a great field season as well with supersized efforts in many locations. Our book, *A Century in the Mountains*, received the Hathaway Award. The GMC community was saddened by loss of friend and Board member Dave Blumenthal. The Board appointed Lexi Shear to fill his post.
- The Main Club is working with an auditor. There are no major concerns with financial procedures or record-keeping.
- Lowell Wind Project: This was a major discussion at the Main Club meeting. Green Mountain Power has proposed a large-scale wind project on the Lowell Range. Turbines will be clearly visible from Belvidere Mountain and Tillotson Camp; as well as in view from much of the northern/central section of the Long Trail.
 - The Green Mountain Cub is NOT officially opposing the project. We are working to set a precedent and we are focusing on three points. (1) We want to consider the cumulative impact of multiple wind power projects; this is only one of what could eventually be many projects in view of the Long Trail. There is no statewide long-term energy plan. As individuals, we should be speaking with our legislators about a long-term energy plan for Vermont. (2) What are the plans for decommissioning the project? (3) How can the impact of the towers on the views from the Trail be minimized? At least nine of the towers are tall enough to require red blinking lights as per FAA regulations. Technology is available for lights that only turn on when a plane is detected.
 - We need to communicate these three points to the community for public relations purposes.

Additionally, the GMC is not focusing on the environmental impact of such a project as there are other groups already addressing this.

- A motion was passed to spend \$30,000 (including what has been spent so far) in addressing the Lowell Range project. This includes lawyer fees and an expert witness.
- Development Committee: The new Dave Blumenthal Education Endowment will provide long term funds for Trail-related educational projects.
- Other changes: There are some changes to committee appointments; job titles, and policy wording.

Outings report by Sue, Outing Coordinator:

- Outings have been very successful. As always, contact Sue if you wish to lead a hike or trip!

Other Business:

- General discussion of safety for group outings. What health information, if any, should we ask participants to provide? Some might be uncomfortable sharing personal information, but it is clearly a safety issue in some cases, such as asthma, diabetes, or an insect allergy. To our knowledge the Main Club has no specific policy and we do not require written sign-ups or waivers. We suggested that a group leader casually remind the group to mention any health problems to the leader in private at the start of the trip. We discussed that some leaders might be uncomfortable making this announcement, and that some participants might not wish to share. As always, we reminded ourselves that the group leader has the right to ask someone not to participate if they appear unable or ill equipped.
- Quilt Raffle tickets are still available and are still being sold at the Main Club headquarters.
- Our annual Fall Pot Luck will be on 20 November with a slid show on Archeology on the Long Trail.
- Our Section's Centennial will be on 4 October 2011. What can we do to celebrate? Suggestions: Exhibit in a vacant store front downtown. Old slides/photos. Killington Section Dinner. Find some of the original trail in our area. Allison is considering a backpacking trip of our section of the Long Trail.
- Will we have an event to commemorate Cooper Lodge before it is removed? We still have no tear-down date.
- The next board meeting is set for Tuesday, 1 February 2011 at Swards.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule Dec. 2010 – Feb. 2011

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

11 Dec., Saturday 9:00 A.M. LT/AT Mystery Hike, Killington Area Tom Copps, 774-5144

Destination and mileage will be determined by conditions. Snowshoes may be needed.

19 Dec., Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Hawk Hill – Old Brandon Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573

Explore the site of the original settlement of Brandon and an old cemetery

Easy to moderate, 4 miles.

9 Jan., Sunday, 9:00 A.M. The Ball, Arlington Larry Walter, 775-3855

Snowshoe or ski depending on conditions.

Moderate to difficult, 5 to 6 miles.

15 Jan., Saturday, 9:00 A.M. Wallingford Pond, Wallingford Tom Copps, 774-5144

Snowshoe or ski depending on conditions.

Moderate, 2.5 to 3 miles.

22 Jan., Saturday, 8:30 A.M. Bamforth Ridge, Bolton Allison Henry, 775-1627

Snowshoe on the Long Trail to Duxbury Window and Bamforth Ridge Shelter on the side of Camel's Hump.

Moderate, 6 miles.

29 Jan., Saturday, 9:00 A.M. High Pond, Sudbury Barb & Barry Griffith, 492-3573

Snowshoe and explore winter wildlife habitat at this pretty Nature Conservancy preserve.

Moderate, 4 to 5 miles.

6 Feb., Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Hot Dog Roast, Shrewsbury Steve & Roma Pulling, 773-6997

Join us at Minerva Hinchey Shelter on the Long Trail for our annual cookout. Bring your own hot dogs or whatever you want to roast over our campfire. Hot drinks will be provided. Snowshoes may be needed, and we'll have a short hike to work up an appetite.

12 Feb., Saturday, 9:00 A.M. Rail-Trail, W. Rupert Viv Bebee & Larry Walter, 775-3855

Snowshoe or walk, depending on conditions, on a rail-trail and old roads.

Moderate, 3 to 5 miles.

19 Feb., Saturday, 10:00 A.M. Rail-Trail, W. Pawlet Herb Ogden, 293-2510

Cross-country ski (or walk if Mother Nature doesn't cooperate; call leader to inquire) on the D & H Railroad route from West Pawlet, VT to Granville, NY.

Easy, 8 miles.

Note: Meet at 10:00 A.M. at the West Pawlet Post Office.

26 Feb., Saturday, 10:00 A.M. Tamarack Notch to Brewers Corners, Mendon Sue Thomas, 773-2185

Moderate snowshoe; about 4 miles.

5 March, Saturday, 8:30 A.M. Pharaoh Lake Wilderness, Chilson, NY Allison Henry, 775-1627

Explore ponds and forests. Snowshoes may be needed. It may be very wet.

Moderate, 5 to 6 miles.

Bob Perkins, Editor
6 Rachel Drive
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$40
Family \$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer \$22

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury - Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Smoke & Blazes

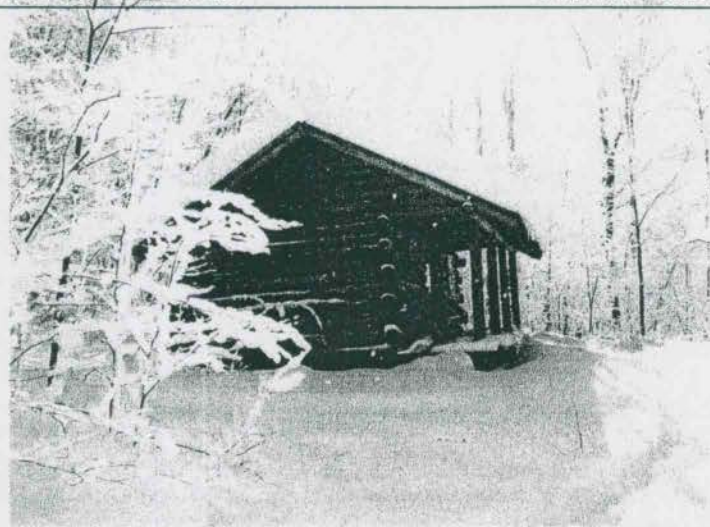
Volume 64, Number 1

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

February 2011



Killington Sectioneers kayak on Grafton Pond NH
August 22, 2010 with Terri Wilson



Spruce Peak Shelter January 22, 2011 on a trip
led by Allison Henry



Trooping down Mount Cardigan with Sue Thomas, October 3, 2010

Pictures of
Seasonal hiking
with the Killington
Section.

Smoke & Blazes
Newsletter of the
Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

Killington Section Directors

Term expires in:

2011 *Barry Griffith
" Allison Henry
" Sue Thomas
2012 *Wayne Krevetski
" Gerry Martin
" Herb Ogden
2013 Viv Bebee
" Tom Copps
" Steve Williams

* Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers

President Barry Griffith
Vice President Wayne Krevetski
Secretary Allison Henry
Treasurer Gerry Martin

Committee Chairs

History Bob Perkins
Outings Sue Thomas
Trails & Shelters Herb Ogden
and Wayne Krevetski

Delegates to GMC Board

Director Allison Henry
Alternate Steve Williams

Smoke & Blazes

Editor Viv Bebee
Assistant Editor Larry Walter
Photo Editor Tom Copps

Web Site

Web master Deborah Waggett

THANK YOU, EDITOR BOB PERKINS!
WELCOME, EDITOR VIV BEBEE!

One of the perks of being a Section President is that GMC provides you with courtesy copies of newsletters from the other Sections. I have presided over the Annual Meetings of the Killington Section since 2007. I have stated every year that our own *Smoke & Blazes* is the best GMC Section newsletter, bar none.

Praise for the quality of this publication over the past decade is properly bestowed upon our fine newsletter Editor, Bob Perkins. For ten years, every quarter Bob has solicited articles and reviewed photographs of Killington Section outings, new and old. Bob has gently reminded and patiently cajoled our hike and other leaders into submitting reports and articles in a (more or less) timely fashion. *Smoke & Blazes* has memorialized outings and provided our members with information about our Killington Section. More often than not, over the past decade the best articles were written by Bob himself.

Earlier this year, Bob advised our Board of Directors that it was time for him to back away from the time commitment required to serve as our newsletter Editor. We received this news with sadness, but also with extreme gratitude for the fine service Bob has provided in this post for ten years. Bob, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Vivian Bebee has stepped forward, and has agreed to serve as our new *Smoke & Blazes* Editor. Larry Walter will serve as her Assistant Editor and Tom Copps will serve as Photo Editor. Thank you, Viv – Larry and Tom. We are grateful to all of you!

Barry Griffith, Killington Section President

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Viv Bebee 14 Belmont Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-3855, lwalter@sover.net
Tom Copps 78 North Main Street, #3, Rutland, VT 05701, 774-5144, tcopps@sover.net
Barry Griffith 68 Griffith Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-3573, Griff2VT@Vermontel.net
Allison Henry 47 West St., #1, Rutland, VT 05701 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com
Wayne Krevetski 22 Roberts Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 282-2237 wkrevetski@hotmail.com
Gerry Martin 998 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-2244, gdmartin2020@yahooo.com
Herbert Ogden, 214 South End Road., Mt. Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net
Bob Perkins, 6 Rachel Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
Sue Thomas, 27 Clinton Ave., Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett, 21 Academy St., Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Steve Williams, 682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

Outing Reports

DEER LEAP, KILLINGTON, December 11, 2010, by Tom Copps, leader

This was to be our last trip to Deer Leap for the year. Our crew was myself, Larry Walter and the pair from Pawlet Steve Williams and Barbara O'Connor. We arrived at the LT-AT trailhead on US Route 4 at about 9:45 in the morning on a cold and overcast day. The snow cover was light so we settled for grippers instead of snowshoes and started out. Climbing steadily we arrived at Maine Junction in Willard Gap in due time. Continuing up the trail we had a short discussion as to whether we should proceed over the top of Deer Mountain. Short because none of us had any intention of doing any such fool thing! Having re-established our goals for the day we continued on around the north side of the mountain until we arrived at the Deer Leap Spur. Up we went, though not nearly as fast as we had been traveling of course. Slippery!

As everybody knows, when we finally achieved the rocks of Deer Leap Lookout the views were beautiful. We saw some snowmaking on Pico but the mountain also appeared to be covered with a good deal of natural snow. I seem to remember that eighteen inches had been reported on the backside the previous week by Larry and Dave. When we were satisfied with the view, we turned back, still not yet having eaten lunch. Larry went on ahead and picked out a large rock in the woods that served nicely as a table.

After lunch we descended via the spur, turned right, and quickly made our way to the Inn at the Long Trail. Here we spent an enjoyable hour conversing and sampling the beer, wine and snacks. Finally we walked back down the highway to the car, stowed our gear and returned to Rutland.

THE BALL, ARLINGTON, January 9, 2011, by Larry Walter, leader

I always tend to underestimate the time it takes to get a group of people up to a peak and back. We had a great turnout of 10 hikers, including myself. Dave and Nancy Hagelburg let us park in their woodlot where the trail takes off up Dry (never been known to) Brook. The temperature was just right given the grade. The hike is all on old logging roads, most of which could be walked without snowshoes, but once on top, post holing was not pleasant. I neglected to make sure that everyone had snowshoes when we left. That, coupled with our time growing short, prompted a 2:00 PM lunch on the ridge for five of us with the other five making it to the summit about fifteen minutes later. As luck would have it, the view was pretty much obscured by a pretty fair little snow squall, but it cleared up a bit when we were descending, affording a nice view back down through the drainage.

We walked through the southern portion of a 775-acre proposed acquisition by the Forest Service that I'd been working on for about 2 years. Looks like it might actually happen. I hope it does, because this drainage plus the three peaks in the area (including Spruce Peak and Grass Mountain) are just stunning. Word has it that the approach from the north is equally impressive, so that'll be one to recon in the spring. Hope to see you there for the official summer trip.

WALLINGFORD POND, January 15, 2011, by Tom Copps, leader

Early Saturday morning was cold and quiet. When I called Sue, she exclaimed "my God, do you know that it's four below!" However we met at the park as usual. By we I mean myself and Bob Perkins. The two of us made our way to East Wallingford where we met up with Steve and Barbara, for our final group of four. The drive up to the Wallingford Pond parking space was uneventful on a well-maintained plowed road and we set out at about 10 AM.

The conditions were beautiful. We quickly made our way to the junction at the pond area. A quick reconnoiter to the left brought us to the north half of what used to be called Spectacle Pond, where there is a small lunch area with a dilapidated homemade table. The pond was beautiful so we tested the ice a little bit. Everything seemed just fine.

We retraced our steps back to the junction and proceeded up the South side of the right "spectacle". The ice seemed fine under two feet of snow so we set out counterclockwise around the shore looking for the channel to the other "spectacle". At least that's what I was doing. The channel appeared in front of us as we rounded the east end of the pond. As Johnny Carson used to say, when you come to a fork in the trail take it. So we did. As I made my way around a tree that had tipped over into the channel I heard a small crack in the ice. When Barbara, our tail gunner, made the turn she said some water was coming up. The northern pond is much larger and more appealing. After a little confusion about where we should make landfall we made our way around the left shore back to the dilapidated picnic table for lunch.

As we were packing up, four snow machines arrived. We had a pleasant conversation with them although they were quite smelly. Barbara warned them about the slush anyway. Again we made our way back to the pond junction. As we regrouped we could hear what sounded like beagles running in the woods.

On our way back down the trail we met four more snow machines, so they are pretty active on these trails. No skiers. When we explored the area just after Christmas, we met a hunter with three beagles, another hunter with an old time single shot and a cross-country skier who had come up from the Belmont side. Certainly a more interesting group to meet on the trail I would say.

Although I was a little nervous in the morning about how it would all work out it was a great day and I am indebted to Bob, Steve and Barbara for making my "leadership" no work at all.

NOT BAMFORTH RIDGE, January 22, 2011, by Allison Henry, leader

I had scheduled a hike to Duxbury Window and Bamforth Ridge Shelter on the Long Trail north of Camel's Hump, but I watched the weather forecasts during the week prior to the trip with shivers of foreboding. With the highs expected to be in the single digits for the upcoming weekend, by mid-week I began walking the Long Trail in my brain, searching for a closer, more southerly and more sheltered destination for the expedition. (It would have been a very long drive for what could have been a miserable trip.) I even went so far as to actually look at the Long Trail map and suddenly, There It Was, shining like a beacon....Spruce Peak Shelter. Shorter drive to be home to a warm house sooner? Check. Less northerly? Check. Sheltered? Check check! Less-exposed trail AND an enclosed shelter. Even with the potential for sub-zero temperatures we had five participants, including yours truly, two more crazy diehards, a Herb, and a new guy (plus his well-mannered terrier mix). An added bonus: the trailhead on Rt 11 and 30 was already plowed from the previous night's snowfall, due to snowmobiler use in the winter. After a treacherous crossing of the highway (Flatlanders in SUVs!), the snowy woods welcomed us with open limbs. Hilarity ensued soon after entering the woods... as I spoke proudly of the convenient ratcheting feature on my snowshoe bindings, I fell over backwards, covering myself from head to toe in fluffy snow. Luckily (?????), it was too cold for the snow to melt on me. Other than the landshark-shaped hole marring the flawless snow, the scenery was perfect. The best winter conditions I've ever seen. Every single branch and twig was covered with a light layer of fluffy snow. There was new snow cover on the Trail itself, a foot deep or so, but clearly people had been there two or three snowfalls ago. Larry broke trail most of the way in his MSR Denalis (without the tails!). We only had a few instances of "losing" the white blazes but we knew the general direction of the Trail anyhow. I believe the temperature ended up in the low teens, warmer than expected, but lunch was still a bit chilly even in the enclosed shelter. The wood stove was tempting but we resisted—otherwise by the time we got it going, we would've had to leave. After lunch, it was a quick walk out on our packed trail.

By the way, has anyone seen Tom? He insisted on going to Bamforth Ridge despite the cold. When we got to the trailhead, he headed north instead of south. He is probably nearly to Camel's Hump by now....

HOT DOG ROAST, February 6, 2011, by Roma Pulling, leader

"Seems like old times..."

And it was very much like old times except when your leader, in a "senior moment," filled the Section's pack basket with ingredients for hot beverages and other goodies and left it sitting in her dinette at home. For that I am extremely sorry. Of course that backfired, didn't it? I was one of those who endured the winter outing with no hot beverage. Strangely, following a day of unpleasant surprises, we had good weather. We experienced mostly cloudy weather with a few glimpses of blue sky and acceptable driving conditions. The road from Route 103 to Spring Lake Ranch, which can be tricky at times, had been well-plowed and sanded.

Eight of us met at the park that morning and were met by two more at the parking area at the ranch. Three joined us later at our meeting spot, Minerva Hinchey Shelter. While Steve and I stayed at the shelter to get things set up and a fire going over which we would soon cook our hot dogs and sausages, the rest of the group went for a short snowshoe hike in the area. What really added a festive touch to the occasion was when three old-timers who, like myself, who don't hike as

much as they used to, were able to join us: Rob and Sue Carey and Jerry Parker. And I was grateful that everyone was so gracious when I fell down on the job. Thank you.

WEST RUPERT (BUSHWACK/RAIL TRAIL), February 12, 2011, by Viv Bebee/Larry Walter, leaders

Our little group consisted of stalwarts, Tom Copps and Sue Thomas. (Larry was included in case we needed any trail breaking, ditch digging or tree maiming). The day was overcast and cold with a bit of wind, adding up to a nice mix of winter elements. The sun tried to peak though a couple times. We parked our car at Georgia Bebee's house (Viv's mom) and walked from there north on Mill Road to the rail trail. We crossed the brook on the rail trail bridge, put on our snowshoes, left the rail trail, shoed across a small meadow to begin climbing a steep little woods road that wound up the east side of the hill. Several turkeys had used the same route. After we reached a point where the road swung more to the northeast, we turned northwest instead and made our own trail, passing several deer beds. A narrow window in a pucker brush patch brought us out onto the top of the hill. Viv pointed out a large bird's nest on the way up. The summit afforded a nice opening from where we could see the West Rupert valley south/southeast, including Mother Myrick, Antone Mountain, Masters Mountain and west to Salem, NY. While standing on top of the hill enjoying the view, we noticed a large bird floating across the valley. It was close enough to see a white tail and head with a dark body. Looked like a bald eagle to us!

From the summit, another woods road dropped steeply off the southwest flank of the hill and then wound around to the west, crossing open fields, coming down to Cross Road (not maintained in the winter). On the side of the road, we noticed feather remains of a grouse. When we left Cross Road a short distance further up the road, Sue happened to cross over the fence near a stump-dump and noticed the entrance to a fox den. Perhaps the likely predator.

We snowshoed across a few more open fields and rolling hills, having lunch near the top of a wooded ridge. Then we headed southerly across the ridge and spotted a rather large, quarried stone marker about four feet tall with a pointed top but no markings, unless they were under the snow by the base. Continuing on to another open hill-top, we had a great view of West Rupert Village. For such an easy (Larry says) hike, there are several excellent views along the way. A quick 10 minutes down the other side of this last hill and across a meadow brought us out to the Cross Road Bridge over the brook. We picked up the rail trail again just off the bridge and worked our way back to the Bebee residence, where Viv's mom had some freshly-baked brownies to share. Good company, beautiful snow, great views . . . all adding up to a very nice day.

Killington Section Directors' Meeting

Minutes of Directors' Meeting

February 1, 2011

By Allison Henry, Secretary

Present: President Barry Griffith, VP Wayne Krevetski, Secretary Allison Henry, Treasurer Gerry Martin; Directors Sue Thomas, Herb Ogden, Tom Copps, Viv Bebee; friend Bob Perkins.

Meeting convened at 6:20 pm at Swards Restaurant, Rutland.

Minutes approved from 10/5/2010 (motion by Herb; seconded by Wayne).

Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Gerry. Contact Gerry for a copy and/or for more details. Highlights:

- Funds received from the quilt raffle (which will then be donated to the Main Club) and from donations from Club Days held at Eastern Mountain Sports last fall
- We had an increase in membership funds after the first of this year

•No changes in issues brought up at our last few meetings: we have not yet decided to do an internal reconciliation between our checking account and the Kirk fund. Also, our cds still have very little yield but no one is offering a decent rate so we'll continue to roll them over where they are for now.

The Treasurer's report was accepted by the Board (motion by Herb, seconded by Wayne).

Lynda Hutchins, our liaison to the Main Club, was not present due to weather but she submitted a written report to Barry. Barry gave us a brief summary of Lynda's report from the last Main Club meeting which was held on January 22, 2011. Contact Lynda for a written copy. Highlights:

•Our intervenor status in the proposed Lowell Range wind project has been keeping the Main Club very busy with public meetings, hearings, and research; legal and consulting fees are also contributing to financial challenges of Club. \$20,400 has already been used of the \$30K sum already approved by the Board

•Concerns about what funding sources will be like this year—stimulus money, statue funds, etc.

•The new Marketing Committee is addressing topics such as: overuse of the Trail in some areas; brand awareness ("GMC" vs. "LT"); technology use in the woods.

•Lynda was appointed as a Main Club director at large to fill a vacancy (another director had resigned)

[Motions made, seconded and approved to appoint Allison Henry as the Killington Section director to the Main Club and Steve Williams as the alternate. -Ed.]

Bob Perkins announced that he will be retiring from his position as Smoke & Blazes editor sooner than anticipated (he had previously shared this news in an email to the Directors several weeks ago). [Discussion regarding transition to a new editor. -Ed.] The Board thanked Bob for his ten (ten!) years of service.

The Killington Section's own 100-year anniversary will be this October. [Discussion regarding events to commemorate this occasion. -Ed.]

A Trails and Shelters report was presented by co-chairs Wayne and Herb. Highlights:

•the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) is trying to get the entire Appalachian Trail recognized as a National Historic Site. This is something that would be done "section by section." The Vermont section of the AT had been suggested as a possible "test case" but the GMC is not sure that this would be ideal. We are still working on easements with some landowners. However, being on the Historic registry would give the Trail better legal standing in the face of development such as wind towers or ski areas. Any cost associated with this transition would be covered by the ATC.

•The Main Club is working on a 5-year plan for improvements and renovations to shelters

•Pico Camp could be the Rutland Long Trail Festival's Hard Core project for Sunday of the festival, if the Festival's board approves the project. A question then arose as to whether Pico and Killington still plan to build a connector trail between the two ski areas. When this was proposed years ago, it was slated to go right past the front door of Pico Camp. No one on the Board has heard anything for sure, especially recently, about the resort areas' plans. We discussed what improvements to Pico Camp were necessary, and it was suggested that we attempt to find out what the ski areas plan to do in the near future.

•There are still no official plans for a bridge at Gould Brook

Other Business:

•[Discussion regarding possible new location for our pot lucks and Annual Meeting. -Ed.]

•Allison asked what constitutes true volunteer hours for reporting purposes to the Main Club: only actual trail work, or also leading hikes, etc. Barry said that volunteer hours would include everything: trail work, leading hikes, and even board meetings.

•We have a new Sector Checker for the Canty Trail

•Does anyone have photos of the original Long Trail Lodge?

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 (motion by Allison, seconded by Herb)

(For complete transcript of the above Minutes, contact Allison Henry.)

This n' That

--GMC Board News: The Board of Directors of the Killington Section appoints one of our members as our representative to the Green Mountain Club Board of Directors. Each of the other Sections similarly designates a GMC Director. General or at-large Directors elected by GMC members round out the main Club Board. I am happy to report that two Killington Section members are now serving on the GMC Board of Directors. Last month the GMC Board appointed LYNDA HUTCHINS, who has ably served as our Killington Section representative, to fill its vacant at-large Director position. The Killington Section Board thereafter promptly appointed our Board member (and Secretary) ALLISON HENRY to serve as our Killington Section delegate to the GMC Board. I believe that all concerned are pleased with this development -- I know I am! Allison has much to offer at the GMC Board level. The GMC will now have the benefit of Allison's talents and energy, while at the same time retaining Lynda's skills and expertise. Come to our Killington Section Annual Meeting and congratulate them both!

Barry Griffith, Killington Section President

--Celebrate Our Killington Section Centennial!!! The meeting in Burlington that established the Green Mountain Club on March 11, 1910 is well memorialized. We properly celebrated the centennial of GMC's founding throughout 2010. Sections were established in the months and years that followed GMC's founding, to pursue work on the Long Trail at a local level. Our Section was organized in Rutland on October 4, 1911. Thus, this year the Killington Section turns 100 -- good cause for further celebration!

We discussed events to recognize this anniversary at our recent Section Board meeting. Wayne and Kathy Krevetski have volunteered to organize a celebratory dinner at the Long Trail Inn on June 4 -- National Trails Day. Allison Henry plans to organize a summer hike through the part of the Long Trail maintained by our Section -- perhaps Prickles can be persuaded to join us! A celebration around an autumn potluck also seems in order -- either on Tuesday, October 4, or as part of the annual deer hunting season get-together.

The Killington Section's 100th Annual Meeting will be held at the Godnick Center on March 26. Come join us, hear what we have in mind, and tell us how you would like to celebrate Killington's centennial year.

Barry Griffith, Killington Section President

--EMS Club Days, April 8 and 9 (discounts for GMC members)

Viv Bebee, Editor
14 Belmont Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$40
Family \$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer..... \$22

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___trail work, ___shelter work, ___sign making, ___publications, ___leading outings, ___publicity, ___education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury - Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule**March – May 2011**

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

5 March, Saturday, 8:30 A.M.,**Pharaoh Lake Wilderness, Chilson, NY****Allison Henry 775-1627**

Explore ponds and forests. Snowshoes may be needed. It may be very wet.

Moderate, 5 to 6 miles

13 March, Sunday, 9:00 A.M..**The Dome, Pownal****Larry Walter 775-3855**

Snowshoes are required for this climb to a viewpoint in the Taconic range.

Difficult, 7 miles

20 March, Sunday, 9:00 A.M.**Ludlow Mountain, Mount Holly****Barb and Barry Griffith 492-3573**

We will climb via the Healdville Trail to the summit fire tower with views of the major peaks in Southern Vermont. Some steep climbing - 1,900 feet elevation gain. Snowshoes may be needed. Moderate, 6 miles.

26 March, Saturday, 6:00 P.M.,**Killington Section Annual Meeting****Sue Thomas 773-2185**

Bring a dish to share and your own place setting for a pot luck supper, followed by a short business meeting and election of officers. All are welcome!

NEW LOCATION: Godnick Senior Center, Deer Street, Rutland

27 March, Sunday, 10:00 A.M.,**Grandpa's Knob, Castleton****Tom Copps 774-5144**

Climb to the site of the State's first municipal wind turbine, erected in the 1940's; great views in all directions of the Greens, the Adirondacks and the Taconics; elevation gain 1,000 feet. Moderate, 3 miles

2 April, Saturday, 9:00 A.M.,**Snake Mountain, Addison****Allison Henry 775-1627**

Climb to the site of a ca.1870 hotel – gone now, but the sweeping view of Lake Champlain and the Adirondack Mountains are well worth the hike; 900 feet elevation gain. Moderate, 4 miles

9 April, Saturday, 9:00 A.M. (rain date April 10),**Hamilton Falls, Jamaica****Sue Thomas 773-2185**

Hike on the old roadbed of the former West River Railroad along the river and up to the Falls, at Jamaica State Park. Optional extra hike to Ball Mountain Dam. Moderate, 4 miles

16 April, Saturday 10:00 A.M.-2:30 p.m., Section Leaders Forum,**GMC Headquarters, Waterbury Contact Main Club for details.****244-7037 ext. 24**

The Club is hosting this meeting in order for members to exchange information on trail maintenance, outings and promotion.

17 April, Sunday,**Mystery Hike****Diane Bargiel 413-687-1109**

The leader will choose a destination. Call for meeting place and time.

7 May, Saturday, 9:00 A.M.,

Long Trail Spring Cleaning

Herb Ogden 293-2510

All are welcome to join us for our annual cleanup and maintenance, preparing the trail for the summer hiking season. We will clear waterbars, trim brush and cut blowdowns on the lower elevation stretches. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes and lunch. Tools will be provided. Have fun while doing a good deed.

14 May, Saturday, 9:00 A.M.,

Spring Wildflowers and Birds

Connie Youngstrom 492-3502

A short hike to identify the wildflowers and birds of the area. Bring binoculars, fieldguides and bug repellent.

15 May, Sunday, 9:30 A.M.,

Winona Lake, Bristol

Larry Walter and Viv Bebee 775-3855

Canoe or kayak on this beautiful, small lake (a/k/a Bristol Pond), with abundant bird life.

21 May, Saturday, 10:00 A.M.,

Relive the Patch Hollow Horror, Cuttingsville

Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573

How time flies – it's the 180th anniversary of the dastardly deed, and we will hike to the scene of the crime to commemorate the occasion (grass skirts optional).
Moderate, 3.5-4 miles

28 May, Saturday, 9:00 A.M. (rain date May 29)

Lye Brook Falls, Manchester

Sue Thomas 773-2185

Climb gradually to one of Vermont's highest waterfalls, in the Lye Brook Wilderness.
Moderate, 4.5 miles

4 June, Saturday, 9:00 A.M.

National Trails Day, Long Trail Maintenance

Herb Ogden 293-2510

Volunteers all over the country will be out clearing brush and waterbars, cutting blowdowns and painting blazes, readying the trail for the summer hiking season. Join us to work on our local treasure, the Long/Appalachian Trail. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes and lunch. Tools will be provided.

10-12 June, Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting, Plymouth

Hosted by the Ottauquechee Section at Camp Plymouth State Park, with activities, meals and hikes planned in addition to the meeting itself. For details and registration information, see the Long Trail News or check the website - greenmountainclub.org.

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 64, Number 2

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

June 2011



Steve Williams, Barbara O'Connor and Bob Perkins
on Wallingford Pond, February 15



Allison in her Rabbit Hat
at High Pond, January 29



The Annual hot dog roast at Minerva Hinchey
hosted by Roma Pulling, February 6



Larry Walter, Tom Cops and Herb Ogden on the way
to Spruce Peak Shelter with Allison Henry, January 22



Annual Meeting, March 26

Steve Williams, Jennifer Wright GMNF, Gerry Martin, Herb Ogden, Wayne Krevetski, Allison Henry, Sue Thomas, Tom Cops

Killington Section Directors:

Term expiration 2012

Wayne Krevetski*

Gerry Martin

Herb Ogden

Term expiration 2013

Viv Bebee

Tom Copps

Steve Williams

Term expiration 2014

Allison Henry

Sue Thomas*

*Second consecutive 3-year term. Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers:

Wayne Krevetski President

Steve Williams Vice President

Allison Henry Secretary

Gerry Martin Treasurer

Committee Chairs:

Bob Perkins History

Sue Thomas Outings

Herb Ogden Trails & Shelters

Wayne Krevetski Trails & Shelters

Delegates to GMC Board:

Allison Henry Director

Steve Williams Alternate

Smoke & Blazes:

Viv Bebee Editor

Larry Walter Assistant Editor

Tom Copps Photo Editor

Web Site:

Deborah Waggett Web Master

THANK YOU

This, my first newsletter note as President, will be a note of thanks. The first thank you goes to the Killington Board of Directors for their trust in me to appoint me as your president for the coming year. I will not let you down.

My second thank you goes out to the folks who stepped up to represent the Section at the EMS Club Days event in April. Allison, Henry, Tom Copps and Herb Ogden gave there time to put a face on the Green Mountain Club, Killington Section, and Long Trail. Their efforts earned the Section \$140.00 in donations and a new member. Aside from the monetary gain, the importance of sharing our love for and commitment to the trail with others and, hopefully, igniting the same fire and commitment in them cannot be overstated. The future of the Trail and the other wild places we currently enjoy depends on developing an understanding and respect for those places with the youth who will be responsible for their care in the years to come.

The weather is changing and the black flies will soon be gone. Lets go for a hike and take a friend with you.

Wayne Krevetski, Killington Section President

IN MEMORIAM

We sadly note the passing of our friend, John Little. John was an avid hiker and along with his dog/hiking partner, Sammi, was an active participant in Killington Section outings. John's quiet good humor will be greatly missed, and we extend our sincere condolences to Betty and all the family.

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Viv Bebee	14 Belmont A venue, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-3855, lwalter@sover.net
Tom Copps	78 North Main Street, #Apt. 3, Rutland, VT 05701, 774-5144, tcopps@sover.net
Allison Henry	47 West St., Apt. #1, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com
Wayne Krevetski	22 Roberts Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 282-2237, wkrevetski@hotmail.com
Gerry Martin	998 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-2244, gdmartin2020@yahooo.com
Herbert Ogden	214 South End Road, Mount Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net
Bob Perkins	6 Rachel Drive, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
Sue Thomas	27 Clinton Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett	21 Academy Street, Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Steve Williams	682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

This n' That

GMC Annual Meeting: June 10-12, hosted by Ottauquechee Section at Camp Plymouth State Park, with activities, meals and hikes planned in addition to the meeting itself. For details and registration information, see the Spring *LTN* or check www.greenmountainclub.org.

Killington Section Board Meeting: June 21st, 6:00 p.m. at Seward's Restaurant, North Main Street.

PLEASE!!!!!! Viv Bebee and Larry Walter will be on vacation the end of August through first week of September. The next issue of *Smoke & Blazes* must be ready for the printer no later than August 19th. It would be so helpful if, when you lead a hike, you could send us your hike report shortly thereafter, as well as any other items you want included in the next issue. Sue Thomas will also need new hikes for the hike schedule sooner. If not, the September issue will not be going out until the end of September. Thanks for your help.

GMC Trail Committee Meeting: April 14, PM at Waterbury Headquarters.

Attendees: Larry Walter, Jen Wright (USFS employees), Herb Ogden, Wayne Krevetski, Dave Coppock. Several topics were discussed, but our primary reason for attending this meeting was to reaffirm the GMC policy of blazing trails to achieve "inter-visibility" between the same. The use of the trail has progressed steadily towards a 4-season form of recreation. This has made it very difficult to find a snow covered path in certain sections, one being the popular stretch running south from Route 73. Dave Coppock and I will probably plan a general maintenance day for this segment (along with others) when we'll bring the blazing up to standard. Any volunteer painters? LW

Outing Reports

TAMARACK NOTCH, BREWERS CORNERS, February 26, 2011, by Sue Thomas, leader

One of this snowy season's big dumps having occurred overnight, we decided not to assume any parking would be available at the Notch so early and opted for a snowshoe up the Bucklin Trail to the bridge instead. This had the added benefit of no snowmobiles, making for a much more peaceful hike, and the new snow sparkling in the sun was a treat.

When we had almost reached the bridge, we looked back to see a late arrival – our shortest Killington Section member, Burdock Parker, was barreling gamely through the powder. No easy feat when the snow is deeper than you are tall. He was pleased to find that he had arrived just in time for lunch, probably his goal all along.

After lunch, we decided it was too pretty to go home, so continued on up the trail for a bit before turning back, making way now and then for back-country skiers coming down from Killington. Alas, no one seemed lost, which was a bit of a disappointment. We had looked forward to pointing them toward the long walk out to Route 4. Yes, we are evil!

THE DOME, POWNAL, March 13, 2011, by Larry Walter, leader

The weather report was awful, but two other fools, er GMC'ers showed up at the park. It's a long drive to Pownal, so we decided to come up with something closer and relatively wimpy. Seeing as how Sue was the only one with a car, Tom and I piled into the venerable "Bob" and took a quick run over to Pine Hill Park. The hike/shoe up through the park was nice and quiet, with just a couple others out on the trails. Gas saved: check. Hiked some winter fat off: check. Put a couple more miles on Bob: check. It's nice hiking with good people, just about in any weather.

COY HILL RD AND BUXTON RD., MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS, April 17, 2011, by Diane Bargiel, leader

Mud and rainy season had arrived, so come Sunday morning of our scheduled hike, there was a real concern about the weather and the temperature. Storms north of Route 4 had been predicted, and as I walked out on my back deck, I could literally see the dividing line above my own yard (the north side of which had nasty clouds and the south had more puffy clouds with some visible sky).

I called folks to see if they were going to take a chance. Barry, Barb, Sue, Tom, and Larry were the hearty souls that morning who listened to me as I said something about there being no rain at all above East Poultney, and the word from Middletown Springs shared the same news. On top of that, the temperature was comfortable.

So, everyone got in their cars to meet me, even though it had been pouring in Rutland and Shrewsbury all morning long. Imagine how I felt then, when I drove out of my garage about 15 minutes prior to the meeting time and was hit with sprinkling raindrops that turned into a steady rain. I was sweating it out that I'd have a bunch of folks a little annoyed with me, but luckily, everyone was in good humor and by the time we hit the trail-head, so-to-speak, the rain had stopped and I didn't get strung up for mucking up people's day. Phew!

The six-mile loop on dirt roads was lovely and included an alpaca farm (which is the site of the original Coy homestead), streams, signs of a dog-sled trail, beautiful views, a mix of conifers and budding hardwoods that were in the beginning stages of their spring awakenings, and an uphill and a downhill that gave us a nice balanced workout. By the way, the uphill climb on the west side of Coy Hill is more gradual than the east side.

We finished with a meal at *Sissy's Kitchen* on her front porch on Route 140 just past the intersection with Route 133 where we had originally gathered. Then we checked out the cemetery across the street where we read some very dark and ominous grave stones from the 18th and 19th centuries. I don't know about the rest of the gang, but I'm glad that I didn't live around those folks!

It ended up being a fun and nourishing walk without any rain. Many thanks to the gang for being such good sports and good company.

BOTANY AND BIRDING AT SHAW MOUNTAIN, BENSON, May 14, 2011, by Connie Youngstrom, leader

Our group of seven was just the perfect size for a slow-paced ramble on the footpath at Shaw Mountain. This Nature Conservancy preserve is host to a wide array of spring wildflowers and many rare plants. We could comfortably gather in close to observe the plants growing at our feet or crane our necks while searching for an elusive songbird in the greening treetops. Thankfully, the forecasted rain held off until we returned to our cars at the trailhead, even though the skies remained dark and brooding and the air cool. Highlights for plants included Purple Virgin's Bower, a rare little Wild Clematis that is at its northern most reach at Shaw Mountain. Ironically, one of the rambling vines draped lavishly over an invasive honeysuckle shrub. Not far away, an interesting double form of White Trillium was spotted. It sported six sepals and six leaves rather than the usual three. Barb aptly renamed it "sexillium" and took some excellent photos of the plant. The usual list of spring flowers – Dutchman's Breeches, Squirrel Corn, many Violet species, Barren Strawberry, and more. A partial list of the birds heard or seen included Ovenbird, American Redstart, Black-Throated, Green, Black, White and Yellow Warblers, Common Yellowthroat, Swamp Sparrow, Ruffed Grouse, Tufted Titmouse, Red-Bellied Woodpecker, Baltimore Oriole, Wood Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Eastern Wood Pewee, Red-Eyed Vireo, Cardinal, Rose-Breasted Grosbeak, Yellow-Throated Vireo, Scarlet Tanager and Great-Crested Flycatcher, just to name a few! A nice look at a Garter Snake, several Red Efts, an America Toad and an unseen Northern Grey Tree Frog that screamed from a treetop.

LYE BROOK FALLS, MANCHESTER, May 30, 2011, by Sue Thomas, leader

Our appointed day dawned stormy
The rain date, it was worse,
We settled then on Monday,
And woke to rain, of course.

As dark clouds loomed above the ridge
With forecast grim and wet,
We slathered on the bug spray,
And to the falls we set.

And there we found a wondrous sight-
Not of the falls I speak,
But lo, the sun, that yellow thing,
Gone AWOL all last week!

The blue sky went right to our heads,
The hike out, oh so merry,
We just had to share our joy,
With Messrs. Ben and Jerry.

Viv Bebee, Editor
14 Belmont Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$40
Family \$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer..... \$22

Contact us for information on life memberships
and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___trail work, ___shelter work, ___sign making, ___publications, ___leading outings, ___publicity, ___education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury - Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC OUTING SCHEDULE JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2011

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station off Center Street in Rutland City. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

18 June, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Baker Peak, Mt. Tabor

Tom Copps 774-5144

Climb to a viewpoint on Baker Peak via the Lake Trail. Some steep climbing – 2,350 feet elevation gain. Moderate, 5.6 miles.

25 June, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

LT and Old Roads, Shrewsbury

Herb Ogden 293-2510

We will follow the Long Trail north from Route 103 to the beacon north of the Lottery Road, then return via old roads and a little bushwhacking past the Bullard Cemetery. Moderate, 6 miles.

2 July, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Big Branch to Old Job, Mt. Tabor

Sue Thomas 773-2185

Hike along Ten Kilns Brook to the site of a once-thriving logging community and a real big pile of sawdust. Moderate, 3.5 miles, with option to go further along the brook.

9 July, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Otter Creek Paddle, Clarendon

Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573

A moderate-length paddle for canoes or kayaks. Meet at Sears parking lot.

16 July, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Mount Hanley, West Rutland

Tom Copps 774-5144

You see it every day from Rutland. Join us for a climb to the top. Some steep climbing, a little bushwhacking and great views. Moderate, 4 miles.

23 July, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

Buck Mountain, Fort Ann, NY

Sue Thomas 773-2185

Climb to a beautiful rocky summit with garnet crystals and a stunning view of Lake George and the Adirondack Mountains. Moderate, 4.6 miles.

31, July, Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Shaftsbury State Park, Shaftsbury

Viv Bebee & Larry Walter 775-3855

Paddle for canoes or kayaks, hike, swim, picnic. Something for everyone to relax and enjoy. Lake Shaftsbury is small, so an easy paddle. Hiking on Healing Springs Nature Trail, which goes around the Lake also crosses over Hemlock Island via bridges. Small fee for use of State Park will be charged per car. If poor weather is predicted for Sunday and Saturday looks better, we will do this on July 30 instead. Call leaders.

5-7, August, Friday-Sunday

100th Anniversary Event – Backpack the Killington Section

Allison Henry 775-1627

Celebrate our milestone by hiking the entire 23 miles of the Killington Section. Call leader by August 1st for details and to reserve a space.

20 August, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Haystack Mountain, Pawlet

Steve Williams 645-9529

We will climb to the summit for a spectacular view of the Mettawee River Valley and soaring hawks and falcons. Some steep climbing. Moderate, 4-5 miles.

14 August, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Rattlesnake Point, Salisbury

Larry Water 775-3855

Hike to spectacular views of Lake Dunmore and Silver Lake from a series of comfortable ledges on the south flank of Mt. Moosalamoo. Our route will begin at the most northerly trailhead for the Falls of Lana. The bridge has been replaced above the Falls, so the hike will be relatively short. 1,100 feet elevation gain. Moderate, 4.5 miles.

27 August, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Paddle the Poultney River

Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573

A relaxing paddle along the scenic Vermont/New York border. Easy, 5 miles. Rain date August 28. Meet at Sears parking lot.

THURSDAY HIKE SCHEDULE

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of hikes for those who wish to enjoy their outings at a less strenuous pace. The hikes typically cover two to four miles, involve limited to moderate elevation gain, and try to avoid treacherous footing. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Meet on **Thursdays at 9 am** at the Godnick Center on Deer Street to car pool. We return in early to mid-afternoon. Call hike leaders if you have questions. All are welcome.

June 9 Eshqua Bog Nature Area, Hartland; Mt. Peg, Woodstock

Reneé Warren 747-4466

Visit this wildflower and bog plant sanctuary (Lady's Slippers!), then hike Mt. Peg.

June 23 Chaffee Falls, Pittsford

Edith Kellogg 775-1246

This woodland walk along Furnace Brook ends at a lovely waterfall. Moderate.

July 7 Trail Around Middlebury, Middlebury

Tom Copps 774-5144

Leader will select an interesting section of the TAM.

July 21 Deer Leap, Killington

Lyn/Jerry Ash 775-3481

Climb the Deer Leap trail to both overlooks. Excellent views! Moderate.

Aug. 4 Lily Pond, Bomoseen

Tom Copps 774-5144

Hike past beaver dams and old slate quarries to remote pond. Moderate.

Aug. 18 Cookout – Gifford Woods, Killington

Ann Perry 236-1780

(free admission w/Green Mt. Passport*) Bring something to cook over our campfire. Enjoy a short hike or just relax.

***Age 62?** Obtain your lifetime Green Mountain Passport for \$2 at your Town Clerk's Office.

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 64, Number 3

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

September 2011



Uh-Oh Prickles got into Allyson's pack!



Cheryl Martin and Barry performing the Patch Hollow Tragedy.



"You are here" in Merck Forest



Larry Walter at Chittenden Brook.



The latest in rain fashion at Spring Lake

Happy Centennial Killington Section!



The new Old Job Bridge. Massive wooden girders!

Killington Section Directors:

Term expiration 2012

Wayne Krevetski*

Gerry Martin

Herb Ogden

Term expiration 2013

Viv Bebee

Tom Copps

Steve Williams

Term expiration 2014

Allison Henry

Sue Thomas*

Dave Coppock

*Second consecutive 3-year term. Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers:

Wayne Krevetski President

Steve Williams Vice President

Allison Henry Secretary

Gerry Martin Treasurer

Committee Chairs:

Bob Perkins History

Sue Thomas Outings

Herb Ogden Trails & Shelters

Wayne Krevetski Trails & Shelters

Delegates to GMC Board:

Allison Henry Director

Steve Williams Alternate

Smoke & Blazes:

Viv Bebee Editor

Larry Walter Assistant Editor

Tom Copps Photo Editor

Web Site:

Deborah Waggett Web Master

Editor's Note: If you would rather receive Smoke & Blazes by email, please contact me. Thank you.

NEW MEMBER

Hi to all fellow members of the GMC. My name is Paul Norton and I am the proud father of Allison Norton. I recently became a GMC member this past March. Unfortunately, my hikes are limited to 2-mile walks through my South Buffalo neighborhood two or three times a week. I do look forward to hiking the woods of upstate NY every Fall during deer season. I am proud of Allison and her husband, Phil, and all of their accomplishments. The pictures they send me make me want to be there with you guys. This is just a little note to say "Hi" from a proud new member of the GMC.

Paul V. Norton
Buffalo, NY

**Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>**

Viv Bebee	14 Belmont Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-3855, lwalter@sover.net
Dave Coppock	21 Engrem Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5968, dscoppock@gmail.com
Tom Copps	78 North Main Street, #Apt. 3, Rutland, VT 05701, 774-5144, tcopps@sover.net
Allison Henry	47 West St., Apt. #1, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com
Wayne Krevetski	22 Roberts Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 282-2237, wkrevetski@hotmail.com
Gerry Martin	998 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-2244, gdmartin2020@yahooo.com
Herbert Ogden	214 South End Road, Mount Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net
Bob Perkins	6 Rachel Drive, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
Sue Thomas	27 Clinton Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett	21 Academy Street, Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Steve Williams	682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

This n' That

100-Year Celebration

Will Wiquist, new CEO of the Green Mountain Club, was the guest speaker at the 100th year anniversary celebration of the Killington Section, held on June 4, 2011 at the Inn at Long Trail. Over 30 club members attended the GMC benefit dinner, hosted by Patty and Murray McGrath of the Inn at Long Trail.

With help from research done by past president, Barry Griffith, of Shrewsbury, Will reviewed the early days of the Killington Section and how the Killington Section came to be.

The following is a synopsis prepared by Killington Section member, Kathleen Krevetski, of Will's presentation that evening:

In 1911, the Vermont Magazine noted a meeting on October 4th of that year that was organized by Margaret Clement where Green Mountain Club President, James P. Taylor, talked about the work and projects of the Green Mountain Club, with the result that the 25 people in attendance that night organized the Killington section, just one year after the founding of the Club. By 1913, with the Killington section on board, the Long trail stretched from Killington Peak to Smugglers Notch. From 25 members in 1911 to 245 Killington Section members 100 years later, the Green Mountain Club today has grown to over 10,000 members worldwide.

For over one hundred years, the Green Mountain Club has been working to build and then maintain and promote the Long Trail and other hiking trails in Vermont. Will acknowledged the Killington Section has been an essential part of this organization. When the Green Mountain Club was first established at a meeting in Burlington in 1910, the first donation to the club was \$100 from Mr. M.E. Wheeler of Rutland. Rutland County was the home of the Club from 1917 through 1978. Right there at the top of Sherburne Pass, Killington, Mortimer Proctor took the lead in paying for the famous Long Trail Lodge, which served as the Club's central meeting place and home since 1923. The Lodge incorporated mossy rocks and used birch wood throughout, which eventually became such a popular tourist attraction that it was transferred to private management and unfortunately burned down in 1968.

It was in that Lodge that the Club celebrated completion of the Long Trail in 1931. The Club later moved its offices first to downtown Rutland, then to Montpelier and eventually to Waterbury where we make our home today.

There is something special about the Long Trail that has inspired dedication and sacrifice from Vermonters and non-Vermonters for more than 100 years. Will said for him it is the quiet breeze on the mountain tops, the exhilaration of seeing a splendid view, the sense of accomplishment one gets from besting a tough trail and working with others on a common mission. Like so many, Will admitted that when he first started hiking, it never occurred to him to ask who made the trails possible as they were part of the landscape. Despite its age, the Long Trail never fails to inspire hikers to commit so much time and energy into making the trails accessible and promoting the role of mountains in people's lives. Now more than ever, Will knows it takes hard work and planning, with so many people making a difference and working together today to make the hikes of tomorrow possible.

It is the members of the Green Mountain Club that do so much of that heavy lifting -literally and figuratively- that makes for the hiking experience we treasure. He told us two things he knows for sure since being with the Green Mountain Club for a little over a month: the Club is a great organization powered by great volunteers, and his boots are not waterproof enough for trail work during mud season.

It is the volunteers that make this organization tick and all are welcome, because for every white blaze you paint on every red spruce on Dear Leap, there is a white blaze fading on a maple in Jay. Along with our partners in the Forest Service, the State government and the organizations such as the Appalachian Trail

Conservancy and ALDHA, we all come together and work hard to keep the trails open, safe, and beautiful today and for generations to come. We volunteer because we love the trails, we love the woods, we love Vermont and we love the Green Mountain Club. I (Will) ask that you continue to remind people of the role that the Green Mountain Club plays in making the Vermont Mountains play a larger part in the life of the people while maintaining and promoting the outdoor experience we all cherish. Thanks you all for your commitment to the Green Mountain Club.

Volunteers Spend Over 200 Hours Getting Trails Ready for Summer

By Herb Ogden, Section Trails & Shelters Co-Chair

Since late November of 2010, at least 20 Killington Section volunteers have spent at least 200+ hours working on our trails and many more hours getting to and from work sites. I write "at least" because some folks do not keep track of their time. Co-Chair, Wayne Krevetski, and I do appreciate those who keep time records. The Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the U.S. Forest Service have an appetite for statistics. Also, being able to cite worker hours can come in handy when the GMC is lobbying for something in Montpelier.

Here, in alphabetical order, is the Honor Roll of those who have checked sectors, cut brush, sawed and moved blowdowns, dug out ditches, painted blazes, carried or built bog bridging and repaired shelters: Dave Coppock, Tom Copps, Scott Erickson, Anne Gallivan, Barbara Griffith, Barry Griffith, Allison Henry, Lynda Hutchins, Wayne Krevetski, Joe Minard, Cindy Oas-Kirk, Herb Ogden, Debbie Schoch, Tom Shanahan, Cindy Taylor-Miller, Sue Thomas, Steve Walsh, Larry Walter, Steve Williams and Connie Youngstrom. There may well be others who have helped keep the trails in shape, but just have not told us. Many thanks to all!

Our Lowland Work Party on May 7, 2011 saw nine people fix the worst problems between Wallingford Gulf and the Gov. Clement Road. On June 4, 2011, National Trails Day, fourteen of us did the same between the Gov. Clement Road and the site of Tucker-Johnson Shelter on the LT and the Sherburne Pass Trail. Smaller groups or one-person work parties had already done the Bucklin Trail, the Killington Spur and the Cauty Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain. In general, our trails are in good to excellent shape.

This is not to say there is nothing left for folks to do. Bog bridging needs to be added or replaced in several areas, including south of the Keiffer Road, north of Gov. Clement Shelter, and near Jungle Junction on the ridge between Pico and Killington. We have purchased the materials, but people are needed to carry it in and spike it down. Various trails need brush lopped on the sides. Some stretches need to have blazes repainted. Signs need to be made for the Bear Mountain vista spur, Hermit Spring, the Gov. Clement Road crossing, the Cauty Trail trailhead and various features around Gov. Clement Shelter, Pico Camp and Churchill Scott Shelter. We are scheduling a Fall work party, but individuals or small groups could do a lot in the meantime. For a full list, please see the Section Website or contact me or Co-Chair, Wayne Krevetski.

Outing Reports

THE HISTORY HIKE THAT BECAME A WORK PARTY, June 25, 2011, by Herb Ogden, leader

This was supposed to be a loop hike: north on the LT from VT 103 to above the Lottery Road and then return via old roads and the Bullard Cemetery. But when the official forecast included an over 60% chance of thunderstorms, I decided it was not appropriate to have an official hike where we probably could not reach safety in time if the storms came our way. Instead, I invited volunteers to saw up and remove a small but intense area of new blowdowns just south of Clarendon Gorge. At least there, we had a good chance of reaching cover before a storm reached us. Barry Griffith and Sarah Beard joined in the effort. With the one man crosscut saw and a couple of bow saws, we reopened the trail. There were some pretty spectacular uprooted evergreens to deal with. The planned hike will be rescheduled for October.

OLD JOB TRAIL, MOUNT TABOR, July 2, 2011, by Sue Thomas, leader

Luckily, we had Barry along on our hike through the Old Job site to keep the ghost of Silas Griffith at bay. From all I have read about him, he likely would have charged us a toll and made us buy our lunches at the company store! Barry's ancestor, and Vermont's first millionaire, owned a logging and charcoal operation along Ten Kilns Brook. All that is left now of the village of Griffith is a huge pile of sawdust, but a notebook at the Old Job shelter has old photos, maps and newspaper clippings.

We had lunch by the very impressive new bridge at the shelter and then skedaddled before Old Silas could charge us a fee for use of the picnic table. Thank goodness he had not yet thought of a coin-operated outhouse!

OTTER CREEK PADDLE, July 10, 2011, by Barry and Barbara Griffith, leaders

Paddlers: Barry, Mary, Jerry, Barbara, Barb, Steve, Lynda, Linda, Ted, Martha, Jen, Diane, Burdock (last names withheld to protect the perpetrators...)

It rained Friday night. It rained hard. It rained a lot. I heard it. Wondering how high the Creek would be Saturday morning. Knew there would be much more water chugging along the Otter. By the time we got everyone assembled at the "put in spot," there were 12 people, 1 dog, 9 cars. You all know how the drill goes-everyone out, kayaks off vehicles, paddles, life vests and other paraphernalia. The drivers then back in their vehicles and off to where we would "take out" later at the bridge on Alfrecha Road. Reassemble the drivers in 2 vehicles and back to the "Trail Head." (So far so good?)

"The water was murky.
The people were perky"

The water was moving right along. This is usually a fairly easy, but muddy spot to launch from. Now paraphernalia into kayaks, paddles, life vests and one by one, two by two we encounter very tippy conditions. Almost all in the Creek and we hear, "Where's my paddle"? Oh no! A paddle has been left in a vehicle and that vehicle was back at the "take out!" Rats! Barry tosses his keys and away speeds Linda to retrieve her paddle.

So we are a flotilla of 11 and 1 Burdock moving right along...trying to slow down a bit. 13 minutes later, we hear a Beep Beep! Before we know it, we are once again a complete group. As I said, the old river was moving right along. There were eddies, currents, small whirlpools and muddy water abounding. Then along came the stringers, debris across the waterway. When doing this trip with two people it is pretty quick. With 12 people to get around, over or through, it takes awhile. We were able to get around most sites. Branches were moved. Barry brought his trusty handsaw so we cut through other debris. Who would have thought we would have to do trail maintenance? Over logs, over branches, under this and that. The conditions were very tippy for some kayaks as currents caught one unawares and up against logs and such just under the surface. We were pushed sideways, backwards, every which way (even over, but I get ahead of myself!)

"Over logs, over branches
We hit the muddy trail
As our Kayaks kept floating along (mostly)"

The first one to capsize was Martha. Over she went. Now, if you have paddled Otter Creek you know that the riverbanks are steep and muddy. Places to get out are rare and today even rarer! We were glad she had her PFD on! She clung to her kayak as we floated along locating an appropriate place to get her ashore. It was about 10 minutes before we found a suitable place. Jerry luckily had his nifty hand pump. Others had dry clothes to warm her up. The "crew" all worked together to solve the problems.

Once again, we were Off! More stringers and such. Cheering squads emerged to help everyone handle the stream issues. Then, my gosh, over goes Steve!! Again, I am grateful that he had his life vest on. His kayak takes in much water and once again the "Team" takes on the role of finding a landing strip, tugging the kayak to a tiny patch of land (almost capsizing another vessel in the process) and Jerry and his trusty pump are once again to the rescue. (His arms were growing weary, no room for anyone else to help out.) They get launched again and we are underway.

The group was growing weary. Luckily, we were nearing the end. We keep hearing, "How will we know where to take out?" We alleviated fears by indicating the bridge where the cars were waiting for us. Then, low and behold we were there!! Yea! One and all keep thanking us for a great trip. I certainly won't forget this one!! 12 in and 12 out (and 1 dog). What an adventure we had!! Thank you all for "stepping up to the plate".

(and I did not have my camera!!)

BUCK MOUNTAIN, FORT ANN, NY, July 24, 2011, by Sue Thomas, leader

Hot, muggy and AWFUL was the consensus by the small group brave enough to assemble at the park on Saturday. Even having a "new" car with AC for the first time in years* did not make the prospect of slogging up the mountain appealing. So the decision was unanimous to reconvene the following day, when the weatherman had promised cooler temps and air that did not feel like a cotton-batting overcoat.

Good choice! Sunday was a beautiful clear day and we were rewarded at the summit with spectacular views of Lake George and the Adirondack High Peaks, which we enjoyed while munching wild blueberries. Amazingly, we had it all to ourselves for quite a while. We watched the paddle wheel tourist boat chug up the Lake, reminisced about Barb's rattlesnake encounter at Tongue Mountain across the Lake, and I, for one, would not have traded places with the "beautiful people" at the ritzy island resort down below.

*A note to the many friends of Bob the Car - Bob is enjoying a well-earned retirement in the country on a nice farm where he can run with all the other Neons.

SHAFTSBURY STATE PARK, July 31, 2011, by Larry Walter and Viv Bebee, leaders

Five of us made the trip over to this wonderful little 80 acre pond. There's a full picnic and swimming area on the east shore, complete with showers, boat rentals, toilets, grills and a little short-order establishment. The weather was very warm, but a nice breeze kept us comfortable. Just perfect for a quick trip around the pond on the nature trail (about a mile does the circuit). The trail runs along a pretty good stretch of wooden walkways elevated over the swampy portions of the shore. We were impressed with how well-maintained the paths and walkways were. We brought a collection of boats along, so we toured some of the wetlands on the far western side of the pond (a brief portage was necessary) where we encountered geese, cedar waxwings, a heron, woodpeckers, and several other, unidentified critters. The water temp was heaven and the swimming area had a nice, sandy bottom. Walking, paddling, reading, swimming and, of course, eating made for a relaxing day. Shaftsbury Lake is definitely worth a return trip next summer. Thanks for the company.

RATTLESNAKE POINT, SALISBURY, August 14, 2011, by Larry Walter, leader

The weather didn't look that promising for the day's hike, but the big thunder cells held off long enough for us to reach the point and get back off without getting sprinkled on. The new bridge at the Falls of Lana was impressive. It looks like it'll be there for a while. The falls are always beautiful.

It was muggy, but our deliberate pace up the Aunt Jenny Trail put us at the south-facing vista just before lunch. From there we took in a very nice view of the Greens along with a good portion of Silver Lake. We worked our way around to the west-facing lookout just in time to watch a sailboat race on Lake Dunmore.

Our return followed the same route until we reached the penstock where we bailed off westerly to the highway and a quick trip south along the same to our cars. If you know where to look, there are inscriptions left by the settling family close to the penstock and another very nicely chiseled homage to Aunt Jenny by her son, down by the northerly parking lot. Seven in and seven out. A good day.

Killington Section Directors' Meeting

Minutes of Directors' Meeting

June 21, 2011

By Allison Henry, Secretary

(Edited by Viv Bebee - For complete transcript of these Minutes, contact Allison Henry)

Present: Wayne Krevetski, Steve Williams, Allison Henry, Sue Thomas, Vivian Bebee and Herb Ogden..

Meeting called to order at 6:55 p.m. Minutes approved from 3/26/11 meeting.

Report from Allison Henry on highlights from Main Club Annual Meeting on 6/11/11:

- Change to By-Laws, allowing businesses or organizations to have voting rights as GMC members.
- Welcome to Will Wiquist, new Executive Director
- Trail relocation in Duxbury area due to Winooski River crossing.
- Should Main Club have a fund specifically to address legal costs (i.e. Lowell Wind Project)?
- Volunteer picnic 9/17/11 in Londonderry.
- Displays given to each Section, includes photos, literature, etc.

Highlights of Trails and Shelters report by Wayne and Herb:

- Bog bridging needs installation at Keiffer Road and Cauty Trail.
- Pico Camp was recently worked on by Killington Section.
- Confusing road crossing just south of Governor Clement.
- Killington Section earned \$7.00 from bottle returns from Cooper Lodge.
- G.E. Green Team to work on draining project on the Trail north of the Lottery Road.

Smoke and Blazes report by Viv Bebee: Positive feedback on the newsletter, especially the photos on the front page. Reminder to send in your hike reports! Option to receive S&B via email.

Deb Waggett, webmaster, wants more information for Killington Section website, newer pictures, links to YouTube and Facebook.

Outings report by Sue Thomas: Space needed for Fall potluck as Godnick Center not available.

Other business:

- 100th Anniversary Celebration events discussion.
- Discussion of possible candidates to fill vacant seat on Board of Directors. Dave Coppock will replace Jennifer Wright.
- Dinner at Inn at Long Trail on National Trails Day: 30 plus people attended, raised over \$300 after costs, as well as over \$100 from the raffle. Discussion on making this an annual event and having dinner on a day other than National Trails Day (i.e. Sunday evening rather than Saturday evening) due to difficulty with finishing trail work and getting to the dinner on time.
- James P. Taylor series: discussion on whether or not to sponsor a presentation.
- Sections to enter their own Hike Schedules on Main Club calendar through use of a code given by Main Club.
- Town of Killington working on new town trail system to link up with the AT near Thundering Brook Falls; asked for Killington Section collaboration.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Next meeting date not set.

Viv Bebee, Editor
14 Belmont Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join **Killington Section, Green Mountain Club**

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual\$40
Family\$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer\$22

Contact us for information on life memberships and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___trail work, ___shelter work, ___sign making, ___publications, ___leading outings, ___publicity, ___education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury - Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station off Center Street in Rutland City. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

3 September, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.**Bird Mountain, Castleton****Tom Copps 774-5144**

A steep climb with some bushwhacking, rewarded with a great view.
Moderate, 4 miles.

10 September, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.**Shrewsbury History Hike, Shrewsbury**

We will visit Picnic Rock and the old firing range. Moderate with a bit of bushwhacking

Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573**17 September, Saturday, 3:00-5:00 p.m.****Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, Londonderry**

If you have pitched in maintaining the Long Trail, manning an information booth, selling raffle tickets or serving on the Board, this day is for you! See the Long Trail News for details or call Mari to RSVP at (802) 244-7037 x24 or mzagarins@greenmountainclub.org

24 September, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. (rain date September 25)**100th Anniversary Event, Killington via the historic Summit Hotel Road**

Local historian, Justin Lindholm, will guide us up to the site of the old hotel and share his experiences in discovering and mapping this historic abandoned road.
Difficult, bushwhacking and steep, 7 miles.

Sue Thomas 773-2185**1 October, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.****Bromley Mountain, Peru**

Climb to spectacular views from an observation tower. We will follow the LT/AT south from Mad Tom Notch. Moderate with climbing, 5 miles.

Allison Henry 775-1627**8 October, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. (rain date October 9)****Around Chittenden Reservoir, Chittenden**

Starting at the site of the abandoned town of New Boston, we will travel old roads down to the Reservoir and Lefferts Pond. Moderate, 4 miles.

Sue Thomas 773-2185**15 October, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.****Slack Hill, Coolidge State Park, Plymouth**

A nice hike through a mix of hardwood and conifer forest with view of Mt. Ascutney from the vista.
Moderate, 550 feet elevation gain, 4-5 miles.

Vivian Bebee & Larry Walter 775-3855**22 October, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.****Shrewsbury Peak**

Climb to the 3,700 foot summit via the Black Swamp Trail for views of the surrounding mountains. Moderate with steep climbing, 1,300 feet elevation gain, 5 miles.

Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573

30 October, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Pico Peak, Killington

Ascend via the Sherburne Pass Trail to the summit at 3,957 feet. There may be snow at the top, so be prepared. Difficult, 6 miles.

Tom Copps 774-5144

5 November, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. (rain date November 6)

Work Party

Help put the trails to bed for the winter. Wear sturdy shoes and bring work gloves. Tools will be provided.

Herb Ogden 293-2510

12 November, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. (rain date November 13)

Burlington Bike Path, Burlington

A safe hunting season walk along the shore of Lake Champlain, with stunning views of the Adirondack Mountains. If it is too cold and windy to walk, we will visit the ECHO Lake Aquarium & Science Center on the waterfront instead (entrance fee). Possible stop for dinner on the way home.

Sue Thomas 773-2185

19 November, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

100th Anniversary Event

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Hillside Road, Rutland City

Our annual Fall potluck this year will be a celebration of the Killington Section's 100th year, with displays and a slide presentation. Please contact Barry Griffith or Sue Thomas if you have anything of interest to contribute. All are welcome. Bring your own place setting and a dish to share.

Sue Thomas 773-2185

27 November, Sunday

Road Walk

Another safe hunting season walk on dirt roads. Call for time and place **Diane Bargiel 413-687-1109**

4 December, Sunday,

Merck Forest, Rupert

We have not yet decided which trails we will be taking, but the hike will be moderate with some steep climbing, 4-5 miles.

Vivian Bebee & Larry Walter 775-3855

THURSDAY HIKE SCHEDULE – 2011

Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of hikes at less strenuous pace, typically cover 2-4 miles, moderate elevation gain and try to avoid treacherous footing. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Meet on **Thursdays at 9 am** at the Godnick Center on Deer Street to car pool. Call hike leaders if you have questions. All are welcome.

Sept. 1 Bald Mountain—Aitken State Forest, Mendon

Lyn/Jerry Ash 775-3481

This challenging hike offers panoramic views of mountains, valleys, Rutland City.

Sept. 15 Hawk Hill, Brandon

Edith Kellogg 775-1246

Follow the forest trail to the site of old Brandon and surrounding area. Moderate.

Sept. 29 Emerald Lake State Park, North Dorset

George Butts 483-2891

Explore the trails on varied interesting terrain around Emerald Lake. Moderate.

Oct. 13 Big Branch Bridge, Mt. Tabor

George Butts 483-2891

Explore the Big Branch area on the Long Trail. New suspension bridge.

Oct. 27 Chittenden Brook, Chittenden

Edith Kellogg 775-1246

Follow an old wood road along the course of a pretty stream. Moderate.

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 64, Number 4

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

December 2011



Carol Wright, Larry Walter and Ruth Hare on Baker Peak



Connie Youngstrom and Phoebe on Shaw Mountain with Sue Thomas and Carol Wright



The Long Trail wipe-out between the Cold River Roads



Larry and Barry marching up Coy Hill in Middletown Springs

Merry Christmas K section



Mount Cardigan, early winter October 2005



Prickles joins our Pot Luck. Artwork by Sue the Artist

Killington Section Directors:

Term expiration 2012

Wayne Krevetski*

Gerry Martin

Herb Ogden

Term expiration 2013

Vivian Bebee

Tom Copps

Steve Williams

Term expiration 2014

Dave Coppock

Allison Henry

Sue Thomas*

*Second consecutive 3-year term. Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers:

Wayne Krevetski

President

Steve Williams

Vice President

Allison Henry

Secretary

Gerry Martin

Treasurer

Committee Chairs:

Bob Perkins

History

Sue Thomas

Outings

Herb Ogden

Trails & Shelters

Wayne Krevetski

Trails & Shelters

Delegates to GMC Board:

Allison Henry

Director

Steve Williams

Alternate

Smoke & Blazes:

Vivian Bebee

Editor

Larry Walter

Assistant Editor

Tom Copps

Photo Editor

Web Site:

Deborah Waggett

Web Master

Editor's Note: If you would rather receive **Smoke & Blazes** by email, please contact me. Contact information is listed below. Thank you.

Past and present Presidents of Killington Section



(l to r) John Martin, Herb Ogden, Janet Martin, Sue Carey, Rob Carey, Barry Griffith and Wayne Krevetski

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Vivian Bebee

14 Belmont Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-3855, lwalter@sover.net

Dave Coppock

21 Engrem Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5968, dscoppock@gmail.com

Tom Copps

78 North Main Street, #Apt. 3, Rutland, VT 05701, 774-5144, tcopps@sover.net

Allison Henry

47 West St., Apt. #1, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com

Wayne Krevetski

22 Roberts Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 282-2237, wkrevetski@hotmail.com

Gerry Martin

998 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-2244, gdmartin2020@yahoo.com

Herbert Ogden

214 South End Road, Mount Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net

Bob Perkins

6 Rachel Drive, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu

Sue Thomas

27 Clinton Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185

Deborah Waggett

21 Academy Street, Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com

Steve Williams

682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorborg00@comcast.net

This n' That

100th Anniversary Event, by Vivian Bebee

For those of you who were not at our Fall potluck this year, you missed a special treat indeed. Cindy Miller and Barry Griffith gave us a wonderful, historical slideshow and commentary presentation. There were seven (past and present) Presidents of the Killington Section in attendance: Wayne Krevetski, Barry Griffith, Herb Ogden, Rob Carey, Sue Carey, John Martin and Janet Martin. Also, Bob Perkins, Rob Carey and Herb Ogden shared with us most interesting reminiscences of their "collective" years as members of the Club. Last, but very not least, Allison Henry created an imaginative and edible "Prickles Porcupine," which included a cheese ball with pretzel sticks for quills and black olives for eyes, and Sue Thomas created a chocolate cake of the Killington Section of the Long Trail (miniature, of course) with white chocolate chips for the LT, blue M&M's for side trails and many artistically-detailed signs, depicting a Patch Hollow miniature Barry Griffith in grass skirt, Sink Hole, "commodious commode" outhouse, Churchill Scott shelter and Pico Camp, to name just a few, and a bridge of toothpicks and string over Clarendon Gorge. Many thanks to all those mentioned above, as well as to the "cooks," for their hard work, time and effort so graciously given.

Outing Reports

SNAKE MOUNTAIN, April 2, 2011, by Allison Henry, leader

When I put this hike on the schedule in January 2011, I was dreaming of sunny, 70 degree weather. You never know, it could happen. We woke up to a grey, damp day with questions of "should we even go?" Since there was no voracious downpour or freezing rain, the answer was, of course, "yes." Two groups met at the Mountain Road (west side) trailhead for a total of five happy hikers. At the trailhead, the weather was sunny and in the high 50's. YAY! The second most exciting part of the hike occurred here. In the middle of the parking lot there was a giant femur. Other bones were nearby. There turned out to be a whole animal carcass (cow?) wrapped in plastic in the woods beyond the lot. Probably an enterprising dog had dragged some of the parts into the parking lot, no doubt called off by a horrified owner. Off we went to the trail, admiring Sue's house along the way. We followed the carriage road up to the summit, which was a mix of frozen mud and long section of old, packed snow. Snowshoes were not really needed, but stepping off the previously-trodden, packed snow resulted in sinking up to your knees in soggy, wet snow. The summit was sunny, but very, very windy. A group of college-age students were sunning themselves on the slab, but we older folks did not prefer such extreme conditions. The first most exciting part of our trip occurred at the summit. Despite the sun, we could see that it was getting suspiciously darker. Huddled on the summit slab, we could see a giant, dark, swirling cloud of snow hovering over the Adirondacks, inching toward us. We made our way down the side trail a ways to the pond and had a quick lunch, watching the swirling cloud get closer and closer. The sun disappeared and one or two snowflakes fell as we descended. A few moments later, the sun reappeared and the sky turned blue again. We could still see out over the valley from the trail, and there were no angry clouds or snowflakes in sight. The rest of the hike was uneventful, and upon reaching our cars, we were reluctant to leave. A good time was had by all. Make no bones about it! If you don't like the weather in Vermont, wait five minutes.

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNIVERSARY HIKE, August 7, 2011, by Allison Henry

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. To commemorate the occasion, we arranged an "end to end" hike of the portion of the Long Trail that the Killington Section maintains, from Route 140 to Route 4. We did about 23 miles over three days. I was joined by member Joe Minard and friend Kathi, as well as the very famous Prickles Porcupine! Prickles had been shuttled down to Rutland the day before by one Dave Hardy, himself. Our Outings Director, Sue Thomas, joined us for the first half of the trip, and Section President, Wayne Krevetski, showed up a little later on the first day and participated for the rest of the journey. The purpose of this hike was not only to mark the Killington Section's anniversary, but also to give us a chance to admire our beautiful Section. Part of the reason for scheduling this hike for August was to informally spread word among the many hikers, LT end-to-enders and AT thru-hikers along the Trail about the Green Mountain Club and our mission. Our Section was in great shape, not only due to our efforts, but also due to work in current and previous seasons by the Long Trail Patrol and even VYCC. To further celebrate our anniversary, we took the "historic" route of the Trail after crossing Route 103, which means we went up an old road past a Crowne Point Road marker rather than climbing the "Great Gulch." As a result, we ended up at Clarendon Shelter campsite ahead of some very speedy thru-hikers, who had gotten off the Trail for a few

hours to go to the Whistle Stop. They did a double-take when they saw we had arrived first! At the campsite that night, there were 14 tents: AT and LT northbounders and southbounders, a few weekenders and us, for a total of 22 people. Sue seemed disappointed to leave us the next morning as we headed through the fields of the Lottery Road area. We had lunch at Governor Clement and admired last year's improvements. Killington was a long, difficult climb that literally took ALL DAY. During our toil up Killington, we met Kim aka Bliss, the Coolidge Range ridgerunner. We finally reached Cooper Lodge in the late afternoon and found ourselves engulfed in a cloud. In the shelter, we encountered two SOBO AT hikers, Whisky and J-Tree, who are veterans of the Long Trail Patrol. Turns out they had already met Prickles and had been in the car with her on her shuttle to Rutland. Kathi, Prickles and I opted to spend the night in Cooper Lodge, since its days are numbered, and had it to ourselves except for one tiny toilet paper-thieving mouse. The gentlemen tented on the platforms. Unfortunately, it started raining soon after everyone turned in for the night, which meant a soggy trek out in the morning. I especially enjoyed the section from Cooper north to Jungle Junction because it is a beautiful, remote-feeling section of trail and I am the section checker. To maintain the historic nature of our hike, we walked out on the Sherburne Pass Trail aka "The Old Trail." Long Trail Ale was waiting for us at the trailhead courtesy of Phil Henry Shuttle Services, Inc.!

HAYSTACK (PAWLET), August 20, 2011, by Steve Williams, leader

Thanks to Sue Thomas' guidance of a Rutland contingent, the complete group assembled with Steve Williams and Diane Bargiel from elsewhere at the Waite Hill Road trailhead just about on the nose of 10:00 a.m. About an hour and a quarter took the group to the summit via a short portion of Tunket Hill Road, followed by a Nature Conservancy trail almost to the summit, thence by what seems to be a generally recognized right-of-way on a limited section of private property to the summit itself; an easy trail with only one brook crossing, and a steeper pitch towards the summit. From the fortunately cleared summit, there are fine views of the Mettowee Valley, Lake St. Catherine, Killington and the eastern Adirondacks. Using the leader's as yet unrecognized expedition efficiency index ("EEI") (equals the rewards divided by the required effort to reach a given location), a high result was expected for the summit and was indeed measured. After a refreshing lunch break at the summit, a one hour ramble returned the group to the trailhead.

FALL HIKES AFTER IRENE, September 24, 2011 and October 8, 2011, Sue Thomas, leader

Our hikes this Fall of 2011 have involved a good deal of improvisation and last-minute rerouting, thank you Irene (grumble). She fuddled both the 100th anniversary trek up the historic Killington carriage road and my October hike around Chittenden Reservoir. Both areas remained off-limits due to storm damage and the minor detail of access roads that were no longer there. That Irene was nothing if not thorough.

So, in September, we decided that if we couldn't climb Killington, we could at least look at it from a distance and settled on Grandpa's Knob in Hubbardton. We could see when we got there that Irene had had her way with Belgo Road, as well, but repairs had been made and we had a very nice hike to the ridge top.

In October, I chose Moscow Pond and Glen Lake as a substitute destination. It was one of those gloriously warm, blue sky days that we think about while scraping the ice off our windshields in December, and what better place to be than a trail along the lakeshore. Ahhh! We checked out the beaver lodge on Moscow Pond, enjoyed lunch at the Glen Lake overlook and basked in the sun at each and every peninsula along the shore, where the water reflected the brilliant blue sky and gold autumn leaves. A stop for ice cream at the country store completed our perfect day. You may now resume ice scraping.

PICNIC ROCK HISTORY HIKE, September 10, 2011, Barb and Barry Griffith, leaders

In the aftermath of Hurricane Irene's destruction from two weeks before, we were wondering if we should cancel this trip, but decided to go forth knowing that we would have to change the hike parameters and modify the trip a bit. The CCC Road being closed and gated, we obtained permission to park in Karen and John Lorentz's driveway. Having to walk in to our starting point added another three miles to this adventure. Being a democratic society, the participants were polled as to whether they wanted to do the climb to Picnic Rock or a walk out to the firing range as we knew we could not do both. The vote was cast for the rock, and we ventured forth. The day was glorious; 11 individuals set out to learn some history of the CCC Road, picnic area and such. Within ½ mile, Shrewsbury Peak rose in the distance at a height of 3,737 (not our destination today). We would soon be on its NW slope.

The Griffiths pointed out old insulators in trees on the south side of the road that they understand were to bring communications to the firing range. Meeting House rock was next on the agenda, where some of Shrewsbury's earliest church services were held. The natural amphitheater was evident. We paused for reflection. Soon the group was at the Picnic Pavilion where, today, only a chimney stands, remnants of the grand building from yesteryear. A photo of the area was passed around showing the former building, the well house and the clearing all around.

We proceeded up Russell Hill to the Russell Hill Shelter, hiking along the side trail to Shrewsbury Peak. From here, there were a few rights and lefts along trails, snowmobile paths, Catamount Trail paths and logging roads until we reached our destination at Picnic Rock. (To be accurate, we went left off the CCC Road, left off the Peak Trail, right off the Vast Trail, left off the logging road, right off the secondary logging road, right into the Rock.)

After much admiration of what we believe is Shrewsbury's largest glacial erratic, the party celebrated a picnic in memory of all the picnics that had gone before. A measuring tape was produced and the dimensions of the boulder were recorded as 25 feet tall and 100 feet in circumference. Doing online research, a cubic foot of granite weighs 165 lbs. (some rock is heavier than others are). Playing with these numbers, our estimate is that Picnic Rock weighs a whopping 1,237 tons (more or less).

Our return trip was a stroll through the old CCC-built picnicking sites. Remnants of fireplaces are still in use. We even came upon a swing and enjoyed more leisure time before heading back out to our vehicles. Our next history hike will be to the firing range, outhouse and stone shelter on October 22. This too has been modified. We planned on Shrewsbury Peak, but the Black Swamp Road has washed out. Perhaps the Peak in the spring of 2012!

WORK PARTY, November 5, 2011, by Herb Ogden, Trails & Shelters Committee Co-Chair

On a beautiful, sunny fifth of November, eight people showed up to help put our trails to bed. If we'd had twice the number, we could have done it pretty thoroughly. As it was, two people cleared waterbars from Wallingford Gulf to the top of Bald Mountain, two cleared from Clarendon Shelter to the Lottery Road, two cleared from US 4 to the Tucker-Johnson shelter site and then out the AT and Sherburne Pass Trail south to Sherburne Pass, and two went to the Keiffer Road to lug the bog bridging, which had been left there in the Spring, into the brook to install it. All but the last two did fine. The last two searched high and low and right and left for the lumber and finally reluctantly concluded that someone had stolen it. All they could do was shim up some of the existing, rotting bog bridging and improve the side ditching just south of the road. They then scouted a possible relocation of the Long Trail south of the Upper Cold River Road.

What a lack of volunteers left undone was the entire Cauty Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain, the Sherburne Pass Trail south of US 4 to the ski trail, and the Long Trail from Jungle Junction. to Shrewsbury Peak Junction. The first two, especially, have scores of waterbars. Please, if you have the time and energy, consider borrowing a hoe from Co-Chair, Wayne Krevetski, and clearing waterbars before the snow is too deep.

The Honor Roll for this work party was Tom Copps, Allison Henry, Cindy Miller (Ms. Gorp), Cindy Oas-Kirk, Herb Ogden, Gregg Rickert, Sue Thomas and Larry Walter.

Killington Section Directors' Meeting

Minutes of Directors' Meeting

September 27, 2011

By Allison Henry, Secretary

Present: Wayne Krevetski, Steve Williams, Gerry Martin, Allison Henry, Tom Copps, Sue Thomas, Dave Coppock, Herb Ogden and Vivian Bebee.

Meeting called to order by Wayne at 6:08 p.m. It was unanimously passed that Dave Coppock be officially appointed to the Board. Welcome to Dave, new Director! "*Close the door before he bolts!*" Minutes approved from 6/21/11 meeting.

We discussed the format of the minutes, both for on-record and for publication in *Smoke & Blazes*. The Editor of *Smoke & Blazes* has abbreviated the minutes at times due to space constraints. Allison offered to provide the Editor with a short version and a long version, but following discussion, it was informally decided to stick with current procedures: Allison will write minutes as usual and provide copies to the Board; Vivian will either print the minutes as is or edit for space.

Treasurer's Report by Gerry Martin:

- donation of \$100 from the Killington Section (from Raffle at Inn at Long Trail dinner in June) was acknowledged with a thank you note from the Main Club.
- cds will roll over in mid-October; will keep accounts as they are. Yield painfully low.
- Kirk Funds paid out for lumber.
- Discussion regarding Kirk fund: Can we use only the interest? What is the principal balance we need to maintain? Can we draw from this fund for post-Irene repairs? Still can't find a clear answer in previous records or minutes. Herb suggested that he speak with Barry and Barb to get a summary of what they know; Allison and Sue will re-check old minutes.
- Report approved by Ogden/Williams.

GMC Main Club report provided by Director, Allison Henry. Highlights:

- Long Trail Patrol was off the trail due to Irene; instead worked in local communities for flood clean-up, including Waterbury, Jamaica and Newfane.
- Auditor has visited again; found "no red flags." Recommended better segregation of duties as well as clear documentation of use of restricted donations because donors expect it.
- Lowell Project Update (this refers to the Wind Project in Lowell near Belvidere Mountain): Appeals are in progress, but the company is "ignoring" them for now and proceeding with the project. No further role for GMC at this point. No word yet from FAA on light system (lights are required on some of the tallest turbine towers; new technology is available that would allow the lights to turn on only when a plane is in range rather than blinking all night and destroying the view). A State energy plan has been put out. It can be viewed and the public can make comments at vtenergyplan.vermont.gov. Make comments as a private citizen; GMC will make its own statement. We still need to work on the wording of our wind power policy.
- This year is the 20th anniversary of the Taylor Series; Sections are encouraged to hold an event. Can be held at no charge to the public; option to solicit donations.
- Current membership, 10,177; lots of positive media exposure this year including the Winooski project, new Killington Map, the renewable energy design of the Main Club HQ, and the new trail in the Northeast Kingdom. The Washington Post even covered the Long Trail Patrol.
- The 2012 Annual Meeting will be held at Jay Peak resort.
- The GMC is now responsible for all of the Appalachian Trail in Vermont. Care of the Long Trail from VT Route 12 to the Connecticut River was recently handed over to us from the Dartmouth Outing Club and approved with a Board vote. According to the O-Section, this section of trail "needs work but is comparatively undemanding."
- New trail in Northeast Kingdom has been built—ground broke on July 11; one and a half miles built in eight days. Hoping to eventually go 17 miles to Island Pond.

Trails and Shelters Report by Herb and Wayne:

- Most of LT/AT is open except for 103 to 4 and some side trails. Worst damage is in Shrewsbury area. Several bridges are out along the Trail and local roads, and a section of the trail has slid into Sargent Brook north of the Gould Brook crossing. Partnering with Forest Service on relocating and eventually reopening in this area. Safety is a concern. There are rumors of mud and landslides.

- Shrewsbury is looking into FEMA funds for bridge on Governor Clement Road.
- Dave Hardy in conjunction with some of our local people has proposed a road walk to circumvent the area, with signs posted. Once the Forest Service lets us back in, we can scout out and build a relocation, which is expected to cover about four tenths of a mile. Herb expects this would be an afternoon project for about half a dozen people. The Manchester section has also offered assistance. There was a motion to approve Dave Hardy's road walk, then once the area is reopened, Herb and Wayne would then work with Dave on a relocation (Ogden/Thomas); this was approved by the Board. Our proposed road walk was: West on the Cold River Road to the Wilmouth Hill Road; North on the Wilmouth Hill Road; East on the Upper Cold River Road; North on the Gilman Road; East on the Gov. Clement Road; and North on the LT to Gov. Clement Shelter, fording the W. branch of Sargent Brook, if necessary, where we lost the pedestrian bridge.
- Sherburne Pass Trail is not in restricted area, but no report of conditions. The Bucklin rail is okay—both bridges are there but there is a relo needed on a section between the bridges where the trail has been washed out.

Smoke & Blazes Report by Vivian Bebee:

- Thank you for timely submissions. We have a lot of material.
- Discussion of web site. Do we need any changes? Could use an update in photos and material. Schedule has been updated. Vivian and/or Wayne will take to our web person.

Outings Report by Sue Thomas:

- Hikes can be changed to work parties, especially if previously scheduled hike is in a closed area.
- Discussion; 10/15/11 hike changed to a work party.
- If you do cancel a hike, be sure to go to the park to make sure no one is waiting there. Also, if you cancel a hike due to lack of access, call Herb or Wayne ahead of time in case they want the hike changed to a work party.
- 100th anniversary potluck—our potluck will once again be at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on November 19. Barry will be doing a presentation. Hoping to have past K-Section presidents attend.

Other:

- Killington Trails Leadership Team: Wayne went to a meeting in July re: a Killington town trail that provides a loop walk in the Thundering Falls area. We expect this is now on a back burner due to Irene. Wayne mentioned that the Thundering Falls boardwalk is heavily damaged. A piece of it even ended up in Bridgewater and is being used to shore up someone's driveway!
- Taylor Series event? Traveler, Pete Lain, will be in area in February and has offered to do a presentation. Wayne will look into.
- Club Days this weekend at Eastern Mountain Sports. Looking for folks to man a table to talk about the Club, our activities, membership, etc.
- Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association is having their gathering in North Adams, MA October 7-9. The GMC Main Club is trying to get a table at this event and will need volunteers. Wayne will be attending, but will have other obligations. If interested, speak with Wayne.
- Herb is looking for people to compile data from old Trail Registers, especially usage numbers. Tom Copps agreed to compile the Sherburne Pass Registers and Herb gave them to him. Herb is still looking for folks to compile the Upper Cold River Road and Cauty Trail Registers. We need the data for the Forest Service, among others.

Next meeting will be Saturday, November 19, at 4:30 before the Potluck to discuss any changes in trail conditions and any work that needs to be done due to Irene damage. Next regular meeting will be in January. Meeting adjourned at 8:06.

Vivian Bebee, Editor
14 Belmont Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual\$40
Family\$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer\$22

Contact us for information on life memberships
and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___trail work, ___shelter work, ___sign making, ___publications, ___leading outings, ___publicity, ___education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury - Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC OUTING SCHEDULE December-March, 2012

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station off Center Street in Rutland City. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

10 December, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Pico Peak, Killington

Tom Copps 774-5144

Ascend via the Sherburne Pass Trail to the summit at 3,957 feet. Snowshoes required. Difficult, 6 miles.

7 January, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Bald Mountain, Mendon

Tom Copps 774-5144

3.5 miles with some steep climbing and excellent views.

15 January, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Annual Hot Dog Roast

Larry Walter & Viv Bebee 775-3855

Location to be decided; perhaps Bomoseen State Park, Emerald Stake Park or Lake St. Catherine State Park. Bring what you wish to roast and drink. Chips, cookies, condiments and fire wood to be provided by leaders.

22 January, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Lowell Lake, Londonderry

Allison Henry 775-1627

A 3-mile, moderate snowshoe around Lowell Lake, past a Revolutionary War-era cemetery.

28 January, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

High Pond, Sudbury

Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573

Snowshoe and explore winter wildlife habitat at this pretty Nature Conservancy preserve. Moderate, 4-5 miles.

4 February, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Trail/road hike, Rupert to West Rupert

Larry Walter & Viv Bebee 775-3855

Begin by doing a short section of rail trail and paved road in Rupert, to a back road (dirt) between Rupert and West Rupert. Have option of finishing on rail trail from West Rupert back to cars, or may get a ride for drivers at Viv's Mom's house to pick up cars in Rupert. Easy 4-5 miles.

11 February, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Lily Pond, Bomoseen

Sue Thomas 773-2185

Snowshoe past beaver meadows, old quarries and other habitat to a remote pond. Moderate, 3.5 miles.

18 February, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Rutland or 10:45 a.m. Country Club

Lake St. Catherine Country Club, Poultney

Diane Bargiel 413-687-1109

Snowshoe on woodland trails, options for short or longer routes.

26 February, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Jockey Hill, Shrewsbury

Snowshoes required for this 4-mile trip, which will include some bushwhacking and some climbing. Difficult, 4 miles.

Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573

4 March, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Black Mountain Ponds, Dresden, NY

Snowshoe to a chain of remote beaver ponds at the base of Black Mountain.

Moderate, 6 miles.

Allison Henry 775-1627

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 65, Number 1

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

March 2012



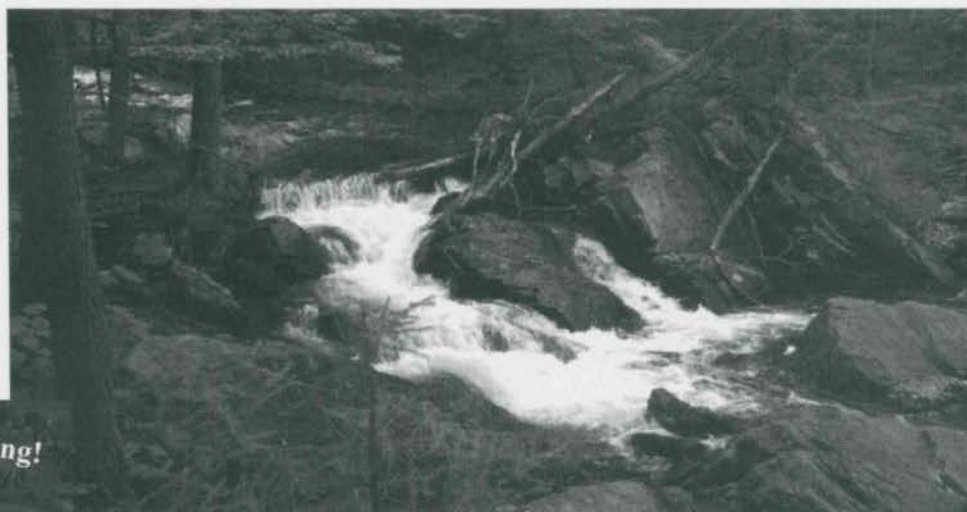
Terri Wilson and Cheryl Martin on Cook mtn.,
Ticonderoga, NY April 25, 2009



Alison Henry, Steve Williams, Cindy Oas-Kirk
and Dorothy Sullivan on their way to Canada,
August 2, 2008



"Partridge" (Ruffed Grouse)
trail day June 6, 2009



Thundering Brook upper falls. August 2, 2009

Spring mouse
on the way to
Boiling Springs,
June 20, 2009



Watch out! The hobblebush are coming!
The hobblebush is coming!



Killington Section Directors:

Term expiration 2012

Wayne Krevetski*

Gerry Martin

Herb Ogden

Term expiration 2013

Vivian Bebee

Tom Copps

Steve Williams

Term expiration 2014

Dave Coppock

Allison Henry

Sue Thomas*

*Second consecutive 3-year term. Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers:

Wayne Krevetski

President

Steve Williams

Vice President

Allison Henry

Secretary

Gerry Martin

Treasurer

Committee Chairs:

Bob Perkins

History

Sue Thomas

Outings

Herb Ogden

Trails & Shelters

Wayne Krevetski

Trails & Shelters

Delegates to GMC Board:

Allison Henry

Director

Steve Williams

Alternate

Smoke & Blazes:

Vivian Bebee

Editor

Larry Walter

Assistant Editor

Tom Copps

Photo Editor

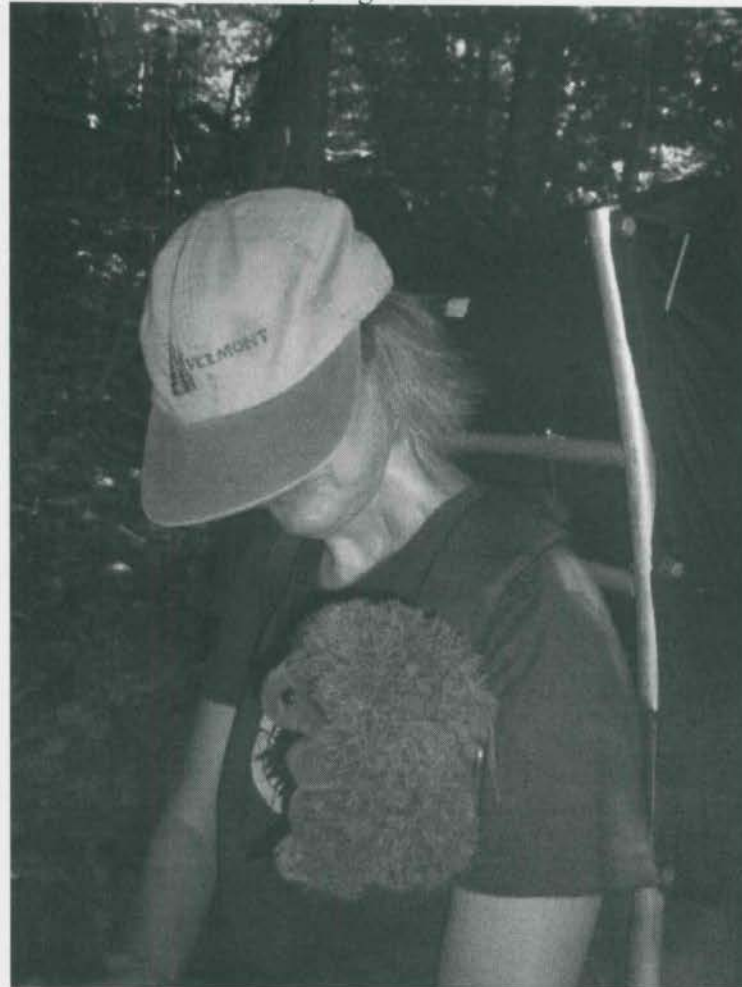
Web Site:

Deborah Waggett

Web Master

Editor's Note: If you would rather receive Smoke & Blazes by email, please contact me. Contact information is listed below. Thank you.

Sue Thomas and Prickles, August 2011

**Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>**

Vivian Bebee

14 Belmont Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-3855, lwalter@sover.net

Dave Coppock

21 Engrem Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5968, dscoppock@gmail.com

Tom Copps

78 North Main Street, #Apt. 3, Rutland, VT 05701, 774-5144, tcopps@sover.net

Allison Henry

47 West St., Apt. #1, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com

Wayne Krevetski

22 Roberts Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 282-2237, wkrevetski@hotmail.com

Gerry Martin

998 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-2244, gdmartin2020@yahoo.com

Herbert Ogden

214 South End Road, Mount Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net

Bob Perkins

6 Rachel Drive, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu

Sue Thomas

27 Clinton Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185

Deborah Waggett

21 Academy Street, Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com

Steve Williams

682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

This n' That

- ◆ **Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14, Eastern Mountain Sports "Club Day Sale"**
- ◆ **Saturday, March 31, 6:00 p.m., Killington Section Annual Meeting at Godnick Center on Deer Street in Rutland City** (pot luck supper, bring dish to share)
- ◆ **Saturday, June 9, GMC 102nd Annual Meeting at Jay Peak Resort** (see Long Trail News or GMC website at www.greenmountainclub.org for details of scheduled events for June 8, 9 and 10)

A Note from Killington Section President, Wayne Krevetski

Just a short note to bring you up to date on what has been happening on our section of the trail since Irene. To start with, we have a section north of Gould Brook that has been scouted for a relocation of the trail that washed into Sargent Brook. We are looking at putting the trail on higher ground to get it out of the wet areas just south of Upper Cold River Road. It is preliminary at this point and more scouting will be needed after spring thaw. Sticking with the trail in Shrewsbury, there recently was a meeting at the Shrewsbury Town Office with Town Officials, the GMC, Engineers, National Forest Staff and FEMA officials concerning bridge replacement in the Town. The good news is that there are plans to rebuild the bridge across Sargent Brook, maybe this Summer.

Late this past Fall, a relocation of the Bucklin Trail was flagged and brushed out. It is in the State Forest, and before it can be made permanent, additional permitting needs to be done. Again, we are also waiting for spring thaw to make some fine adjustments to keep a dry treadway. This relo will also bring you to higher ground above and to the north of Brewers Brook to avoid current wet areas on the trail.

If you have not heard, an individual has just been charged with burning down the Tucker Johnson Shelter. It is sad that it happened, but good to see that justice will be done. On the bright side, there has been scouting done for a better location for a replacement shelter. The Club, ATC and National Forest people seem to agree on a preliminary site a little north of the present side, off and above the trail. More to come on that in the future.

So, you can see there will be lots going on in our neck of the woods this Summer, and we also have Eastern Mountain Club Day in April.

If you are interested in helping out with trail work, or Section outreach, please contact me at wkrevetski@hotmail.com or call 282-2237.

Thank you and safe hiking.

Outing Reports

LOWER POULTNEY PADDLE, August 27, 2011, by Barb & Barry Griffith, leaders

With Hurricane Irene careening up the East Coast, we were wondering if we'd get this paddle in. Those who did call vacillated whether they should stay at home and batten down the hatches or get out on the water before the soaking rain attacked. Well, we had eight participants and two dogs who appeared to defy the Hurricane (the dogs had no choice).

This is usually a wonderful paddle on calm wide waters. We were not disappointed!! It is a bit difficult to describe where our "put in" spot was since the road system in West Haven, Vermont is a bit of a mystery without a map.

This day was the "calm before the storm." Throughout the trip, paddlers voiced concerns that they return home in time to prepare before the hurricane arrived. Weather alerts were still trying to track the path of Irene and what the impact would be on land-locked Vermont. We were oblivious to the destruction that was soon to be wreaked upon us! The Lower Poultney is a nice, quiet paddle. The river tends to be shallow and is much wider to paddle on than Otter Creek. A lot of the land in this area alongside the Poultney River is owned by the Nature Conservancy. As one paddles along downstream (south), Vermont is to your right and New York is on the left bank of the river. We had a wonderful day and welcome camaraderie, with no major (or minor) catastrophes!

On this day, the trip was fast. We managed to drag out for a muddy lunch spot. A cemetery was pointed out on a knoll. This being rattlesnake country, no one wanted to venture into the overgrown field. There were numerous water birds along the way. The riverbanks were lined with cottonwood and silver maples. We put in on the New York State side and took out in Vermont, near the Galick Farm.

BURLINGTON BIKE PATH, November 13, 2011, by Sue Thomas, leader

This year for our "safe" hunting season hike, the Killington Section ventured with great trepidation into the wilds of Burlington, more frightening for some of us than any African Safari. (Give me a charging Rhino any day, over a honking Lexus minivan).

Once parked and on foot, we felt much more at home, and the bike path proved an interesting change from our usual hikes as it followed the lake shore, and waves crashing on the rocks gave it an ocean feel. We were treated to a close-up view of a pileated woodpecker, and the more distant High Peaks of the Adirondacks across the lake.

We arrived at the bridge spanning the mouth of the Winooski River just in time for lunch at a small waterside park, then continued on past Colchester Bog and out onto the causeway, which connects the mainland with the Island of South Hero. By now, the sun had emerged and the sky turned blue, making the walk out into the Lake on the causeway scenic, if windy. Surprisingly, we had it mostly to ourselves, though a bicyclist whizzed by us in an awful hurry and in spite of the break in the causeway (where in summer a bike ferry transports people across) mysteriously never returned. We decided he had either been eaten by Champ or picked up by a Russian submarine.

All in all it was a great day, and we logged almost seven miles of hiking without hearing a single gunshot – only leaf blowers, which transformed mild-mannered Larry into Mr. Hyde. Fortunately, the things are so loud that the operators failed to hear the insults he hurled their way. Otherwise, he likely would have been beaten senseless with the hose attachment. Once he had been subdued and buckled into a straitjacket, all was well.

ANNUAL HOT DOG ROAST, LAKE BOMOSEEN STATE PARK, January 15, 2012,

by Larry Walter and Vivian Bebee, leaders

We were a little doubtful that anyone would be crazy enough to participate in an outdoor cookout on the breezy west shore of Lake Bomoseen, especially since the projected high was 6°. Turns out we had four hardy souls besides us show up, so the gig was on. I secured a nice little expedition sled from Dave Coppock (Thanks Dave!) to drag our food and wood into the chosen campsite. There was just enough snow to make it an easy pull. It was a little windy, but we found a nice little shelter in the sun, with a decent fire pit on the down-wind side of the shelter. It was a good thing we ended up close to the entrance road, because we just managed to catch Steve Williams before he gave up on trying to locate us from all the tracks. The campground is a popular destination for the locals, who in turn manage to keep things picked up and orderly. In times past, we've left someone back with the fire while the rest of the group went for a hike, but it was close to lunch anyway, so we burnt some meat and flour-based products in quick order, cleaned up and readied for a hike. There's a nice little loop hike just to the north of the entrance drive that works its way up through the woods. It was just the right grade to keep us warm and occupied with some nice scenery. We noticed there were several fishermen on the lake, but they were all on foot. Much of the water was still open. Pretty strange winter so far.

HIGH POND, SUDBURY, January 28, 2012, by Barbara Griffith, leader

The Nature Conservancy trailhead to High Pond Preserve is on Ganson Hill Road in Hubbardton. High Pond, itself, is in Sudbury. The hiking trail was constructed by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps in 2005. One word of caution about this trip – you hike in and down to High Pond. Which means that you have to climb up and out at the end. The last time we did this hike there were “feet” of snow on the ground. This day, there was none due to the mild winter pattern Vermont has been locked in. Just ice to contend with. Some hikers wore spikes, others just proceeded cautiously (tried to). Two had their breath knocked out when their feet went out from under them on the slippery slopes. Otherwise, the day was great weather, and we picnic-lunched in a sunny spot above the Pond.

Conservationist, Douglas Burden, started buying parcels of land here in the 1930's. Eventually, these lands came under the care of the Conservancy in the early 1980's. The Preserve now includes nearly three thousand acres in Hubbardton, Brandon, Pittsford and Sudbury. There is quite a history about the site that one can now access online.

RAIL TRAIL/ROAD HIKE, RUPERT TO WEST RUPERT, February 4, 2012,

by Vivian Bebee and Larry Walter, leaders

The morning of the hike looked to be shaping up like most of the VLB/LW outings: Really nice during the previous test-hike and awful for the official event. There wasn't anything in the forecast about snow, but it was definitely painting the road white at 0700. Things started clearing up as soon as we hit the road, and by the time we were nearing the kickoff point, it was sunny and about 20°. Not bad.

Viv spotted a couple strange vehicles at a RxR crossing on Route 153. Turned out to be some of our hiking mates. We had an excellent turnout with 14 people, including 4 newcomers. The entourage continued on down Vermont Route 153 toward Rupert and pulled over near the first crossing of the old railroad bed across the highway (within Rupert Town boundary). I'm not normally a big fan of rail to trail routes since the rail lines were extremely well engineered, hence almost devoid of detectable curves, horizontal or vertical. But this section runs by a lot of nice wetlands, with a little brook draining the same. It's supposed to be closed to motorized vehicles, although we spotted one heading towards Salem the week before. The brook had managed to get pretty wild, probably during Irene last summer, with several recently destroyed farm bridges and even the remains of an old barn along the way. We flushed the same grouse seen the week before. Lots of beaver activity. The ground was bare. No snow anywhere. Cold temperatures made the walking easy.

We left the rail trail after about 2+ miles for a brief tramp on Routes 153 and 315 in downtown Rupert to Youlin Road where we hooked a right and headed south up the hill. This road winds its way up an increasing grade, with little or no traffic, to connect to the Lang Road. There are only a handful of homes up this way, so the hike is pretty much non-motorized. A nice little surprise was the sighting of a couple bluebirds right along the road. I always forget how amazingly beautiful those little birds are. Seemed a little out of season to see them in VT, but there they were. We had lunch on the stone wall by the Hatch driveway at the top of the hill and continued southerly on the downhill slope of the Lang Road. There were some structures missing from the landscape that Viv remembered being there pretty recently. Seems the new owners removed any and all traces of the house and barn where Viv's childhood friends lived with their parents on a working dairy farm.

We continued on the Lang Road to West Rupert, turning right onto East Street, passing what used to be the two-room school house where Viv attended grade school (which is now the location for the Rupert Town Office, and also passed her grandparent's old place (a previous site of the Rupert Town Office), and eventually ending our hike at Viv's Mom's house. A quick trip in Mom's car delivered the drivers back to retrieve their auto's.

LILY POND, BOMOSEEN, February 11, 2012 (Sue Thomas, leader)

Hello GMC! My name is Patches, and this is my report on my first ever hike with the Killington Section. Oh boy, did I have a blast! I know I've only been around for four months, but it was the best time I've ever had! Everyone was so nice, but I did have my paws full keeping track of them all and had to run back and forth all day to make sure I didn't neglect anyone.

The best thing was I made two new dog friends – that Burdock knows everything there is to know about chasing varmints. I want to be just like him when I grow up!

I had such a great day! There were sticks to chase and chew, fascinating smells to be smelled, and I even tok a toboggan ride down an icy hill that was so much fun I went back up and did it again!

I almost couldn't believe my eyes, but all the folks actually sat down in the middle of the day and got FOOD out of their packs. Wow! That was awesome! Burdock says that's his favorite part of hiking with the club.

I couldn't understand why they all circled around Lily Pond though, since the other dogs and I had much more fun running across it on the ice. I guess people are strange sometimes.

Anyway, it was the best day ever, I couldn't stop wriggling. . .til I got in the car to go home, and then I was out like a light. I hear that happens with the people too.

Prickles, Allison, Kathi and Joe – Killington Section Anniversary Hike, August 2011





In case there are some of us who have forgotten what winter really looks like, this is a picture from a club hike in West Rupert, February, 2011. Tom Copps, Vivian Bebee and Sue Thomas are enjoying the view, while Larry Walter takes the picture. We believe we witnessed a bald eagle flying in the valley just below our eye level off this summit.

Vivian Bebee, Editor
14 Belmont Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join **Killington Section, Green Mountain Club**

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$40
Family..... \$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer..... \$22

Contact us for information on life memberships
and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury - Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station off Center Street in Rutland City. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions.

10 March, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.**Plymbsbury Ski Trails****Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573**

Explore cellar holes, stone walls and an intriguing hold in the ground; moderate, 4 miles.

17 March, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.**Mystery Hike, Rutland area****Sue Thomas 773-2185**

Approximately 5 miles on trails and old wood roads. Moderate.

25 March, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**D&H Rail Trail, Castleton/Poultney****Tom Copps 774-5144**

Follow the route of the old Delaware & Hudson railroad. We can choose a segment either 5 miles or 8 miles, depending on weather conditions and interest. Easy.

31 March, Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**Killington Section Annual Meetingr, Godnick Center, Deer St., Rutland****Sue Thomas 773-2185**

Bring a dish to share and your own place setting for a potluck supper, followed by a short business meeting and election of officers. Main Club Director of Field Programs, Dave Hardy, will fill us in on Tropical Storm Irene damage to the Long Trail.

7 April, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.**Split Rock & Bald Peak, Pittsford****Tom Copps 774-5144**

We'll try out two of the scenic trails in Pittsford, through pasture and woodlands, with a spring pond and a rocky outcropping. 3-4 miles, choose an easy piece, or a more challenging, but short, climb.

14 April, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.**Slack Hill, Coolidge StatePark, Plymouth****Vivian Bebee/Larry Walter 775-3855**

A nice hike through a mix of hardwood and conifer forest with view of Mt. Ascutney from the vista; moderate, 4 miles.

21 April, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.**Natural Bridge, Dorset****Sue Thomas 773-2185**

Climb on old roads to this geological oddity and descend via bushwhacking along the course of a beautiful marble streambed with sculpted gorges and waterfalls; moderate, 4 miles with 900 feet elevation gain. Some very steep grades.

29, April, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**Moreau Lake State Park, South Glens Falls, NY****Allison Henry 775-1627**

Climb to an overlook; moderate, 5 miles, with short, steep portion.

6 May, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Spring wildflower hike

Connie Youngstrom 492-3502

Location to be determined. A slow-paced hike to a locale of the leader's choosing to identify spring wildflowers and returning migrant birds.

12 May, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. (rain date May 13)

Long Trail Spring Cleaning

Wayne Krevetsky 282-2237

All are welcome to help prepare the trail for the summer hiking season. This year, the after effects of Tropical Storm Irene will be a challenge, so all help will be appreciated! Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes and lunch. Tools will be provided. Have fun while doing a good deed.

20 May, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Stove Pipe City, Mendon

Larry Water 775-3855

Hike from Brewers Corners south and east up Eddy Brook to the northeast slope of Mendon Peak and from there to the summit of the Peak. Some bushwhacking; difficult, 7 miles.

26 May, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Boiling Spring, Chittenden

Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573

Follow old wood roads through the New Boston area to find this unusual site where water bubbles up from the ground. Moderate, 7 miles.

2 June, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

National Trails Day Maintenance, Killington

Herb Ogden 293-2510

Wayne Krevetski 282-2237

Volunteers all over the country will be out today clearing brush and waterbars, cutting blowdowns and painting blazes, readying trails for the summer hiking season. Join us to work on our local treasure, the Long/Appalachian Trail. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, lunch and bug spray. Tools will be provided.

9 June, Saturday

Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting, Jay Peak Resort, Jay, VT

See your Long Trail News for details and registration information

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 65, Number 2

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

June 2012



Pittsford from the Split Rock trail



Blast from the past, microburst near Stratton Pond.
August 27, 2005 Steve, Barry, Cindy and Lynda



Erstwhile Tucker Johnson with Lynda Hutchins,
Rick Brown and Tom Shanahan



Bridge at Peru Shelter. Allison Henry, Cindy Kirk and
Tom Shanahan

Killington Section Directors:

Term expiration 2013

Vivian Bebee
Tom Copps
Steve Williams

Term expiration 2014

Dave Coppock
Allison Henry
Sue Thomas*

Term expiration 2015

Gerry Martin*
Barry Griffith
Hillary Coolidge

*Second consecutive 3-year term. Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers:

Steven Williams	President
Barry Griffith	Vice President
Allison Henry	Secretary
Gerry Martin	Treasurer

Committee Chairs:

Bob Perkins	History
Sue Thomas	Outings
Herb Ogden	Trails & Shelters
Wayne Krevetski	Trails & Shelters

Delegates to GMC Board:

Allison Henry	Director
Hillary Coolidge	Alternate

Smoke & Blazes:

Vivian Bebee	Editor
Larry Walter	Assistant Editor
Tom Copps	Photo Editor

Web Site:

Deborah Waggett	Web Master
-----------------	------------

**EDITOR'S NOTE: IF YOU WOULD RATHER
RECEIVE SMOKE & BLAZES BY EMAIL,
PLEASE CONTACT ME. CONTACT
INFORMATION IS LISTED BELOW. THANKS.**

April 12, 2012: Larry, Shawn and Gail clear a blow-down from the LT between Route 4 and Maine Junction.



Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Vivian Bebee	14 Belmont Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-3855, lwalter@sover.net
Hillary Coolidge	PO Box 705, Proctor, VT 05765, 773-1657, hcoolidge@hotmail.com
Dave Coppock	21 Engrem Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5968, dscoppock@gmail.com
Tom Copps	78 North Main Street, #Apt. 3, Rutland, VT 05701, 774-5144, tcopps@sover.net
Allison Henry	19 Hillside Road, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com
Wayne Krevetski	22 Roberts Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 282-2237, wkrevetski@hotmail.com
Gerry Martin	998 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-2244, gdmartin2020@yahooo.com
Herbert Ogden	214 South End Road, Mount Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net
Bob Perkins	6 Rachel Drive, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu
Sue Thomas	27 Clinton Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185
Deborah Waggett	21 Academy Street, Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com
Steve Williams	682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

This n' That

TRAIL MAINTENANCE REPORT, Tuesday, April 17, 2012, by Barbara Griffith

With a hoe, small saw and hand clippers I spent the day clearing water bars, trimming back small brush and picking debris on the LT/AT. My intent was to park on the Governor Clement Road and head north to the top of Little Killington. It was a glorious day, not too warm and a bit of a breeze. The trail was in amazingly good condition. Barry and I had been out last Fall cleaning water bars from the road into Clement shelter, so the first section I did wasn't too complicated. Saw my first snake of the season. It was a pencil thin, tiny, 10-inch garter snake basking in the sun. It moved away quite quickly when I disturbed it's peace. My next critter was a good-sized toad that was in the mucky mud of one of the water bars with a little wooden log bog bridge leading to it. Luckily my hoe didn't hack away any of it's appendages. I decided to be more careful of my digging techniques for the rest of the day. The trail and the woods were dry, and the understory was oh so dry.

The brook crossing to Clement, which is usually a challenge for me, was doable. Someone had put rocks across, so with hoe in one hand to balance and a pole in my other I was able to cross quite easily. A "thank you" to whoever facilitated that! (I suspect it was "Plans to Much.") It was now much later in the day than I had anticipated (Takes a lot of time cleaning water bars!), and I was wondering if I would make it to the top of Little Killington.

I continued up the road/trail, snagging off the road at the top of the rise. This section of the trail was a bit damp. There are multiple seeps along the side of this section, but still not the mucky, muddy state it usually is in. These water bars had not been cleaned last Fall so my job was a bit more challenging here. In the past when I had been in with a hoe, I had been in a hurry and had not taken the time to clean out the multiple "rock bogging" sections. The mud and leaves had hidden these rocks over the years, so I cleaned around, between and made the drainage more doable. This took a lot of time.

A large flat rock loomed ahead and had "lunch spot" written all over it. My arms were a bit sore, so I decided it was also a good time for a break. So quiet out there by myself, yet not so quiet. As I sat listening, I heard a barred owl hooting in the distance. Off and on, a Pileated Woodpecker was hammering away, and I heard it or them calling their kik-kikkik throughout the day. A little mole or mouse moved around in the leaf litter. Several different butterflies flitted around. The hillside was aromatic with the profusion of ramps. I decided I needed a few for my salad tonight so broke off a couple of leaves.) April 17th and the understory was alive with wildflowers. Trilliums were ready to bloom, but the weather is to turn colder, so I imagine they will be delayed for a while. Also budded were squirrel corn, trout lily, and a plant I could not identify (will have to look up when I get home). In bloom, I was delighted to see spring beauties, colts feet, and yellow violets. Earlier in the day, I checked out the area of the Trail where I have seen lady slippers every year, but they were not up yet.

Continuing up, I now knew I would not make the top at the speed I was traveling. That was OK. I made it to the "Ear Tree." (Those who know this section know what I mean. It's that tree with a limb that looks like an ear. I suspect it hears many stories throughout the hiking season.) I wandered along this ridge another 20 minutes not encountering any water bars or debris. I cut out 2 small trees that hikers had been going off trail to maneuver around. At this point, it was time to return home. I had accomplished most of what I had intended (except the top). It had been a wonderful day "on the trail" and, oh, it does take a long time to clean water bars!

Outing Reports

JOCKEY HILL, February 26, 2012, Barry & Barb Griffith, leaders

A group of nine hikers and two dogs gathered on the site of one of Shrewsbury's original settlers, Thomas Stewart, now known as the former site of the Tin Shanty, ready to hike in to our first destination. It was the first snowshoe of the season for most people. In fact, when people called to confirm, I warned them to dust off their snowshoes and they were incredulous that there would be that much snow (there was). We hiked up the Tin Shanty Road, donning our "shoes," snagged the snowmobile trail and continued to shoe in to the bottom of Jockey Hill. We passed by the Orey Wright Lumber Mill site where Barry pointed out that the lumber for the Northam Church had been milled here in the 1840's. On our return trip, we went in to look at the cellar hole and the stone wall in the stream bed that must have been a dam for said saw mill over 150 years ago.

At this point, we snagged an old logging road to the left and headed up the hill meeting the first real challenge of a stream crossing. (Later in the day we would hike in to the headwaters of this stream.) The snow was pristine, the skies were eggshell blue, the camaraderie calming. As we climbed, we started shedding layers of clothing. At the beginning of the day, it had been cool and a bit of a chill with the wind, but we warmed up quickly with the increased exercise.

Eventually the promised bushwhack commenced as we ascended at a greater slope grade. There sure were plenty of bushes whacking us and at different times, we had to pull two people back up from the snowy depths when they fell over. As we climbed, the snow became deeper and deeper, never losing its splendor. Upwards to the "rock on the rock"!

As always, just when you wonder if you'll ever make it, we reached the top of the hill at 2,641 feet elevation and were rewarded with great views to the east. We then climbed down to the rock and our lunch spot. Could this be an old Druid or Celtic worshiping site? Is the boulder a glacial erratic or is it a "dolman" balanced on those "peg stones" by cultures gone by? On the summer solstice, does the sun really shine past the pegs and align the beam? What is truth, what is fiction, and what is just imagination? (We saw no gnomes, but were they watching us?) Perhaps the magic was the glorious day that had wrapped itself around us.

Lunch being over, we took off for the next destination that Kathy Pingree had reminded us about earlier, the beaver dam meadow site. Off we slid down through the fluffy snow finding an abundance of animal tracks. Jerry pointed out fisher tracks. So far today we had seen the tracks of white-footed mice, voles, coyote, and squirrel. Once at the beaver dam site, we had great views to the north of Mendon, Little Killington and some more of the Coolidge Range.

From here the return trip started. We hiked out and eventually made it back to the old logging road that we had started in on, re-crossed the stream (no casualties), out to the snowmobile trail at the base of Jockey Hill and back to our vehicles. Before departing, we discussed the death of a hiker who died in January while out on the Emily Proctor Trail. I stressed the need for everyone to leave a note where they were or might be going and an intended return time. Alas, this did not help the young hiker in January.

BLACK MOUNTAIN PONDS, March 4, 2012, Allison Henry, leader

The network of trails on the east shore of Lake George is easily accessible and in my opinion, never too crowded. People seem to gravitate to the summit trails on sunny weekends (Black Mountain, Buck Mountain) leaving the more remote pond trails pretty quiet. We have done the Black Mountain Pond areas several times as a winter hike, but it is always a good choice—easy drive, plowed trailhead lot, and usually not too icy. We had a cloudy day for this hike with temperatures in the 30s. Our group included three regulars and two friends of the leader from NY. There was a little fresh snow, but mostly packed down, old snow. Like almost all of our hikes this winter, only microspikes or yaktrax were needed. After the slight climb from the trailhead, we paused at the turnoff for the Black Mountain summit trail, but with no takers we continued on as planned to the pond area. We reached our destination, Millman Pond, in time for lunch. The shelter is a marvel of caretakerdom. There are handmade shelves and storage nooks, frying pans, tools such as rakes and brooms and a well-built fire pit. The outhouse is a site to behold. Outhouse-themed comics and poetry on the walls, a built-in storage compartment for TP and, most of all, a red toilet seat labeled "Millman Pond hot seat," which is a close second to Minerva Hinchey's glory. After a dessert of rolo brownies (just what it sounds like—brownies festooned with chopped up rolo candies) our slog out was a bit slower thanks to full tummies and melty snow.

The most exciting part of our hike was during the drive home. On Washington County Route 6, Larry exclaimed, "Did you guys see that huge porcupine?" I made Sue turn the car around to go check it out. Back we went, necks craning, until Larry said, "Look! There!" and Sue turned the car around again. There certainly was SOMETHING there....a shaggy black animal who looked to weigh at least 40 pounds, clinging to a log in a wetland. "That's not a porky! It's a.....a.....I don't know!" At first, I thought it was a baby bear. It turned out to be a big, black, shaggy.....housecat. Sue got out of the car for a better look, and Mr. Kitty glaaaaaaaraaaed at her before slinking below the log, tail twitching.

PINE HILL TO PROCTOR, March 17, 2012, Sue Thomas, leader

With no leaves yet on the trees the woods were open and bright in the warm spring sunshine. Our merry band of hikers skipped happily along accompanied by the lovely trill of birdsong, oblivious to the peril ahead. Suddenly, the sky darkened and the peace was shattered by the deafening cries of hundreds of menacing birds! Their black bodies blocked out the sun as wave after wave passed overhead, and we cowered, grabbing for Burdock lest he be carried away in the cruel talons of...well, OK, they were just starlings, but it was impressive to see several huge flocks, very Hitchcock!

Nostalgia had inspired me to lead a hike on the old stage road from Pine Hill Park to Proctor before it becomes a more "civilized" mountain bike trail later this year as part of the ongoing expansion of the Pine Hill trail system. A large group patiently waited while we dropped some cars at the Proctor end. The first hill reduced our number by one and another turned back before we reached Rocky Pond. At that rate, I was afraid by the time we got to Proctor there would be no one left but me and the dogs! But the remainder of the group proved more hardy, climbing hills, negotiating a few muddy spots and endlessly tossing a Frisbee for our most tireless (four-footed) hiker, who logged more miles than the rest of us put together. We stopped for lunch at a small reservoir. One hiker who grew up in Proctor remembered coming there to swim and picnic when it was maintained as a town recreation area. We opted to picnic and skip the swim.

We emerged from the woods near the rusty remains of the old Proctor ski tow, glad to have spent a great day outside and also grateful not to have been dismembered by vicious birds – always a goal of the Killington Section.

SLACK HILL, April 14, 2012, Vivian Bebee and Larry Walter, leaders

We had an impressive turnout for this hike up through Coolidge State Park (Route 100A) with a head count of 18. The weather was near perfect. The bugs were few, but potent. More on that later. A non-democratic decision (meaning Larry decided) was made to make it a true loop by parking down by the highway. After organizing somewhat, the head of the monster launched itself up the paved road towards the check-in station (now vacant), passing some nice lodges and some decent views to the northwest. This many people are always challenging, but the GMC ethic kicked in reliably, allowing some of our slower hikers to catch up. It was good to see some returnees by newer participants, as well as some young friends of ours including, Peter, who will be graduating from college soon. Yikes! Peter has hiked with the GMC since he was 15. Larry tortured some of the latter with stupid tree ID questions. They nicely feigned to have (a) confidence in, and (b) a tepid interest in Larry's shaky dendro-knowledge.

The trailhead for the Slack Hill trail began just past the entrance station. About 2/3's of the way on the trail, Jerry Parker slid off to the left side to an old cellar hole, nicely signed "In Memory of Dick" (dated in the early 50's). Different theories were kicked around, including a pet dog once owned by Tom Copps. Once we returned to the trail, we had another steep section to finish before looping around the summit of Slack Hill, followed by a short descent to a small but very nice view to the south, with a bench. Since we weren't all going to fit on the bench, most of the group sat in the surrounding grass and brush. Our chief tick-magnet, Ms. Thomas, managed to produce one specimen crawling upon her person. This discovery produced the usual arms-up, airport security sort of scene, but no other eight-legged critters were discovered. I guess that's a heads up for the rest of the season. Normally there would still be snow on this trail in April, but not a trace of the stuff was to be seen, except up on the mountain resort trails. From the viewpoint, there's an easy hike down to an open field and picnic area with some more nice views. The trail then re-enters the woods and eventually crosses a major stream before heading down an old access road to the cars. Larry was called upon for his "near photographic" trail memory at one junction for a right or left opinion. Fortunately, Viv had a clearer memory and chose the correct direction that avoided Larry's hiking into a dead-end tent platform area. There's an interesting old CCC lodge site across a flood-damaged bridge near the parking area. Some of the stone work, including the old fireplace and retaining walls, are worth seeing. The remains of the original roof trusses are stacked nearby, but they're too far gone to be used again. Some pretty nice joinery went into these old places.

NATURAL BRIDGE, April 21, 2012, Sue Thomas, leader

Up the ridge to the natural bridge

We climbed and we climbed and we climbed.

"For that little bridge we climbed this @*!! ridge?"

Gasping for breath we whined.

"How nice to see" they said to me,

"Green things not seen since last Fall."

"What flower is it? It's so exquisite!"

And Stella, she sat on them all.

Down the ridge from the natural bridge

There in the underbrush thick.

Rocks piled in an arch, we halted our march

And Herb poked inside with a stick.

We readied to flee, but no beast did we see

From winter's slumber awake.

T'was but the steep grade of the old road that made

Our knees to tremble and quake.

MOREAU LAKE STATE PARK, April 29, 2012, Allison Henry, leader

Moreau Lake is a New York State Park just off the Northway, between Saratoga Springs and Lake George. When I lived in Saratoga, I used to go there for walks around the Lake. This past winter, I was invited on a hike there with friends and thought, "This really isn't all that far for a GMC hike." Thus, the hike made it onto our schedule. It was a nice day for a hike - sunny, windy and low 50's. Very few bugs! We had six "regulars" on this hike plus a pal of the leader, plus two pals of the leader's pal. One of our regulars immediately commented that yours truly was not our "token young person" on this particular hike.

Our fearless leader had followed the maze of trails in the park with friends and via sight, but navigating the park map (it cost \$2, but was vastly superior to the tiny black-and-white internet printout initially used) was in itself an adventure. Red trails, white trails and trails that were not even on the map all added up to the fun of "I know where we are and how to find our way back to the car, but how do we get over THERE from HERE?" We followed a slowly rolling, ever climbing ROR trail (Red Oak Ridge) just above the campground road, until reaching a turnoff to the Overlook Trail. You might recall from the summary in the schedule that this hike included a "short steep section." Well, this was it, a half-mile climb with not one, but two steep sections that I'd call "talus fields" going nearly vertical. Hands down, this was the toughest part of the hike. Literally, hands-down. The overlook is just what you'd imagine, an overlook, looking east over Moreau Lake toward mountains in the distance which were probably some Taconics and some Greens. At the overlook, conveniently in time for lunch, our chatty group likely disrupted several individuals who had probably hoped for a quieter break on the summit. These folks were easily brought to the dark side with offers of brownies and chocolate eggs.

After coming carefully down the way we came up, with no casualties, we heard something coming through the woods above us and we turned in anticipation, hoping it was a deer or even a bear. It turned out to be a running man in green spandex, wearing a number and carrying a map. At first I thought he had gotten REALLY off course from the Lake George Half-Marathon, which was also taking place that day. He ran right past us and appeared not to have even noticed our group. We started seeing more and more such folks as we headed toward the Lake. Turns out they were participating in an orienteering race called the Billy Goat. They were zigging and zagging up and down the trails as well as bush-whacking through the woods in search of orange flags. We moved a few of the flags to make it easier for the competitors (just kidding).

Once down from the ridge, we made our best attempt to follow some of the trails around the Lake and wetland areas, once again with some head scratching, map rotating, and "how do we get there from here" from our leader. We saw lots of beaver work including a recently chewed tree more than twelve inches in diameter, and a beaver lodge right on the shore of the pond. One member of our party actually scaled the beaver lodge for closer inspection, probably causing the poor beaver family inside to believe that the apocalypse was imminent.

The end of our hike included crossing a causeway for gorgeous views of the Lake, tromping across the playground, beach and picnic area, and briefly considering a group crashing of the Billy Goat's post-race party. Instead, we followed the lake shore back toward the parking lot. For a finale, we followed a herd path right along the edge of the water, which involved some dodging of tree branches lest one step off the lakeshore into the Lake. I was hoping someone would fall in so I could add it to this hike write-up, but the end of the hike remained uneventful.

Killington Section Annual Meeting

March 31, 2012

By Allison Henry, Secretary

(Edited by Vivian Bebee – For complete transcript of these minutes, contact Allison Henry)

Present: President Wayne Krevetski, Secretary Allison Henry, Treasurer Gerry Martin, and Directors Sue Thomas, Tom Cops, Vivian Bebee, and Dave Coppock. Also present: 20+ other K Section members and friends.

Minutes from 2011 annual meeting approved (G. Martin/Barb Griffith; passed)

Treasurer's report from Gerry Martin:

- About one thousand dollars ahead of last year
- Returns on CDs continue to be very minimal, but will continue to roll over; questioned looking for higher interest rate, but higher rate would result in some risk to the principal. Board does not want this.
- Membership numbers are up—have we actually added people or is there a new definition of members, i.e. businesses or additional family members counted. (Note: A. Henry offered to get in touch with Main Club to ask)

Treasurer's report accepted (Barry Griffith/A. Henry; passed)

Dave Hardy, Director of Field Operations, made a guest appearance to update us on the condition of the Long Trail in and around our area, especially after Irene. Of note, paraphrased: The Killington Section has the honor of having "The only

piece of the Trail still closed due to Irene.” A section of the trail from Cold River Road to Governor Clement is still closed by the Green Mountain National Forest. A road walk is posted. A site visit with local club members, Dave, Forest Service folks and possibly a grant writer is scheduled for early April. Also, the town of Shrewsbury may or may not replace washed out bridges. Possible trail adjustment or relocation in an area near Lottery Road-- a flagline has been set.

Forest Service is prosecuting the alleged perpetrator of the burning of Tucker Johnson Shelter. A potential new site is being scouted—a little north of the old site, off the trail.

Wind project in Lowell—is moving forward, but will have a radar-operated lighting system, as the Club had hoped. Lights are required on the tallest turbines, but now will only switch on when a plane is in range rather than staying on all night. The Club learned a lot from participating in the public hearings and other pieces of the project, and we have been able to bring our “expertise” to other projects such as the new towers in Deerfield.

Thundering Falls boardwalk—destroyed by Irene. Forest Service looking for support in fixing/replacing. Also damaged/gone: bridge in Kent Brook area, Stonybrook bridge. This has been a low water year and a lot of debris from Irene has not been moved yet so it might be best to wait on some repairs until another high water event moves things around again.

Bromley tower—built in early 60s (Bromley Ski Area) was condemned after inspection last summer by engineer and will be disassembled/destroyed. GMC will work with Bromley and be primary fundraiser on replacing it. Trail will not be moved off the summit of Bromley.

Main Club summary from representative Allison Henry, with some notes provided by alternate Steve Williams:

- Lowell Wind Project under some appeals but still moving forward.
- Main Club Annual Meeting is the weekend of June 8-9 at Jay Peak resort
- Main Club looking for copy of the 1922 Long Trail guide. Historical Society might lend us copy.
- Fiscal Year 2013 budget passed unanimously
- Still working on Winooski Project. Recent appeal raised \$50,000.00
- Club involved in discussions of safety and search and rescue on the Trail, following the death of a young hiker on the Emily Proctor Trail. State of VT looking at updating their response protocol—many areas not covered and responsibility falls on State Police. Resources often not available for dangerous or nighttime rescues.

Nomination and Election of Directors:

- Confusion due to lack of a list available of current directors eligible/ineligible for re-election. Discussion ensued with the election going forward under the assumption that Tom, Sue, Allison, Vivian, Dave and Herb were the existing Directors whose terms were not yet up, leaving three positions to be filled. Nominations were made and seconded; following paper ballot, Hillary, Gerry and Barry were elected to fill three vacant positions.

The Directors old and new then met to elect officers (still discussing who was actually off the Board due to term expiration. Officer nominations made and seconded as follows: President, Herb Ogden; VP, Barry Griffith; Secretary, Allison Henry; Treasurer, Gerry Martin. Allison Henry remains our rep for the Main Club, with Hillary Coolidge elected as alternate.

Next Board of Directors' meeting scheduled for June 12, 2012 at 7 pm at the Henry House.

Vivian Bebee, Editor
14 Belmont Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual\$40
Family\$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer\$22

Contact us for information on life memberships
and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___trail work, ___shelter work, ___sign making, ___publications, ___leading outings, ___publicity, ___education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury - Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC OUTING SCHEDULE June-September, 2012

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station off Center Street in Rutland City. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions. **HIKE LEADER HAS DISCRETION TO REFUSE ANYONE WHO IS NOT ADEQUATELY PREPARED.**

16 June, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Birdseye Mountain, Castleton

Tom Copps 774-5144

Climb to a rocky overlook; some steep pitches and some bushwhacking. Difficult, 5 miles.

23 June, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Quimby, Stockbridge

Herb Ogden 293-2510

We will hike south from Stockbridge on old roads; then along the Appalachian Trail to Notown. Moderate, 7 miles.

30 June, Saturday

Mystery hike

Diane Bargiel 413-687-1109

Moderate, 4-6 miles. Call leader for location and starting time.

8 July, Sunday

Winona Lake, Bristol

Vivian Bebee & Larry Walter 775-3855

Canoe or kayak on this beautiful, small lake (a/k/a Bristol Pond), with abundant bird life. Call leaders for start time.

22 July, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

Mount Ascutney, Windsor

Sue Thomas 773-2185

Climb to the summit of this 3,150-foot monadnock for spectacular views from the fire tower. Difficult, 6 miles, 2,520 feet of elevation gain.

28 July, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Annual Poultney River Paddle

Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573

A relaxing paddle along the scenic Vermont/New York border. Bring canoes or kayaks; flotation devices required.

5 August, Sunday

Mystery Hike

Larry Walter 775-3855

Difficult, 8-12 miles. Call leader for location and starting time.

12 August, Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Hunger Mountain, Waterbury Center

Allison Henry 775-1627

Ascend via the Waterbury Trail for great views of the Green and White Mountains from the 3,539-foot summit. "Bring your bow & arrows for the Hunger Mountain Games." Difficult, 5 miles, 2,290 feet of elevation gain.

18 August, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Silver Lake, Ripton

Tom Copps 774-5144

Hike to this beautiful Lake via the North Branch Trail and out the Goshen Trail. Cool off with a swim at the beach. Moderate, 5 miles.

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 65, Number 3

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

September 2012



Annual cold dog cookout, this time at Bomoseen



Lake Bomoseen from Gramps



Trip around (and high above) Lake Moreau over in New York State



Our favorite baby weasel



Larry about to jump off from Mendon Mountain



Kayaking on Bristol Pond



The wall at Aldrichville on the LT-AT near Little Rock Pond

Killington Section Directors:

Term expiration 2013

Vivian Bebee

Tom Copps

Steve Williams

Term expiration 2014

Dave Coppock

Allison Henry

Sue Thomas*

Term expiration 2015

Hillary Coolidge*

Barry Griffith

Gerry Martin*

*Second consecutive 3-year term. Not eligible for re-election.

Killington Section Officers:

Steve Williams

President

Barry Griffith

Vice President

Allison Henry

Secretary

Gerry Martin

Treasurer

Committee Chairs:

Bob Perkins

History

Sue Thomas

Outings

Herb Ogden

Trails & Shelters

Wayne Krevetski

Trails & Shelters

Delegates to GMC Board:

Allison Henry

Director

Hillary Coolidge

Alternate

Smoke & Blazes:

Vivian Bebee

Editor

Larry Walter

Assistant Editor

Tom Copps

Photo Editor

Web Site:

Deborah Waggett

Web Master

Little Rock Pond, August 2012

Gerry, Teri, Chryl, and Larry



Barry, Chryl, Gerry, Sue, Teri, Larry, Tom, Barb

Contact Information – Web Site – <http://web.mac.com/gmckillington>

Vivian Bebee

14 Belmont Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-3855, lwalter@sover.net

Hillary Coolidge

PO Box 705, Proctor, VT 05765, 773-1657, hcoolidge@hotmail.com

Dave Coppock

21 Engrem Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-5968, dscoppock@gmail.com

Tom Copps

78 North Main Street, #Apt. 3, Rutland, VT 05701, 774-5144, tcopps@sover.net

Allison Henry

19 Hillside Road, Rutland, VT 05701, 775-1627, allisonnorton1@gmail.com

Wayne Krevetski

22 Roberts Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 282-2237, wkrevetski@hotmail.com

Gerry Martin

998 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, 492-2244, gdmartin2020@yahoo.com

Herbert Ogden

214 South End Road, Mount Tabor, VT 05253-9756, 293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net

Bob Perkins

6 Rachel Drive, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-0184, RobertPerkins@alumni.UVM.edu

Sue Thomas

27 Clinton Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 773-2185

Deborah Waggett

21 Academy Street, Fair Haven, VT 05743, 265-2024, purplejeep99@hotmail.com

Steve Williams

682 VT Route 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775, 645-9529, voorburg00@comcast.net

This n' That

Friday and Saturday, October 5 and 6, Eastern Mountain Sports, "Club Day Sale"

HIGHLAND WORK PARTY, Saturday, June 2, 2012, by Herb Ogden

This year, the Highland Work Party was appropriately named not only because we worked at high elevation in the Coolidge Range, but also because the weather was what the Scotch Highlands are famous for: chilly and rainy. Nevertheless, six people showed up and joined the Honor Roll: Dave Coppock, Tom Copps, Allison Henry, Wayne Krevetski, Herb Ogden and Sarah Shanahan. The day before, Sue Thomas had finished clearing the many waterbars on the Sherburne Pass Trail and Cindy Taylor-Miller had cut weeds in Patch Hollow.

While Allison and Sarah dug out two miles worth of waterbars south from US 4 to Churchill Scott Shelter on the LT, Wayne delivered some bog bridging to the bottom of the Cauty Trail with the gracious cooperation of its new owners. Then he and the rest of us brought sixteen 8' hemlock planks and two sills up to the Alpine Pipeline crossing on the Sherburne Pass trail using Wayne's truck. By the time we had lugged them the remaining .4 mile to Jungle Jct., the rain was becoming steadier and the trail slipperier, and we decided not to lug any farther. We installed one bog bridge, but left for another day the task of carrying 14 planks about a mile south on the LT to fix broken bog bridges. If you know of any carriers with strong backs and ambition, let us know.

Paddling Otter Creek (aka "Tree Kayaking"), July 1, 2012, (not a Club trip), by Barb Griffith

We wondered what this trip would be like as we unloaded the kayaks and equipment for the paddle. I have never seen the "Crik" so low! The last paddle we did on this section was just after a tremendous amount of rain and we zoomed along at a fast pace ending in about three hours time! Today, we dragged the kayaks down to a cavity in the bank and each developed their own launching technique. What was most difficult was extricating our feet and sandals from the mud. (This would be a common theme throughout the day.) We put in to Otter Creek at 11:30 a.m. Our spirits were high and the weather was perfect, sunny and breezy; the trees lining the banks of the Creek gave us shaded relief. However, there wasn't much of a current so we were forced to paddle downstream without much help from the forces of nature.

The first hour of the paddle went without much ado. We did not encounter any snags or stringers. Life was good. We were giddy with the day. Barry chose our lunch spot, but when he got on shore, he hit quicksand or quick mud and started sinking. Once again he extricated himself and crawled back into his watercraft with both crocs intact. Another 15 minutes along, we found a real sand bar and enjoyed a leisurely meal. The whole day was proving to be leisurely. That was soon to change as we started our encounters with maneuvering around, over and under snags left by Hurricane Irene.

As in our initial launching we each developed our own techniques to get our kayaks and selves over each barricade. This prompted a lot of teamwork to get the kayaks over without going over into the water....which did happen by the way. I wasn't available with my camera to document the "tip overs". Rats!!

The snags kept a coming. So, not only did we have no current, we also had river blocks coming at us. This was not going to be a 3-hour trip today. Our spirits were high even though our paddling arms were growing weary. We flushed up a mother duck and about 9 ducklings who could not fly yet, chasing them down stream all day long. (Bet they slept well that night.)

Wish we had kept track of the number of snags we had to get over. I will say "many". After awhile we started to call it "tree kayaking", and we finally made it to our take out spot with thunder in the distance. We all marveled at our time on the "Crik" and for what a perfect day it had been. It was 4:30 p.m. The trip had taken us 5 hours!

What an awesome stupendous day we had!! We survived intact, (already discussing our next kayak adventure), but we did learn that "tree kayaking" TAKES A LOT LONGER than water kayaking.



Outing Reports

BOILING SPRINGS, CHITTENDEN, May 26, 2012, Barry & Barb Griffith, leaders

Our last trip into the Springs was June 2009. As always with these out-of-the-way locations, we attempt to hike in every few years to keep the spot current in our minds. The weather was perfect, the trekkers waiting with bated breath to achieve the destination and marvel at the boiling water. (We had to explain that the "boiling" here did not mean hot). We were 11 hikers, two dogs. This is a rather long hike, but level terrain with a slow uphill elevation gain making it downhill on the return.

Wildflowers were abundant. We came upon an Oven Bird's nest. Would have missed it entirely if our commotion had not made Mama Oven Bird un-nest and try to lead us away. The nest was on the ground on the side of the logging road and carefully camouflaged by wrapping living ferns around the top. Quite clever! We quickly strode by to leave her to get back to incubating her eggs.

We attained the Boiling Spring site by noon. The Springs made quite a show for our lunch. As you can see in the photo, we were captivated as it bubbled away! One must see it to believe. We wondered if there are other "boiling springs" in Vermont and, if so, where. There were other geological questions left unanswered.

There were new participants who joined us. It is always nice to have new input. For those who called the leaders, I advised food, water, proper footwear and the ability to hike 7+ miles. For some, that was a challenge towards the end of the trip. The heat and humidity rose throughout the day. The mud we had to plow through threw a curve ball to some. However, all made it in and out.



WINONA LAKE (a/k/a BRISTOL POND), BRISTOL, July 8, 2012, Viv Bebee & Larry Walter, leaders

Despite the very early start time, Linda, Teri and Sarah joined us with their kayaks for a very pleasant, early morning paddle. We started early not only to avoid the heavy traffic at this "fishing" site and beat the heat, but also in hopes of seeing more wildlife. We were definitely rewarded for our effort. Not only did we see turtles, ducks, gulls, herons and bald eagles, we were also treated to a rare sight. As we paddled down the peaceful channel that leads to the main pond, directly in front of us only a very few feet away, male and female sandhill cranes walked out of a marshy area with two juveniles following close behind, swam across the narrow channel and walked into the marshy area on the other side. They made sounds like a soft, rattle/purr. What a sight! Further out in the pond, we saw some fat, happy snakes sunning themselves on a little island. Needless to say, we all stayed in our canoe/kayaks and did not venture onto the island. Also, there were only a couple of other boats on the water, so we did not have to avoid areas where others were fishing. Note: On the front cover, picture of kayakers, Linda and Sarah.

MOUNT ASCUTNEY, WINDSOR, July 22, 2012, Sue Thomas, leader

Mount Ascutney fits the definition of a monadnock – rising from the valley floor all on its own, with no surrounding mountains or ridges for company. Poor, lonely Mount Ascutney. But the thing about a monadnock is, as you approach from any direction, it looms in front of you in all its intimidating glory, and any sympathy you might have had for it fades as you gaze at its enormous bulk and realize that nary an elevation line was gained by car. Lucky you, you get to climb every inch. Gulp!

Having blue skies, a relatively cool day in the midst of a steamy summer and great companions eased the way as we slogged up the Windsor Trail. We stopped for a breather at Gerry's Falls, not very impressive in a dry year, but any excuse will do on an unrelenting climb!

By the time we reached Halfway Springs, we felt at least 155 years old, so thought we might as well take the 1857 route, now a spur trail, to check out an old cabin, which looked about as rundown as I felt. We found a family there taking a break on their way up. Their little girl seemed not the least bit winded, and with a mouthful of Skittles told us all about the series of candy breaks that had fueled her climb. We ran into them again when we crested the ridge, and she regaled us with the tales of pizza all the way to the summit tower, atop which she clutched a small bag of M&M's and led a discussion about everyone's favorite donut flavor. I hope she took a moment to notice the view, which is of course spectacular, taking in the Windsor/Cornish covered bridge over the Connecticut River in the foreground, to the distant White Mountains and our own Greens.

As we ate our lunch at the base of the tower, our little friend disappeared down the trail, still talking . . . which may explain the overpowering urge we felt for ice cream when we reached the trailhead. A stop at the Brownsville store was just the thing, where we had a scoop each and marveled over the elaborate model train set up in the back room. Extremely detailed, it featured eco-friendly construction sites complete with solar panels and outhouses, a cop car lurking behind trees in a speed trap and even the Old Man of the Mountain resurrected. A fun way to end a great day.

MYSTERY HIKE, August 5, 2012, Larry Walter, leader

I had originally planned to ascend a Green Mountain high peak, but in light of weather forecasts predicting morning thunderstorms, thought better of it. Evidently, most other people thought the same since the phone was pretty silent (no calls for time and place of hike).

Sue, Tom and I decided to limit our hike to something short, with water at the end for swimming to cool off. Silver Lake fit the bill. We came in from the east (easy) side and reached the Lake just when the wind was picking up and the clouds were gathering. Tom and I stuck to the plan and attempted to backstroke through 1 ½-foot-high whitecaps. Sue wisely decided to limit her involvement to a casual wade near shore.

The return trip to the car left us all wishing we were in the water again, so we compensated with a visit to the Brandon ice cream shop on the way home.

Killington Section Directors' Meeting

June 12, 2012

By Allison Henry, Secretary

Present: President Steve Williams, VP Barry Griffith, Secretary Allison Henry, Treasurer Gerry Martin, and Directors Sue Thomas, Dave Coppock, Tom Copps, Vivian Bebee, and Hillary Coolidge. Also present: former President/Trails and Shelters Co-Chair Wayne Krevetski.

- Meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm.
- We confirmed Steve Williams as section President. He had been named as President by our Board via email/phone discussion following some confusion as to who is actually on the Board and whose term was up (please refer to minutes from 3/31/12).
- Minutes from Directors meeting on 3/6/12 and Annual Meeting on 3/31/12 were approved (Griffith/Martin and Copps/Bebee, respectively).
- Treasurer's Report by Gerry Martin
 - Membership numbers up, has generated income. Recent expenses include Godnick Center rental and lumber .
 - Recent audit went well
 - Steve requested clarification re: use of Kirk Fund. Gerry and Barry suggested he refer to Barry's article about the Kirk fund written in Smoke and Blazes several years ago. Gerry will add sentence to Treasurer's report about the use of the restricted fund
 - Group "THANK YOU" to Gerry for excellent work!
- Main Club Highlights from Allison Henry, Director to Main Club:
- Working with Ski Areas along Long Trail to set up official side trails to connect ski areas to LT
- Lifetime Membership given to Ben Rose
- Winooski Bridge Project still in progress; next big project could be replacement of Bromley Lookout Tower
- Main Club continuing to follow progress of wind projects around the State
- Trails and Shelters Report from Wayne Krevetski
 - funding coming in for Irene-related repairs. LT Patrol and VYCC will do most of the work. Bucklin Trail relocation and Cold River Road area being worked on in the coming weeks
 - Main Club might be donating money to Shrewsbury for bridge repairs
 - We are allowed to open up the view at Bear Mountain vista
 - Also noted: Susan Shea is looking for Section reports for Long Trail News—100-500 words with photos. Vivian will call Barb about this.
 - Thank You from Wayne for sending him photos for annual meeting slide show
 - Owner of the Cauty Trail access has given permission for us to access trail through the gate on his property for trailwork. He has asked if trailhead can be moved because even with "No Parking" signs, people still park there and block the gate. Wayne will discuss options with Forest Service (they have been discussing moving the trailhead for years) and with the landowner.
 - Other than Irene damage in Shrewsbury area, "our section is in good shape."
 - Some thruhikers have reported confusion with road walk in Shrewsbury area. Barry will be working on improving signage.
 - Vandalism at Rt. 140 lot—there is no sign there warning folks of potential vandalism
 - Mountain bike tracks from 140 to Minerva Hinchey

- Sue questioned what info can be left in the shelters, "officially." Some items found include phone books and bus schedules. Wayne: commercial ads are definitely not allowed. Unsure of actual Main Club policy.
- Smoke and Blazes Update:
 - Make sure your contact info and term limit info are accurate
 - send any photos of outings to Tom and/or Vivian
 - Group "THANK YOU" for Tom and Vivian's efforts!
 - As always, call Sue SOON if you want to lead outings!
- Other Business:
 - Website: Group discussion: website needs updating. Photos and information are outdated. Not all issues of Smoke and Blazes are available on the site. Hillary offered to get in touch with webmaster Deb Waggett.
 - Publicity: What options are there for communicating outings schedule to public, besides Smoke and Blazes and website? Should we utilize email? We have had difficulty with the Herald's calendar not working properly. Hikes are sometimes advertised in small, local papers such as Mountain Times and VT Country Sampler. Group discussion of importance of publicity vs. safety concerns. Publicity is important to make community aware of our activities, invite new people on hikes, recruit new people for work parties, and recruit new members. However, concern was expressed that if hikes are advertised in "tourist"-type papers, tourists who are unprepared may show up for outings. Hillary offered to get in touch with local organizations such as colleges and libraries for outreach (Vivian will send list of people/groups who already receive our mailings).
 - Hike Safety: We held a very long discussion about situations where individuals show up for hikes unprepared, either unprepared with gear and/or not physically capable of completing the hike safely. Throughout discussion we emphasized that it is ultimately the role of the hike leader to turn someone away if unprepared or not physically capable, although some hike leaders might not be comfortable with the possibility of conflict and/or hurting someone's feelings. We do need to make decisions for individual safety as well as the safety/comfort of the group. If someone is unprepared, hikes at a very slow pace, or gets injured, the entire group could be at risk for being out after dark. A caveat has been placed on the schedule that states that the hike leader can turn someone away if unprepared, but a) not everyone reads it and believes it and b) if someone reads about the hike somewhere other than our printed schedule, this caveat is not included (e.g. newspaper). Should we refrain from listing the start time and/or the meeting place on the schedule, so that participants have to call first? Several cons were raised to this point, including that if someone has to call they might leave it to the last minute and not call and thus not attend. Also, even if the leader is to ask questions about the person's experience and gear, "can you really screen someone in a phone call?" Finally, do we need to make more of an effort to include a variety of hikes on the schedule? Our members do have access already to the Thursday Outings schedule at the Godnick Center. As a group we decided that for difficult hikes, we would list less information as mentioned above, so participants are required to call first. We will discuss this problem at future meetings as well.
 - Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 pm at the Bebee-Walter establishment.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC OUTING SCHEDULE September -December, 2012

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station off Center Street in Rutland City. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader if you have any questions. **HIKE LEADER HAS DISCRETION TO REFUSE ANYONE WHO IS NOT ADEQUATELY PREPARED.**

8 September, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Trails Around Middlebury

Tom Copps 345-7159

Follow the TAM trails from town north down Otter Creek to a power dam at the start of Otter Creek Gorge. We will cross the river on a footbridge at a dam and optionally continue downstream toward the gorge and return. Moderate, 2 miles.

15 September, Saturday, call leader for meeting time (rain date September 16)

Supper Hike, Hogback Mountain, Goshen

Sue Thomas 773-2185

Bring supper along for an easy to moderate 2 ½ mile hike, and enjoy the sunset from a viewpoint on Hogback Mountain.

22 September, Saturday, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, Waterbury (GMC Headquarters)

Help celebrate our fabulous volunteers and eat free food! RSVP by September 17 to Mari Zagarins (802)241-8324 or mzagarins@greenmountainclub.org

23 September, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Shrewsbury Peak Loop

Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573

We will ascend using the Black Swamp Trail. This is a gradual climb for 1.7 miles. However the last 0.3 miles is a steep grade. For our return trip, we will descend using the Russell Hill trail. This is very steep for the first part and one has to climb over rocky outcrops. Not for the faint of heart! Wear appropriate footwear. Bring water and lunch. (Leaders have the ability to refuse ill equipped arrivals.) In the event that the CCC road remains gated, this hike will change a tad bit. **Moderate climb, difficult plunge, 4 miles.**

29 September, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Glen Lake Trail, Bomoseen

Lisa Pettis 265-4816

A beautiful hike along the shore of Glen Lake to Moscow Pond and Half Moon State Park. Moderate, 6 miles.

7 October, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Bald Mountain, Mendon

Tom Copps 345-7159

Admire the fall foliage from several viewpoints. Moderate, with a few steep places, 3-5 miles.

13, October, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Burnt Rock, Waitsfield/Fayston

Larry Walter 775-3855

Steep, big rock croppings and some exposure with a great view. Will be coming in from the Hedgehog Brook Trail. Difficult, 5.2 miles, elevation gain 1,090 feet.

20 October, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Griffith Lake, Peru

Sue Thomas 773-2185

Hike in to Griffith Lake from the south on the Griffith Lake Trail, with a stop at Peru Peak Shelter. Easy to moderate, 5 miles.

27 October, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Work Party, Shrewsbury

Herb Ogden 293-2510

Wayne Krevetski 282-2237

Join us to construct a new trail between the Upper and Lower Cold River Roads where the LT/AT was destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes and lunch; tools will be provided.

3 November, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Mount Antone, Rupert

Steve Williams 645-9529

Follow the trails through Merck Forest and Farmland Center to an overlook with a panoramic view. Moderate, with some steep bits, 5 miles.

10 November, Saturday, call leader for meeting place and time (rain date November 11)

Mystery Hike, Middletown Springs/East Poultney

Diane Bargiel (413)687-1109

We will play it safe on this first day of hunting season and hike the back roads. Moderate, up to 7 miles.

17 November, Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

Pot Luck Supper, Godnick Center, Deer St., Rutland

Sue Thomas 773-2185

Join us for our annual hunting season event. Bring your own place setting and a dish to share for the meal, which will be followed by a slide show. All welcome!

1 December, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Shaw Mountain, Benson/West Haven

Viv Bebee & Larry Walter 775-3855

Hike in the Shaw Mountain Natural Area with lots of small ups and downs, rugged and rocky, with a loop around the summit. Moderate, 2.4 miles.

THURSDAY HIKES SCHEDULE – 2011

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of hikes for those who wish to enjoy their outings at a less strenuous pace. The hikes typically cover two to four miles, involve limited to moderate elevation gain, and try to avoid treacherous footing. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Meet on **Thursdays at 9 am** at the Godnick Center on Deer Street to car pool. We return in early to mid-afternoon. Call hike leaders if you have questions. All are welcome.

Sept. 13 Little Rock, Pond, Mt. Tabor

George Butts 483-2891

One of the most beautiful and popular spots on the Long Trail. Moderate.

Sept. 27 Chittenden Brook, Chittenden

Tom Copps 345-7159

Follow an old wood road along course of a pretty stream. Moderate.

Oct. 11 Big Branch Bridge, Mt. Tabor

George Butts 483-2891

Explore the Big Branch area on the Long Trail. New suspension bridge.

Oct. 25 Old Turnpike Road, Mendon

Justin Lindholm 773-4249

Join our guest leader, Justin Lindholm, on a hike on this ancient road where we will visit an old mill site, wetlands and beautiful natural settings. Moderate.

Vivian Bebee, Editor
14 Belmont Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701



KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual..... \$40
Family \$50
Senior/Student/Volunteer..... \$22

Contact us for information on life memberships
and categories for giving at a higher level.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___trail work, ___shelter work, ___sign making, ___publications, ___leading outings, ___publicity, ___education

Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury - Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677